



**Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council
Minutes
Wednesday September 10, 2014 – 5:30-7:30pm
United Way of Chatham-Kent, Training Room**

In attendance: Lyndsay Davidson (staff support), Helen Heath, Stephanie Watkinson, Tracey Landry-Jardine, , Derwyn Armstrong (co-chair), Hazel Moore, Elaine Lewis, Hayley Smith, Eric Fitzgerald, Carina Rodgers, Dina Edwards, Matt Dupuis, Mike Buis, Brittany Watson, Rick Bradley, Judy Sokolowski, Coraine Wray, Sarah Daniels, Paul Warriner, Julie Zaylor.

Regrets: Ron Carnahan (Chair), Todd Lozon, Penny Daniels, Rick Kucera, Audrey Ansell, James Snyder, Marjorie Crew, Lynnlly Hoskins (admin support), Anne Gilbert, Marsha Coyne, Paul Spense, Dr. David Colby, Kurtis Allaer,

	Discussion	Action Item
1.0 Welcome	Derwyn welcomed everyone	
2.0 Approval of Agenda	Agenda was approved by Rick and seconded by Eric	
3.0 Approval of Minutes from May 14 th , 2014	Minutes from May 14 th , 2014 were approved by Dina and seconded by Hayley.	
4.0 Working Group Updates 4.1 Food Access and Availability	Access/Availability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workgroup hosted a Gleaning workshop the first week of June – it was very well attended. We had three excellent speakers come to talk – SW Gleaners, Truly Green Greenhouse & London Community Food Bank. • The health unit has offered to provide insurance for anyone involved in the program. The delay is that we don't have a volunteer program/policy in place to allow this to happen. We have been working on getting this developed to allow the program to move forward. Once ready we will begin meetings to start the group with full gleaning intended for next summer and in the meantime, we are 	Action: Lyndsay to send out a doodle poll for potential dates for the workgroups. Please fill in the poll for the group that you are most interested in.

<p>4.2 Food Skills</p> <p>4.3 Community Food Centre</p> <p>4.4 Sustainable Seafood- new</p>	<p>hoping to work with greenhouses to be able to take advantage of any extra produce that they may have.</p> <p>Food Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Composting workshops were held in May – in both Chatham and Wallaceburg at the libraries. Both were well attended. We also hosted a hands-on pallet composter building workshop at the Vic Ave garden site. This wasn't well attended but we were able to build 3 composters that are now being used. <p>Community Food Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The focus groups for the CFC feasibility study were completed in June. Our consultants have been busy working with the information, completing additional key informant discussions and have begun drafting a report. The Canadian Food Centres of Canada have released a call for submissions to create a new food centre in Ontario – it was decided that we would not submit yet as we are not ready with an organization in place to take the lead. <p>Sustainable Seafood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Colby took the presentation to the Board of Health in June. The BOH has requested that “The CK Food Policy Council deal with this issue of seafood sustainability at their next meeting and bring a recommendation forward to the Chatham-Kent Board of Health.” Anyone interested in working on this, we will set up a date to begin meeting. 	
<p>5.0 Old Business</p> <p>5.1 CK Branding</p> <p>5.2 Update on Training</p>	<p>Branding was launched in April and we are up to 7 companies that have come on board. We will be looking into branding with restaurants for the fall/winter and how this can be moved forward. Elaine suggested developing a poster that can be used to display about the brand. Lyndsay explained that we are working on developing a display (single would be purchased) and maybe this can be modified and used as a poster. We have a limited amount of funding that can be used to support this right now. Eric also suggested connecting with the restaurants as it is developed to see what they would like and what would work best for their needs.</p> <p>Part of what we offer to our members is the opportunity to attend training. Last year we</p>	<p>Action: Lyndsay will share the display once it is complete.</p> <p>Action: Lyndsay to share any training opportunities as well</p>

