

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

Tuesday, July 6, 2010
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

St. John's Anglican Church – Lounge

Attended by: Chris Kawalec, Barbara Herring, Meaghan-Way, Joëlle Favreau, Peter Hughes, Jillian Bishop; Susan Calderwood; Carol Winter; Mary McGee, Frances Wilbur, Dorothy Boddy, Linda Slavin, Marie Bongard, Rosana Pellizzari (Chair), Susan Hubay (Recorder)

Regrets: Sonya Hardman, Paula Anderson

Welcome and Introductions

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 8.1, Marie's Computer.

2.0 Approval of Minutes – June 1, 2010

The agenda was approved with a correction to item 4.7.

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Food Security Work Plan

The finalized plan was submitted to the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN). CFN agendas will be structured based on the work plan.

3.2 Peterborough Youth Commission (*ref. April 2010 minutes*)

Rosana will be speaking to the Peterborough Youth Commission in September about the Food Security programs in the area and the work of the CFN. Many agencies have accessed summer students through a variety of government programs, both Service Canada and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services were mentioned. Summer student projects include:

- COIN will have students working on their Café program.
- YWCA has a student working on the Disability Strategy.
- The Health Unit has two students assisting with food programs, including the YWCA Armour Road garden and JustFood Box; By the Bushel depot days; and supporting a food display at the Agriculture Exhibit at the Peterborough Exhibition.
- Kawartha Food Share has students working in the warehouse.

The Health Unit will be hosting a medical student intern in the fall (Jessie Dobyns), who has an interest in food security.

3.3 YWCA Video Update

Joëlle advised that the position had been reposted with applications due today. Two videos are expected: one focusing on food security and income issues, and the other on the magic behind food programs. Marie mentioned the importance of an audio component to the videos.

4.0 Need Food (Short Term Relief)

No update.

5.0 Get Involved (Capacity Building)

No update.

6.0 Create Change (System Change)

6.1 Community Food Centre (CFC)

There was discussion regarding the paper "In Every Community a Place for Food". A link to the Metcalf Foundation which produced these reports can be found at: <http://www.metcalffoundation.com/>. The STOP is seeking funds to take their model to different parts of Ontario; they are presently writing a proposal to the Public Health Agency of Canada and Rosana will be contributing a letter of support.

Key points:

- Population density of Toronto neighbourhoods is unique therefore a model that fits a community like Peterborough City and County will look different to be successful.
- Similarities to The Stop model include developing a structure that is based on the low income community's needs (ie. 'Shovel and Spoons' was developed to meet the needs of a specific population).
- Most of the food programs offered at The Stop exist in Peterborough City and County.

Peterborough Considerations:

- Will require rural reach or lens since 50% of the population lives in the County.
- People living in poverty do access downtown services including Our Space, community meals and the food banks, however, there are pockets of low income community members scattered throughout the city and county with food security needs.
- Decentralized model that has a HUB but utilizes existing community space such as schools, community centres and church kitchens. A mobile outreach component may also be needed.

Brainstorming Dream List:

- Greenhouse, fresh food storage; food micro-processors; social enterprises; abattoir; kitchens; base for garden brigades/supplies; classrooms; social gathering

places; consulting rooms; peer support workers; accessible location; food bank; food box/food co-op pack and pick-up.

Peterborough HUB Discussion:

The group shared the names of other projects in Peterborough that may share in the vision of a HUB:

- Social Innovation Centre
- Neighbourhood in Action (PPRN in Prince of Wales area)
- St. Vincent de Paul Food Banks consolidation
- Our Space
- Knox United Church revitalization
- Peterborough Community Garden Network
- By the Bushel
- Community Brick Bake oven
- School Board Facility Partnerships

Next Steps:

- Participants were encouraged to volunteer on the CFC subcommittee.
- Develop governance model.
- Establish criteria and core principles.
- Develop rural lens and contacts on the committee.
- Identify CFC components that fit with hub/centre; outreach to neighbourhoods/ rural and mobile unit.
- Consider a policy about decentralization to ensure that funds are in place for that model since it can be a more expensive approach depending on community partnerships and agreements.

