



**Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 5:30-7:30pm**  
**United Way of Chatham-Kent, 425 McNaughton Ave West**

**In attendance:** Stephanie Watkinson, Rick Bradley, Coraine Wray, Dr. David Colby, Carina Caryn, Lyndsay Davidson (staff Support), Derwyn Armstrong, Helen Heath, Noreen Blake, Tracy Landry-Jardine, Kate do Forno, David Bakker, Dina Edwards, Allan Davies

**Regrets:** Rick Kucera, Audrey Ansell, James Snyder, Lynnly Hoskins (admin support), Marsha Coyne, Eric Fitzgerald, Daryl Vermey, Judy Sokolowski, Carmen McGregor, , Ron Carnahan (Chair), Andrew Evans, Melaney Austin, Mike Buis, Kaitlyn Morrison

- 1.0 Welcome
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda – Motioned by Stephanie and seconded by Derwyn
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes from January 2017 – Motioned by Helen and seconded by Rick
- 4.0 Working Groups – **ACTION – Please confirm your contact information and which committee you would like to be on.**
  - 4.1 Food Access and Availability – gleaning – received feedback from volunteers and producers with limited feedback from the agencies and have used it to started planning for 2017 season. Feedback included ideas around making the location easier to spot, communication, transportation and the inclusion of the Famers Tax Credit for 2017. The response from the farmers was very positive. Training dates will be May 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 and May 24<sup>th</sup> from 10-noon. These will be promoted in the community for anyone to attend.
  - 4.2 Food skills – Launching the website on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am at the Salvation Army offices, 19 Raleigh Street. There will be samples to taste test, recipes to take home and a chance to view the site. We will also be going out to each of the libraries over April and May to showcase the site, provide some tasty samples and showcase the website.
  - 4.3 Community Food Initiative – Met with the core working group last week. There have been discussions with the consultants and staff about whether we are doing this in the correct order. More information will follow.
  - 4.4 Sustainable Seafood – no update. It was suggested that the next step will be is to create an awareness campaign. **ACTION: Lyndsay to start to develop fact sheets, infographic with logos, social media campaign. Dr. Colby to review and provide any additional information that will be useful.**

4.5 Marketing Campaign Committee – Still needs to be started. **ACTION: let Lyndsay know if you are interested in being on this committee.**

5.0 CKFPC Strategic Plan – reviewed the plan to see where we are at. No changes needed at this time.

#### 6.0 Old Business

- 6.1 Super Kids CK – theme three was already mentioned at the last meeting – choose to boost veggies and fruit. The proposed activities are going in later this week for ministry approval and include lots of exciting activities such as a partnership with schools to do a salad bar challenge, a pilot project in three arenas to include healthy choices at the canteen and vending machines and a farm to daycare pilot project. There will also be “booster” grants that will allow community groups to apply for funds to do specific projects.
- 6.2 Membership Recruitment – vacancies include – Health Care/NGO, Economic development/Tourism and Agriculture.
- 6.3 CK Food Strategy (on Hold)
- 6.4 Training opportunities – Helen shared a training from Community Food Centre Canada on Food Banks and Change – Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup>. No interest at this time but they are archived so people can review if they would like at a later date.
- 6.5 CKFPC Website and AODA Compliance – Lyndsay sent the website to our IT staff for review and received some information back. Some of the health unit staff have gone for training specifically focused on documents (such as work and PDF’s) which is transferable to the website as well. Lyndsay will share this information with the FPC members that have offered to help with the website. Lyndsay met with the staff in IT to review the website and will be given access to the program that checks our website so that we have an ongoing list of things to change. This is going to be a big process over the next year.

7.0 New Business – no new business

8.0 Update/sharing on happenings in Chatham-Kent

Allan – SNP – process of doing applications for next year’s funding. Farm to schools is going to be starting after March Break in 21 schools, 5 days a week, using local farmers and/or local businesses.

Stephanie – Salvation Army - there is a shortage at the food bank on their shelves as they are almost empty right now. Still need school snacks and toiletries, do have enough for the next few weeks but will need more soon. Have a few food drives coming up. The hydro utility crisis is happening – they are not turning off hydro but are turning off water. Their program only covers utilities, not water so the Salvation Army is also covering water costs. Gas and Hydro One are not run through Chatham-Kent anymore – they go through the United Way of Greater Simcoe which can cause a delay of 4-6 weeks. They have a cooking class starting at the end of March with the Women’s Centre.

Kate – Prosperity Roundtable – they have launched a lived experience group and had their first meeting this month. Currently they have 15-16 people registered to participate. If you are looking to design a program, need feedback on anything, this group will be a great community resource. Kate discussed the Basic Income pilot program being proposed by the government. For more information go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-basic-income-pilot>

Derwyn - Community Gardens- already have new people asking about the Victoria Ave, CLAC and Blenheim locations. There will be two new gardens in CK – one at Francis Moore Park and one at Campbell Park (both in Chatham).

Coraine – CKFHT – will be doing a talk on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the YMCA on hydration. She is starting to work with one of the schools to do a cooking club for the students.

9.0 Adjournment – motioned by Kate and seconded by Coraine at 6:30 pm

Next Meeting Dates:

Individual Committee Meetings:

Food Skills – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month – 5-7 pm – Health Unit, Room 302

Food Access and Availability – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month - 5-7 pm – Health Unit, 435 Grand Ave West, Room 302

Large Group Meeting: Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 5:30-7:30 pm, United Way Office.