

Who Came: Wayne, Ron, Melanie, Mary, Meredith Bell,
Valerie Oickle, David Cameron, Louise, Debbie

New Members

We had 3 new faces at the table. We were excited to hear their news and have them contribute to the group.

Meredith Bell - Farmer's Markets of Nova Scotia and a vendor, South Shore Venture Cooperative, Hodge Podge Garden, Sustainability Project

David Cameron - Blockhouse Project

Valerie Oickle - Agricultural and 4H leader with the Department of Agriculture

Our Journey

We went back to the beginning of the work. Became familiar with the groups that have been involved. We discussed what has happened over the years and what led us to the point we are at now. All of this information has been captured into a tool called a Prezi. Follow the link and guide yourself through with the arrows. You can make the screen larger by selecting "More" and the "Full screen". <http://prezi.com/mgh7voc9nfxd/local-food-core-team/>

Ron shared a report *Agriculture, Food and Wellness Initiative @ NSAC* on behalf of Kathleen Kevany. The work outlined in the report is similar to the work we are engaged in. The report will be sent along with the minutes.

*"Challenges are great,
solutions are simple.
Connectivity is a large
part of the puzzle"*
David Cameron

We had a brief discussion regarding local and concluded with feeling that the understanding of local has grown

A Map

We have had many discussions in the past regarding the creation of a map representing the local food system in Lunenburg and Queens.

Points of consideration:

- Need to build capacity in the community - How do we create capacity? - Look at assets and how to create assets.
- We need to develop a map and present it to the community
- A map may help to identify gaps

About the map:

- We could include what a 100 km radius looks like or the different definitions of local
- Develop a key

Some potential Partners

- RDA
- Whyhere.ca

The Map

Felt that we could start with a focus on:

- ◇ Community kitchens
- ◇ Community gardens
- ◇ 4H
- ◇ Producers
- ◇ Fisheries
- ◇ Farmer's Markets
- ◇ Food Banks
- ◇ Grocery stores
- ◇ Schools
- ◇ Advocacy groups
- ◇ Community resources such as CSA, youth groups, women institutes

The Map

What do we need to do for our next meeting?

Since we are going to start collecting information you need to bring along any information that would fit into the above categories.

What will we do at the next meeting?

We will be gathering all the information and start placing it into the categories and creating lists of our assets.

What will happen next?

We will gather information for any area that we do not have information on and then we will start to look at how we will create a map.

Is there anything already done that we can use?

Yes. The Community Health Boards have already mapped the assets of Lunenburg and Queens. There may be some information we can use in their information. Louise will provide us with this information.

Next Meeting

March 8, 2012 from 1:30 - 4:00 pm at the Public Health Office in Bridgewater.