

Middlesex-London Food Policy Council

Minutes

Time 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Date Wednesday, September 25th, 2019
Location Councilor's Lounge (2nd floor), Middlesex County Building, 399 Ridout St. N. London
Attachments All documents sent electronically

<p><u>Mission</u></p> <p>The Middlesex London Food Policy Council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p><u>Goal</u></p> <p>To facilitate and support a safe, healthy and accessible local food system that is socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable</p>
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#	Time	Item
	2:00	Call to Order – Acting Chair, Jean Carson ➤ Motion to approve May minutes as revised (Phil M. chaired meeting) *Benjamin, Jana second- 0 opposed
	2:05	Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Appointment of Jane Roy as Financial Trustee for Executive – Jean C. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Jane is non-voting member and will bring wealth of knowledge to council -Approved by council -Terms of reference will be updated 2) Volunteers for Recruitment Committee – Jean C. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ellen will chair Recruitment Committee -Ask for minimum 3 participants- Volunteers include: Jana Keller, Paul Seale, Jamie Patton and Jean Carson 3) Discuss meeting schedules moving forward (survey) – Ellen L. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Suggested monthly meeting moving forward to increase engagement. -Action-Council Members to fill out availability survey and send to Ellen asap (Consolidated results will determine best meeting schedule for majority of council) -Suggested adding guests from our community to agenda to increase council awareness. -Western Fair has generously offered our council a meeting space. -Jamie also offered to host a meeting at the hotel. 4) Canadian Food Policy Council application update – Ellen L. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ellen has been nominated and endorsed by MLFPC as well as other community partners who provided letters of support including: City of London, London Foodbank, Growing Chefs, LTC, Brescia and Glen Cairn Community Centre. Link for applications to money- ADD IN MINUTES 5) Strengthening Neighbourhoods workshop (Paul Seale volunteered to attend) – Ellen L. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Beautiful Edibles (Jana) will also be attending -Open to the community for any others interested 6) Food Policy Council (John Hopkins University) workgroup update – Ellen L. 7) Eat, Think, Vote event update – Jane R. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Jane Roy offered to host -Jean explained template is available to help organize the event -Discussion around MLFPC moving forward with a purpose to educate and inform community before election -Jay noted it is time sensitive and recommended not moving forward, Paul Seale raised

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		<p>concerns other organizations may already be doing this however may present opportunity to partner/support an existing event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Jana recommended promoting the event on our social media -Benjamin noted Western was doing a similar event on campus October 1st and appeared to be the only one in London Middlesex. He is going to investigate the details and will follow up. Benjamin suggested if anyone has connections to media such as CBC, LFP etc.it would be beneficial to bring this event off campus. -Benjamin invited to attend final planning meeting with USC Food Support and Western Meal Exchange September 27 from 2:30-3:30 pm in UCC conference room 379. <p>They are interested in promotional and awareness support of the event; along with input generating list of questions to ask candidates. Email circulated under separate cover to all members September 26th</p> <p>8) Urban Ag Strategy – rezoning application update – Greg B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two zoning amendments re: Farm Gate Sales -Farm Gate Sales in urban growth boundary -New definition will allow you to sell what you grow in these zones -2nd rezoning for Urban Roots open space parcel -Two meetings scheduled in October -Middlesex London Health Unit, Ellen to join Urban Ag Steering Committee upon approval by Steering Committee -Jana is currently on the Urban Ag Committee -Greg will add our group as liaison for notice of applications -Urban Ag Committee doing an Urban Agriculture Brochure “How do I” Urban Farm Guide -Paul Seale noted this is excellent example of MLFPC supporting policy changes -Greg indicated provided endorsement of changes well received & will advise of any future opportunities. -Action: Ellen to ensure web, social media include these policies changes/our support <p>9) Western Fair partnership discussion, motion to approve partnership letter circulated at May meeting with amendments and invitation to attend October 10th announcement – Jean Carson (Nancy Kerr, Paul Seale second, 0 opposed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All MLFPC members invited October 10th. -Paul Shand will speak/represent our council -Western Fair has offered us meeting and office space -Forming an Agri-food centre of excellence -May 2020 they are interested us collaborating with them to plan an event -There will be ongoing information -Ellen confirming office/meeting space details (re furnishings, equipment, etc.)
2:30		<p>Website Update Presentation – Ellen L.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Present new website to council ➤ Suggestions/questions from council members - Luke our student hire sends his regrets - Ellen provided an overview of website updates - Looking to update our Food Champions - Luke is available for the next couple weeks allowing us to make changes/updates - Email suggestions to Ellen asap - Ellen needs assistance working on the website and sharing on social media. - Who can assist? Benjamin offered to help - Gregg suggested including link to the Urban Agriculture website

