Identifying Opportunities and Barriers for Local Food Infrastructure in Yellowknife

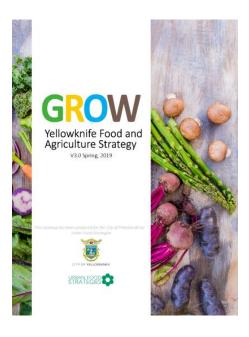














"A just and sustainable food system in Yellowknife is rooted in a healthy community, where everyone has access to adequate and affordable nutritious food; more food [is] grown and harvested locally; and food production policies and infrastructure are in place to support an economically viable, diverse, and ecologically sustainable local food system."

YK Food Charter

PURPOSE

To engage community members to envision a sustainable food system in Yellowknife and provide input to how food infrastructure can improve access to healthy, locally produced food and support community needs and aspirations for a flourishing local food economy.

FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE & FOOD HUBS

Food Infrastructure & Assets

 All of the physical and virtual assets needed to support growing, processing and selling food in a community or region

Food Hubs

- A centralized body that connects "producers" and consumers in a community or region.
- Have assets- (food infrastructure)
 that support the local food
 economy



WHAT INFORMATION WE ARE LOOKING FOR...

- What is your vision for a vibrant local food economy?
- What is needed to support people to grow, process, sell, buy, trade and access local food in Yellowknife?
- How would you like to see local food infrastructure managed over the long-term?

RESEARCH METHODS & TOOLS

WEBINARS

Envision a Sustainable Food System March 25

Learning from Others April 29

Essential Food Infrastructure May 27

Report to Community
June 29

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Desk Research & Case Studies On-going

Food Infrastructure Asset Map On-going

Online surveyApril- June

2 Focus Groups April 29 & May 27

Interviews April-June

ENGAGEMENT

Who Can Participate?

 All Yellowknife residents & people who participate in the local food economy (produce, process, sell, trade, buy etc. local food in YK)

How Can You Get Involved?

- Online survey April- June
- 2 Focus Groups- April 29 & May 27
- Interviews- April- June
- Report to Community June 29 (last webinar)



WHAT WE WILL DO WITH THIS INFO...

- Environmental scan of northern food hubs and food initiatives to be posted to the City of Yellowknife Foodies website
- Report and Presentation to City of Yellowknife Council on community-defined priorities for food infrastructure and programming.
- Support document for funding proposals

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