



DTES Kitchen Tables
A Community Led Food Action Plan
PHASES

Phase 1: October 1st, 2009 to March 31st, 2010

- In Phase 1, the DTES Kitchen Tables Project co-led by Potluck and DTES Neighbourhood House, has engaged multiple stakeholders to develop a DTES Community Led Food Action Plan. Engagement included surveying 400 DTES residents and 4 meeting sessions with organizational stakeholders including Policy Makers, Health Care Providers, Researchers, Food Growers & Suppliers, DTES Food Provider Organizations, Food Industry Professionals, and DTES Community organizations.
- The DTES Food Action Plan developed in Phase 1 includes:
 - Environmental scan & mapping of food assets in the DTES
 - DTES food gap analysis
 - Identifying community food priorities
 - Creating the action plan
- We have taken a Kitchen Table approach to design a plan that is grassroots, innovative, reformist and paradigm shaping with the greatest opportunity for positive community impact – both in terms of health and community economic development.
- The action plan recommends solutions that can be realistically implemented, thereby increasing the availability, accessibility, affordability and choice of quality, nutritious food security solutions for residents of the DTES and specifically to ensure affordable access to nutritious meals each day for the most vulnerable of DTES residents - those living with HIV, AIDS, Hep C, Diabetes and/or sheer malnourishment.
- Financial and in kind support for Phase 1 has been provided by multiple funders including the Public Health Agency of Canada, Potluck and the DTES Neighbourhood House.

Phase 2: April 1st, 2010 to March 31st, 2011

- In Phase 2, and building on the priority actions and solutions recommended in Phase 1, the DTES Kitchen Tables Project will accomplish the following through collaborative working groups:
 - A.** Develop the Business Plans and Funding strategy to implement 7 DTES community food solutions including:
 1. Creating Nutritional Standards
 2. Menu Development & Recipes
 3. Food Procurement
 4. Food Preparation & Processing
 5. Food Distribution
 6. Engaging Professional & Food Industry Expertise
 7. Food Waste, Compost & Recycling



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B. Some Solution rollout and implementation including nutritional standards, menu development and food procurement

- We are seeking financial and in kind support for business planning and some implementation in Phase 2 from multiple funders and collaborators.

Phase 3: April 1st, 2011 to _____

- Rollout and implementation of all 7 Food Solutions in the DTES
- We are seeking financial and in kind support for Phase 3 from multiple funders and collaborators.

In all Phases, our goals and what makes this project unique are:

- To consider the food solution continuum in the DTES from seed to compost.
- To develop food solutions which are sustainable in terms of health benefits, employment and its impact on economic development and the environment.
- To develop solutions which maximize efficiencies in terms of time and resources, both for organizations which provide food and DTES residents who access food.
- To develop solutions which reduce duplication and redundancy.
- To develop innovative and efficient food distribution methods.
- To develop food solutions which also build community capacity – education, skills, knowledge, jobs and income security.
- To create quality food standards and guidelines for the DTES neighbourhood.
- To develop solutions which support the local economy – DTES and rural BC, urban and rural growers.
- To implement food solution best practices in the DTES which are *transferable*, *scalable* and can be *shared* with other neighbourhoods and communities.

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DTES Kitchen Tables acknowledges and honours the fact that our community lies within the Traditional Territory of the Coast Salish people.