



Legislation Text

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SIMCOE COUNTY FOOD PARTNERS ALLIANCE

Gary Machan, Co-Chair of the Barrie Community Health Centre provided a presentation concerning local food security on behalf of the Simcoe County Food Partners Alliance. He noted that the need for emergency meals has grown tremendously and commented that the food industry is the largest industry in Canada, playing a large role in the local economy. Mr. Machan showed a You Tube video created by Hellmans to demonstrate the challenges associated with importing food and the benefits of local food procurement. He stated that he feels there is a need for all levels of government to demonstrate leadership regarding local food security and requested City Council to support local food suppliers.

Mike Fox of Transition Barrie discussed a number of local food myths and local food facts. He reviewed economic facts related to local farming and requested that City Council develop a local food procurement policy.

Members of City Council asked a number of questions related to local food procurement policies.