

Middlesex-London Food Policy Council Minutes

Time 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Date Wednesday, November 6th, 2019
Location Western Fair District – The Grove (316 Rectory St. London, ON)
Attachments All documents sent electronically

<p>Mission 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>Goal 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 – Chair, Jean Carson > Motion to approve September minutes – Approved by Benjamin, second by Laura
	2:05	Presentation – The Grove @ Western Fair > Updates and details on initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Grove will bring agri-food initiatives to London o The facility will be a community where businesses and individuals can rent space for their work and where events will be hosted o Phil suggested incorporating environmental/sustainable aspects into The Grove's visions o Western Fair District is excited to introduce The Grove, as they are an Urban Agricultural Society > How can MLFPC be involved? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We are a policy council; it will be an opportunity to have a voice on things going on in our community o We can work collaboratively with The Grove and be a part of events they host o Event-based relationship: help to organize and facilitates events, help out/volunteer at events o Centralized location as we foster collaborations with college and universities o Work with The Grove to broaden both of our profiles, opportunity for more people in the community to learn about our council > The Groves Opportunities for MLFPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Our council can work with a well-known brand, "The Western Fair District" o The Grove can provide us with funds, physical location for meetings and events, access to infrastructure, retail and demonstrations, work on initiatives together
	2:25	Updates 1. Fanshawe Agri Business Partnership – Ellen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Organizer of AgriBusiness program at Fanshawe contacted MLFPC o Proposing money to support a directory of sorts o They could provide a student (8 weeks) o Funding not just for when student is here, it would be for about 18 months 2. Western University (Master of Environmental Sustainability) Consulting Project – Ellen and Paul Seale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The MES program has a co-op component, potential co-op student reached out to Paul Seale with interest in working for MLFPC for their placement o There are funding opportunities attached, council must match funds o Position needs to be posted before end of January 2020 o Position would run May-August

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Potential to organize a project for student with The City of London? o Could ask Jay if there is a food waste project he is interested in 3. City of London Farm Gate Sales Amendment Response – Ellen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Public Meeting on November 18th @ 4:30 at City Hall o Sent a letter forward that we are very supportive of this by-law amendment 4. Recruitment Meeting Update – Jean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o New members to be on council in January o Will host social after January, it will help new members get to know each other o Will recruit people who are interested and then give them a position on council (ie. not hiring for specific positions) o Consider asking a member from the Western Fair District; to be discussed by Executive first
	2:45	Strategic Plan Updates – Jane > All members will provide feedback on Strategic Plan actionable ideas and where they see themselves being involved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o See Jean's table, "Actionable Opportunities for Members – November 06, 2019 Summary" o Council needs to decide if we will do an AGM or Annual Report o Need to make onboarding and orientation quick and easy o Each executive member should lead/drive an initiative and members can sign up to one or many o Jana will attend LEN Workshop on Nov 23, Ellen on November 22 o May Agri-Week – we will act as The Grove liaison, (Ellen to connect with Morgan from WFD), need to think of what we could do at event (Phil, Jana, Paul Seale and Colleen are interested in helping)
	4:00	> Meeting Adjourn – Jean Carson

ATTENDANCE

Participants Invited	Attended	Apologies	Participants Invited	Attended	Apologies
Gregg Barrett		10.17	Nancy Kerr		10.16
Jaime Patton	N		Ellen Lakusiak	Y	
Jean Carson	Y		Peggy O'Neil	N	
Colleen Crunican	Y		Phil Moddle	Y	
Karen Eatwell	N		Jane Roy	Y	
Cara Finn	N		Paul Seale	Y	
Benjamin Hill	Y		Paul Shand		11.06
Laura Husser	Y		Jay Stanford		10.21
Shauna Kehego	N		John Brennan	Y	
Jana Keller	Y				

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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 85**

#	Action Item	Expected Completion	Owner	Status
78	Strategic Plan – What can I offer/contribute as a member?	Next meeting (Nov. 6 th)	All	Ongoing
80	Follow MLFPC on our social media sites! Facebook, Twitter and Instagram	ASAP – for increased awareness	All	Complete
81	Review council website (www.mlfpc.ca) – your feedback is important. Email suggestions to Ellen ASAP	ASAP	All	Complete
82	Send any content to post on website and social media platforms directly to Ellen	Ongoing	All	Ongoing
83	An agreement needs to be finalized in regards to the relationship between MLFPC and The Grove	Dec. 6 th (discuss at next meeting)	Jean	
84	Facilitate a meeting with Jay to discuss potential MES projects that we could align with The City of London		Paul Seale	
