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Subject: Food Security Council and Food Security manager

Mayor and Council, Planning Committee, staff

Now that the City of Richmond has adopted its new City Centre Area Plan the City of Richmond is responsible for the sustainability of the additional development in the City Centre and the 80,000 new residents that it will bring to our city.

The BC Ministry of Agriculture report on "BC's Food Self Reliance" was prepared to assist sustainable development planners in providing food security for our existing and expected population growth to 2025. Using today's food technology it was estimated that "to produce a healthy diet for British Columbians in 2025, given the existing production technology; the farmland with access to irrigation will need to increase by 92,000 hectares or 49% over 2005 levels. concentrated on land typically near urban centres."

By approving a population increase of 80,000 more people in our City Centre, Richmond has accepted the responsibility of feeding 80,000 more people. The BC Food Self Reliance report states that "0.524 ha. is needed to produce the food for one person per year. Of that 10% of the land must be irrigated. To feed 80,000 more people in Richmond will require 41,920 hectares of farmland of which 4,192 hectares, or 10,354 acres, must be irrigated. Richmond only has 4,905 hectares, or 12,115 acres in the ALR and much of it is already irrigated or sub irrigated from our high water table. Other communities from Delta and Surrey to Abbotsford cannot help us as they will have the same problem.

Metro Vancouver has an agrologist assigned to developing a food security programme for the region and Richmond recently hired an agroecologist as part of our sustainability team. Kamloops has a Food Policy Council. Vancouver hired a Food Policy Co-ordinator in 2004 and Toronto has a food Policy Council and is now hiring a co-ordinator.

In the past Food Security has revolved around public health and the distribution of food. and we can expect the number of people using the food bank to grow. In the next 17 years, to 2025, Food Security will require immense resources aimed at the production of food. One of the original objectives of the Agricultural Land Act was to assist and promote the establishment of family farms but that was amended out of the act by later governments. Today even more than that will be needed with food production in everything from patio gardens to rooftop greenhouses.

With a world food crisis already on the horizon and the escalating cost of food, fuel and trucking, the problem is

Richmond's responsibility. Richmond needs a Food Policy Council and a full time manager of Food Strategy Development, with experience and a degree in agroecology. By this e-mail I am referring this issue to the Planning Committee of Richmond Council.

Harold Steves,
City Councillor,
Chair, Planning Committee

Attachments:

Toronto job posting for a food security manager at a salary of \$90,000 to \$111,000 per year is attached.
Agenda for the National Food Assembly conference on the global food crisis in November.

Job Posting - City of Toronto

From a Release
City of Toronto

Manager, Health Promotion (Food Strategy Development)

File Reference #: X8CSA16094

Major Responsibilities:

Reporting to the Director of Planning and Policy, the Acting Manager will be responsible for:

- Managing the development of a Toronto Food Strategy and accompanying action plan over the next year, with the Medical Officer of Health as lead and chair of the Food strategy steering group.
- Overseeing the writing of all BOH reports, reports to the Food Strategy Steering Group, updates to Toronto Public Health and key City of Toronto staff.
- Working with Toronto Public Health Communications to develop resources for a public engagement strategy, for input from key stakeholders and Toronto Public Health staff.
- Identifying and maintaining effective intersectoral linkages with community and non-profit organizations, the business sector, provincial and federal orders of government.
- Facilitating appropriate linkages within Toronto Public Health, across City divisions and with key community organizations and academic institutions to ensure the food strategy work builds on existing initiatives.
- Acting as a primary contact for Toronto Public Health in establishing collaborative inter-departmental relationships within the City related to food issues.
- Managing the development of a comprehensive project plan for the food strategy including identification of project resources, timelines and appropriate project development processes.
- Providing strategic analysis, managing complex information and sometimes competing policy directions, in order to provide effective advice and guidance to assigned food strategy staff and the food strategy steering group.
- Establishing and maintaining strong relationships with a network of community experts, academics and food business sector leaders to ensure their perspectives are integrated in the strategy.
- Consistently bringing forward the "health lens" within food strategy deliberations.
- Analysing and using research and other data sources, identifying trends and issues and determining possible strategies to make Toronto's food system healthy and sustainable.
- Representing Toronto Public Health where appropriate on corporate committees and partnerships, coalitions and networks.

Key Qualifications:

1. Strong project management skills and experience, including the ability to define and meet project purpose and objectives, undertake all project activities, define and achieve milestones and deliverables, monitor and track progress and communicate effectively with stakeholders.
2. Demonstrated strong working knowledge and understanding of food system issues from a determinant of health perspective.
3. Highly-developed analytical, problem solving and negotiating skills.

4. Ability to exercise discretion, judgement and work independently with a high degree of initiative and creativity in problem solving.
5. Excellent written and oral communication, presentation and interpersonal skills and the ability to work cooperatively with others in an interdisciplinary team.
6. Excellent organizational skills.
7. Bachelor's degree in Health or Social Science or the approved equivalent combination of education and experience. Master's level preparation or equivalent an asset.
8. Familiarity with government legislation in the area of occupational health and safety.

