Survey of Health Units re: Nutritious Food Basket

| Health Unit | Has (or will) the Health Unit produce a report on 2017 NFB results? (Yes/No/Don’t Know) | If the Health Unit has produced (or will be producing) a report on 2017 NFB, what communications/advocacy activities have been/will be done? | Is the Health Unit planning to conduct NFB Costing in 2018? (Yes/No/Don’t know) |
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| Algoma | Produced a “Cost of Eating Well in Algoma” handout (updated yearly with NFB stats). | NFB results shared with BOH via CDP manager (unable to include advocacy info). Presentation to local Social Development Council on results and importance of addressing income solutions. Looking to work with Health Equity PHN’s to do more advocacy re: poverty. | Don’t know yet. |
| Brant County | Yes - will release in the new year | Making the report available to community organizations. Updating NFB info on the website and potentially through social media. | Advocating for continuing costing in 2018, but not yet confirmed. |
| Chatham-Kent | Yes - report will go to  BOH in December, 2017 | Still determining | We are going to  recommend that this  continue for 2017 |
| Durham Region | Yes | Yes. Newsletter/report, media release, social media, mailout | Unsure at this time. |
| Eastern Ontario | Kind of - infographic will go to BOH, and a power point presentation on NFB during a BOH meeting. | Infographic available to community agencies and partners.  Information on NFB also shared through our social media (facebook and tweets). | Yes |
| Elgin-St. Thomas | Yes – presented to our Board of Health on October 11, 2017 | Yes – produced and disseminated “Cost of Eating Well” infographic and webpage, infographic “Addressing Food Insecurity”, presentations to community groups and partner organizations (e.g. elected officials, Living Wage committee, etc.), and wrote a Board of Health narrative, which was included in their October 2017 meeting minutes.  Plan is to continue disseminating the 2017 information over the next few months as well (into spring 2018). | Yes – Plan is to college 2018 data in May. We will begin disseminating 2018 data in the fall and it will be shared in our Health Status report. |
| Grey-Bruce | Yes | Infographics, news release, and letter to local politicians | Don’t know for sure, but I think so |
| Haldimand-Norfolk | Produced a “Cost of Eating Well in Algoma” handout (updated yearly with NFB stats). | NFB results shared with BOH via CDP manager (unable to include advocacy info). Presentation to local Social Development Council on results and importance of addressing income solutions. Looking to work with Health Equity PHN’s to do more advocacy re: poverty. | Don’t know yet. |
| HKPR | Yes-“Addressing Food Insecurity Through Income Summary report 2017”  2 Infographics Sept 2017 (Food banks will not end food Insecurity; Working can = poverty) | Presentation to BOH, community organizations e.g. housing, social services, early years, chamber members, children services, food bank board, social media, poverty working groups, (FB/ twitter messages about income solution).  There has also been Newspaper and radio coverage on food insecurity. Template advocacy letter created and uploaded on our website [www.Rethinkpoverty.ca](http://www.Rethinkpoverty.ca). | Yes |
| Halton Region | Yes -(memo) to council  went on Nov 7, 2017 | Advocacy is usually through community partners such as the [Halton Poverty Roundtable](https://haltonpovertyroundtable.com/) and [Voices for Change](http://www.voicesforchange.ca/). | Advocating for the  continuation of NFB but not  yet confirmed |
| City of Hamilton | Yes – report to the Board of Health was presented on November 13, 2017 | Letters to provincial government regarding Bill 6 and “Income Security: A Roadmap for Change” will be sent in late 2017/early 2018 | Yes – Board of Health supported staff recommendation in 2017 NFB report to continue annual costing of the NFB |
| Hastings and Prince Edward Counties | Yes – report will be to BOH by March 2018 | Local communication planned for media release and report distribution to community partners, sharing on social media and website. | Don’t know. RDs are encouraging it but waiting on new OPHS Guidance Documents to confirm direction of Op Plans. |
| Huron County | Yes- plan to present 2017  NFB results to BOH in  January 2018 | TBD | Yes- plan to continue with  2018 costing. Considering  an ask for BOH to endorse  updated tool. |
