

**Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network**  
**Peterborough Food Action Network**  
**Terms of Reference**

**Goal:**

Ensure that everyone in Peterborough has enough healthy food to eat as part of a long-term food security strategy.

The Peterborough Food Action Network believes a community enjoys food security when:

- all people, at all times, have physical & economic access to nutritious, safe, personally and culturally appropriate foods,
- food is produced in ways that are environmentally sound, socially just, and promote community self-reliance, and,
- food is provided in a manner that promotes human dignity.

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The Peterborough Food Action Network (PFAN) is a working group of the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network. Specifically, its mandate is to:

1. Address the root causes of hunger in our communities, including income and housing security.
2. Secure resources and commitments to guarantee food security for all residents of Peterborough City and County.
3. Identify strategies to increase access to healthy food, including community food security strategies.
4. Build links with other partners to support community initiatives that address food issues.
5. Educate and engage the community to address food security and poverty issues.
6. Support promotion and increased production of local food.

**Membership:** Membership to the network is open and voluntary. Members will be kept informed with monthly updates and agendas of upcoming meetings. Members can submit items for upcoming agendas to the Chair for inclusion.

**Chair:** The PFAN will be chaired by the Medical Officer of Health, who will represent the Network at meetings of the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network.

**Meetings:** The PFAN is envisioned as being a virtual web of people with lived experience, food activists, partners, existing local initiatives and community members. This will be facilitated electronically, for those who have access to the internet. Print copies will be made available. The Network will meet at least monthly. Meetings will be held at the Peterborough County-City Health Unit.

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