



THE DURHAM FOOD POLICY COUNCIL REORGANIZED ITS STRUCTURE EARLY IN 2019. THIS NEW STRUCTURE CONSISTS OF:

The Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee acts in a position of trust to direct the organization and protect the interest of the organization. It meets on a monthly basis. The Stewardship Committee consists primarily of General Members but may also include Advisory Members as needed.

Action Groups

Action Groups consist of General Members and focus on specific issues, challenges, or solutions relevant for the current time period. Action Groups decide on the frequency of their meetings.

General Members

General Members endorse the mission and objectives of the DFPC and the Durham Region Food Charter, and sign up for communications from the DFPC. They are voting members.

Advisory Members

Advisory Members are non-voting members who have particular knowledge or skills that they are invited to share with the DFPC.

DFPC members at all levels endorse the vision, mission and objectives of the DFPC and the Durham Region Food Charter, and sign up for electronic communications from the DFPC.

RESOURCES

Local

Durham College
www.durhamcollege.ca

Durham Farm Fresh
www.durhamfarmfresh.ca

Durham Integrated Growers
www.durhamdigs.ca

Feed the Need in Durham
www.ftnd.ca

Provincial

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
www.omfra.gov.on.ca

Food Work
www.foodwork.ca

Sustain Ontario
www.sustainontario.ca

Federal

Food Secure Canada
www.foodsecurecanada.org

Please see our website for links to other important food system organizations.



Durham Food Policy Council

Working towards a Just and Sustainable Food System in Durham Region





HISTORY

The Durham Region Food Charter, endorsed by the Region of Durham in November, 2009, was developed through community consultation by the food Charter Working Group of Durham Lives!, a coalition of community partners working towards healthy Durham Communities. The Durham Food Policy Council (DFPC) emerged from the core membership of this coalition, and was established as a community-based group on March 23, 2010. The Food Charter provides the mandate and direction for ongoing work of the DFPC.

VISION

A food secure Durham Region that is financially sound, environmentally responsible and socially just, contributing to the future and well-being for our region and residents.

MISSION

The Durham Food Policy Council will strive to create an environment that supports community food security through food sovereignty and a sustainable local food system in the Region of Durham.

“The quest for food security can be the common thread that links the different challenges we face and helps build a sustainable future.”

– José Graziano da Silva
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Director-General

THE FOUR PILLARS OF THE DURHAM REGION FOOD CHARTER

Essential Foundations to Build Upon

A just and sustainable local food system will be resilient when supported by comprehensive and integrated mechanisms. These will incorporate physical elements with sound economic, environmental, social and political policies to ensure a secure food supply.

Sustaining Local Agriculture

Cultivation of a sustainable local agriculture will enhance Durham Region's urban and rural economic development, create employment, secure a regional food supply, encourage a culture of environmental stewardship and conserve resources.

Community Partnership

A just and sustainable food system will be supported by a regional community where residents are connected to participants working in partnership with each other and with all levels of government. It acknowledges the importance of its interconnection with other food systems.

Health and Well Being

A just and sustainable food system will be equitable and will respect human dignity. It is a system in which all residents will have access to safe, nutritious, affordable, and culturally appropriate food.

DFPC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1 To **foster dialogue and partnership development** between community groups, social and health agencies, agriculture, businesses, and municipal government in the research, design, promotion, implementation, and evaluation of innovative ideas in promoting community food security in Durham Region.
- 2 To **link with other food system initiatives** in the Greater Toronto Area, Ontario, Canada and internationally to create allies, synergies and support.
- 3 To **offer advice and support** to the community and all levels of government in the development of innovative, inclusive and comprehensive food security policies and programs that are consistent with the principles of the Durham Region Food Charter.
- 4 To **advocate for policies and programs** that are innovative, inclusive and comprehensive approaches to food security and address Municipal-wide commitments to food security, such as the Growing Durham Regional Official Plan (2009).

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