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## Toronto Food Policy Council 2016 Membership Update

Toronto Food Policy Council members donate their time, energy, skill and experience to keep Toronto Public Health abreast of emerging policy issues, trends, challenges and possibilities related to fostering an equitable, sustainable food system.

Members represent a spectrum of Toronto's diverse populations, neighbourhoods and sectors, and bring Toronto Public Health insights about food security needs, capacities and opportunities across the city. One member is appointed by the Toronto Board of Health, three are members of Toronto City Council, two are members of rural and farm communities near the Greater Toronto Area, two are members of the Toronto Youth Food Policy Council, and the remaining members are residents of Toronto or the region who bring knowledge and experience from a range of sectors and communities across the city. Council members are appointed for three year term. Terms are staggered, and length of term remaining for each member is indicated below.

# **City Council Members**

MARY FRAGEDAKIS (City Councillor, appointed until October 31, 2018) was elected to Toronto City Council in 2010. As a life-long resident of Ward 29, she brings extensive business expertise and strong community-building experience to her role as Councillor. Prior to her election, she served as Vice President of a business-to-business conference company. In 2008, her company was awarded Best Overall Performance for Small Business in Toronto. The award also won Mary recognition for her green advocacy efforts in promoting conferences dedicated to eco-marketing and best practices. Mary is fiscally prudent, having completed the Canadian Securities Course and held several positions in the financial sector. Mary's dedication to community services led her to co-found the Broadview Community Youth Group (BCYG) in 2007 to engage East York youth from all walks of life in activities to build self-confidence, self-worth and a strong sense of community. As Board Vice President, she has been instrumental in building bridges and partnerships with local charities, not-for profits, businesses and government agencies to expand the BCYG, which recently moved into larger quarters at the Danforth Baptist Church on the Danforth. She has worked to break down barriers for people of all cultural and socio-economic backgrounds as an outreach community volunteer of the Royal Ontario Museum for 15 years. With her dedication to the arts, Mary participated in the first pilot project in Toronto to make many of Ontario's public museums and galleries more accessible to new Canadians.

**MARY-MARGARET MCMAHON** (City Councillor, appointed until October 31, 2018) is an activist, a realist, and a champion of community and collectivism. A catalyst of change, she is a natural connector and fights hard for what she believes in. Councillor McMahon is committed to nurturing the integrity of Ward 32 and this vibrant city through a sustainable partnership between community *and* councillors. She believes in uniting the city to face challenges together, where good things come from combined engagement and efforts. She's loyal to citizens, good ideas and effective execution. Councillor McMahon is committed to working hard on all her campaign promises, not only for the common good of all Ward 32 constituents, but for all residents of Toronto.

**JOE MIHEVC** (City Councillor, Chair of the Board of Health, appointed until October 31, 2018) has served the midtown area as City Councillor for the former City of York and the new City of Toronto. His deep concern for social issues has led him to be an advocate for strong neighbourhoods, healthy communities, a clean environment and safe streets. Joe has a M.A. and Ph.D. in Theology and Social Ethics. He has served in a variety of capacities that have allowed him to demonstrate his concerns for democratic, accessible and responsible government. Joe was elected Chair of the Board of Health in February 2013. As Vice Chair of the Board from 2010 to 2012, his accomplishments include championing the city's Student Nutrition Program.

### New Members (appointed until October 31, 2019)

**DANIEL BENDER** is the Canada Research Chair in Global Culture, a professor of history and food studies, and the director of the Culinaria Research Centre at the University of Toronto. The author and editor of three books, his research focuses on histories of food, empire, and tourism. He is also a co-convenor of the international partnership "City Food: Lessons from People on the Move," an academic-public partnership that examines the culinary infrastructure of diverse cities. It includes partners in New York, Sydney, Delhi, Tokyo, Shanghai, Turin, and Singapore.

**LETICIA BOAHEN** is the Director of Black Creek Community Farm and a long-time resident in the Jane and Finch community. She has over 10 years' experience in community development working as a community organizer and a Community Development Worker with Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre. She is a new board member to USC Canada and is currently pursuing her Masters in Environmental Studies at York University.

**ANDREA BOUCAUD** who is known to many as "PEACHTREE", is an advocate for and supporter within the grassroots organizing and community development spaces. Part of this work involves participating in the Community Health Centre GTA Food Security table. She has worked within the community development and the arts for over 15 years in many roles including small business creation, advocacy and social justice all while maintaining her passion for fashion. She is a mother, daughter, social justice advocate, an ancient soul and an African woman in the diasporia re-learning how to grow good food everyday.