| KFL&A | Yes- report & infographic disseminated internally & externally early Nov 2017, also [motion infographic](https://www.kflaph.ca/en/healthy-living/Cost-of-Healthy-Eating.aspx) created for webpage | Memo & letter to ministry re: NFB advocacy presented to BOH Oct 25, 2017- motion passed (both shared on FIWG forum); local paper and news captured release of 2017 NFB results (*Cost of Eating Healthy in KFL&A 2017)* | TBD- whether or not there is capacity for centralized coordination will likely impact decision |
| Lambton | Yes- report to the Board of Health- October 2017 | Shared report with local stakeholders - poverty reduction, local RD's, municipal councils, & media. | Don't know |
| Leeds, Grenville and Lanark | Yes – revised 2016 version of infographic based on evaluation by community users. [FIS in LGL 2017](http://www.healthunit.org/nutrition/foodsecurity/Nutritious_Food_Basket.pdf).  The infographic went through BFI and Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds compliance check.  As well went through our Healthy Equity Assessment Tool. The results of this to consider going forward:  **Next year:** Marie has contacted OSNPPH food insecurity work group colleagues to suggest that one of the NFB 2018 scenarios include a LBGTQ family. From OSNPPH Food Insecurity work group minutes October 11, 2017 "4.1.3. Including family scenarios to reflect LGTBQ community - Marie Traynor suggested the scenario spreadsheet workgroup consider scenarios that are more reflective of the LGBTQ community. This could potentially add many scenarios. We need to come to a consensus on what to use (preferably one scenario; OW or ODSP would be easiest). Choosing the scenario to use would require community consultation with LGBTQ groups (Durham region has groups they can ask). We currently we don’t have health unit support for the scenarios for 2018. If we do go ahead with the scenario spreadsheet in 2018, FSWG is in agreeable with making changes to be more inclusive."  **Next year:** The infographic was revised based on community partner (intermediaries) evaluations. Community partners were also involved in reviewing the revisions.  In the future have those with the lived experience more involved in telling their own story in a format that they may prefer. This may address the potential for those with limited English literacy/numeracy skills to gain and use the information.  **Next year** - ensure infographic is AODA compliant  **Next Year** - Internal input – reconsider using the term “food charity”. Might be received as stigmatizing for those using food banks and other charitable services. | ***Throughout November 2017***  **Traditional media:** media release/3 radio/1 cable TV  [**Lake 88 interview**](http://lake88.ca/2017/11/16/in-focus-thurs-november-16-2017/)  **Social media:**  [**LGLHealth Unit Facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/LGLHealthUnit/)   * We boosted our Facebook post through a paid ad – 4 days @ $100. Total. This means that users who were on Facebook, aged 18-65+ who live in Ontario, Canada may have seen it. * 12,142 people/organizations who saw our post * 190 people/organizations engaged with our post (like/love/sad face) * 33 comments on the post * 6 replies provided by the Health Unit * 93 people shared our post with others   [**LGL Health Unit on Twitter**](https://twitter.com/lglhealthunit?lang=en) **(thought there would be more – miscommunication between me and communication folks)**   * November 16 – People who struggle to buy enough food are more likely to need health care. Check out: bit.ly/1XSq79b #food4allON – Retweets – 1, Likes – 1 * November 16 – Lake 88 Retweet – Bob welcomes Marie Traynor from the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit to talk about Food Insecurity. * November 20 – Putting enough good on the table is a challenge for many households. Find out what you can do about it: bit.ly/1XSq79b   **Presentations:** 3   * LGLD HU BOH * faith-based justice committee * BOD of Brockville & Area Food Bank (Dec 6) * Earlier this year presentation to Leeds & Grenville Poverty Reduction Alliance   ***Going forward***  There will be a spot on the Healthy Eating home page of our new website to get to infographic and info on food insecurity however the issue will live on our [Health Equity](http://www.healthunit.org/healthequity/) page. | Don’t know. Board did agree to send letter to three Ministers for NFB tools, guidance doc etc. |
| Middlesex-London | Yes - the BOH report went to the board on November 16th | Letters to the Government 1- advocating for NFB  protocol/guidance document 2- letter supporting HFSSM being core module of CCHS  Also have infographic and information on the MLHU website and some paid social media posts | Unsure |
