

Middlesex-London Food Policy Council

Minutes

June 28, 2017

Participants Invited	Attended	Apologies	Participants Invited	Attended	Apologies
			Jean Carson	x	
Sarah Campbell		Regrets	David Corke	x	
Suki Kaur Cosier	x		Tosha Densky	x	
Cara Finn	x		John Fleming	x	
Tom Heeman		Absent	Laura Husser	x	
Jana Keller	x		Ellen Lakusiak	x	
Vicki Luke	x		Marcel Meyer	x	
Phil Moddle	x		Teri Morrow	x	
Silke Nebel	x		Jane Roy		Regrets
Christine Scheer	x		Paul Shand		Absent
Paul van der Werf	x		Michael van Holst		Regrets

Time 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Date June 28, 2017

Location Councilor's Lounge 2nd Floor, Middlesex County Building, 399 Ridout St. N. London

Attachments All documents sent electronically

AGENDA

#	Time	Item
	2:00	Chair – Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Approval of previous minutes / request for additional agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation by Teri & Andrew regarding Indigenous community / school ○ Request motion to approve previous minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First – Silke ▪ Second – Tosha ▪ Recorded vote: Approved / 0 Opposed
	2:10	Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee – updates & feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Terms of Reference – Approved electronically June 27, 2017 ○ Efforts to simplify (#ing system / Action Items grouped) ○ Submissions for meeting minimum 10 days prior (pkg preparation / distribution) ○ Electronic approvals (save time at meetings) responses retained • Council Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding – Vicki to report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communications investigated funding available from City of London (Cheryl Smith): Ellen to provide update to Council ▪ Communications identified Poverty Reduction Fund – Food Security as potential opportunity ▪ Funding Landscape & Programs: SCOR event in Tillsonburg – Tosha to provide update DID NOT ATTEND, MATERIALS TO BE CIRCULATED WITH MINUTES ○ Ontario's 1st Food Security Strategy – Roundtable discussion: Tosha to update ○ Food Waste - Paul • Communications

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3:00	<p>Action Group Reports – (update & submit copy to Secretary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Access(ibility) ▪ Food Literacy ▪ Local Food Distribution/Processing/Procurement ▪ Urban Rural and Indigenous Connection
3:50	<p>News & Updates (see list for links and other info)</p> <p>Tom: AGRI Food : impact of living wage / effects on local food system</p> <p>Ellen: National Food Policy for Canada launched – survey deadline July 27: Action Group response?</p> <p>Jean: Maple Leaf Centre for Action on Food Security new partnerships (Community Food Centres Canada)</p> <p>Cara: London Chamber next Agricultural Tour October 5th</p> <p>Ellen: FreshSpoke information session June 27</p> <p>Ellen: Get Fresh Map</p> <p>Ellen: Ontario Food Collaborative/ Love Food Hate Waste/ Zero Waste Council joint initiative</p>
4:00	<p>Meeting adjourned 4:00 pm</p> <p>Next meeting September 27</p>

ACTION POINTS

All action points, when closed, will be kept in the next set of minutes and then removed. The numbering system will remain as the original number given. Any previous action point can be found in the previous minutes.

#	Action Items	Expected Completion	Owner	Status
Executive				
4	<p>Sustain Ontario – Ryan leading this initiative on behalf of Sustain Ontario with target of 5 or 6 food policy councils within region participating. Goal to secure research funding from OMAFRA with potential provincial committee formation to impact policy changes. There may be opportunity for feedback on the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy that is underway from our Council (one Action Group suggested - https://news.ontario.ca/prs/en/2017/04/ontario-seeking-public-input-on-a-food-security-strategy.html). Additional information provided in future. Ellen/Jean participated on conference calls prior to Council meeting.</p>	Closed	Ellen	<p>Tosha attended roundtable and will provide update on Ontario Poverty Strategy</p> <p>Ellen will be point of contact for Sustain Ontario and provide Executive/Council with updates as warranted</p>
6	<p>Executive Committee circulated revision to Terms of Reference which was approved electronically.</p>	Closed	Executive	<p>June 27 – approved as amended to include reference in membership addition of partnering Indigenous Nations.</p>
Council Member(s)				
9	<p>Funding opportunities provided with agenda package. Key deadlines – Aug 3 (local food investment). Recommend Council members review and contact Vicki directly for assistance. Leveraging funding is key!</p> <p>Laura noted Libro has a fund starting in February which is</p>	Closed -	Vicki Laura	<p>Vicki available to assist a resource for funding/grant writing</p>

