

Sault & Area Food Summit – A summary of actions from the critical questions exercise

- 1. Increase awareness of local food**
 - a. Develop resources (culturally appropriate food, local sustainable food systems)
 - b. Organize tours (to farms and markets)
 - c. Organize events (i.e. Eat Algoma, Food Summit, Workshops, Seedy Saturday)
 - d. Develop methods to engage media and consumers
- 2. Develop food infrastructure that responds to the local food value chain**
 - a. Food aggregation and distribution
 - b. Online marketplace
 - c. Shared transportation
 - d. Food processing incubator
- 3. Develop the skills necessary for a sustainable food system**
 - a. Teach hands-on food skills and gardening skills
 - b. Get food and agriculture into the curriculum of schools
 - c. Traditional forest food tours
 - d. Develop resources (community garden development, funding/start-up)
- 4. Develop a food strategy and vision for the Sault and Area**
 - a. Develop a food charter – a long-term community vision for food
 - b. Communication of local food resources and information to City/Municipalities
 - c. Lobby for expanding the food sector through policy reform and funding support
 - d. Identify zoning changes and permits/fees that are counterproductive
- 5. Create opportunities for networking the local food value chain (farm to fork)**
 - a. Organize a speed dating event for farmers', processors, distributors, chefs and food service (farm/chef meet & greet)
 - b. Develop a way for new farmers can meet and connect with mentors
- 6. Protection of lands that grow good food**
 - a. Respecting the land – reduce pesticide use and protect sensitive ecosystems