



connecting our community to the work of building a healthy food system
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A **Healthy Food System** is one in which “all residents have access to and can afford to buy safe, nutritious, and culturally-acceptable food that has been produced in an environmentally-sustainable way and that sustains our rural communities.”¹

Food System Roundtable Launches Website, Calls for Members

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Waterloo, ON – The Waterloo Region Food System Roundtable is pleased to announce the public launch of its new website and invites all those interested in working towards a healthier food system in Waterloo Region to register on the site and begin connecting with others who share their interest.

At the same time, the Roundtable is seeking nominations to fill eight vacancies in its membership. The vacant positions are two-year terms, beginning in 2009. Nominations must be received by November 14, 2008.

The main purpose of the Roundtable is to encourage networking among the various sectors and interests in our local food system and to continue to identify and prioritize strategies to improve the food system's health. The Roundtable was established in November 2007 at a public event at Conestoga College in Waterloo, and has been meeting bi-monthly since. A full description of the Roundtable's history, mandate, and current priorities is available on its website at www.wrfoodsystem.ca.

The new website has been designed to function as a place where people of various backgrounds who share an interest in the food system can identify themselves and their interests to each other and work to identify ways of improving the food system's health. The website contains a utility which allows people to post profiles of themselves so that others can connect with them. It also contains a Discussion Forum, information on upcoming food-related events in the region, and a repository for the latest research and sources of information on the food system.

To nominate yourself or a friend to fill one of the eight vacancies on the Roundtable, please send a short description of the person – along with a description of which key interest or sector of the food system the person could speak for on the Roundtable, and what issues are most important to that sector or interest – to Marc Xuereb by Friday, November 14. Please forward this email to friends you think may be interested.

Membership selection decisions will be made on November 19th.

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¹Toward a Healthy Community Food System in Waterloo Region, Region of Waterloo Public Health, November 2005