

**Community Food Network (CFN) Meeting  
MINUTES**

Thursday, December 9, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**St. John's Anglican Church – Lounge**

Attendees: Peter Hughes, Mary McGee, Chris Kawalec, Lori Sainte, Linda Slavin, Joëlle Favreau, Judy Girard, Dawn Berry-Merriam, Christie Nash, Julie Stoneberg, Dorothy Boddy, Paula Anderson, Dr. Rosana Pellizzari (Chair), Alida Tanna (Recorder).

Regrets: Susan Hubay, Jill Bishop, Dorothy Olver, Frances Wilbur, Marie Bongard.

**Welcome and Introductions**

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2.0 Approval of Minutes – November 11, 2010

The minutes were approved as circulated.

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 PSPC Agricultural Sector Meeting

This meeting was held in late November at the Peterborough Social Planning Council (PSPC) office and was attended by Susan Hubay, Joëlle Favreau and Dawn Berry-Merriam, as well as local farmers and other related organizations (Peterborough Green-Up, By The Bushel, etc.). Lauren Baker, one of the authors of the report discussed, "Menu 2020 – Ten Good Food Ideas for Ontario", was in attendance. The intent was to look at food production and the agricultural system from an economic perspective, as well as with a social justice lens.

Next steps include issuing a survey to assess local inventory, the goal is to report the results to the CFN in March. For IT assistance, a few resources were identified, including a staff person at the Community Opportunity and Innovation Network (contact Linda Slavin), as well as Geomatics students at Fleming (contact Professor Karen Willis). The PSPC also has some Geographic Information Systems (GIS) capabilities which can be utilized.

**ACTION: Dawn will forward the minutes from this meeting to the CFN. Members were asked to email Dawn with any additional thoughts.**

3.2 Promoting Food Seasonality

Rosana advised that Susan Hubay was continuing to pursue the calendar idea that was raised at previous meetings. **ACTION: Sue and Linda to discuss to ensure efforts are not duplicated (COIN currently produces one).**

#### 4.0 Need Food (Short Term Relief)

##### 4.1 Holiday Season Community Meals – Faith Community/Our Space

The group reviewed community meals for the holiday season:

- December 18 – St. John’s Anglican Church providing dinner.
- December 24 – Brock Mission is providing dinner.
- December 25 – Breakfast, Our Space; St. Paul’s will be open later in the day until 9pm for dinner.
- January 1 – Out of the Cold providing dinner.

Updated information can be found on the Food In Peterborough web site (Need Food? Now section, Food Calendar): <http://www.pcchu.ca/NP/NP-images/food-microsite/need-food-now.html>.

#### 5.0 Get Involved (Capacity Building)

##### 5.1. Nourish and Food in Peterborough Web Sites

Joëlle gave a brief overview of the Nourish: Food Security in Peterborough City & County web site (a YWCA video advocacy project). A link to the site can be found here: <http://nourishpeterborough.ca>.

The blog includes information, as well as photos and video of various food programs in Peterborough City & County, and could be used as a resource to support related presentations.

#### 6.0 Create Change (System Change)

##### 6.1 Community Food Centre (CFC) Sub-Committee – Update

The sub-committee met on December 2<sup>nd</sup> with 5-6 local farmers in an effort to increase outreach to growers in Peterborough County. The CFC concept, and the role of the CFN was discussed.

Dr. Pellizzari reported that Stratford was selected by The Stop for their expansion site. There have been discussions with the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation regarding funding for the Peterborough CFC, they are interested in supporting this opportunity, however execution requires the employment of a full-time coordinator.

**ACTION: The CFC sub-committee will follow up with the foundation.**

Dr. Pellizzari met recently with Mayor Daryl Bennett and discussed the CFC concept.

##### 6.2 Food Policy - Susan Hubay

The Health Unit received \$4,000 from the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport Healthy Communities Fund for food policy work. This will build on the work done previously by Jessi Dobyms (medical student) looking at food policy at a local and provincial level.

## 7.0 Round Table

### 7.1 By The Bushel Food Cooperative – Frances Wilbur

Paula reported that December 16<sup>th</sup> is the winter bushel pick-up date for co-op members (at Mark Street United Church). The co-operative will not partner with Green-Up on a storefront location, however they are looking for other opportunities in the East City area, and are still hoping to open up a location in the spring.