**HALA CHAOUI** After a PhD in agricultural engineering Hala worked as an academic researcher (2 Post Docs) and at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. She published her research related to plant and soil health including papers on using earthworms and electricity to turn waste into fertilizer in peer reviewed journals (cited 230 times). She also authored government factsheets on processing organic waste through earthworms. More recently, she created excel programs as a technical manager, to make data more accessible to the community of agronomic crop growers. She has also developed products for urban farming, including the Suspended Garden and Earthworm Crate. The goal of these products is to turn kitchens into micro farms, where waste is processed and used to fertilize indoor vertical gardens.

**ADELINE COHEN B** is an agricultural engineer by background. She has spent seven years as a marketing and market research consultant before focussing the next seven years on sustainable and local food issues in the catering and hospital sectors. She currently wears two hats. She dedicates half of her time as a Senior Fellow at University Health Network's design and innovation shop "OpenLab", where she pursues initiatives aiming at raising the profile of local and sustainable food in health care. The second half of her time is devoted to the Halton Food Council, where she serves as Community Food Network Manager with the objective to raise awareness of food system opportunities and issues across the Halton region.

**KATIE GERMAN** (sharing TFPC membership position with Utcha Sawyers) is the Field to Table Schools and Grants Senior Manager at FoodShare Toronto where she manages school based food literacy programs and social enterprises including School Grown schoolyard farms and the Good Food Cafe healthy high school cafeteria program. She is a certified high school teacher and has 5 years of experience managing viable urban farming social enterprises in Toronto and Vancouver - focusing on turning brown fields, parking lots, and school rooftops into market gardens that create employment opportunities for youth. Committed to food justice, her work is rooted in anti-oppression, equity based pedagogies, and a critique of whiteness in the food movement.

**ADAM LARIVIERE** is the Director of Hospitality Programs for the YMCA of Greater Toronto. In his role, Adam oversees the delivery of the YMCA Culinary Skills Training Program, which provides employment skills to youth and adults through social enterprise operations and food production for several partner agencies. Adam also provides thought leadership in other food related aspects of the YMCA's programming across the GTA, and in the development of an organizational food strategy. Adam has worked in a variety of restaurants, catering companies, and other food service environments across Canada, representing a diverse range of cultural cuisines. Adam's experience has provided him with valuable insights into food service operations, employment and education. Adam has a Diplôme de Cuisine from Le Cordon Bleu Paris Ottawa Culinary Arts Institute; Red Seal certification; and a Certificate in Food Security from Ryerson University.

**KIMBERLY MONTGOMERY RAWLINGS** is a small business owner, who recently opened a Canadian Food focused restaurant with her husband & Chef, Guy Rawlings. Her background is in Public Relations, Promotions, Sponsorship & Event Logistics. She's

worked for such Toronto institutions as: Citytv & CP24, Pride Toronto, CMWs, to name a few. Kim has cultivated a broad network through her varied experiences hosting cultural, corporate, media, fundraising & private events at venues and festivals throughout the city. Kim aims to bring her enthusiasm for community engagement and sincere respect for food activism to the TFPC.

**LORI NIKKEL** has twenty years of direct hands on and senior leadership experience within the food security sector; locally, provincially, and nationally. She is an exceptionally passionate champion for social justice and food issues, known for her strength in resource development, building strategic partnerships and direct program delivery expertise. Lori played an instrumental role in the Ontario Government's increase of their funding commitment by more than \$32 million dollars to support child nutrition throughout Ontario. For the past several years Lori has focused her attention on ensuring healthy surplus food is rescued and delivered to agencies in Toronto through her work at Second Harvest, and is working to expand this reach throughout Ontario and into Quebec. Former employment positions include her having served as: Director of Schools with Food Share, Director of Development & Strategic Initiatives with Breakfast Clubs of Canada, Vice President Community and Organizational Development with Breakfast for Learning, and most recently Director of Programs and Partnerships with Second Harvest.

**TARA PEARSON** (youth member) is Vice-Chair of the Toronto Youth Food Policy Council and a Master's student in Environmental Studies at York University. Her Master's work is focused on food policy and community-driven food systems change, looking at access issues in the food system. As field work Tara has supported the TFPC's *Food By Ward: Food Assets and Opportunities* resource as well as the ongoing Food Champions initiative. Tara's major research looks critically at the policy and practice of food waste management in the city of Toronto.

