



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS**

**EAST FERRIS COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL BEING PLAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, October 14th, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

ZOOM MEETING

PRESENT: Pauline Rochefort, Claude Champagne, Kari Hanselman, Monique Hawkins, OPP, Sgt. Andrew Sloss, Megan Waqué, Fire Chief Loeffen, Lori Bergin, James Coventry

Presentation: Chantal Degagne. Presentation on Food Insecurity

1. Chair, Pauline Rochefort called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Pauline advised that at today's meeting we would be looking at 2 items: The CSWB Plan - Quick overview of the CSWB Plan Action Items from pages 6, 7, and 8 of the Plan and a presentation from Chantal Degagne which will tie in with Child Care Spaces.

We are proceeding very well with our CSWB Plan. An Active Transportation Committee has been formed. November 2nd they will be having a public consultation at the Community Centre and the plan will be presented to Council on December 14.

In the Municipal Calendar we will be publishing the various hotline numbers such as 911 (Emergency), 211 (Essential Community Services) and 511 (Road Safety)

Monique will contact DNSSAB and request someone from their organization sit on our Advisory Committee to represent Affordable Housing, which will lead to Child Care Spaces and as well form part of the presentation from Chantal Degagne regarding Food Insecurity.

Pauline introduced Chantal Degagne to the Committee. Chantal made her presentation as follows on Food Insecurity. Chantal gave the definition to the committee of Food Insecurity: Insecure access to food in a house - not enough money coming in the resident.

The issue of household food insecurity in Ontario is a real issue these days, especially among families in need with babies 12 months or younger. In addition, it goes without saying that the pandemic has considerably worsened this circumstance. 1 in 6 children in Ontario are food insecure at home.

Chantal is looking at making a difference against this fight and contribute time to a local initiative. She would like to see an establishment of a small food bank cupboard in our community specifically targeting families in need with infants under 12 months of age. This

“baby food cabinet” would offer infant formula, baby diapers, as well as basic baby foods (eg baby food jars, baby cookies, etc.)

Chantal will be retiring in June 2023 and this is something that she would like to engage in. She has a wealth of information and work experience to assist in such a project.

Committee thanked Chantal for her good presentation. The Committee will be looking at a survey that will target families with children and work with DNSSAB.

3. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.