

City of Belleville

Healthy Local Food Policy Readiness

Who Completed the Survey?

Residents (n=468)

66% female; 34% male

57% > age of 50

34% aged 30 - 49

9% aged 18 - 29

Stakeholders (n=30)

Representing:

- Social services
- Other
- Health
- Municipal
- Health NGO
- Education
- Housing
- Law enforcement
- Sports & recreation

In the fall of 2013, the Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Healthy Communities Partnership conducted a situational assessment on healthy eating and active living. The following is a brief summary of findings for the City of Belleville.

Access to Local Food

- ◆ 89% of residents agreed and 92% of stakeholders rated it as important for the City to help farmers sell their food at a wider range of locations such as farmers' markets.
- ◆ 81% of residents agreed and 85% of stakeholders rated it as important for the City to make a plan to help get food from local farms to local people .

Transit & Fresh Food

- ◆ 83% of residents agreed and 89% of stakeholders rated it as important for the City to help provide places to buy fresh food along public transit routes.

Food Skills & Gardening

- ◆ 82% of residents agreed and 89% of stakeholders rated it as important for the City to develop community gardens.

Food Procurement

- ◆ 81% of residents agreed and 81% of stakeholders rated it as important for the City to limit the amount of unhealthy foods available at municipal buildings and increase the amount of healthy foods at these places.

72 % of residents agreed that they would be more likely to vote for a municipal candidate if they support improving access to healthy local food.

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Focus Areas for Policy Development

Most Supported

Municipal policies that increase the number of healthy food sources



Municipal policies that govern municipal actions related to food



Least Supported

Municipal policies that limit the development of unhealthy food sources

