

CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION



To our Members,

In our [Strategic Plan 2020](#), a strategy was identified to review governance structures and accountabilities including goals and vision. Nearing 10 years from the society creation, the Food CHI Board reviewed the initial wording in our founding documents and where we are today.

After several months of deliberations, the Board will present a motion at the Annual General Meeting on February 9, 2017, to rescind the existing purposes of Sooke Region Food CHI Society's constitution and replace with the following purpose, vision and mission statements.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO CURRENT CONSTITUTION:

PURPOSE

Sooke Region Food CHI will promote and advocate for improved community health by encouraging all aspects of sustainable food sources.

VISION

That all citizens of our coastal region will have access (opportunity, knowledge and resources) to produce, acquire, eat, enjoy and celebrate nutritious local food.

We envision a vibrant, sustainable food culture and cuisine rooted in viable local production, historical and First Nations knowledge and environmental stewardship.

MISSION

Sooke Region Food CHI will:

- Support local food production and food security for all.
- Assist in preparing local food strategies, agricultural plans and food growing opportunities including hands-on training.

2012 – CURRENT CONSTITUTION PURPOSE:

1. *To grow and provide food and food growing opportunities to support the hungry in the community by establishing, operating and maintaining community gardens and food recover programs.*
2. *To educate the community about the need for and importance of local food production through workshops, seminars, community consultation, skill training, collaboration and mentoring.*
3. *To educate the public on agriculture and farming.*



Sooke Food CHI Action Plan 2017		Timeline	Members	Health	Food Producers	Community	Interested in Volunteering?
NEW 2017							
1	Confirm Food CHI's updated Purpose, Vision, Mission	February	x	x	x	x	Board
2	Volunteers: Identify opportunities and deliver positive volunteer experience through the creation of "position descriptions" and debriefs for major events.	Dec-Aug	x			x	Board
3	Create Food CHI Founding Bursary for local student in agriculture or food education	June				x	volunteers needed
4	Support Farmer2Farmer Learning	February			x		Board
5	Deliver Three Workshops for food producers and home gardeners	Fall /winter	x		x		volunteers needed
6	Explore opportunities for shared equipment/tools, eg apple press	summer			x	x	volunteers needed
ONGOING							
7	Strengthen and maintain relationships with local governments, staff and decision makers	Jan-Dec				x	Board
8	Support for Sunriver Attotment Gardens	Dec-Jan	x			x	Board
9	Support for Sunriver Community Orchard	spring-fall	x	x		x	volunteers needed
10	Review Grow-A-Grow Program and funding	winter/spring		x		x	volunteers needed
11	Annual General Meeting and Guest presentation	February	x			x	Board
12	Business: Maintain webpages, newsletter, social media	ongoing			x		volunteers needed
13	Seedy Saturday - annual event (fundraising)	Feb 25.	x	x	x		volunteers needed
14	Awareness Film Night - annual event (collaborative)	Apr 12.	x		x	x	volunteers needed
15	Partnerships: Sooke Fall Fair, Sooke Rotary Auction	ongoing				x	Board
16	Food CHI rack card update	February			x	x	volunteer needed
17	Communities in Bloom - host lunch at Sunriver Community Gardens	July	x			x	volunteers needed
18	Apple Fest - annual event (fundraising)	Sept 30.	x	x	x	x	volunteers needed
19	Gleaning: provide a supportive role and call for volunteers	Aug-Oct	x			x	volunteers needed