| Niagara Region | No | N/A | DK (unlikely) |
| North Bay Parry Sound District | yes - currently in progress and will be released in January 2018 (BOH report, media release and  infographic) | * locally will do a media release and mailout to community partners of infographic * still in progress but direction will be related to continued support for NFB, possibly asking that the HFSSM be a core module of CCHS, and something related to the TIMELY implementation of the Income Security: A Roadmap for Change | likely, CDP manager is  supportive but will be  asking this specifically in  BOH resolutions so will  know for sure in January. |
| Northwestern | Yes - media release, infographic and BOH report in November 2017 | Website info on NFB results, infographic [https://www.nwhu.on.ca/ourservices/HealthyLivi](https://www.nwhu.on.ca/ourservices/HealthyLiving/Pages/Cost-of-Eating-in-Northwestern-Ontario.aspx)  [ng/Pages/Cost-of-Eating-in-Northwestern-Ontario.aspx](https://www.nwhu.on.ca/ourservices/HealthyLiving/Pages/Cost-of-Eating-in-Northwestern-Ontario.aspx)  BOH letter of support for Bill 148, completed a Municipal Communique to share details of Bill 148 | undetermined but the RDs  are pushing for it |
| Ottawa | Yes; public report (no Board report) | Yes, report and infographic with key messages developed and shared with stakeholders (community partners, general public, internal staff) via webinar and on the ottawapublichealth.ca website. | Don’t know |
| Oxford County |  |  |  |
| Peel Region | Yes, internal report and sharing of our data with external partners. | We produce a briefing note for our Director and Medical Officer of Health that includes the results of our NFB survey along with a comparison to the NFB cost average of Southern Ontario Health Units and commentary about any identified trends.  We also provide our NFB results to partners in our community i.e. Social Service Providers such as Human Services. They calculate Living Wage and are working on Income Security in general. | We are assuming that we will still be doing it. This may change though if food costing isn’t included in the updating population health assessment and surveillance protocol. |
| Perth District | Yes, report went to BOH Nov 22 | * Report shared with community partners, Perth County Food Security Coalition * NFB/Food Insecurity presentation given at local Poverty symposium attended by service providers and partner organizations * Information presented at community priority setting Forum as part of Community Food Assessment * News release planned for early Dec accompanied by food insecurity/NFB tweets for month of Dec | Unconfirmed.  Recommendation provided  to continue NFB costing  using previous tool or  updated tool when/if  available |
| Peterborough | Yes | * [Limited Incomes](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/2017-Limited-Incomes.pdf) report shared with Board of Health (October 2017) along with a staff report. * [News release](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/2017/10/13/healthy-eating-not-an-option-in-peterborough-for-residents-on-low-incomes/) issued and interviews completed * Limited Incomes (NFB) posted on HU website * distributed to key community agencies, included in presentations, key contacts via email (ie Poverty REduction NEtwork Working Group Chairs) * Shared at Peterborough Food Action NEtwork * Limited Incomes Report shared at World Food Day (oct 16) event and included in [Chew On This packages](https://dignityforall.ca/chew-on-this/) distributed on Oct 17 (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty) * Tweets and Facebook posts submitted with PPH Communications (including #FoodInsecurityFriday) * Infographic developed and images/actions used in presentations | Yes - recommendation in October 2017 staff report included:  That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health:  •direct staff to continue to monitor the cost of the NFB annually with costing to be led by a Registered Dietitian (as per Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol) in order to support efforts to reduce health inequities associated with food insecurity. |
| Porcupine | An infographic is currently being translated. | Was scheduled to present to the Board of Health in October but was cancelled. Not rescheduled as of yet. Infographic to be made public on our website, shared with community partners, and through social media. | As of now, yes. Although no final decision from management has been made. |