### 7.2 Community Gardens – Peter Hughes, Joëlle Favreau

Peter reported that breaking ground for the Liftlock garden has been delayed due to cold weather conditions.

An anonymous donor has provided \$10,000 to fund an accessible garden in Peterborough. The YWCA and Fleming College are both involved in the development of this garden.

### 7.3 Community Meals Update – Faith Community members

No update.

### 7.4 City of Peterborough Update – Sonya Hardman, Dorothy Olver

No update.

### 7.5 Food Security Community Partnership Program – Susan Hubay

This item was deferred.

### 7.6 Gleaning – Lori Sainte

Lori reported gleaning statistics for 2010:

- Market value of product gleaned: \$11,641
- 14 buses, as well as 6 other scheduled trips (by car)

The gleaning program has received a 3-year grant from the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport Healthy Communities Fund which was secured with assistance from the YWCA and other partners.

At the meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> (noted in item 6.1), local farmers were advised of the gleaning program and provided with Lori's contact information.

### 7.7 JustFood Box Program – Joëlle Favreau

Joëlle and Susan Hubay participated in a meeting yesterday in Toronto with other Food Box program organizers across Ontario. Discussions included developing a standardized evaluation process, as well as efforts to obtain sustainable funding for food box programs.

### 7.8 Kawartha Food Share – Chris Kawalec

A "Three Loonie" fundraiser will take place on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Overall, reclamations were down this year compared to last year.

#### 7.9 Our Space/LETS Exchange – Margaret Wright

Lori reported that Our Space Executive Director, Ken Whatman, and Janet Mc Cue will stay out all night on December 25<sup>th</sup> to raise money and awareness for the homeless (linking 'no room at the inn' Christmas sentiment). They are looking for pledges.

The Sobey's Towerhill location has allowed for the pick-up of perishable food items. Paula advised that she has sources for additional perishable items from local farmers (potatoes, carrots).

The next LETS Exchange market takes place on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Library, Our Space will have a craft and bake table there.

#### 7.10 Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) – Rosana Pellizzari

Rosana reported that the PPRN received funding to hire a co-ordinator for 2 years, recruitment for this position is currently taking place. Christine Post (Health Promoter with the Health Unit) was originally seconded to assist with this, she is preparing to hand over her work once the hiring takes place. The coordinator will work out of the PSPC.

The PPRN have been involved with Community Hubs, specifically with Neighbours in Action at the Prince of Wales Public School. They are currently reviewing the Pathways to Education model ([www.pathwaystoeducation.ca](http://www.pathwaystoeducation.ca)) and their goal is to have 3 community hubs active in the next 2 years.

#### 7.11 School Update – Mary McGee, Terry Keating, Paula Anderson, Peter Hughes Mary McGee (Community Outreach Officer, Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board):

Mary reported that she is participating in the Neighbours in Action committee at Prince of Wales Public School.

The Otonabee Valley Family Hub held a public launch last month, however the event was held on the same date as the gas leak in Peterborough, media coverage and public participation was affected.

Mary also noted that Sonya Hardman was organizing a meeting in Havelock to explore the creation of a hub there.

#### Peter Hughes (Fleming):

Peter advised that a course at Fleming was currently looking at community development and specifically, they are identifying available space in the City to house community gardens. **ACTION: Members are asked to notify Peter if they are aware of any potential locations, he can be reached at [pehughes@flemingc.on.ca](mailto:pehughes@flemingc.on.ca).**

7.12 COIN; Community Bake Oven – Linda Slavin

Peterborough EATS held a launch party on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Peterborough EATS is a local not-for-profit initiative of COIN designed to address the production gap in our local sustainable food system. Products are made in the Peterborough area with local produce, microprocessors utilize sustainable practices and the products are supported by local business.

COIN is working on a school lunch program initiative. Currently, 3 schools are being surveyed (St. Alphonsus Catholic School, Keith Wightman Public School, Edmison Heights Public School). Subsidies would be required, COIN is seeking ways to fund this program.

8.0 Other  
None.

9.0 Agenda Items for January 2010

- Backyard Hens (Paula Anderson)
- St. Vincent De Paul Food Vouchers (Marie Bongard)

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

**REMINDER – NEXT MEETING: January 13, 2010 at St. John’s Anglican Church, Lounge.**