

**Cochrane Food Bank  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** March 25, 2025

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** Cochrane Food Bank, 141 Railway Street, Cochrane, Ontario

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## **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Martin Ayotte.

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## **2. Attendance**

**Present:**

Alison Down, Dawn DeFinney, Joan Parnell, Gary Girard, Melanie Mouseeau, Linda Warrell, Martin Ayotte, Raymond Fortier, and Manager Ardis Proulx.

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## **3. Discussion Items**

- **Milk Program:** The board discussed the new milk program. Cochrane will now be receiving milk for allocation to both the Kapuskasing and Timmins Food Banks.
  - **Rising Food Costs:** Discussion was held regarding the increasing cost of food and the lack of donations, resulting in the need for more purchasing by the food bank.
  - **Expansion Project:** Funding was officially approved to begin construction on the warehouse expansion.
    - Three contractors were reviewed, with **K&G Contracting** selected as the successful bidder.
    - **Motion:** Moved by *Raymond Fortier*, seconded by *Joan Parnell* — *All in favour, carried.*
  - **Easter Hampers:** Approval was given to proceed with Easter hampers.
    - **Motion:** Moved by *Alison Down*, seconded by *Gary Girard* — *All in favour, carried.*
  - **Moosonee Food Bank:** It was noted that **Moosonee has officially become part of the Cochrane Regional Food Bank network.**
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## **4. General Remarks**

Despite rising costs, operations are running smoothly and everything is otherwise A-OK.

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## **5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.

**Next Meeting:** April 29, 2025, at the Cochrane Food Bank.

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**Minutes prepared by:**

Ardis Proulx, Manager

**Approved by:**

Martin Ayotte, Chair