

Hunt Club Community Association (HCCA)

Our Neighbourhood, Our World
Environment/Climate Change and Food Security Committee

Background:

At the November and December 2019 HCCA meetings it was agreed HCCA would pursue the issues of the environment/climate change and food security. This paper is a starting point for organization of the issues, for suggestions on information gathering and a call for interested volunteers to join and contribute in a meaningful way.

Environment and climate change are top mind from our neighbourhood, to our city to our country and around the world. Food security/insecurity is linked to social and economic factors, to access and awareness and to the environment. Each of the topics is large and considering what and how to do something that matters in our own sphere can be daunting.

Options:

1. Separate issues into two HCCA committees-one on the environment and one on food security
 - a. Pro-each committee more focussed
 - b. Con- continuity/flow of information can be a challenge and if not effective, there is potential for duplication of effort, etc.
2. Leave as one HCCA committee and create two working groups within that commit to keep lines of communication open between (sharing of meeting notes, planned actions, perhaps one person would serve on both committees, etc.)
 - a. Pro-volunteers interest may be more focussed in one area
 - b. Con-topics combined are so broad it could lead difficulty in deciding how to start, where to act.

Recommend that any actions or goals, no matter the committee configuration, undertaken are:

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Relevant
- Time limit realistic

Note: Raising awareness, encouraging involvement, and demonstrating progress should underpin all actions.

Suggested approach to start for Environment/Climate:

- Conduct scan and inventory of what's underway/planned
 - City wide (request info from Councillor Brockington's office, etc)
 - Partner/learn from other community associations
 - Ottawa Public Health-connect re: work on air pollution (incl major arterial roads)
- Partner with OSEAN to MP McGuinty's challenge re the environment to come up with solutions or approaches to combat climate change (Sue McCarthy/Aija Auzina)

Suggested approach to start Food Security issues

- Conduct scan and inventory of what's underway/planned
 - City wide (request info from Councillor Brockington's office)
 - Partner/establish links/learn from other community associations/organizations involved in food security
 - Connect with Just Food e.g.

FoodLink Directory | Where to Access Food

The FoodLink Directory is up and running with the help of Ottawa Public Health and Just Food. It can be accessed [here](#). It is a map showing where local resources can be found for those experiencing food insecurity or those looking for greater access to food.

In the FoodLink directory, you can find resources such as:

- Community Kitchens
- Community Meal Programs
- Grocery Store Transportation
- Food Banks
- And many more...

If you are looking to access food near you and your community, check out the [FoodLink Directory here](#)

- Work with/support HCRPCC to expand use of kitchen facilities to enable options such as cooking classes.
 - Connect with Karen Secord, Parkdale Food Centre-she has offered to have her chef outline how they go about their classes, etc.

HCCA members who have expressed interest in either the environment or food security or both:

- John Reid
- Sue McCarthy
- Peter Brimacombe
- Christine Johnson

Next steps/decisions:

1. Should there be one or two committees to address the Environment/Climate Change and Food Security
2. Recruit enough volunteers to get the work done