Squamish FPC Meeting October 18, 2017

At the Health Unit

In attendance: Gerry, Krystle, Michi, Sarah McJ, Christina, Kyla, Sarah W, Marika, Kav

**Agenda**

6:30-6:40 - Welcome & Introductions

6:40-7:10 - OCP Update from Sarah McJannet - Indicators we can track to measure success on new OCP food policy

7:10-7:30 - Food Asset Map launch! Feedback, group editing

7:30-7:50 - Food Insecurity, Living Wage Policy with Gerry Kasten- Our role as a FPC on this issue (letter draft/brainstorm)

7:50-8:20 - Convene with working groups (Health, Waste & Recovery, and Agriculture) for some strategic planning (list initiatives to work on this year, updates, who is the captain for each group?) Take notes and captains to send to Michi to include in minutes

8:20 Closing

**Update**: We’ve been selected for further food policy coaching from the BC Food Systems Network! From Abra Brynne.

**OCP Update from Sarah**

* We are in the last stage of the OCP rewrite! The community release of the draft will be Dec 1-available to see on website, there will be popups around community too.
* It will be brought to Council in mid December for approvals (4 readings, public hearings starting in late Jan). This is a great time to show up and support the things you like in the plan. (Eg. all the great food policy in there! They will be Tuesday evenings at Brennan Park-stay tuned for dates).
* There will be a core set of approx. 20 indicators/measures in the OCP that we can track-they will let us know how we are doing on our goals.
* What indicators do we want to track for food? We want to primarily use data that another org is tracking. Needs to tracked every year-census is probably too infrequent. Base year is 2016, then we will track from there.
* **Ideas for Indicators:**

1. Amount of farming activity-amount of farmlands that are being actively farmed-BC Assessment data.
2. Number and distribution and diversity of community food assets. Eg 20% increase in each neighbourhood in 5 years?
3. Food Waste? Where would data come from?
4. Healthy eating indicators-fruits and vegetables (only done every 3 years by Health Authority)
5. Number of businesses offering a living wage-relates to food insecurity
6. Number/square footage of backyard/frontyard gardens?
7. Community census ideas-the SFPC and DoS could create an annual survey to collect info on these indicators. Could have a sign up sheet at community hearings etc.

**Food Asset Map from Michi**

Map is almost ready for release to the public for feedback!

Add:

-composting facilities

-VCH and nation health authority has info of all convenience stores on reserves etc.

-Gas bar convenience stores

-community gardens on FN Land?

-Lillooet edits

**Living Wage from Gerry**

* Living wage is directly related to food insecurity (connected to cost of living etc.)
* Living wage discussions have been ongoing locally with Helping Hands, Community Services, Squamish Savings, etc..
* We should advocate as a FPC to Minister of Poverty Reduction
* Could send a questionnaire to all candidates in the municipal election
* An incentive program for employers to be a “living wage employer”-invoke social pressure for people to join the crowd. Also a helpful thing as many employers are stuggling to recruit and sustain employees-could be helpful
* Could host a panel at the Library with SS, DoS, Gerry, living wage employers, etc. for our next meeting. And a struggling small business. Grocery store manager. Inviting Chamber of Commerce to co-host. 6-7:30pm

**Agriculture and Food Production**

* ALUI should be released in January.
* Work on Food and Farm Land Trust are ongoing

**Waste**

* Landfill ban-unsure of status. Bylaw should be adopted soon, but then needs to be rolled out with education.
* Donations to Food Bank are steadily increasing
* Food Waste and Recovery Event this Thurs at Food Bank!

**Health**

* Poverty and living wage is the main impact around Food Access. The issue is not food costs-it’s an issue of income and what percentage of income is spent on food.

**Formalizing the Council-Membership & Governance**

* We will draft a membership application form for 2 meetings from now so we can solidify our membership. Consider having standing committees instead of ad-hock committees
* Flesh out our ad-hock committee goals better.
* We will be exploring some other grant sources in the next few weeks as well-meet with MP, MLA, etc.