

Community Food Network (CFN) Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, June 16, 2011
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
St. John's Anglican Church – Lounge

Attendees: Joëlle Favreau, Marie Bongard, Dorothy Boddy, Dr. Rosana Pellizzari (Chair), Susan Hubay, Alida Tanna (Recorder), Hanah MacFarlane, Ken Hetherington, Julie Stoneberg, Maisie Watson, Dawn Berry-Merriam, Pat Learmonth, Carolyn Doris

Regrets: Sonya Hardman, Dorothy Olver, Marjorie McDonald, Hanah MacFarlane, Judy Girard, Peter Hughes

Welcome and Introductions

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of item 6.2, Farmer's Market Vouchers – Teleconference.

2.0 Presentation - Peterborough Official Plan, Ken Hetherington, City of Peterborough

Mr. Hetherington presented an overview of Peterborough's Official Plan which is currently undergoing review. The plan is reviewed every five years, and is open to public input through various means including public/stakeholder workshops and meetings, as well as through questionnaires and email submissions.

According to the City of Peterborough web site, "An Official Plan is a document that has status in law pursuant to the provisions of the Planning Act. It provides for a long-term comprehensive framework for land use decision-making in our community. It affects your everyday life through policies about where and how housing, employment and other land uses will be developed. It shapes how our neighbourhoods will look and feel in 20 years. Reviewed every 5 years, the Plan aims to create a better living environment within the City by taking into consideration important social, economic, cultural, and environmental factors."

Details on the plan can be viewed here: www.peterborough.ca/planit

Mr. Hetherington's presentation can be viewed here:

<http://www.peterborough.ca/Assets/City+Assets/Planning/Documents/Presentation+231-+Official+Plan+Review+Public+Workshops-+Envisioning+Peterborough+2011+Future.pdf>

After the presentation, it was proposed that a working group would be struck to prepare a report to the City on behalf of the CFN. However, at the end of the meeting, it was determined that this item would be addressed at the July 21st meeting.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2011

The minutes were approved as circulated.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5.0 Need Food (Short Term Relief)

None.

6.0 Get Involved (Capacity Building)

6.1 Menu 2020, Ten Good Food Ideas – Update

Dawn Berry-Merriam discussed plans to develop a discussion document on the Metcalfe Foundation report, *Menu 2020: Ten Good Food Ideas for Ontario*. The report can be viewed here:

<http://metcalfoundation.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/menu-2020.pdf>

The discussion document will cover a number of areas, including:

- How does agriculture impact Peterborough?
- What is Peterborough's role in providing food?
- What do we need to do to produce enough food for our residents?
- How can we support small farmers?
- What are the benefits of maintaining a strong agricultural profile?

The Peterborough Social Planning Council (PSPC) and Farms at Work will work together on this document which will be brought to the CFN for discussion. The paper will be released widely at the Bring Food Conference later this year (see item 7.1 for further details), to be discussed in a public forum. After the conference it was suggested that it be presented to City, County, and First Nation Band Councils.

6.2 Farmer's Market Vouchers - Teleconference

Several CFN members, including Susan Hubay, participated in a teleconference hosted by Sustain Ontario on utilizing food vouchers at local farmer's markets. The topic arose out of last year's Bring Food Home Conference, and a small group, with assistance from Sustain Ontario, have assembled to look opportunities in Ontario, and discuss successes and failures. Vancouver has had similar programs in place for a number of years, reports and evaluations are available. In Ontario, various communities shared their experiences:

- Hamilton - Regional Council has given direction to start a feasibility study.
- Kingston – Smaller program which organizes a monthly market in a low income neighbourhood; attendees receive a \$5 voucher.

- Toronto – Operates through a Community Health Centre; they have been given \$5,000 in vouchers which can be used at 4 markets.

ACTION: Susan to forward Vancouver reports to the CFN. It was suggested that this item be a topic at the Bring Food Home Conference in the fall.

