

Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network
Community Food Network
Terms of Reference

Goals:

Address and prevent hunger in Peterborough

Ensure that everyone in Peterborough has enough healthy food to eat

Terms of Reference: The Community Food Network reports to Peterborough's Poverty Reduction Strategy through the Poverty Reduction Stewardship Committee. Specifically, its mandate is to

1. Address the root causes of hunger in our communities, including income and housing security.
2. Secure resources and commitments to guarantee food security for all residents of Peterborough City and County.
3. Identify strategies to increase access to healthy food, including community food security strategies.
4. Build links with other stakeholders to support community initiatives that address food issues.
5. Educate and promote awareness of food and poverty issues, as well as local food promotion.

Priorities for 2010-11:

1. Implement activities in the Community Food Network Work Plan 2010-2011.
2. Advocate for income equity and affordable housing in order for people to be food secure.
3. Works towards creation of Kawartha Community Food Centre.
4. Develop and conduct Food Security Continuum presentations.
5. Provide opportunities to network and coordinate food security activities to avoid duplication. (meetings; website; email blasts)

Membership: Membership to the network is open and voluntary. Members will be kept informed with monthly updates and agendas of upcoming meetings. Members can submit items for upcoming agendas to the Chair for inclusion.

Chair: The Network will be chaired by the Medical Officer of Health, who will represent the Network at meetings of Peterborough's Poverty Reduction Stewardship Committee.

Meetings: The Network is envisioned as being a Virtual Web of food activists, stakeholders, existing local initiatives and community members. This will be facilitated electronically, for those who have access to the internet (newsletter, web page on the website if possible). The Network will meet at least monthly. Meetings will be held at St John's Anglican Church.

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