



2016 Annual Report

Letter From The Chair & Executive Director

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Greetings Everyone,

2016 was a landmark year for Sustain Ontario - our first as a standalone, incorporated not-for-profit. After planning our transition from seven years as a project of Tides Canada Initiatives, our new board spent 2016 on some necessary governance documentation and legal frameworks for the new organization. This important work provides an essential foundation for an organization such as Sustain Ontario.

Meanwhile, our growing networks of members and other colleagues in the field helped us build on the achievements of 2015, with successful conclusions of several major projects. Accomplishments included:

- Sustain Ontario and FoodShare Toronto completed the project they began in 2015 to catalogue evaluation efforts in the food sector and developed a financial mobilization scan of food sector funders.
- Cultivating our Capacity, an event designed for our Municipal Regional Food Network, was held, where we revitalized and restructured our family of networks, preparing us for new policy and planning work in 2017.
- A number of new resources were developed, including toolkits on food waste prevention, and another on urban agriculture.
- Designed, populated and launched the Food Initiatives Greenhouse, our online resource-sharing library, with curated content in eight content areas. (<http://sustainontario.com/greenhouse/>)

As with many not-for-profit organizations, funding is always a delicate balance. 2016 saw Sustain Ontario build on collaborations and funding streams that diversified our cash flow and ensured success and progress for the organization.

A huge thank you goes out the Board and the staff for their unflagging energy to bring us to the place we are at today. Sustain Ontario has taken another significant step forward into 2017 with six new core networks that are developing and refining policy cases to shape the future of our activities in the province. Along with the existing Edible Education, Municipal Food Policy and Community Growing Networks, we have added three new Networks in response to member demand: Farming and Farmland; Sustainable Food Enterprises; and Food Justice. These networks are also heading the planning of the main the streams for our 2017 Bring Food Home conference in Ottawa. We hope that you, as current members, will continue adding your voices to our networks and help us strengthen our collective voices to move food and farming issues forward in the province.. If you are not yet a member or associate of Sustain please do consider joining, as we move forward, shaping the future of Ontario's local, sustainable, food systems.

Janet Horner
Chair

Phil Groff
Executive Director

2016 in review

HIGHLIGHTS

- We hosted a networking event called **Cultivating Our Capacity** a day that brought together community leaders and municipal staff from across the province to engage in generating initiatives that will help strengthen local food policy and systems. The event led to the creation of two new networks: **Sustainable Food Enterprise Network** and the **Food Justice Network**
- The release of two policy toolkits: **Reducing Household Food Waste: A Municipal Regional Toolkit** and **Opportunities for Growth: An Urban Agriculture Toolkit**
- The launch of the **Food Initiatives Greenhouse**, a resource sharing library of a growing collection of community-vetted food strategies, tools, and tactics.



FINANCIALS

Revenue	2016	2015 (June-Dec, unaudited)
Grants	\$ 312,823	\$ 120,874
Event Registration & Sponsorship	\$ 17,978	\$ 110,074
Membership	\$ 5,983	\$ 8,194
Other	\$ 17,964	\$ 1,701
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 354,748	\$ 240,843
Expenses		
Personel	\$ 164,430	\$ 66,846
Projects, Events & Travel	\$ 69,100	\$ 67,448
Consultants & Professional Services	\$ 93,562	\$ 49,133
Office Expenses & Admin	\$ 47,158	\$ 28,749
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 374,250	\$ 212,176
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(\$ 19,502)	\$ 28,667

STAFF

Phil Groff - Executive Director
Alice Schuda - Program and Administrative Assistant
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BOARD MEMBERS

Janet Horner (Chair)
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MEMBERS

Roots to Harvest
Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit
Ottawa Valley Food Co-operative, Inc
Harvest Haliburton
Local Food News
Culinary Tourism Alliance
Asparagus Farmers of Ontario
Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy
Peterborough Food Action Network
Toronto Urban Growers
Feeding9Billion
AVOFARM
Land Over Landings Incorporated
Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance
Y U Ranch
ALUS Ontario
Rural Agri-Innovation Network (RAIN)
Ecological Farmers of Ontario
York Region Food Network
Farms at Work, a project of Tides Canada Initiatives
Ontario Farmland Trust
Green Thumbs Growing Kids
Artisan Farms Direct Ltd.
Greater Sudbury Food Policy Council
Kids' Growing City
Goderich BIA Farmers Market (Goderich BIA)
Round The Bend Farm

Neighbour to Neighbour Centre
Just Food
Nutrition Resource Centre (Ontario Public Health Association)
Community Food Centres Canada
The Ontario Produce Marketing Association
FoodShare Toronto
The Stop Community Food Centre
Ecosource
Halton Food Council
Ontario Water Centre (Clear water farm)
Black Creek Community Farm
Dietitians of Canada
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
Loving Spoonful
Hamilton Sustainable Victory Gardens Inc.
Social Planning Council of Sudbury
Ontario Student Nutrition Program
Southwest Region (VON Canada Ontario Branch)
Pfenning's Organic Vegetables Inc
Toronto Food Policy Council/Toronto Food Strategy
Beau's All Natural Brewing Company Limited
Localize Services Inc.
Local Line
Eat Local Sudbury Co-operative
RakeAround Inc.
Langford Conservancy

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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Sustain Ontario Networks

- Ontario's Edible Education Network
- Municipal Food Policy Network
- Community Growing Network
- Sustainable Food Enterprise Network
- Food Justice Network
- Farming and Farmland Network

About Sustain Ontario

Sustain Ontario is a province-wide, cross-sectoral alliance that promotes healthy food and farming. Our mission is to provide coordinated support for the development of food systems throughout the province that are healthy, equitable, ecologically resilient, and financially viable through collaborative action.



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