



Kamloops Food Policy Council Meeting

Date: Nov 2 2016
Mt Paul United Church

Chair: Dede Bone
Note Taker: Amber Hum

Members present: Matt Greenwood, Barbara Lundstrom, Laura Kalina, Robert Wright, Erica Mclellan, Lindsay Harris, Deanna Hurstfield, Vessy Mochikas, Glenn Hilke, Amber Hum, Sandra Frangiadakis, Dawn Christie, Dede Bone, Nicole Fornelli, Kendra Besanger, Dave Whiting, Lavonne Fortie, Rosella Boulton, Jackie Jones, Anne Grube, Shelaigh Garson

1. **Roundtable** (introductions)
2. **Minutes** approved from October 5th, 2016 (on website)
3. **Networking Meeting**

B. Dinner early

A. Group Share

1. Anne Grube: GE Free Kamloops

- GE (Genetically Engineered) Free Kamloops
- the group supports social justice through fighting for food security and food sovereignty
- the group is looking for more members
- More information at: <http://cban.ca/>,
<http://cban.ca/GMO-Inquiry-2015>
- Dr. Warren Bell's two articles (an excellent overview outlining the links between GE crops and pesticide use):

<http://www.nationalobserver.com/2016/07/04/opinion/last-roundup>

<http://www.nationalobserver.com/2016/07/25/opinion/last-roundup-how-monsanto-created-fable-%E2%80%9C-world%E2%80%99s-safest-herbicide%E2%80%9D>

- Local group sponsors some films for change, brings information to local markets, has attended TRU Back to School BBQ and club days, working to correct misinformation regarding GE crops and GE food
- Recently Victoria voted to be a GE free municipality—can Kamloops head toward the same?
- GE Free is hoping to spread the word on GE products, and to get support from the KFPC. Will ask for support on specific advocacy issues as they arise.

2. Dawn Christie: Interior Community Services (ICS)

- official update on the status of the Good Food Centre (GFC)
 - Building purchased by ICS
 - various programs will be moved to the GFC
 - looking for resources and local partners to work together
 - fundraised to finish the garden at the GFC
 - the centre will be under construction to house programs
 - there has been a friendly transfer from Church to ICS—maintaining partnership with the Church
 - Grand opening of GFC in new year

- Also in the New Year, ICS would like to put together an advisory committee of community partners

3. Kendra Besanger, KFPC Communication Strategist

- watched video by Plan H:

<http://planh.ca/resources/videos/innovative-food-security-programs-kamloops>

- invited group to ponder: What KFPC is, what it does, and what it might be.
- held group conversation to build website and a network
 - key feelings of video: collaboration, activities, doesn't discuss challenges to the KFPC, city speaker necessary, could be more seniors in video
- Group discussion to answer questions similar to those posed above.

C. Networking Opportunity – skipped as we spent time discussing role of KFPC

D. Highlight of Member Organization: JUMP Glenn Hilke

- gave us a history of JUMP
- JUMP stands for Jubilee Urban Movement Partner
- 5 years of existing—the story of JUMP from Fall 2012
 - originally Jubilee Street Ministry
- program is peer driven by volunteers
- free market as well as meals served
- just signed a lease with Ask Wellness in old Cost Savers building
- will be addressing the gaps in food security and emergency programs on the North Shore
- trying to break the stereotype of a 'Drop-in Center' and a 'Soup Kitchen', and are instead calling the new building a 'Social Club'
- Ask Wellness will provide receipts for in-kind donations

E. KFPC Board Update

- has been focusing on communications
- has recently applied for 2 grants
- board is being very effective in their goals
- Addie, Vessy Mochikas and Paul Denby will be on TV Tuesday, Nov. 8th

F. Upcoming Events

- Urban Hens workshop Monday and Tuesday Nov. 7th and 8th. Already has 29 registrants—very exciting for the first workshop of its kind
- Indoor Farmers' market started today, every Wednesday at the Sandman Center from 9:30am-1pm
- Breastfeeding Matters is having a milk drive on December 1st
- Mt Paul Fall Tea November 19th, served by Community Kitchen
- First Nations Agricultural Conference on Nov 16-17 at The Coast, call Grace 250-828-9844, or grace@cfdcfcifn.com to register, entrance is free

G. Feedback

- Perhaps only have 2 group shares to conserve time

Next Meeting

We will be having a bit of a celebration at our next meeting, more details TBA!

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 5:30pm

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Note taker: Addie de Candole