

Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy: Food Security Task Force Meeting

1. Meeting Information		
Location	Date	Time
Good Food Brampton Community Kitchen, 60 West Drive, 2 nd floor, Training Room, Brampton	Thursday, October 10, 2013	2:00pm-4:00pm
Attendees:		
Ameera Hosein (Bramalea CHC), Tom Ganearz (Catholic Family SW), Carolyn Bailey (EcoSource), Kim D'Eri (Caledon Community Services), Edna Toth (Peel Poverty Action Group), Lindy Greenhalgh (City of Brampton), Adaoma Patterson (Region of Peel) and Craig Orrell (Peel Public Health)		

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1. Welcome and Introductions	Carolyn welcomed everyone and introductions were made
2. Tour of Good Food Brampton Community Kitchen	<p><u>Highlights:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This newly launched kitchen helps to increase knowledge of food and nutrition, develop skills in food preparation and empowers participation in building a sustainable food system. • Good Food Brampton Youth Program invites youth between ages 12 to 24 to participate in an educational program that will provide learning opportunities along with a healthy and nutritious meal. Youth will be involved in menu selection, shopping and preparation of food. Youth will gain kitchen skills that will instill confidence and enable them to receive potential employment in the area. At each weekly session they would prepare enough food for four meals. Along with eating a delicious meal together, each youth member would take home food to either share with their family or use themselves over the week. • Vita Centre Supper Connection is a 12-week program offered three times a year in two locations, Mississauga and Brampton. It provides an opportunity for young mothers in Peel Region, aged 15–30 with children 4-24 months old, to come together and share a nutritious meal, engage in valuable parenting education learning opportunities and connect with peers. Weekly classes are lead by a trained facilitator, and help parents learn the skills and information they need to improve their food and nutrition choices, while reinforcing positive parenting strategies and enhancing parenting confidence.
3. Organizational highlights	<p>Bramalea CHC: Community Health Week was last week. Low turn-out but good awareness.</p> <p>Peel Poverty Action Group: Tough Times deadline October 15th. Upcoming free Tough Times writing workshop - details to follow. Looking for articles that are factual, no more than 200 words and including pictures. 2014 publishing newspaper 6 times a year instead of 4; plans to increase to monthly editions in 2015</p> <p>Caledon Community Services: Looking for other organizations to share excess food with. Will be contacting the Brampton Food Sharing network. Nov 2: Hosting a film production workshop for youth - Creating films about food security and eating local; Nov 9: Conducting Safe Food Handling training for CCS volunteers; November - Exchange Grand Opening</p> <p>Peel Public Health: School Food Expo October 17th Food-Expo-Recipes@peelregion.ca; Food charter is on line. Carolyn to summarize</p>

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	<p>information and send to this committee. Food Basket - provincial numbers to be released in October.</p> <p>City of Brampton: Brampton Toys for Tots drive starting November 16th</p> <p>EcoSource: Community volunteers will be planting garlic shortly.</p>
4. Bill 68	<p>Tax credit for farmers - first reading passed May 8th. This is the second reading. Adaoma sending letter on our behalf to endorse this bill. http://www.ontla.on.ca/bills/bills-files/40_Parliament/Session2/b068.pdf</p>
5. 2010 Food Distribution in Peel Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009 survey was specific to food banks and bringing them together. Purpose was to find out how much food is donated and distributed • 2013 survey is to expand out to other food organizations; not just specific to food banks. Purpose is to understand how food system is changing. Are we feeding more people?
6. Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on five sub-committees - to learn more about each http://www.povertyinpeel.ca/index.htm • Economic taskforce will be starting up shortly
7. Food Charter Questionnaire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone who has feedback on the food charter questionnaire (attached with the meeting agenda sent earlier last week) please send to Carolyn by October 18th.
8. Wrap Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting scheduled for November 14th at the Bramalea Community Health Centre