

2015 Annual Report



the alliance for healthy food & farming

Letter From The Chair & Executive Director

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Greetings Everyone,

2015 certainly turned out to be a momentous year for Sustain Ontario--a year of many transitions. For the past seven years, this organization has been a project of Tides Canada. Following an extensive strategic planning process, we moved this organization from Tides to an incorporated not-for-profit complete with a new Executive Director, a new office, new staff and a new Board of Directors. As you can well imagine, the transition process was not without challenges, but this organization is standing soundly on an ever increasing number of members who are working for healthy, sustainable and equitable food systems.

While we spent a lot of our time on governance, we also managed to re-energize this organization with new partnerships, projects and meetings. Sustain Ontario and FoodShare Toronto were funded to catalogue evaluation efforts in the food sector and develop a financial mobilization scan of food sector funders. We held a successful event, Growing a Local Food Strategy, for our Municipal Regional Food Policy Network and developed a toolkit on local food procurement for the broader public sector. One of our highlights was the successful Bring Food Home: Digging Deeper conference in Sudbury. The warm welcome to Sudbury, a great local committee and attendees from across the province ensured that the roots of this organization are strong and healthy. We managed to do all of that, and still finish out the year in the black, with a modest reserve in the bank.

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. Our momentum has continued to build in 2016, and we look confidently to the future. We hope that those of you who are members find value in adding your voice to ours, and that those of you who are not yet members, consider joining as members or associates, as we continue to work collaboratively for important change in Ontario's food systems.

Janet Horner
Chair

Phil Groff
Executive Director

2015 in review

HIGHLIGHTS

- Our biennial conference **Bring Food Home** in Sudbury brought 270 participants from across the province for three days of local tours, panel discussions, workshops, farmer training, and action planning.
- We released the first of three toolkits, **Local Sustainable Food Procurement for Municipalities and the Broader Public Sector**.
- In partnership with FoodShare, we worked with Eco-Ethnomics on **Financial Mobilization Scan and Collective Impact Mapping** to access the local food funding, and evaluation landscapes in Ontario. We also developed evaluation tools and resources to enhance the capacity of food organizations in Ontario.



FINANCIALS

Revenue

2015

Grants	\$120,874
Event Registration & Sponsorship	\$109,704
Membership	\$8,194
Other	\$2,071
TOTAL REVENUE	\$240,843

Expenses

Personnel	\$66,846
Events & Travel	\$67,448
Consultants & Professional Services	\$49,133
Office Expenses & Admin	\$28,749
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$212,176
excess of revenues over expenditures	\$28,667

2015 STAFF

Phil Groff - Executive Director
Alice Schuda - Program and Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Kucharczyk - Program and Communications Coordinator
Carolyn Webb - Ontario Edible Education Network Coordinator

BOARD MEMBERS

Janet Horner (Chair)
Meredith Hayes (Secretary/Treasurer)
Pat Learmonth
Lynn Roblin
Phil Mount

2015 MEMBERS

Afri-Can FoodBasket
Alfred College Community Council Inc
ALUS Ontario
Artisan Farms Direct Ltd.
Asparagus Farmers of Ontario
AVOFARM
Beretta Farms
Bryan Family Farm
Caledon Countryside Alliance
Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA)
Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit
Charles Ramcharan
Community Food Centres Canada
David Cohlmeier Consulting
Dietitians of Canada
Dinsmore Farm
Dobson's Grass Fed Beef Farm
Ecological Farmers of Ontario
Ecosource
ei-ei-eat
Everdale
Evergreen
Farms at Work, a project of Tides Canada Initiatives
FarmStart
Feeding9Billion
Food Forward
Food Matters Windsor Essex County
FoodShare Toronto
Forgotten Harvest Canada
GNH Hospitality Consultants

Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance
Goderich BIA
Greater Sudbury Food Policy Council
Green Thumbs Growing Kids
Guelph-Wellington Food Round Table
Halton Food Council
Harvest Haliburton
Homestead Organics Ltd
Huron Food Action Network
Informa Market Research Co. Ltd.
Just Food
Kids' Growing City
Lanark Local Flavour
Land Food People Foundation
Landmark Group
Langford Conservancy
Local Organic Food Co-ops Network
Localine
Localize Services Inc.
Locavore News
London Community Resource Centre
Long Point Honey Company
LoonSong Garden
Loving Spoonful
Manotick Village Butcher
My Sustainable Canada
National Farmers Union - Ontario
Neighbour to Neighbour Centre
Nutrition Resource Centre
Oakville Sustainable Food Partnership
ojo eat local
Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance
Ontario Farmland Trust
Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition
Ontario Nature
Orillia Food Council
Ottawa Valley Food Co-operative, Inc
Peterborough Community Food Network
Pfenning's Organic Vegetables Inc
Rad Kids
Rainbow Food Education Foundation
Roots to Harvest
Rural Agri-Innovation Network
Simcoe County Farm Fresh Marketing Association
SmartAPPetite Project
Social Planning Council of Greater Sudbury
T/E GrassRoots Growers
The Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network - Le Réseau Agroalimentaire de l'Est ontarien
The Laurier Centre for Sustainable Food Systems
The Local Community Food Centre
The Stop Community Food Centre
The Sweet Potato
Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
Toronto Food Policy Council
Toronto Non-GMO Coalition
Toronto Urban Growers
True North Community Co-operative
UHN Energy & Environment
Waterloo Region Food System Roundtable
Wayne Roberts, Consultant
Windsor Essex County Community Garden Collective
Y U Ranch
York Region Food Network



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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 productive, equitable and sustainable food and farming systems that support the health and wellbeing of all people in Ontario, through collaborative action.

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