

## 2014.5 LOCAL & SUSTAINABLE FOOD PROCUREMENT

**Whereas:** Manitoba municipalities and the Province of Manitoba, including all related agencies and institutions, purchase significant amounts of food for its institutions and food services.

**Whereas:** Food is connected to health, the environment, the economy and community. Therefore, the purchase of this food can be used to enhance the local economy and environmental sustainability.

**Whereas:** The Province of Manitoba has committed to sustainable procurement in the Sustainable Development Act, committed to healthy communities through the creation of the Department of Healthy Living, and to the well being of rural communities and our local agricultural producers through the creation of the Department of Manitoba Agriculture, Food, and Rural Development.

**Whereas:** The Province of Manitoba has committed to a two-year pilot project for voluntary institutional purchasers to track and increase their purchasing of local and sustainable food products in partnership with Food Matters Manitoba.

### **Be It Resolved That:**

CCEDNet - Manitoba urge the Manitoban municipalities and the Province of Manitoba to mandate its own departments and agencies (academic institutions, school boards, and health and social service providers) to participate in the pilot and develop a long-term framework to build on this pilot towards local, sustainable procurement by provincial institutions with targets and timelines for incremental implementation.