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FOOD INSECURITY PRESENTATION

Naomi Wachowiak, Public Health Nurse from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit provided a presentation concerning the food insecurities effecting communities in the City of Barrie and surrounding areas.

Ms. Wachowiak discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Household food insecurity is the poor or unstable access to food due to financial constraints;
- How big is the problem associated with food insecurities in households;
- The statistics associated with the number of households with food insecurities;
- The Canadian Security Survey and local food banks assist in gathering information on the number of households with food insecurities;
- A chart associated with the cost of food and housing in Simcoe County;
- A graph illustrating Barrie's Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) food insecurities from 2007 to 2014;
- The impacts associated to seniors with food insecurities;
- The root cause of food insecurities; and
- Ideas to improve food insecurity such as good income policies, education and awareness.

Members of the Committee asked questions related to the information provided and received responses from the presenter and City staff.