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	managed locally. Contact her directly if project related to economic development / youth / money smart Executive to meet to discuss future budget/direction of MLFPC and make recommendations to Council		Executive	Identify MLFPC funding needs
23	Informative presentation on Indigenous Nations: Food Accessibility. Andrew is a teacher & educator at Oneida and shares “authentic” knowledge with his students. Andrew is from the Bear Clan, Western student and teaches the alternative program which is focused on cultural curriculum as the core.	Closed	Teri	Andrew Thomas was guest speaker and will be point of contact for Food Accessibility Action Group
24	Regional Roundtable on Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy – trying to validate the definition of food security and talk about specific objectives set out by the Province. Collaboratively pushed for definitions that encompassed food prosperity and food sovereignty.	Closed (update provided via email after mtg)	Tosha / Michael	Identified Food Policy Council as example of successful collaborative
25	SCOR – Tillsonburg information meeting Funding Session June 21, 2017 (attached Funding Landscape and Not-For-Profit Grant Funding)	Closed	Tosha	Presentation provided after meeting / attached minutes / follow up with Tosha for future details
Committee: Communication (Jean, Sarah, Marcel, Cara, Ellen, Paul)				
13	Communication Committee update: revised Charter provided with agenda pkg noting additional information provided by Council discussion Templates to be updated & distributed to standardize communications (logo approved) Goal for all Action Groups to utilize templates and provide to Ellen for social media to raise profile of MLFPC. Recommended that MLFPC has separate email / web presence rather than continuing to be linked to health unit (launch in fall)	Closed	Communication Committee	Ongoing updates to be provided at Council mtg Motion approved to proceed with Communication Plan and budget request of \$3,000 (1 st Cara, 2 nd Phil, 0 opposed)
19	Email sent to existing contact list (original used for the Food Assessment Report + subsequent inquiries that Ellen has been receiving). Health Unit providing permission based email distribution group.	Closed	Communication -Ellen	Will use the Health Unit address for original communication + transition as Communications Committee develops tool specific to MLFPC
21	London Chamber of Commerce – AG / Networking event coming up Nov 23rd at Western Fair AGR Plex (food cook off) – opportunity for MLFPC booth at this event. Additional awareness opportunities noted and others can be sent to Communication Committee as identified	TBD	Communication -	Communication Committee to review / volunteers reqd and make recommendations
22	Food Literacy requested logo be provided for use in calendar project underway Deadlines for copy is August, distribution in fall	July 11 – logo provided	Communication	Logo selected and file to be provided to Christine who will send draft of calendar to Council
Committee: Urban Agriculture (Marcel, Laura)				
18	Urban Agriculture Committee – email confirmation from Leif Maitland confirming Planning Committee will be tabling the draft July 17, following the meeting there will be online option to provide comments for one final round before final strategy is brought forward for adoption in early fall. Paul requested notice when online option open.	July	Urban AG: Marcel / Laura	Email confirming next steps provided after MLFPC Council meeting

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Action Group(s)				
12	Ellen distributed survey template, noting data 2015 & 2016 data available from Health Unit regarding Local Food Procurement: Public Perceptions	Closed	Action Groups / Council	Members interested in data to request from Ellen
Action Group – Food Accessibility (Tosha, Michael, Suki)				
14	Revised charter received after meeting underway includes 3 phases (Research, Outreach, Actions)	Revised charter submitted	Food Accessibility Action Group	Ongoing updates to be provided at Council mtg
Action Group – Food Literacy (Christine, David)				
15	Food Literacy –Christine has calendar project underway and has offered page to MLFPC. Photos, information to be included with distribution of 40,000 units in November. This is collaboration with Market/Health Unit/Growing Chefs. There is an opportunity for MLFPC to increase print run and also free space at market to assist with awareness of MLFPC per Communication Charter discussion offered.	Aug deadline for calendar	Food Literacy Action Group	Communications to provide logo. Ongoing updates to be provided at Council mtg
Action Group – Food Distribution (Silke, Tom)				
16	FreshSpoke taking over from SCOR, opportunity for speaker at future meeting discussed and approved. Discussion regarding grant opportunity in association with Fanshawe College lead by Anne Marie DeCecco related to Agri business locally		Food Distribution Action Group	Group meeting to be scheduled Ongoing updates to be provided at Council mtg Cara will contact FreshSpoke re speaker and advise Executive
Action Group – Urban/Rural/Indigenous (Laura, Teri, Paul)				
17	Looking at supply chain, local food & awareness, events. Key for this group is the consumer space connection and education interconnection of food.		Urban / Rural / Indigenous Connection	Group meeting to be scheduled Ongoing updates to be provided at Council mtg
New / Updates				
20	Tom: AGRI Food : impact of living wage / effects on local food system – defer Tom not in attendance Ellen: National Food Policy for Canada launched – survey deadline July 27: members to respond Jean: Maple Leaf Centre for Action on Food Security new partnerships (Community Food Centres Canada) www.feedopportunity.com (see Opportunity tab) partnership noted at meeting Community Food Centres Canada see https://cfccanada.ca/ food focused Community Food Centres in low-income communities, knowledge exchange opportunities and some grants, drive public engagement and advocacy connected to food, health, poverty Cara: London Chamber next Agricultural Tour October 5 th	June 28 Council meeting	Council	Council members to review survey and respond. Any interest in partnership with Community Food Centres to contact them directly If available Council members to confirm Agr tour with Cara directly

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	Ellen: FreshSpoke information session June 27 Ellen: Get Fresh Map distributed Ellen: participating on Ontario Food Collaborative/ Love Food Hate Waste/ Zero Waste Council joint initiative. Ryan is facilitating action group includes social media campaign			
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