



the alliance for healthy food & farming

2017-2018 Annual Report

2017 – 2018 Highlights

Achieved by dedicated staff, members, networks and volunteers

2017 In Review

Sustain Ontario Networks: Working Together for a Better Ontario Food System

Sustain Ontario networks worked in partnership with student researchers to create policy position papers around issues that matter to them. The networks met four times virtually leading up to an in-person meeting at Bring Food Home 2017. Our six networks were also a key component of setting the direction and vision for the Bring Food Home program and for completing their policy reports for inclusion in a final report. The complete policy papers can be accessed online at **Bring Food Home** or **Sustain Ontario's Network and Working Groups** website pages.

Sustain Ontario Networks:

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

Bring Food Home 2017

Sustain Ontario worked in partnership with the Sustain Ontario Networks and the Eastern Ontario Local Food Conference to put on a successful Bring Food Home 2017 event with over 250 people gathering in Ottawa Oct 27-29th to engage in conversations around Ontario's Food System. Each of our networks provided policy papers which cumulated in our final report. You can read the final report of the networks policy position papers called, "**Good Food and Farming Ideas for Ontario**", also available in **Sustain Ontario's Greenhouse Resource Library**.

Growing Out: Evaluation and Impact Youth Grown Tools

This project (led by Sustain Ontario and FoodShare) empowered youth who participate in food programs throughout Ontario to evaluate and share their experiences of the impacts and processes of these projects, in ways that were authentic to them.

Part of this project involved training youth evaluators. Sustain Ontario worked with Groundswell, FoodShare, Greenest City, Green Thumbs Growing Kids, and Roots to Harvest to engage a group of ten talented young people. These past participants of youth-focused food programs were given the task of evaluating the experiences and impacts of these programs. Youth researchers in the program learned about program evaluation, created evaluation tools, used the evaluation tools to collect data, analyzed the data gathered and presented their findings to the organizations involved in the project and at Bring Food Home 2017.



Ontario Food and Nutrition Strategy

The Ontario Food and Nutrition Strategy (OFNS) is an expert- and evidence-informed plan for healthy food and food systems in Ontario. Sustain Ontario worked with partners to launch the strategy at OMAFRA in January 2017. We also contributed to presentations at Food Secure Canada and Bring Food Home. While the OFNS has not identified priority outcomes, it has established a number of broad goals to work towards along with directions and action areas, many of which focus on children and youth. The strategy and background documents are hosted on the Sustain Ontario **OFNS website**.

2018 In Review

PGP Evaluation Project

Sustain Ontario, Eco-Ethnomics and FoodShare partnered to review evaluation projects and tools and build a Collective Impact Map for Ontario's Food Movement. This collective impact map was developed with input from hundreds of sector stakeholders and communicates many child & youth-focused indicators and outcomes.

Farm to School: Canada Digs In!

In 2018, as a partner in the Farm to School: Canada Digs In! Initiative, Sustain Ontario continued to work with Farm to Cafeteria Canada to deliver and support schools in implementing Farm to School Salad Bar grants across Ontario. In 2018, 11 new schools received up to \$10,000 thanks to the Farm to School Canada Grants program, bringing the number of supported schools in Ontario up to 32.

Coalition for Healthy School Food

Throughout this period Sustain Ontario was an active and engaged member of the Coalition for Healthy School Food, a Network of Food Secure Canada that is advocating for a federal investment in a cost-shared, universal national school food program. In 2018 Carolyn Webb, Sustain Ontario's Edible Education Network Coordinator, also coordinated the Coalition and has, since transitioning out of that role, put significant effort towards the network's development and communications efforts.

Vote ON Food and Farming

In 2018 Sustain Ontario conducted two **Vote ON Food and Farming** campaigns for the provincial and municipal elections. Building from research conducted by the Networks and affiliated student researchers, we unveiled a 4-page policy document, an election flyer for distribution at all-candidates meetings, and a postcard posing 12 Big Questions for candidates. The website provided supporting background material ('Issues and Evidence') and each of the big ideas in greater detail. These policy recommendations remain timely.



Financials

Sustain Ontario, The Alliance for Healthy Food and Farming

Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2018 (Unaudited — see Notice to Reader).