On a related note, communication to farmer’s markets was discussed. Susan’s understanding was that information was disseminated to these groups through Karen Jopling from Kawartha Choice FarmFresh. **ACTION: Pat Learmonth will follow up and provide contacts for all farmer’s markets to Susan.**

7.0 Create Change (System Change)

7.1 Bring Food Home Conference in Peterborough

Pat Learmonth discussed her role as Director with Farms At Work, which promotes healthy and active farmlands within the Kawartha region. Farms at Work’s main goals are to keep regional farms in active production, using good stewardship and best management practices.

Pat announced that the 2011 Bring Food Home Conference, *Preparing the Ground for a Sustainable Food System*, is being held in Peterborough on October 27-29 at Trent University. She is seeking volunteers, and noted that there is a call for proposals for session topics and workshops, the deadline for submission is July 10th.

More information on the conference and proposals can be found here: <http://bringfoodhome.com/>.

Members in attendance discussed potential topics which included:

- the future of JustFood boxes;
- the local Community Food Centre model; and
- the role of public health (promoting local food without sacrificing health protection). Dr. Pellizzari suggested David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health for Toronto Public Health, as a potential speaker.

Dr. Pellizzari asked that the organizers be aware of potential conflicts. She noted issues that arose at last year’s conference in Kitchener, namely regarding presentations on the pasteurization of milk. **ACTION: Pat to communicate concerns to the Executive Director.**

7.2 Community Food Centre (CFC) Sub-Committee – Update

The CFC sub-committee is currently discussing governance. Joëlle noted that they were not successful in their funding application to the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough, however the grant submission to the McConnell Foundation is still pending.

8.0 Round Table

8.1 By The Bushel Food Cooperative – Hanah MacFarlane

No update.

8.2 Community Gardens – PCGN Members

The status of the Trillium grant submission is still pending.

8.3 Community Meals Update – Faith Community Members

Dorothy advised that the Income Security Group (part of the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network) were recently notified that the Commission which is conducting the provincial social assistance review will be visiting Peterborough on July 13th. A community meeting is being held on Tuesday, June 21st at the Library from 4-6 p.m. The purpose of this pre-meeting is to find members of the community (recipients of Ontario Works (OW) or the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)) who wish to share their lived experiences.

The visit is being co-ordinated by the Income Security Group and the Peterborough Social Planning Council. **ACTION: Volunteers (actively involved with faith groups) are asked to contact Dorothy Boddy with their interest in being involved.**

8.4 Municipal Update – Sonya Hardman, Dorothy Olver

No update.

8.5 Food Security Community Partnership Program – Susan Hubay

No update.

8.6 Gleaning – Lori Sainte

No update.

8.7 JustFood Box Program – Joëlle Favreau

The Empty Bowls event takes place on Friday, June 24 starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Princess Gardens Atrium (100 Charlotte Street). Proceeds from Empty Bowls will directly support YWCA JustFood, a program that provides affordable, nutritious produce and staple foods throughout Peterborough City and County.

8.8 Our Space/LETS Exchange – Margaret Wright

Knox United Church is no longer being considered as a potential site for Our Space.

8.9 Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network – Susan Hubay

Susan advised that the Minister of Children and Youth Services, Laurel Broten, visited Peterborough recently and met with members of the PPRN for one hour. Susan had the opportunity to discuss a number of issues including the \$100 healthy food supplement, the provincial social assistance review, the local CFC and other innovative local food programs.

Maisie noted that the PPRN is organizing a summer day camp in the Alexander neighbourhood.

8.10 Education Sector Update – Mary McGee, Terry Keating, Paula Anderson, Peter Hughes

No update.

8.11 COIN; Community Bake Oven – Linda Slavin, Frances Wilbur

No update.

8.12 Farmer's Markets – Jillian Bishop

No update.

8.13 Kawartha FoodShare – Lindsey Archer

No update.

9.0 Other

Marie Bongard advised that St. James United Church will host the summer day camp previously held at Knox United Church. They are looking for various donations including healthy snacks, drink boxes, as well as materials for crafts. Contact information for the Church is 742-2222 or www.stjamesunitedhchurch.ca.

10.0 Agenda Items for July 2011

- Peterborough Official Plan

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Parked Items

Backyard Hens (Paula Anderson)

REMINDER – NEXT MEETING: July 21, 2011 at St. John's Anglican Church, Lounge.