

Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council Recruiting New Members

The Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council (CKFPC) is looking for volunteers from staff of community organizations, as well as community members who have an interest in any sector of Chatham-Kent's food system.

The CKFPC, which is an official group under the Board of Health for the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit, is comprised of community members, and other key partners from various sectors that represent the food system. The mission of the CKFPC is to lead in the development of relevant policies and to advocate for our local food system.

"A Food Policy Council provides a space for interested folks to gather around, so to speak" explains Sharmini Balakrishnan, CK Public Health Nutritionist. "Rather than a number of different advocates working in silos, on separate issues around the food system, a Food Policy Council creates the opportunity for coordination and integration, and is much more efficient."

Members must be at least 18 years of age or older and must live, work or provide service in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

The CKFPC is recruiting representatives for the following positions:

- Health Care Sector/Health Related Non-Governmental Organization
- Older Adults Organization
- Emergency Food Providers
- Agriculture
- Youth and Immigration
- Education
- Grocer/Restaurant/Food Processing/Food Distribution/Institutional Purchasing
- Community Gardens/Horticultural Societies
- General Community Members

Those interested in applying are asked to complete the <u>Food Policy Council</u> <u>Application</u> form by **Friday**, **April 28**th, **2023**. Submission instructions are at the bottom of the application form.

For those interested in applying who may have more questions or need help filling the application form, please contact:

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More information about the Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council can be found at www.letstalkfood-ck.com/CKFPC

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