Year	2018	2017
Revenue		
Grants	82,091	383,642
Events	19,400	75,317
Membership fees	6,868	6,880
Contributions	-	3,012
Other	-	932
	\$ 108,359	\$ 469,783
Expenses		
Wages and benefits	62,708	152,658
Outside Services	25,228	183,978
Website	9,974	8,477
Professional fees	6,038	12,324
Subscription fees	5,268	7,050
Rent	4,800	18,090
Insurance	4,533	5,681
Event costs	1,771	42,266
Travel	1,252	29,199
Bank charges	1,252	2,634
Office and general	195	2,528
Telephone	67	1,880
Meals and entertainment	50	1,603
Supplies	24	3,884
Professional development	-	914
Amortization	383	548
	\$ 123,543	\$ 473,714
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(\$ 15,184)	(\$ 3,931)



Members and Associate Members, 2017 – 2018

Members

ALUS Ontario	Greater Sudbury Food Policy Council
Arrell Food Institute	Green Thumbs Growing Kids
Artisan Farms Direct Ltd.	Halton Food Council
Asparagus Farmers of Ontario	Hamilton Sustainable Victory Gardens Inc.
AVOFARM	Harvest Haliburton
Barwell Food Sales Inc.	Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance
Beau's All Natural Brewing Company Ltd.	Homestead Organics Ltd.
Black Creek Community Farm	Huron Food Action Network
Bytown Bees	Informa Market Research Co. Ltd.
Canadian Environmental Law Association	Just Food
Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit	Kids' Growing City
Chronic Disease Prevention Team of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit	Kitchen 24
Community Food Centres Canada	Langford Conservancy
David Cohlmeier Consulting	Land Over Landings Incorporated
Dietitians of Canada	Laurentian University School of the Environment
Eat Local Sudbury Cooperative	Local Food and Farm Co-ops
Ecological Farmers of Ontario	Local Line
Ecosource	Locavore News
Farms at Work, A project of Tides Canada Initiatives	Long Point Honey Co.
Feeding9Billion	Loving Spoonful
FoodCore LGL	Moonlight Crofters
FoodNet Ontario	Neighbour to Neighbour Centre
FoodShare Toronto	Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance
FoodWork.ca Work in Local Food	Ontario Farmland Trust
Four Maples Manor	Ontario Public Health Association/Nutrition Resource Centre
Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard	Ontario Water Centre (Clear Water Farm)
Goderich BIA	Organic Council of Ontario
Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance	Ottawa Valley Food Co-operative, Inc.
	Peterborough Community Food Network

Peterborough Food Action Network
Pfenning's Organic Vegetables Inc.
Rainbow Food Education Foundation
RakeAround Inc.
Regional Municipality of Halton
Roots to Harvest
Round The Bend Farm
Rural Agri-Innovation Network (RAIN)
Simcoe County Farm Fresh Marketing Association
Social Planning Council of Sudbury
Supermarket Communications
The Ontario Produce Marketing Association

The Sharing Place Food Bank
The Stop Community Food Centre
Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy
Thunder Bay Country Market
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
Toronto Food Policy Council / Toronto Food Strategy
Toronto Garlic Festival
Toronto Urban Growers
Toward Balance Support Network
VON Canada Ontario Branch
Y U Ranch
York Region Food Network

Associate Members

Lee Adamson
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About Us

Team

Board Members

Phil Mount (Chair)	2015 to 2018
Lynn Roblin	2015 to 2018
Bridget King	2018 to 2018
Meredith Hayes	2015 to 2018
Pat Learmonth	2015 to 2017
Erin Beagle	2017 to 2019
Jeff McCauley	2017
Paul Spence	2018

Advisory Members

Charles Levcoe	2018
Moe Garahan	2018
Thorsten Arnold	2018
Debbie Field	2018
Joseph LeBlanc	2018
Catherine Schwartz-Mendez	2018

Staff & Interns

Phil Groff	Executive Director	2015 to 2018
Carolyn Webb	Ontario Edible Education Coordinator	2015 to present
Josie DiFelice	Communication Support	2016 to present
Shawna Moore	Networks and Program Coordinator	2017
Hayley Green	Events and Communication Coordinator	2017
Kimberly Hill-Tout	Student Intern	2017
Danielle Carrod	Communications Intern	2017

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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