6.2 Ontario Income Security Review

The group reviewed a circulated document which can be found here:

<http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/documents/en/mcsc/publications/social/sarac%20report/SARAC%20Report%20-%20FINAL.pdf>. The report recommends that province initiate

the Ontario Income Security Review over a 12 -18 month period. The review should include income security, employment supports & related services for working-age adults.

Rosana advised that the Board of Health will be asked to consider endorsing this recommendation as well as some immediate measures dealing with income and housing. She encouraged others to bring this report to their respective organizations and write a letter to the Premier. The PPRN will be writing a letter supporting the recommendations.

Rosana noted that the recession has had an impact on social programs and the poverty reduction work of the province. Linda raised the issue that putting money into the pockets of people is the best approach to economic recovery.

7.0 Round Table

7.1 School Update – Mary McGee

Mary wrote two applications to the Hellman's Foundation for funding. Both bring together community garden communities with high school horticultural and shop programs (TASSS and Kenner). One focused on building a shed for a community garden and the other will develop raised beds.

7.2 Community Gardens – Peter Hughes

As part of the City process, the Peterborough Community Garden Network (PCGN) is the first step for new gardens. There are three community groups interested in having a garden in their neighbourhood, they are learning how to widen their support base which can be challenging. This is a critical investment of time to build neighbourhood support. Wentworth Park off the Parkway is moving forward successfully and will be partnering with TASSS. Trent Severn Waterway staff are interested in community gardens on their lands. Pingo Pongo (Cavanaugh Garden) is a great example of community building and as a result a diverse group have garden plots. There are about 15 active community gardens including Ashburnham and Garden 579.

Linda pointed out that it is worth contacting Marion Burton regarding soil testing (via the Labour Council).

7.3 By The Bushel Food (BTB) Cooperative – Frances Wilbur

There are 120 to 130 BTB customers so far with either weekly or bi-weekly food pick-ups. Green-Up is the new pick-up depot site and they have had three successful depot Thursdays so far.

7.4 Our Space – Marie Bongard and Carol Winter

Marie announced that the contract was renewed, the City of Peterborough is committed to \$100,000 per year for two years. 40 members of Our Space spoke or wrote letters which made for very powerful presentations. Janet McCue is organizing an event, 'Christmas in July' for approximately 100 clients on July 15th, donations are welcome.

7.5 Gleaning – Lori

This item was deferred.

7.6 Food Security Community Partnership Program – Sue

No update.

7.7 JustFood Box Program – Joëlle

No update.

7.8 Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network

No update.

7.9 Kawartha Food Share (KFS) – Chris

National Hunger Awareness Day event June 1st was the time to release preliminary findings from Hunger Count 2010. Findings include youth and children use of food banks has increased 10% since the last year; the number of single adults is increasing. KFS received 30,000 lbs. from neighbourhood food drive and 5,000 lbs. from corporate donations. Food drives at grocery stores planned monthly for the rest of the year

7.10 Community Food Centre

Please refer to item 6.1.

7.11 Community Meals Update – Faith Community members

- St. Johns Brunch has about 80 to 130 customers regularly
- St. Paul's serving about 60 to 80 packed dinners
- Our Space is providing food on statutory holidays
- July 1st and 2nd Brock Open Table was closed

7.12 City of Peterborough Update – Sonya Hardman

This item was deferred.

7.13 Kawartha Choice – Karen Jopling

This item was deferred.

7.14 LETS Exchange – Margaret

This item was deferred.

7.15 Community Brick Bake Oven – Linda

An application for a feasibility study to FUTURES was not successful. The committee is working on criteria and parameters

7.16 Farmers Markets – Jillian Bishop

There is a chef weekly at the Downtown Market. Rachelle Sauvé gleans after markets for community meal programs and Food not Bombs, it was noted that the gap for fresh food surplus is food storage.

8.0 Other

Marie Bongard explained that her emails may appear with a black screen to recipients, this is a result of formatting which enables her to read and view emails. To read Marie's emails, you will need to highlight the text by selecting it which can be done by holding the control key (Ctrl) and the 'A' key down at the same time.

9.0 Agenda Items for August 2010

None were identified at the meeting.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

REMINDER – NEXT MEETING: August 10, 2010 at St. John’s Anglican Church, Lounge.