



Healthy Kids Community Challenge Update

April 24, 2014

We want to thank everyone involved for their contribution to our Peterborough Region Healthy Kids Community Challenge application. In the end a very impressive application representing the City, County, eight Townships and two First Nations of the Peterborough Area was submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care on March 14, 2014.

Healthy Kids will soon have a page on the Sustainable Peterborough website: <http://sustainablepeterborough.ca>. A full copy of the application will be available there. We understand that over 60 applications from around the province were received. We remain hopeful that Peterborough will be selected to receive support. A specific date for funding announcements has not yet been shared. The Province continues to work on the development of supports related to the Challenge. For example, a Scientific Advisory Committee is meeting now to identify themes. It is expected that the province will announce the first theme to be implemented in the fall of this year. That would suggest we should hear the outcome of our application by early summer. Whether we are successful in the funding bid or not, we are still excited by the opportunities that have been identified to improve the health of children in our communities. We want to maintain some of the momentum that was built through the weeks of collaborating on the application.

Some recent activity and plans for next steps:

March

- An update on the Healthy Kids Application was provided to the Sustainable Peterborough Steering Committee at their March 28 meeting.

April

- The Co Chairs met to review the draft Terms of Reference and Proposed Membership for the Healthy Kids Working group. We want to make sure that we make best use of everyone's time. We are reviewing a matrix of the functions and roles required and the broad representation that we wish to continue to involve for a true community initiative. We are also considering who might contribute on a regular basis in the Healthy Kids Working group, what representation will be needed on other subcommittees or ad hoc groups to develop and support activities in response to provincial themes, and how we can effectively consult with partners through existing groups.

May

- A meeting will be called by the co chairs with a number of partners to review the matrix and provide input to ensure sectors and other aspects of the matrix are represented. The meeting will also include a further review of the draft Terms of Reference and meeting frequency.

Thank you again for your interest and involvement and stay tuned for further updates after the May meeting, or whenever more information is received from the Ministry.

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