**JENELLE REGNIER-DAVIES** From catering to baking, gardening and food skill instructing, Jenelle has fifteen years of diverse experience in the food sector. In her search for more meaningful engagement with food, Jenelle received a Bachelor of Environmental Studies with a minor in Geography from York University. Jenelle also completed her MA in Geography at the University of Waterloo, studying household food security in Chinese communities. Though she is interested in a wide spectrum of food issues, Jenelle is most passionate about food justice, food education and citizenship in urban regions. For the past three years Jenelle has been developing and facilitating community-based programming in Scarborough and working with food security networks within the region to improve awareness of food and environmental issues. Jenelle's main passion and life goal is to help Toronto citizens build a more sustainable, environmentally resilient, and socially just, localized food system.

**MELANA ROBERTS** (youth member) is Chair of the Toronto Youth Food Policy Council, an arm of the TFPC recognized as representing the youth voice in food policy in Toronto. She also supports constituency issues and policy development with the office of City Councillor Joe Mihevc. Formerly Coordinator of Malvern's Action for Neighourhood Change Initiative, she project managed a number of food security initiatives, including Scarborough's first 2-acre urban farm. With an interest in improving access and equity in Toronto, Melana strives to advance civic engagement through developing tools and resources that empower youth communities and underrepresented groups to drive their own development. In her spare time, Melana supports project coordination for the TFPC's Food By Ward: Food Assets and Opportunities, a ward by ward mapping tool; and their ongoing Food Champions initiative. She also sits as a Board member for FoodShare, a Community Advisor for Meal Exchange and is part of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health's National Youth Advisory Council. Melana holds an MA in International Development Studies from York University, with specializations in rural agriculture, community development and community health systems.

**LISA SLATER** has a career with food that spans in-depth experience in wholesale and retail; start-ups and established businesses; and public and private enterprises. She is a hands-on leader whose passion for providing healthy food is exceeded only by her desire to make it accessible and affordable to all. She is a published cookbook author; co-founder of the all-women's chef event Eat to the Beat on behalf of Willow Breast Cancer and Support Service; a former board member of the Whole Kids Foundation and an award-winning Store Team Leader during her 14 year career at Whole Foods Market, Ontario.

### **Current Members**

**SABINA ALI** (second term, appointed until October 31, 2019) is the Project Coordinator for Thorncliffe Park Women's Committee and is committed to community development initiatives and food security. She manages a seasonal Good Food Market in partnership with FoodShare with the goal of encouraging healthy eating in her neighbourhood. This market also includes freshly prepared food, clothing and jewellery vendors, and activities for children and performances. Her aim is to create social and economic opportunities for the women in the community. She is currently involved in a community food growing project that is focused on healthy food growing, community engagement and creating opportunities for women to build the foundation of social enterprises based on food. She is interested in strengthening food security programming, food education and starting up a community kitchen in the Thorncliffe Park neighbourhood.

**ARSEMA BERHANE** (on leave, second term, appointed until October 31, 2019) is the Manager of Revitalization and Renewal Communities at Toronto Community Housing, where she develops, implements and monitors community development initiatives, systems, policies, and procedures in a project management capacity as a key support to revitalize communities. Arsema strives to advance a vision of community building through resident engagement, civic action and community development and has been working in the social service sector for the past 17 years. With a firm belief in Anti-Oppression and Social Justice work, Arsema devotes her time advocating for systemic transformation and creating inter-sectorial linkages to better serve multi-barriered communities across the GTA. She is, a founding member of the Eritrean Youth Collective, the Board Chair of FoodShare Toronto, and an alumni of the Creative Institute for Toronto's Young (CITY) Leaders. Arsema has also served as Co-Chair of the Ontario

Youth Matter! Campaign, lobbying all levels of government to develop a coordinated youth policy framework for the province of Ontario.

**SONIA DHIR** (second term, appointed until October 31, 2018) is a Project Manager for the Humber River Watershed at the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). Sonia has a Masters degree in Environmental Planning and Management from York University and a Life Sciences degree from the University of Toronto. Her primary responsibilities involve establishing partnerships, engaging the community in watershed management, environmental advocacy, implementing environmental projects, facilitating near urban agriculture on public land, and communicating watershed health through the media, presentations and special events. At TRCA, Sonia has led and worked on various environmental monitoring and reporting initiatives. She has developed leading edge agricultural policies for thousands of acres of conservation lands and manages TRCA's urban agriculture initiatives in the Toronto Region. Sonia is also a full member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and a Registered Professional Planner.

