



Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council
Minutes
Wednesday, November 13th, 2013 – 5:30-7:30pm
St. Andrews Residence

In attendance: Lyndsay Davidson (coordinator), Ron Carnahan (Chair), Ramy Boujawdeh, Helen Heath, Stephanie Watkinson, Dina Edwards, Tracey Landry-Jardine, Kate Owen, Derwyn Armstrong, , Hazel Moore, Elaine Lewis, Marsha Coyne, Eric Fitzgerald, Vanessa McFadden, Marjorie Crew, Kurtis Allaer

Regrets: Todd Lozon, Penny Daniels, Rick Kucera, Matt Dupuis, Dr. Colby, Coraine Wray, John Jacques, Audrey Ansell, Rachel Christensen, Nicole Dupuis, Mike Buis, Carolyn Barko (Co-chair), James Snyder

	Discussion	Action Item
1.0 Welcome	Chair Ron C welcomed everyone	
2.0 Approval of Agenda	Agenda was approved by Derwyn and seconded by Stephanie	
3.0 Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2013	Minutes from September 11, 2013 were approved by Elaine and seconded by Dina	
4.0 Working Group Updates	<p>Food Access and Availability</p> <p>Food Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lyndsay indicated that both groups have been going through the process of determining current information about what is happening in the community. Starting at the next meeting, both groups have indicated that they will begin the process of selecting priorities that they will be focusing on going forward. • It was requested that the charts that have been developed be sent out with the minutes from this meeting. <p>Community Food Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lyndsay has set up a date to go to both “The Stop” in Toronto and “The Table” 	<p>Action: Lyndsay will send out the workgroup charts to all members with the minutes.</p> <p>Action: if anyone else is interested in attending, please</p>

	in Stratford for Monday December 2 nd . There is still room for one more person if there interest. Currently Ron, Lyndsay, Kate, Derwyn and Elaine are confirmed.	let Lyndsay know.
5.0 Old Business		
5.1 CK Branding	Now that the CK Agri-Development Committee website has been launched, there will be increased momentum on getting this completed. The logo has been designed but the group will need to determine the plan for launching, developing the use policy and encouraging people to use it. Currently the group is made up of members from CKADC with support from Lyndsay. It would be nice if there was representation from the CKFPC to ensure that it is a joint project. Please let Lyndsay know if you are interested. This would be a short term project.	Action: please let Lyndsay know if you are interested in helping with the CK branding Committee (short term project).
5.2 Website launch	Media release has gone out, presentation was made to the CKPHU Board of Health, bookmarks are being distributed to the school boards and placemats will be distributed to any local restaurant that is interested.	
5.3 update on training	Training is being offered again (same as what was done in June) in Toronto, on January 29 th from 10-4. We have secured 15 spots with only 6 people confirmed. If you are interested in attending, please let Lyndsay know.	Action: Let Lyndsay know if you are interested in attending the training in January.
6.0 New Business		
6.1 Farm to School	A new program that is being started in CK through a partnership between the CKPHU, the CK Student Nutrition Program and VON in Windsor. In December a request will go out for farmers to provide information on local produce (only fruits and vegetables will be used at this time) that they would be able to purchase directly. A pilot program will be offered to 10 schools this spring for approximately 10 weeks. Stephanie asked if there would be any opportunities for students to participate in the program to learn food prep – Lyndsay/Elaine indicated that this is something that would be included, if not immediately than once the pilot has been completed. Elaine mentioned the Big Crunch program and how it has worked with the support of Prodenchucks in the past. Helen mentioned the “Growing Chef’s” program and asked if they have been involved. Lyndsay indicated that they are not involved with this program yet, however they have had discussions about other opportunities. Suggested to connect with CKAD Committee to assist with this (they are already being	Action: Lyndsay and Elaine to connect with Paul Spence to see if Growing Chefs can have any involvement.

<p>6.2 Local Food Act</p> <p>6.3 Ontario Food and Nutrition Strategy - consultation</p>	<p>involved), as well as Kim Cooper, also connect with organizations such as the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association.</p> <p>Discussion about opportunities to create awareness about farming in the classrooms – Ag in the Classroom was discussed (a grade 3 program offered to schools through University of Guelph- Ridgetown Campus), potentially linking gardens into the classrooms (there are currently 5 schools with gardens and plans are in place to expand again next year), suggestion to have farmers come into the classrooms (can investigate how this would fit into curriculum – however the Ag Videos that are in production may assist with this)</p> <p>Lyndsay shared information on the newly released Local Food Act and what this will mean for everyone. One of the biggest highlights is the inclusion of the tax credit for farmers who donate to registered charities. A report (see attached) will go to the Board of Health at their next meeting. Please connect with Lyndsay if you have any questions. Lyndsay and Ron will be attending a community consultation regarding the local food act. If anyone would like to provide additional feedback, please connect with them.</p> <p>The Ontario Food and Nutrition Strategy is again open for consultations. Lyndsay will share the link and feel free to share with others. Lyndsay has been involved in this so if you have any feedback she will ensure that it is brought forward. Consultation ends the last week of November. http://sustainontario.com/initiatives/ontario-food-and-nutrition-strategy</p> <p>Suggestion was made to have copied in the libraries – Lyndsay will follow-up with this.</p>	<p>Action: Lyndsay to attach the BOH report on the local food act.</p> <p>Action: Lyndsay will share the link to the strategy. Please provide any feedback to her.</p>
<p>7.0 Update/sharing on happenings in CK</p>	<p>Lyndsay – the Healthy Kids Panel Report has led to some new projects happening. Currently there is work being done on Menu Labelling and Marketing to Children. The Provincial Government is holding consultations around these two areas with more work to be done. At this point they are indicating that they will be moving forward with Menu Labelling being required in all chain restaurants (additional decisions to be made regarding full details) on menu boards or menus and they are looking into Menu Labelling to Children and what that may look like.</p> <p>There is a new Depo drop-off for any extra fruits/veg from local farmers. It will now be at Loads of Love (previously was at the CAW hall).</p>	

	<p>Stephanie – Kettle Campaign Kick-off is Saturday at 7:00 pm at the capital theatre. They are still looking for volunteers to man the kettles. During the Santa Claus parade in Chatham they will be collection donations. Walmart has started a virtual food bank. Salvation Army has purchased a new building in Chatham at 19 Raleigh Street and hope to be in it by spring of 2014.</p> <p>Marjorie – East Side Pride is hosting their Breakfast with Santa at the Wish Centre on December 14th from 10-noon. They are looking for donations to the kids bags. The Night of Lights website is back up and running, look there for more information and to find other events.</p> <p>Elaine – just finished their big Crunch event and now working on the Farm to School Program.</p> <p>Helen – United Way Campaign is at the half way point in the funds they need to raise. The Tilbury Help Centre just received 7,0000 lbs of food recently in a drive and are launching their Toyful Christmas.</p>	
8.0 Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.	

Next Meeting Dates:

Large Group Meeting: Wednesday January 8th, 2014 – 5:30-7:30 pm St. Andrews Residence

Individual Committees

Food Skills – December 4th – 6-8 pm (pot luck)

Food Access and Availability – November 20th – 5-7 pm