	<p>sent a number of people to the Bring Food Home Conference (next one will be in 2015) and we had Wayne Roberts come to speak to us. There was the Conference Board of Canada Food Summit Conference last March where the National Food Strategy was released. At this time, there aren't any opportunities but Lyndsay will share any as they come up. Webinars happen frequently and Lyndsay will share these with the group and will schedule a room at the health unit for anyone who wants to participate in these.</p>	<p>as the report on the Food Strategy from the Canadian Conference Board</p>
5.3 Farm to School/Daycare	<p>The farm to school program is being expanded for 2014/15 school year to include an additional 8 schools (total schools will be 16). The farm to daycare program is being piloted in two municipal daycares with the hopes that once the pilot is done we will be able to expand into other daycare facilities as well.</p>	
5.4 Procurement Research & Programming	<p>The local food procurement Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System (RRFSS) module is complete (this is a provincial program that is used by health units to obtain general population data) and will be released this fall with data available in the spring. This is being done in conjunction with specific surveys for producers, institutional purchasers and restaurants to determine their interest, barriers, etc to buying/selling local ingredients.</p>	
5.5 CKAD – Kitchen Incubator Survey	<p>Survey results are done and we are waiting for the final report from our Epidemiologist. This should be coming shortly and will be shared with the community. We did meet with the Bradley Centre staff to see if there was an opportunity to partner with them to use their space when there weren't any events happening. It was decided that this was not going to work at this time due to a large number of challenges.</p>	
5.6 Healthy Kids Community Challenge	<p>We are still waiting to hear back from the Ministry about this. Due to the elections things have been much later in being released. We are hoping to hear from them soon.</p>	
5.7 Healthy Communities Funding Update	<p>Just like with the HKCC we are waiting to hear back officially on our funding for the year. We have been working on some of the projects on a smaller scale and are hoping to get official confirmation on the funding shortly.</p>	
5.8 Menu Labelling update	<p>The menu labelling was announced before the government had their election. From what we understand they will be bringing this back again, hopefully soon. We did write a letter</p>	

<p>5.9 Gleaning Program</p> <p>5.10 Anti-Spam Legislation</p>	<p>of support for the development of a menu labelling regulations and the previously released document made it clear that communities would not be able to do their own work on this separately from the ministry once it was passed.</p> <p>See the notes in Food Access workgroup – we are developing a volunteer policy for the health unit to allow the program to be coordinated through them. This would provide the insurance support that is needed to allow volunteers to go on famers properties and be covered. We are hoping to have this done shortly to be able to start moving the gleaning program forward.</p> <p>New Anti-Spam legislation was released in July. According to the municipal lawyers, we do not have anything that would fit into this. At this time, any email lists that we have are ones that people have asked to be included on directly (we know all the individuals that are on the list) so this isn't an issue at this time.</p>	
<p>6.0 New Business</p> <p>6.1 Let's Talk Food – Community Food System Assessment</p> <p>6.2 Hungry for Action Community/council advocacy Event</p>	<p>This is a project that has been ongoing for almost two years. We have hired a consultant to finish the data analysis and write a final report on the Community Food System Assessment that was started in spring of 2012. The report should be final in September and will be shared with everyone at that time.</p> <p>This is a provincial initiative that we are part of through OSNPPH. We will be releasing an online survey for municipal/mayoral candidates on Friday September 13th (after the nominations have closed) that focuses on poverty and strategies that municipal councils can use to reduce poverty in our communities. Additionally there will be community events (one in each of the wards) that will be open to candidates and the community to play "The Last Straw" game to learn more about poverty in an interactive environment. Anyone who is interested in being involved please let Lyndsay know.</p>	
<p>7.0 Update/sharing on happenings in CK</p>	<p>Elaine: Funding has been received from the Ministry of Child and Youth Services for the student nutrition program.</p> <p>Helen: Farm Start – an incubator farm program is going to be doing a feasibility study in Chatham-Kent to determine what can be done here. It is a near urban program to help</p>	<p>Action: Lyndsay to connect Paul Spense and Eric about the program</p>

	<p>people learn farming. The United Way Kick off is Thursday September 11th at 4:00 pm at the United Way office and they are launching “the Everyday Heros” for \$1.00 per day which is aiming to engage local businesses and individuals to become the EDH.</p> <p>Mike: Buis Beef is hosting a “Wild West” Day on Saturday September 13th from 10:00-4:00. All funds raised will be going to provide beef for the local food banks, go to www.buisbeef.ca for more information.</p> <p>Derwyn: there is a fish fry for the CK hospice on Friday at Holy Trinity. Tickets are still available. Shriners are having a Halloween Bash at the Armories on October 31st and all funds will go to the Montreal Hospital.</p>	
8.0 Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm	

Next Meeting Dates:

Large Group Meeting: Wednesday November 12th at the United Way office, 425 McNaughton Ave West, 5:30-7:30 pm

Individual Committees

Food Skills – meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month from 5-7 pm at the Health Unit, 435 Grand Ave West

Food Access and Availability – meetings will be the third Tuesday of the month from 5-7 pm at the health unit.