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2:45	<p>Strategic Plan Implementation – Jane R.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Benjamin had to depart prior to this discussion and Jane requested the minutes reflect a huge thank you to him for the work on the directory and supervision of students since our last meeting. The website will now act as our “Information Repository” and members are to provide content going forward. ➤ Facilitate discussion on overall plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jane lead us through a discussion around an action plan and defining our priorities - Referencing previously identified areas of focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food Waste, Food Literacy, Food Hub/Urban/Ag/Indigenous Connections - Referenced community food assessment where 1000 people from the community participated - Ellen shared the Food Literacy framework (definition) - Indigenous inclusion/integration recommended in MLFPC – follow up for wording - Jamie suggested focusing on hot topics, those trending as high importance in the community - Jay - encouraged jumping on board, programs available. Do good things with people who have money. - Climate change, food waste, avoiding food waste is being food literate - City of London claimed a climate emergency. What can we do? - Jay has some projects regarding Food Waste/Climate Change, with an opportunity for MLFPC to support. Determining partners in December for January. - Collaboration with community partners including LEN - Update community food assessment - Jana suggested using seasons as part of the action plan ➤ Membership involvement required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lots of discussion from council but with limited time, members were asked to consider the following for next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What can I offer/contribute as a member? ➤ Motion to approve Strategic Implementation as revised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Motion was approved- council did however agree to it as presented at a higher level but that it needed to be more specific.
3:45	<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Beacons of Hope – Transforming Food Systems documents – Ellen L. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Can be used in future conversations ➤ Agri Business Tour (Oct 17th) – Ellen L. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -seats available – need to register online -Ellen previously had a great experience! ➤ Council Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Phil has offered to host a social! Details to follow.
4:00	<p>Meeting Adjourn – Jean Carson Tentative meeting in October – date, time to be communicated after survey results tabulated</p>

ATTENDANCE

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Participants Invited	Attended	Apologies	Participants Invited	Attended	Apologies
Greg Barrett	X		Nancy Kerr	X	
Jaime Patton	X		Ellen Lakusiak	X	
Jean Carson	X		Peggy O'Neil		09.09
Colleen Crunican	X (phone)		Phil Moddle		09.09
Karen Eatwell	x		Jane Roy	X	
Cara Finn		09.21	Paul Seale	X	
Benjamin Hill	X		Paul Shand		X
Laura Husser	X		Jay Stanford	X	
Shauna Kechego	X (phone)		John Brennan	X	
Jana Keller	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 77**

#	Action Item	Expected Completion	Owner	Status
77	Council Members to fill out availability survey and send to Ellen asap	ASAP	All	This will determine date & time of October meeting.
78	Strategic Plan- What can I offer/contribute as a member?	Next meeting	All	
79	Jana to submit link to the Urban Agriculture website to Ellen		Jana	
80	Follow MLFPC on our social media sites! Facebook, Twitter, Instagram	ASAP- for increased awareness	All	
81	Review council website (www.mlfpc.ca) - your feedback is important Email suggestions to Ellen asap	ASAP- Student (Luke) available for next couple weeks	All	
82	All Council- send any content to post on website and social media platforms directly to Ellen	ongoing	All	