| Renfrew County and District | Yes - report not done yet.  But will take it to the BOH at appropriate time in their schedule with recommendations based  on FSWG members to be consistent. | Will do advocacy as recommended by the FSWG, using their recommendations, adapting existing work. In previous year BOH supportive to send letters, etc based on my recommendations. Also post report on web page and share with SDOH nurses to share with their community partners.  Health unit does not use social media yet. | Yes. |
| Simcoe Muskoka District | Shared, yes but not as formal report to BOH. Results shared on Household Food Insecurity Health Stats web page of SMDHU web site. May go to BOH in early 2018. | Yes, as per Simcoe Muskoka activities related to “No money for food is …. Cent$less” campaign. | Yes |
| Sudbury & District | Yes - a Briefing Note was submitted to the Board of  Health and a motion was passed. Presentation was  also provided to BOH. | Website includes basic information on the NFB, 2017  Scenarios (modified) and an infographic. The Motion is found on another part of our website. Limited sharing of info through our social media. | Not sure - but based on  response to motion (called  for continuation of the  costing) I would think so. |
| Thunder Bay District | Yes – Issue report and Cost of Eating Report going to BOH Dec 13 for info only, no asks | Release to partners, social media | yes |
| Timiskaming | Yes, but likely to happen earlier 2018 with release around March | Will be shared with BOH and likely to be part of a bigger food insecurity campaign for Nutrition Month (still planning but potential to adopt Cent$less campaign) | Unsure at this point,  management wants to see  what others are doing |
| Toronto | Yes - BOH report was  submitted to Board in  October  [http://app.toronto.ca/tm](http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.HL22.4)  [mis/viewAgendaItemHist](http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.HL22.4)  [ory.do?item=2017.HL22.4](http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.HL22.4) | Request made in BOH report:  The Board of Health reiterate its request to the Ministry of Community and Social Services to increase social assistance rates to a level that supports basic needs, including household food security, and also reiterate its support for a living wage  A web page includes some information about Food  Insecurity in Toronto, NFB, a NFB calculator, a link to the BOH report and an infographic.  <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/health-programs-advice/nutrition-food-basket/>  We’ve printed copies of the infographic, which staff can use/promote in the community. | At TPH it seems that we will not be going forward with NFB (the recommendation to maintain NFB costing in 2018 was removed from my draft BOH report), but I'm unsure what we will be using to monitor food affordability. |
| Waterloo Region | We have updated our 2016 report on NFB costing. | We will post the 2017 NFB costing report and an infographic on the Region of Waterloo website. We will communicate our results but not engage in advocacy activities. | TBD based on protocol  updates; will also consult  with community partners  to ensure their needs are  taken into consideration. |
| Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph | Yes – report to the Board of Health was presented on November 1, 2017 | Increase community awareness of the  NFB costing through the Public Health website and other media; and local health and social service groups and officials.  Report posted to our website.  Report disseminated out to relevant community partners  Stats from report are used by many community partners/committees for community planning  (e.g., Guelph Wellington Poverty Task Force, Dufferin County Poverty Task Force, Toward Common Ground (TCG) – TCG centralizes local data and information about our community. They work with stakeholders to use that information to address local gaps and needs, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Report Cards on the Wellbeing of Children data portal). | At a program level we hope to continue at this point. |
| Windsor-Essex |  |  |  |
| York Region | Probably not a report to council, but I have expanded upon our  previous “fact sheets” and am obtaining approval to put it on the website. | Advocacy is done in partnership with the York Region Food Network. They are the voice and public face of food insecurity here. They will host public events, conduct media interviews (as possible), provide any submissions on government consultations | Not yet determined but I  will encourage us to do so. |