**ALEX DOW** (Vice-Chair, second term, appointed until October 31, 2019) is the Director of Neighbourhood Initiatives at United Way Toronto & York Region overseeing United Way's community hubs, Action for Neighbourhood Change and tower renewal activities. Alex was the former Program Director at Malvern Family Resource Centre in north-east Scarborough. Since 2009 he has worked on community food security initiatives and has used food as an effective local catalyst for community development. His work included improving local conditions and resident leadership to support urban farms, community market spaces, student nutrition programs, local food procurement, and documenting food histories among other things. Central to this work has been a philosophy of working collaboratively with residents to create local spaces for food advocacy and action. Alex is committed to bridging the work of the Toronto Food Policy Council with neighbourhoods across Toronto and ensuring that local residents are engaged in solving Toronto's food challenges.

**TANIA FERNANDES** (appointed until October 31, 2018) is the Manager of the Healthy Kids Community Challenge at the Rexdale Community Health Centre. In this role, she works with local partners to design programs, policies and environmental supports to create a healthier Rexdale for children and their families. Tania is also the co-founder and coordinator of Rexdale's annual Foodie Festival, which connects community members to local caterers, food programs and advocacy initiatives. She has previously worked as a Health Promoter and is a recent graduate the Master of Public Health program at the University of Waterloo.

**RACHEL GRAY** (Chair, appointed until October 31, 2018) is the Executive Director of The Stop Community Food Centre. Rachel has worked in the community services sector for over 20 years, most recently as the Director of National Initiatives at Eva's Initiatives, where she helped build capacity in the youth-serving sector across the country. She also helped develop, and served as the Manager of Housing at Eva's Phoenix. She previously worked at the Stephen Lewis Foundation, and as a special assistant to the Minister of Health for the Province of Ontario. She brings with her a wealth of community engagement, fundraising, and communications experience.

**SUNDAY HARRISON** (second term, appointed until October 31, 2019) is the founder and executive director of Green Thumbs Growing Kids, a community-based non-profit that empowers children, youth and families to garden on school and park lands, and to use freshly grown food in classroom recipes. Programs take place primarily at four inner-city elementary schools. Sunday recently completed a Masters in Environmental Studies, with a concurrent Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Sustainability Education at York University. She also initiated a province-wide awareness campaign called Imagine A Garden in Every School. Her interest in school food and environmental policy led her to seek a position on the TFPC.

**JANET HORNER** (farmer, second term, appointed until October 31, 2019) is the Executive Director for the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance and the Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Action Committee. The Alliance oversees the implementation of the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Action Plan by working with farmers, rural and urban municipalities, the province and industry to ensure that the Food and Farming Cluster in the Golden Horseshoe is growing and vibrant. Janet's skills lie in group facilitation and consensus building as she has trained adults and youth in small business start-ups and encourages dialogue between urban and rural residents on land use and food issues. Janet is a partner in the family business, Whitfield Farms Ltd., a cash crop operation in Dufferin County, and for 30 years, operated Whitfield Farms Catering. Janet volunteers her time as a Steering Committee member of Sustain Ontario. She is also Chair of the board of the Rural Ontario Institute, an organization that develops leaders, initiates dialogue, supports collaboration and promotes action on issues and opportunities facing rural Ontario.

**TINASHE KANENGONI** (appointed until October 31, 2018), is connected to the community food security and food justice movement. He has a York University Masters in Environmental Studies that focused on food, waste, and energy sustainability. He is currently the project lead with Seed to Table, an organization that does work around food literacy, youth leadership and food enterprises out of the East Scarborough Storefront and Rosalie Hall. Tinashe is working on a start-up soil fertility management company that will be making aerated compost teas. He has over 10 year experience in community food animation and was the first community food security coordinator for the City of Toronto in the Lawrence Heights neighbourhood. Tinashe grew up in a cash crop farming and gardening family in Zimbabwe. He has worked for FoodShare, the Toronto Food Animators, the Afri-Can Foodbasket, North York Harvest Food Bank, and has also worked on local food enterprises through Toronto Public Health's Healthy Corner Store initiative.

