

Middlesex-London Food Policy Council

Minutes

November 22, 2017

Time 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Date November 22, 2017
Location Middlesex Room (1st floor), Middlesex County Building, 399 Ridout St. N. London
Attachments All documents were sent electronically (Agenda, MLFPC Info Pkg, Charters, Newsletter)
*minutes via separate email

Mission

The Middlesex London Food Policy Council will:

- Be a forum for discussing local food issues.
- Empower citizens to be involved in food system decisions.
- Foster coordination between sectors in the food system.
- Create, evaluate and influence policy.
- Support programs and services that address local needs.

Goal

To facilitate and support a safe, healthy and accessible local food system that is socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable

AGENDA/Minutes

#	Time	Item
	2:00	Chair – Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Approval of previous minutes: 10.25.2017 Council<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Motion to approve as amended (Phil Moddle was in attendance at prior meeting)○ Approved by David Corke, 2nd by Silke Nebel, 0 opposed➢ Request for additional agenda items<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ UWO Philosophy of Food students to make brief presentation○ Introduction of Guests: Nicole, Roxanne, Alexa, Anna○ Community Member in attendance – Maureen Tenne
	2:10	Guest Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Alexa & Anna – Philosophy of Food: local food on campus<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Investigating current food availability/sources, identified lack of knowledge, approaching existing vendors. Council members provided feedback which will broaden scope and another report to Council is anticipated.➢ Roxanne Riddell – United Way: London For All roadmap<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Municipal initiative related to poverty panel. 112 recommendations resulted from community forums. United Way responsible and MLFPC referenced to support initiatives 7.1 and 7.9. Council members were not familiar with the London For All report and requested it be provided for review prior to accepting motion to investigate/explore food voucher recommendation.
	2:30	Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Motion – Libro account + discussion re role of Food Bank<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Motion from Tosha to open Libro account with 2 signing authorities from Executive (Chair and Finance) and move funds from Food Bank to facilitate access, second by Cara Finn, 0 opposed○ 2018 meeting schedule (annual + monthly)<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2018 Council meetings will include an additional hour of room availability for Action Group use. Council meetings remain 2-4 pm▪ Guest speaker suggestions to be sent to Silke for coordination of meeting attendance

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Website / Social Media content ○ Talking Points – agenda pkg awareness opportunities
3:00	Action Group Discussion / Updates – (submit copy to info@mlfpc.ca)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survey Monkey – checking in with Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Simplification of template ○ Funding / Sponsorship / Pillar workshop Dec 4th \$70 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessibility ▪ Literacy ▪ Distribution ▪ Connections
3:50	News & Updates (see November Newsletter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action Item #12 RRFSS report will be presented at January Council meeting
4:00	Meeting adjournment 4:00 pm	
	Next meeting – January 24 th	

Participants Invited	Attended	Apologies	Participants Invited	Attended	Apologies
Sarah Campbell	x		Jean Carson	x	
Suki Kaur Cosier	x		David Corke	x	
Cara Finn	x		Tosha Densky	x	
Tom Heeman	x		John Fleming	Graham Bailey	
Jana Keller	x		Laura Husser	x	
Vicki Luke		x	Ellen Lakusiak	x	
Phil Moddle		11.21.17	Marcel Meyer	x	
Silke Nebel	x		Teri Morrow		x
Christine Scheer		11.20.17	Paul Shand		x
Paul van der Werf	x		Michael van Holst		x

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. **New action point begins at 48**

#	Action Items	Expected Completion	Owner	Status
Executive				
46	2018 calendar - plan to remain in same space / time & with additional hour of room booking extended for action groups	Closed	Executive	Action Groups to review calendar for future event coordination
38	Annual meeting for public required. Opportunity to have an interactive “event” and provide report at that time. Tosha initiating conversations with other groups and further planning to determine what is feasible	Annual mtg date March / April tentative	Communication Committee / Tosha	Accessibility Action Group investigating options
27	Guest speakers: changed as a result of confusion with mtg date Growing Chefs – January (Silke contact) Feast Ontario – 2018 (Tom contact)	Closed	Silke	Suggestions for speakers should be sent to Silke or info@mlfpc.ca
36	Website developed and content being added www.mlfpc.ca	Closed	Literacy Action	Literacy Action Group will be point of contact for

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	Literacy Action Group will be responsible to review/recommend web content. All members to direct information to this Action Group. Brescia students will work with LAG to prepare materials for posting. Ellen will be responsible to provide final review & approve postings prior to publication.		Group Ellen as approver	information. Brescia students will support. Ellen will be approver for postings
21	AG / Networking event coming up Nov 23rd at Western Fair AGR Plex (food cook off) 10 free tickets provided with our registration. Raffle prize required – Cara will organize – budget of \$50. agreed	Closed	Cara / Council volunteers	Report at next Council meeting
37	Urban Agriculture Strategy Nov 28th at Western Fair AGR Plex – partnership with City, Western Fair and MLFPC to bring awareness to strategy and have MLFPC initiate implementation. Western Fair hosting at AgriPlex (and mention their renewal of agricultural roots), City of London will thank public for participation and then introduce the MLFPC's 4 main pillars focused on urban agriculture. MLFPC – will briefly speak on goals of food policy council and related Action Groups seeking public awareness, participation & email address Anticipate 60-100 engaged members of public.	Closed	Ellen / Jean	Report at next Council meeting
Action Group –Accessibility (Tosha, Michael, Suki)				
40	Healthy Kids Community Challenge conversations initiated. Cara providing contact from Middlesex Country. \$10,000 funding available to support plan – see revised Action Group report.	Closed – simplified action group template distributed with minutes	Tosha to lead	Opportunities for other Action groups to also participate
41	School gardens focus as part of the Urban AG strategy	Closed - revised template to be distributed with minutes		This Action Group will provide co-ordination and facilitate partnerships with existing groups
Action Group –Literacy (Christine, David, Ellen)				
47	Coordinating small group meeting to begin leveraging what is going on in the community. Anticipate using the MLFPC website as a repository for information, start using consistent “language”, provide resources		David	Opportunity to work in conjunction with other Action Groups
Action Group –Distribution (Silke, Tom, Phil, Jana, Sarah)				
43	Students from UWO Philosophy of Food reviewing research. Wanting to identify food policies within City & Health Unit. Feedback from Council and another report will be made pending further investigation.	Another report will be made in 2018	Silke	Expect report to be shared at next council meeting with results
48	Planning event in March to survey distributors. Council discussion lead to motion by Tom who will champion a repository of policy information for MLFPC website. Motion by Tom, Seconded Sarah, 0 opposed.		Jana / Phil	Motion for document repository approved. Action Group event planning will continue

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Action Group – Connections: Urban/Rural/Indigenous (Laura, Teri, Paul)				
44	Looking at existing gardens & local foodscaping with goal of incorporating business.		Laura	Group has not had mtg / no further update
New / Updates				
12	RRFSS report will be generated (previously discussed by Ellen) and provided to Council.	January 2018	Ellen	Presentation will be made January 2018 Council mtg
45	Recent review of the funding for Ellen's role identified the opportunity to contact Health Unit and provide letter of recognition / appreciation for this key role . The MLFPC is still in its infancy and the knowledge and support provided by Ellen will be crucial in building a strong food policy council in London Middlesex.	Target 2018 for delivery	Silke	Draft completed and suggestion that delivery in 2018 would be appropriate.
49	General discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review Action Groups and rename/refocus ➤ Exploratory meeting with Western Fair regarding Centre of Excellence/Hub 		Silke	Invite Western Fair to be guest speaker at future Council meeting to speak to Centre of Excellence