

Windsor-Essex Food Policy Council

January 27, 2022. 5:30-7:30 pm

Teams Meeting

Chair: Karen Bellemore

Recorder: Karen Bellemore

Present: Karen Bellemore, Rebekah Bruni, Krysta Glovasky-Ridsdale, Larry Verbeke, Anam Khan, Philippa von Ziegenweidt, Abdulrahman Alrifai, Danielle Findlay, Julia Burgess, Rob Nesbitt

Regrets: Stephanie Segave, Collette McLean, Rino Bortolin, Joel Barcelon

1.0	Welcome and Introductions	5:35 pm start
2.0	Approval of Minutes from November 25, 2021	Approved
3.0	Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen requests to add item: Organic Waste Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved: added as item 7.1 • Julia request to add item: Questions for elected officials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved: added as item 7.2 	Approved
4.0	Review action items from previous meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen to send Organic Waste Support Letters to the municipalities – Completed • Terms of Reference will be updated and reviewed in January - Completed • Karen to send outlook invites for all 2022 meetings - Completed • Karen will email a Doodle Poll to the Dashboard team to set standing meetings for the group. - Completed • Karen and Danielle to connect to continue to discuss what the WEFPC can do to support OSNP's advocacy work. - Completed 	
5.0	Business Arising	
5.1	Terms of Reference Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates for 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Addition of corresponding members ○ Addition of meetings held virtually ○ Removal of document link for the WEFPC application ○ Changed date of review to every 2 years • Motion for approval: Approved. • Karen to send as pdf – and will be posted to website 	Action: Karen to send Terms of Reference as pdf, and will add it to the website.

	<p>5.2 Letter of Support – Student nutrition grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Clair College is applying for a grant that is going to pilot a hot-lunch program – using this model as school lunches as typically have a snack and/or breakfast program. Compressive school food program that incorporates food literacy and experiential learning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What does this program look like? What has been successful? What doesn't work? ○ Want to attach a food literacy program ○ Working with many community partners • Karen was at the meeting, as a representative of WECHU, but was also asked to talk about the WEFPC. • Letters of support for the grant will be needed – WEFPC asked to provide one. • WEFPC decided that it would be a logical grant to support – Karen will provide support letter once the specific ask of support from the WEFPC is received. <p>5.3 National School food program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen was invited to speak with MP Irek Kusmierczyk, along with selected individuals from the University of Windsor, St. Clair College, OGVG, creative momentum consulting, OSNP, and UHC – hub of opportunities. • Both the minister of agriculture and the minster of families has the development of a national school food program within their mandate letters. Irek wanted to bring this group together to talk about how we can position Windsor Essex as a place that can pilot the National School Food program, or at least be involved within the planning of the model to use for this program. • Karen spoke about the WEFPC, and our Community Food Assessment, and how the data supports the want and need for this program in WEC. • We are hoping to continue this conversation with MP Kusmierczyk, and keep Windsor Essex in the conversations for shaping this national program. 	
6.0	Standing Items	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will use the template letters to send to the MP's to show the support and ask them to all pass the budget so that this program can get started. Karen to draft the letters of support, then share with the group, before sending. 	
7.0	Other Business:	
7.1	<p>Organic waste update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was on the EWSWA agenda for January 12, 2022 – however, those meeting minutes are not posted yet. Will keep an eye on it. All municipalities received the letter in support of the regional approach from us. Only LaSalle reached out to let me know it was included in the December package for council. 	
7.2	<p>Policy Question package for upcoming election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brought forward by Julia Question for councils around the food system for municipal and provincial groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School boards as well – as trustees are elected during the municipal election. Statement – how important of the food system – they were deemed 'essential' throughout the pandemic, how will they continue to support and protect this system locally and provincially? What's on our radar??? Karen to look at Sustain Ontario's <i>Eat.Think.Vote</i> package and begin to draft a framework that we can begin to look at. Will use the next meeting to discuss this framework. 	<p>Action: Karen to being to draft a framework for question for upcoming election.</p>
8.0	<p>Learning Opportunities/Roundtable Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julia brought forward a question to council, can we begin to bring in guest speakers from the local food system – have them attend for 15 minutes at a meeting. Learn about what they do, and then what we can do to help support them. Unanimous support for this. We will begin to look for speakers. 	<p>Action: All to think of guest speakers, and send any names to Karen for invitation to WEFPC meetings</p>
9.0	Adjourned: 6:58 pm	