

## March ODPH Tid-Bites

Happy Nutrition Month!

Please read on for some member highlights:

- It's quickly approaching! Register for the 2019 Nutrition Exchange: **Advancing public health policy: speak up for nutrition!**
  - For agenda and registration details visit [here](#).
  - Key speakers include: Joëlle Favreau (YWCA Peterborough Haliburton), Dr. Mary L'Abbé, Michelle Allison ([the Fat Nutritionist](#)), Rachel Prowse, and Jennifer Buccino.
  - A block of rooms have been reserved at the [Holiday Inn Peterborough-Waterfront](#) at the following rates: \$139.00 for two Queen beds (city view) or \$164.00 for a King bed with pull-out couch. [Register here](#) to reserve your room. Parking is available at a cost of \$5.00 per night plus 13% HST. The Holiday Inn is approximately a three minute walk from Peterborough Public Health.
  - We are excited to see all of you at [Peterborough Public Health](#) on May 2-3, 2019!
  - For more information or registration assistance, please contact Laura Abbasi (ODPH Secretary-Treasurer) at [labbasi@hkpr.on.ca](mailto:labbasi@hkpr.on.ca) or call 1-866-888-4577 ext.1233
- **Marketing to Kids Letter to Senator** - Please see the letter of support for Bill-S288 written by the M2K Working Group [here](#). Great work!
- **DYK: There's a letter template for child care settings re CFG** - The Child Care Working Group (CCWG) has provided members with a letter they created that can be sent by RDs to their local child care settings. The letter highlights that they should continue using the nutrition recommendations from the [Practical Guide](#) and other ODPH child care resources to plan their menus. The letter also describes how the PG and CFG aligns with the New Canada's Food Guide.

The letter can be found [here](#). Thank you CCWG!

- **Feedback to the Northern Policy Institute from the Food Insecurity WG** - the FIWG wrote to acknowledge the Northern Policy Institute's Commentary No. 26, [Setting the Table: Food Insecurity and Costs in Ontario's North](#) and provide a thorough review of some concerns with the final report. A copy of the letter will be available on the ODPH website [here](#). Thank you to the members of the FIWG for this important work you are doing!
- **New Working Group with Public Health Ontario** – a working group is in the works between PHO and ODPH to help move the situational assessment ahead that PHO completed on healthy eating and food environments. Stay tuned for more information.