

Minutes



Chair: Carmen McGregor
Minute Recorder: Allison Heavens
Date: Thursday September 25 2025
Time: 930-1130AM
Location: Civic Centre Room 212

Attendance: Alexandra Colby, Allison Heavens, Carmen McGregor, Derwyn Armstrong, Evan Rogers, Jacques Tetrault, Jennelle Arnew, Kim Sonneveld, Mike Buis, Morena McDonald, Nathen Dube, Olena Manoilo, Polly Smith, Renee Geniole, Rosemarie Montgomery, Sharmini Balakrishnan, Susan Fulmer, Taylor Merritt

Guests:

Regrets: Derrick Leclair, Karen Green, Tasha Rugless, Erica Bennet, Sherri Gray

Agenda Item	Discussion	Person bringing forward
1.0 Land Acknowledgement	Allison Heavens read it and added personal connection Action: Sharmini to draft paragraph on how CKFPC work connects to truth and reconciliation	Alphabetical order (see Attendance) - Allison Heavens
2.0 Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leaving Members:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jennifer Crowell • New Members:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Derrick Leclair (absent today)	Carmen
3.0 Approval of Minutes	May minutes - Unable to approve due to lack of quorum Action: Sharmini will add to November meeting agenda for approval	Carmen
4.0 Secretary Role	Thank you to Allison for serving as secretary for 2 years!	Carmen

	<p>Action: Request for member to take Allison's place – please contact Sharmini if interested</p>	
<p>5.0 Vacant Positions on CKFPC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Older Adults Organization (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharmini to ask Age-Friendly committee or older adult centres (can also ask internally municipality Audrey Ansell) - Youth and Immigration (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to split this into two separate roles (Youth – 1 and Immigration – 1) • Sharmini to ask LIP or CKY Council - Education (1) - Emergency Food Providers (1) - Grocer/Restaruant/Food Processing/Distribution/Purchasing (1) <p>Action: Carmen suggested ask Clerk to add to Municipal recruitment webpage for further recruitment of vacant positions – Sharmini to ask</p>	<p>Carmen/Sharmini</p>
<p>6.0 Community Gardens Municipal Motion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion went forward June 23rd - Media Release and Survey Promotion - Report going council October 20th (moved from 6th)– anyone is welcome to attend <p>Derwyn is doing a deputation at that council meeting</p> <p>Action: Carmen to forward report to CKFPC members when available</p>	<p>Sharmini/Morena</p>
<p>7.0 Request for Composting Workshop – Municipality Waste Management</p>	<p>Discussion re: Huda to attend next meeting to provide update on council report and discuss with ckfpc how we can support with education and promotion of this program and/or can bring motion to council via Carmen</p> <p>Action: Sharmini to invite Huda next meeting for discussion</p>	<p>Sharmini</p>
<p>8.0 Roundtable Updates</p>	<p>Buy Local Buy Fresh Map (Jacques)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No longer print copies, only online <p>Community Safety Well-Being Plan – SPAN (Sharmini)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action tables within SPAN – led by Vision Us & Municipal Community Safety Well-being Plan 	<p>All</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goal is to work on actions collaboratively <p>Linck Meeting July 30th 2025 (Sharmini, Jacques, Derwyn, Tasha)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed food access issues in CK and what supports are available for clients <p>Author Talk – “Harvesting Freedom: The Life of a Migrant Worker in Canada” by Gabriel Allahdua (Sharmini, Rosemarie)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Discussed his experiences as a migrant worker in Canada, where he was called essential, but treated as disposable, and how a truly healthy, sustainable, and just food system must nourish everyone--from the land to the workers” - Learned about migrant worker experience and advocacy that needs to be done - ‘How can we enjoy the food we eat when we know the people who harvest this food aren’t treated right’ - Federal programs need be better; it’s the unjust policies that exist - MW may have fear to speak up because risk being sent back but need to support their families <p>Action: Members can borrow “Harvesting Freedom: The Life of a Migrant Worker in Canada” by Gabriel Allahdua from library</p>	
<p>9.0 CKFPC Strategic Plan Workgroups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring and Reporting progress of Strategic Plan <p>Action: Workgroup members to report back on their indicators at November meeting</p>	<p>Sharmini/All</p>
<p><i>Accessibility and Availability</i></p>	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gleaning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sharmini presented to this group; main concern staff capacity as gleaning program requires staff person for liability, idea to use grant from ESS for a community organization to lead program with CKPH support; request 	<p>Susan, Rosemarie, Polly, Renee, Sherri</p>

	<p>of the CKFPC members for agencies who may be able to lead the program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grant will be available in spring 2026 ○ Discussed SW gleaners and owthey function <p>Action: Members to think of agencies who may be interested in leading the gleaning program with the municipal grant</p>	
<i>Advocacy</i>	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion to declare food insecurity an emergency in CK passed Sept 6th (joining other municipalities in advocacy to prov and fed govts) – included local data from organizations - Food Secure Canada pre-budget consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2025 Pre-budget submission - Google Docs (this is the full submission) ○ Pre-Budget 2025 Submission on Food System Change Consultation prébudgétaire 2025 sur la transformation du système alimentaire (this is the google form we would add CKFPC to but includes a brief outline of the recommendations) <p>Action: Sharmini will sign it today for ckfpc</p>	Allison, Susan, Rosemarie, Carmen, Sharmini, Renee
<i>Education & Awareness</i>	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community kitchen at Linck may use for public health’s building healthy babies program - Dezaerae Kemp – Sharmini and Jacques have contacted but no response; best to leave for now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kyle Wagner is chef at Ridgetown Action: Jacques to connect - St clair college – Taylor will connect re: food literacy needs - Public health You’re the Chef program expanding; food safety information will be shared with the schools - Boys and Girls Club – youth age 10-12 – will offer food literacy program at Wallaceburg and Tilbury 	Taylor, Erica, Tasha, Jacques, Derwyn, Jennelle

<i>Local Food Promotion</i>	Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can anyone in this group take the lead and chair? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Members unsure; if by next meeting no chair then these workgroup members to join other workgroups o Action: Sharmini connect with Alex re: workgroups as she has returned from leave 	Mike, Alexandra, Karen, Jennelle, Morena, Evan, Derrick
10.0 Reconciliation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create land acknowledgement statement for CKFPC based on CKPH statement <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Action: Sharmini to draft and present draft at next meeting 2. Review Road to Understanding 3. Review how 94 Calls to Action connects to our work <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Action: Members to review relevant calls to action for discussion at next meeting – idea to add to land acknowledgement at each meeting and make the connection to our work as CKFPC 	Carmen/Sharmini/All
11.0 Wrap Up		Carmen
Next meeting – November 27 th 2025		Chair: Derwyn Armstrong