

Squamish Food Policy Council Meeting

Wednesday May 22, 2019 from 6:30-8:30

Multipurpose Room at Squamish Community Health Unit, 1140 Hunter Place

Agenda:

1. Introductions and review of agenda (Krystle & Constance)

Constance Wylie - Squamish Food Policy Manager

Krystle tenBrink - Squamish Food Policy Manager

Sarah - Community Forest Project & Biodynamic Agriculture Association

Meg Fellows - Turtle Trail

Karen Elliott - Mayor and outgoing elected representative

Marika Dunham - Quest student

Gerry Kasten - VCH Dietitian

Sarah McJannet - DOS Senior Planner

2. Squamish Valley Agriculture Plan - Where are we now? How to get involved if you are not already. (Sarah McJannet)

- lone Smith has been hired from Upland Consulting to do the SLRD Area D and District of Squamish Valley Area Plan
- This areas of the SLRD is the last plan within the region.
- Main purpose is to strengthen agriculture and and long-term health of economic sustainability of the community
- Committee members will be at the farmers market this Saturday doing community engagement, as well as attending the AGM of the Ashlu Creek Foundation and tour a few farms in the valley.
- <https://squamish.ca/yourgovernment/news/agricultural-plan-for-the-squamish-valley-to-move-ahead-following-successful-grant-application-by-slrld-electoral-area-d-and-the-district-of-squamish/>
- Ag plan should be done by 2020.
- It will come forward as a draft to DOS Council and SLRD Table for endorsement. We will need this for implementation planning
- Discussion on home plates on ALR land, thinking long term. SLRD made some new changes.
- DOS have agriculture zoning policies that is NEW! Yeah!
- More info: <https://www.slrld.bc.ca/inside-slrld/current-projects-initiatives/squamish-valley-agricultural-plan>

3. District of Squamish OCP Indicator Dashboard tracking Food Assets (Sarah McJannet)

- OCP #1 Indicator: Number and tracking of neighbourhood food assets.
- DOS is creating an interactive dashboard to communicate annual reporting to the community.
- Sarah and Constance are working on updating the food asset map
- OCP #2 Track growth or decline on farm area - upon further review the 2016 census they've grouped things together. So might revise this due to mapping challenges.
- Food Policy council can look into food assets mapping into the GIS system - valuable to planners for land use planning, etc.
- City of Victoria has great maps, ex. Existing community gardens and potential space for gardens <http://vicmap.victoria.ca/communitygardens/>

4. Regional Food Task Force Actions

- a. Regional Food Procurement Policy - Constance & Gerry
 - Food procurement means “where do you get your food”
 - Food procurement policy is encouraging local food. BUT what is local. (Set to Sky? BC? Canada?)
 - What regional community food facilities procure food
 - Very complex challenges need to be worked out.
 - Constance will be doing a literature review and presenting best practices to get community members feedback and consultation.
 - Might look into an opt in declaration document
 - Implementation strategy needs to be thoughtful
 - Squamish is the pilot project for Squaimsh - Lillooet
 - Salted Vine and Nutrient Dense Farms could be a great example to learn what works and what doesn't work
 - Victoria has some additional examples in which we can learn from
 - How does the “buy local” campaign come into this?
- b. Food Education Gap Analysis SLRD (using Food Asset Map) Constance
 - Community food education and food literacy
 - Constance will be doing this in partnership with the Lillooet Agriculture Food Society (LAFS)
 - Gerry will have knowledge of gaps in the education of food literacy and education .

5. Community Farm

- Camphill Communities - Farm based communities with intellectual disabilities - integrated learning. They exist all over the world.
- Exploring Easter Seals Camp - ALC regulations, agriculture Background can help figure out uses
- Forever land turning into a land trust

6. Turtle Trail - Meg Fellows

- Is there an opportunity to share about the past, present and future about food systems within the holistic connecting - get out of the sylos
- 10 am - 14 km turtle trail meeting this Sunday at from the Adventure Centre
- Next step is making an interpretive plan

7. Recommendation to present to Squamish Mayor and council in the Fall.