**JOSHNA MAHARAJ** (appointed until October 31, 2018) is a busy chef with big ideas about good food! Joshna's strong social justice and sustainability ethics are rooted in her time at The Stop, where she built innovative and delicious community food programs.

Since then, she has supported numerous community organizations and projects trying to build a more sustainable food system. Recently, Joshna has been working with institutions in Toronto building new models for institutional food procurement, production and service, proving that the institution is a viable tool for social change. Joshna is currently an expert panelist on TVO's The Agenda with Steve Paikin and makes regular appearances on CBC radio. She is also a two-time TEDx speaker and recently made the shortlist of nominees for the inaugural Basque Culinary World Prize recognizing chefs who use gastronomy to create social change.

SHIRIN MANDANI (appointed until October 31, 2018) has over 20 years of leadership experience in the Canadian and International not-for-profit organizations focussing on Social Enterprise. Shirin is the Executive Director, of The Canadian Maple Tree Foundation and has Master's in Public Policy Administration and Law from York University, Master's in Educational leadership from Mumbai University in India and a Post degree diploma in Not-for-Profit Management from University of Western Ontario. She served two terms as a national board of director for Aga Khan Education Services, in India, playing an active role in enhancement of primary education programs funded by European Union. She sits on the board of Arab Community Centre of Toronto and CASSA. She was instrumental to setting up food security for seniors and economic empowerment programs through food catering by immigrant women at Reh'ma Community Service.

**BARRY MARTIN** (second term, appointed until October 31, 2019) is the Founder and Principal of Hypenotic, a full service communications and design firm. Over the past 14 years, Barry has worked with a number of food and farm organizations in Ontario, including Sustain Ontario - The Alliance for Healthy Food and Farming, the Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance, Fiesta Farms, The Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, Southbrook Winery, Fifth Town Cheese, Local Food Plus and others. Barry sits on the Slow Food Toronto steering Committee.

**RICHARD MATERN** (appointed until October 31, 2018) is the Senior Manager of Research at Daily Bread Food Bank in Toronto. Daily Bread is a food distribution network, providing food and support to almost 200 food programs across Toronto. His responsibility at Daily Bread informs the long-term solutions component of their work, including the development and implementation of a research program to support a government relations strategy and an organizational strategic plan. A cornerstone of this work is Daily Bread's annual Who's Hungry report, which illustrates the level of poverty and hunger in the city.

**PAUL NAGPAL** (Board of Health member, second term, appointed until October 31, 2019) is a co-founder and managing partner of Strateva Partners, a boutique advisory firm working with small and mid-sized organizations. His main focus revolves around providing strategic advisory and interim management services, particularly within the technology, food, retail, and non-profit sectors. He has worked with many companies to help them achieve sustainable sales growth and develop more efficient processes and operations. Paul worked at Deloitte Consulting, working with Fortune 1000 companies

and non-profit organizations focusing on business transformation, product assessments, and resource strategies. Later, he worked with AT Kearney, focusing on market entry strategies, operational efficiencies, and strategic assessments. At Strateva, he has worked with many organizations, focusing on growth, turnaround situations, and sustainability. Paul also sits on a number of non-profit boards and is an advisor/mentor to many start-up companies.

**JOE NASR** (appointed until October 31, 2018) is a as a part-time lecturer and associate of the Centre for Studies in Food Security at Ryerson University and co-founder of the Toronto Urban Growers. His main focus is on urban agriculture, as well as the relation between design and planning and food system issues. Joe has worked on numerous projects globally that highlight the place of food in cities. He has been involved in urban agriculture issues since the early 1990s. In Toronto, he has been part of creating the Toronto Urban Growers, was co-author of a scaling up urban agriculture report, and supported the preparation of the GrowTO Urban Agriculture Action Plan. His primary teaching areas are urban food and agriculture systems; the city and sustainability; history of urban planning theories and practice; urban form and its formation; planning, urban and regional theory; urban development; disasters and the city.

**RYAN NOBLE** (appointed until October 31, 2018) is the Executive Director of the North York Harvest Food Bank, one of the largest food banks in Toronto. After graduating from Queen's University with a Bachelor in Commerce in 2001, he started his career working in the aerospace industry, focused on managing change and organizational transformation as well international business development. Food security has always been a passion of Ryan's – he undertook graduate-level research in community development and local food systems, eventually earning a Master's degree in education from the University of Toronto. He has participated in several local initiatives around community-supported agriculture and alternative food systems. Prior to accepting the Executive Director role, Ryan served as a member of the North York Harvest Food Bank board of directors.