Salary: \$89,707.80 - \$111,202.00 annually

Duration: Temporary Full-time

To apply for this position, please send us a resume and cover letter, quoting **File #X8CSA16094**, using **one** of the following methods:

Online: Go to www.toronto.ca in the Employment Opportunities and ***Apply for this position***, or

FAX: 416-397-9818, or

Mail to: Human Resources, City of Toronto, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, 5th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 3C6.

Please do not send duplicates.

Applications must be received by **August 29th, 2008**.

Committed to employment equity, the City of Toronto encourages applications from Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, members of visible minority groups and women.

Accommodation will be provided in all parts of the hiring process as required under the City's Employment Accommodation policy. Applicants need to make their needs known in advance.

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted

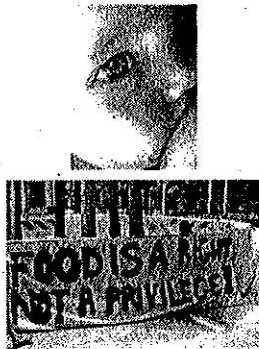
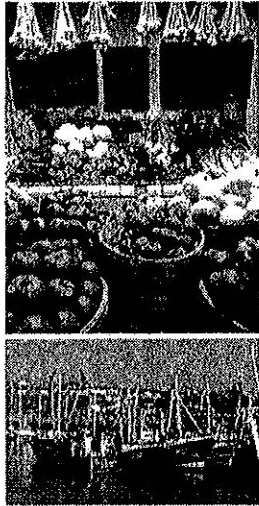
Reclaiming Our Food System: A Call to Action

Food Secure Canada/Sécurité Alimentaire Canada
National Assembly 2008

and the inaugural conference of
FoodNet Ontario

Travelodge Conference Centre
Ottawa, Ontario

November 7th to 10th



Program Highlights

Friday, November 7th, all day:

Pre-conference **Exposure Tours** (proposed):

- Political Ottawa
- Food Ottawa

7:00 p.m. Public presentation at Bronson Centre: **The Food Crisis**

- UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
- speakers from La Via Campesina and COPAGEN (Coalition for the Protection of Africa's Genetic Heritage) (*invited*)

Saturday, November 8th:

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. at Travelodge

Saturday, November 8th and

Sunday November 9th:

Conference events run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The program includes plenary panel sessions on **Zero Hunger, Healthy and Safe Food, and Sustainable Food Production/ Harvesting/Distribution**. Each one will include speakers with a focus on international and Indigenous issues. There will also be workshops and roundtable discussions; displays, **Local Flavours Feast** on Sunday and special events on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

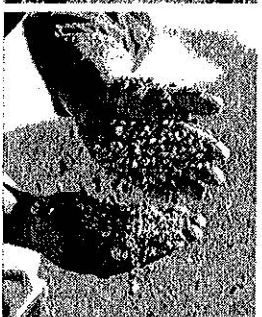
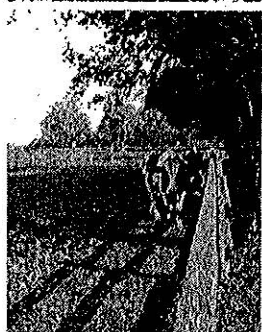
Monday November 10th:

Conference events begin at 9:00 a.m.

Closing ceremony 2:00 p.m.

The program includes the AGM for FSC-SAC and the establishment of an Action Plan to reclaim our food system.

There will be simultaneous interpretation (French/English) at all plenary sessions and one of the workshop streams.



Theme and Goals

Through plenary sessions and workshops, the conference will focus on analysis of current issues in the food system.

It will highlight initiatives that reclaim the system, including practical skill building and policy work at every level of the system.

It will begin the process of developing food policies for Canada that derive from the experience of the grassroots, reflect our principles of justice and sustainability, and address the real crises we are facing today.

Food Secure Canada members may log in to the Assembly 2008 Planning Group on the website for more information or to make suggestions regarding the program. FoodNet Ontario members may contact info@foodnetontario.ca for more information.

Members of Food Secure Canada and FoodNet Ontario are invited to propose workshop and roundtable topics, and leaders, to address the burning issues in our food system and to develop effective actions to reclaim the system. Please contact the Chair of Food Secure Canada through the website with your suggested topic and facilitator or resource person (feel free to nominate yourself).

website: www.foodsecurecanada.org

Registration

The conference fee covers all events, breakfast and lunch all three days and the Local Flavours Feast on Sunday. Registration for the Exposure Tours is separate.

Conference fee:

- Before October 1st, \$280 for members of Food Secure Canada and FoodNet Ontario, \$325 for non-members.
- After October 1st, \$320 for members, \$375 for non-members.

A limited number of scholarships are available to members of Food Secure Canada and FoodNet Ontario.

Accommodations at the Travelodge are available at \$109 per night single or double occupancy.

Registration forms will be posted at www.foodsecurecanada.org by August 1, 2008.

