

LILLOOET FOOD MATTERS 2011

Food Forum Summary

Forum Overview

- Lillooet Food Matters, in partnership with the Ucwalmicw Centre Society, hosted a free public forum that would address Lillooet's food security issues.
- Funded by the Community Food Action Initiative in partnership with Interior Health, to put on.
- The forum, held at Julianne Hall, T'it'q'et, on March 19, 2011, served as an educational and awareness raising event, as well as a community planning process in the form of a brainstorming session.
- It was an extremely successful, inspiring and well-attended event for Lillooet, with over 100 people registered as participants. People came from as far away as 100 Mile House, Vancouver, and Salmon Arm.

Forum Outcomes

- The top priorities for Food Security in Lillooet that were identified at this forum include:
- 1. Education
- 2. Farmer's Market Improvements
- 3. Economic Plan and Policies that support local Agriculture
- 4. Gleaning Project
- 5. Networking
- 6. Mapping orchards, growers, merchants

Forum Actions Implemented

- Education is successfully being implemented by LFM, LAFS and St'at'imc northern communities health departments.
- The Squamish Lillooet Regional District, District of Lillooet and St'at'imc Agriculture Plan has been developed and is now being implemented.
- LFM has supported a community gleaning project for a number of years.
- Networking opportunities are being provided by LFM (eg. Annual Seedy Saturday), LAFS and other groups hosting workshops and meetings such as this one.
- Mapping: LAFS has collaborated with the Squamish Food Council and the Young Agrarians to map our food assets and encourage food producers to register on the YA UMAP online.

For the complete report on the Food Forum, as well as information about Lillooet Food Matters, go to

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