

2015. 5 Food Policy Councils^{*}

Whereas: There are significant opportunities in Manitoba to enhance food security, green our communities, engage neighbourhoods in urban agriculture, and create economic opportunities in our communities.

Whereas: Chronic diseases related to diet cost our province billions of dollars, with diabetes alone costing \$500 million in 2010.

Whereas: The food economy and food programming are key components of vibrant, healthy communities.

Whereas: Governments can play a key role in facilitating and planning for a food secure community and developing an enabling regulatory structure.

Whereas: Other Canadian jurisdictions have developed food policy councils and food security strategies, fostered cooperation between government departments and community agencies, and encouraged citizen involvement in the food system.

Whereas: Comprehensive food strategies strengthen food security, improve health, and create economic opportunities for producers and processors in a strong local food economy.

Be It Resolved That:

CCEDNet - Manitoba urge the Province of Manitoba and Manitoban municipalities to create Food Policy Councils mandated to develop and implement a food security strategy in partnership with the local food movement and community agencies.

^{*} Replaces resolution [2014 – 10 Municipal Food Policy Councils](#)