**MARINA QUEIROLO** (second term, appointed until October 31, 2019) is the Senior Manager of Public Engagement and Food for Evergreen Brick Works in Toronto. Since joining Evergreen she has re-developed the food strategy for the site and created a portfolio of programs that address food literacy and sustainability with the goal of reaching diverse audiences. Marina also manages a year round weekly farmers' market, recognized as the largest market in the city. Marina brings an artistic and entrepreneurial spirit to the various roles she has held since emigrating to Canada from Argentina in 2002. A graphic designer/marketer by training, Marina sees creative opportunities and "ideas" in everyday life. This interest led her to create a company called sûrkl empanadas which she developed at FoodShare's Toronto Kitchen Incubator. As a member of Slow Food Toronto, she has volunteered and participated as a chef in food events such as the Slow Food Picnic.

Her guiding passion is about motivating and engaging the community and industry to collaborate towards the common goal of creating a strong and sustainable local food economy.

UTCHA SAWYERS (second term, appointed until October 31, 2019, sharing TFPC membership position with Katie German) is a Food Justice and Community Animation Manager at FoodShare Toronto. With over 15 years of devotion to social justice activism work within communities of colour and low-income communities both locally and internationally, Utcha brings to the table a grassroots approach to the food justice and food sovereignty movement that has been building momentum across Toronto. Utcha is an International Advisory Board Member and the Local Empowerment Group (LEG) subcommittee Chair for the Growing Food Justice Initiative (GFJI), an international organization leading the Food Justice movement globally to dismantle racism in across food systems. She also chairs, consults, and facilitates on a variety of cross-community food justice, food democracy, and food sovereignty initiatives both local and globally. With an education and employment journey in employment resource development and Afro-Caribbean Studies, Utcha continues to support and advocate for marginalized communities with great emphasis on growing equality, and just local, national, and international food systems. Utcha collaborates with a dynamic network of agencies, institutions, resident leaders, grassroots organizations and city partners to engage, inspire, and provide empowerment tools for all communities impacted by food injustice. As the Food Justice & Community Animation Manager at FoodShare Toronto, she joins the organization's collective effort to support diverse communities to realize food projects.

#### **Honourary Members**

**HARRIET FRIEDMANN** (honourary member, appointed until October 31, 2017) is a University of Toronto sociology professor who has gained an international reputation for her work on the health and agricultural impacts of globalization. She has also worked on crucial academic committees developing United Nations expert consensus reports on environment, climate and food subjects. Friedmann was one of the earliest members of the TFPC during the 1990s and served as TFPC co-chair for one term. She has played a key role in finding university funding for several recent TFPC projects, including the e-mail service called "foodforethought" and the earliest policy development work on local and sustainable food. She will help the TFPC keep abreast of emerging trends among leading food system thinkers around the world.

**FIONA NELSON** (honorary member, appointed until October 31, 2017) promotes urban agriculture, school food programs, composting, and food security at every opportunity. A former kindergarten teacher, junior-high science teacher, and professor of Early Childhood Education at George Brown College, Nelson also served as a school trustee on the Toronto Board of Education from 1969 to 1997 -- chairing the Board four times. Concurrently, she represented the school board on the Board of Health, starting in 1973 and ending in 2011, as the Board of Health's longest-serving community member. Nelson also chairs the Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition and represents the city on the Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Action Committee. She gets her organic asparagus and eggs from her family farm.

**HELENE ST. JACQUES** (honorary member, appointed until October 31, 2017) has been the President of Informa Market Research, a research and communication firm

specializing in food retail trends, since 1979. Her firm specializes in providing marketing advice to Ontario farmers who try to sell value-added products that express values of health and agricultural sustainability. She has served on the boards of several community organizations, including Jessie's Centre for Teenagers, Dixon Hall and FoodShare. She helps the TFPC understand food retail trends that influence policy for local, sustainable and healthy food.

The Board of Health thanks outgoing TFPC members Beverley Bird, Gavin Dandy, Carly Dunster, Angela ElzingaCheng, Kaylen Fredrickson, Amanda Lipinski, Dilya Niezova, Chris Wong, and Margaret Zondo for their incredible contribution and years of service.