



Muskoka Food and Agriculture Charter Steering Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose:

The Steering Committee is committed to the development of a Muskoka Centric Charter that supports safe, sustainable local food production, access, distribution and consumption. The Committee will ensure diverse representation and input from the community.

Goals:

1. To build community understanding about their local food system including strengths, gaps and needs
2. To provide opportunities for inclusion of community members through working groups, community consultations, and task specific work
3. To be creative and open to ideas that will ensure the Charter supports:
 - a. Community Health
 - b. Economic Development
 - c. Ethical land use focusing on conservancy and stewardship
 - d. Self reliance and social empowerment
4. To develop and finalize a Muskoka Food and Agriculture Charter will be endorsed and implemented

Membership:

- 2 Board Members and the Program Manager for SAVOUR Muskoka
- 2 Representatives for Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
- 2 Representatives from the District Municipality of Muskoka – Community Services Dept.
- 1 Representative from the District Municipality of Muskoka – Planning and Economic Dev.
- 1 Representative from PROMPT
- 1 Representative from local food banks
- 1 Representative from Economic Development Officer table
- 1 Representative from Education
- 1 Representative from Farmers Market
- 1 Representative from interfaith community
- 1 Representative from the Aboriginal Community
- Producers – established and new
- Consumers – permanent and seasonal

Members will be required to attend meetings and volunteer to complete tasks assigned.

Meetings:

Meetings will be held monthly (or more frequently as required) times and locations will vary to ensure equitable access and travel for all members. Options for teleconferencing will be available in most instances.

Decision Making:

Members will make decisions based on consensus. If a consensus cannot be reached, formal motions will be directed by the Chair. A vote will be conducted based on the motion and decisions made based on the vote.

Resources:

- SAVOUR Muskoka will continue to take the lead on this project, have member (s) on the steering committee; they will host the website and continue to link the committee to their membership for their expertise and feedback.
- The SMDHU will continue to have a member on the Steering Committee, HCP funding, project management, local staff involvement
- The District of Muskoka will now Chair the Steering Committee, provide any relevant expertise and project management to the initiative