



CK Food Policy Council

Minutes

January 30th, 2025- 9:30-11:30am

Attendance: Erica Bennett, Jacques Tetrault, Karen Green, Renee Geniole, Sharmini Balakrishnan, Susan Fulmer, Tasha Rugless, Allison Heavens, Sherri Gray, Polly Smith, Rosemarie Montgomery, Taylor Merritt

Regrets: Alexandra Colby, Jennelle Arnew, Jim Brackett, Mike Buis, Kim Sonneveld, Leah Azevedo Cabral, Nathen Dube, Olena Manoilo, Carmen McGregor, Derwyn Armstrong, Jennifer Crowell

1. **Land Acknowledgement** presented by Sharmini.
2. **Introduction** New member: Polly Smith, Director Employment and Social Services. Leaving: Jennelle Arnew, Jessica Snobelen.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved by Karen and Erica
4. **CKFPC Member Survey:** Sharmini will send via email, paper copies available today, to be completed by Feb 9th. Sharmini to send a reminder e-mail.
5. **CKFPC Member Vacancies:** Sharmini, asked if we know anyone who could fill current vacancies? 4 currently, 1 emergency food provider, 1 education, 1 food production and 1 general community. Send their information to Sharmini.
6. **Local Food Infrastructure Fund:** Sharmini, grant through the Government of Canada for up to up to \$500,000, over 2 years. Can work with community health center and Chatham Horticulture Society. Possibly for production sites at schools or other areas. Greenhouses or community gardens combined with food literacy component
7. **Municipal Council Motion re: Basic Income Guarantee:** Motion passed at December 9th meeting, Mayor resolution sent. 2 no's the rest yes.
8. **United Way Windsor Essex/Chatham-Kent – Focus Group:** Sharmini, Community Engagement Focus Group will meet with CKFPC at March meeting, they only need about 10 minutes
9. **Education Session - Land Acknowledgement:** Rescheduled to March meeting, due to low attendance.
10. **CKFPC Strategic Plan Subgroups:** The website has been updated with committees. Each workgroup to select a chair person/lead. Present workgroups given time to meet and discuss plans.
11. **Roundtable Updates:** Employment and Social Services Emergency Food Webpage has been updated. Food Freedom Day, KFA, in February.

Next Meeting Date: March 27th, 9:30 to 11:30, Civic Center room 212 subject to change depending on availability