Lillooet Agriculture and Food Society
Food Sustainability Conference
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Vision of the KFPC

The Kamloops region has a just and sustainable community food system where food security for all is achieved through the principles of food sovereignty

Mission of the KFPC

The mission of the Kamloops Food Policy Council (KFPC) is to be an open, welcoming network that fosters and strengthens the Kamloops region community food system by working collaboratively to influence policy, share knowledge, stimulate dialogue, catalyze action, and initiate project partnerships.

Overview of our Organization

Programs

Partnerships

Policies

Programs: Gleaning Abundance Program

- Fruit harvesting program

- Harvest is split between volunteers, homeowners, and food programs

- In operation since 2014

- Harvest between 15,000 and 25,000 lbs per year

- Increasing number of recipient agencies

Programs: Social Enterprise

- Processing a portion of excess fruit: Freezing or dehydrating

- Selling fruit for snacks to Boys and Girls Club

- Food Literacy component

- Initial start in 2017

- Pilot project in 2018

Programs: Seed Library

- Purchased a winnower and thresher in spring 2017

- Hosted demonstration at Farmers Market

- Seed Cleaning workshop

- Envision lending equipment in exchange for seed donations to library

Programs: Farm to School

- 3 pillars:
  - Healthy local food
  - Hands on learning
  - Community connectedness (KFPC as network)
- 8 schools in Kamloops Region
- Projects include:
  - Composting
  - Microgreens
  - School gardens
  - Snack programs: smoothies and snack chips
  - Celebration of Learning

Programs: Wild Salmon Caravan

- Indigenous led event
- Caravaners travel from ocean to Adam's River
- Purpose to celebrate and call for the protection of Wild Salmon
- KFPC hosted feast and parade organization

Partnerships: Network Meetings

- Once a month potluck
- Individuals and food agencies share information about local food initiatives
- Educational speakers and topics

Partnerships: Community of Practice

- BC Food System Network project

- Connects Food Policy Councils and food agencies with monthly webinars

- Annual gathering and potential for collective action

Partnerships: Food and Social Services agencies

- We aim to connect and recognize other local food agencies
  - Annual Golden Apple Award
  - Invitations to present at network meetings
  - Donating gleaned produce
  - Join other coalitions
  - Connect gleaning volunteers to other projects

Policy: Food and Urban Agriculture Plan

- Active members on the planning committee

- Key partner with the City of Kamloops for Implementation

- Working together on grant applications for various actions identified through FUAP
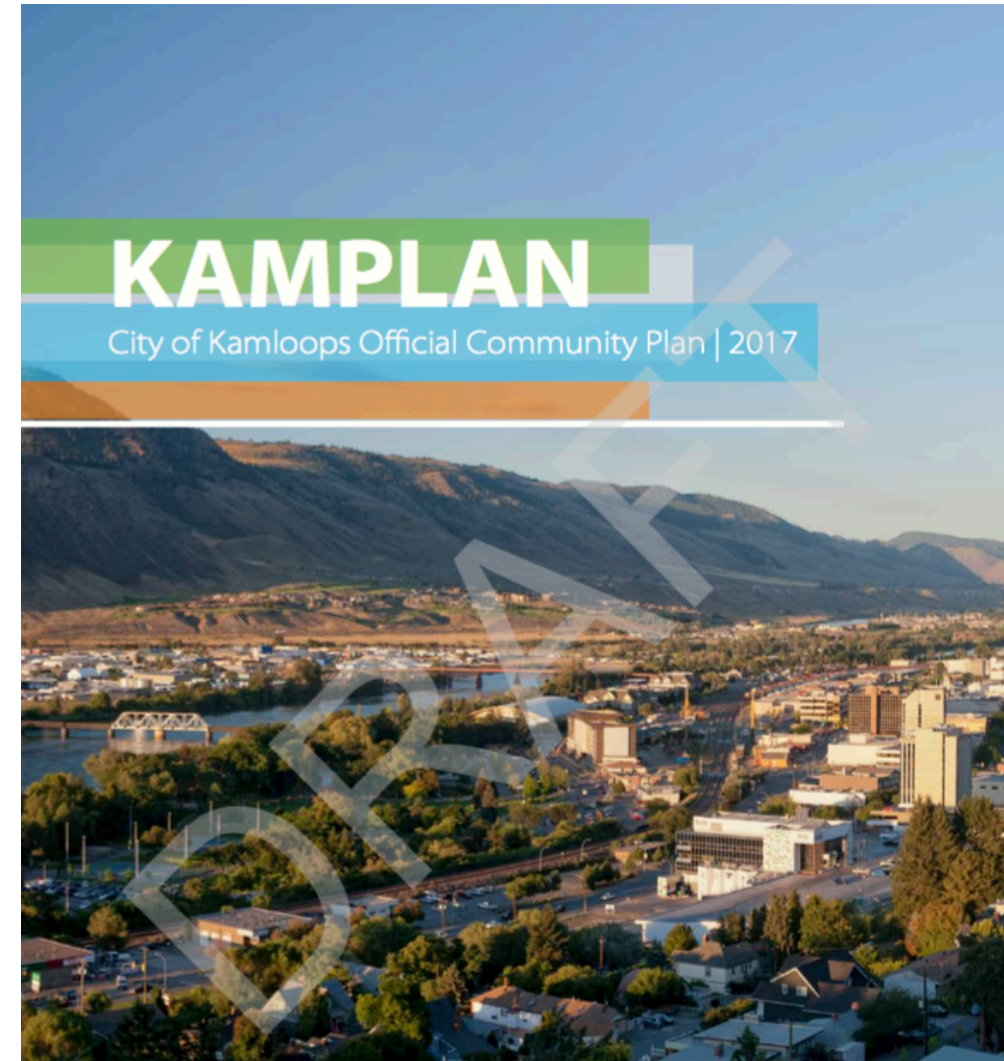
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Food and Urban Agriculture Plan
Harvesting Our Potential

Policy: Official Community Plan

- Advocating for a number of inclusions including food assets as amenities
  - developers can choose to construct community gardens, orchards, kitchens, edible landscaping, food markets, pollinator corridors or onsite composting in exchange for rezoning a property

Policy: Upcoming plans

- TNRD Regional Growth Strategy
- Sustainable Kamloops Plan
- Kamloops Social Plan
- National Food Policy

Indigenous Food Sovereignty

- Requires a shift away from production paradigm
- Changes to case law are important for regional food planning
  - Tsilhqot'in (2014)
    - Title of territory, consent, end to postage stamp theory
- Sovereignty over decisions that impact food sources
  - Wild Salmon Caravan
  - Ex. farmed Salmon, hydro dams, pipelines, genetic modification

Partners and Stakeholders

- City of Kamloops

- Interior Health

- BC Food Systems Network

- Food Secure Canada

- Local food and social agencies

- Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty

- Interior Community Services

Governance

- Registered charity
- Governed by an elected Board of Directors
- Collaborative leadership model (flat staff structure)

Questions?