

To: Kelly Pender, CAO Frontenac County
and Jannette Amini, Manager of Legislative Services

I am writing to ask Frontenac County Council to consider making a grant of \$500 to the Food Policy Council for Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox-Addington, in its budget deliberations for the 2022 financial year.

1. About the Food Policy Council for KFLA

The Food Policy Council (FPC) is a volunteer organization consisting of representatives (either staff or elected members of council) from the three municipalities (Kingston, Frontenac County and Lennox-Addington County), people who are members of local community groups, and interested members of the public. More information about the FPC can be found at foodpolicykfla.ca

The purpose of the FPC is to create a more secure, accessible, and sustainable food system in our region, working on commitments related to:

- celebrating community and culture
- promoting the health of individuals, families and our community
- improving education about food and farm topics
- protecting our environment as it relates to food production and consumption
- upholding social justice
- fostering economic sustainability

Since its formation in 2012, the FPC has been involved in activities such as:

- advocating for policies related to food security, poverty reduction, increased abattoir services, recognition of community gardens as essential services and the creation of community orchards;
- advancing a food literacy curriculum in Ontario schools by working with the provincial government on Bill 216, which aims to support the health and well-being of students;
- hosting food-related public events (for example, in February, 2021, a film screening and discussion of the film *Gather*, about Indigenous food sovereignty;
- sponsoring all-candidates meetings on food and farm issues in the 2015 and 2019 federal elections.

The terms of reference for the FPC are posted on this page.

2. How we would use the grant

We received a \$500 grant from Frontenac County in 2021, and used the money to pay for our website fees and for expenses related to the Indigenous food sovereignty event we sponsored in February, 2021 (film rental and honoraria for speakers).

As a small volunteer organization, we greatly appreciated the 2021 grant which allowed us to maintain our website as a contact point with the public, and to present a timely and informative program.

If we receive a grant in 2022, we will use it for similar purposes in the coming year -- website expenses and hosting a public event on a topic related to food and farm matters.

We are grateful for the support we have received from the County of Frontenac, including continuous representation on the FPC since its inception, and financial and in-kind assistance for projects and events. We look forward to an on-going relationship with Frontenac County as we work toward mutual goals related to our food and farm system.

Please contact me if you have questions, -- by return email, or by phone at 613-876-1815 (phone or text) or 613-546-0869 (land line).

Sincerely,

Dianne Dowling, chair,

Food Policy Council for Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox-Addington