



COCHRANE REGIONAL FOOD BANK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2026 • 10:00 a.m.

151 Sixth Avenue, Cochrane, Ontario

Call to Order

President Gary Girard called the Annual General Meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

Land Acknowledgement

A land acknowledgement was delivered recognizing the traditional and ancestral lands of Indigenous peoples connected to Treaty 9 and the communities served throughout the region.

Introductions and Regrets

Representatives from participating food banks introduced themselves. Regrets were received from several James Bay Coast communities due to ongoing evacuation and emergency situations.

Financial Report

Treasurer Allison presented the 2025 Financial Report, highlighting a positive year-end position while noting increasing transportation and operational costs associated with expanded regional services.

Motion: That the Financial Report be accepted as read.

Moved by: Englehart Food Bank

Seconded by: Haileybury Food Bank

Carried.

Regional Fee Discussion

Discussion was held regarding regional membership fees. Members agreed mandatory fees could create hardship for smaller organizations.

Motion: That no mandatory regional fees be charged to participating food banks within the regional network.

Moved by: Cochrane Food Bank

Seconded by: South Porcupine Food Bank

Carried.

Regional Warehouse Manager's Report

The report highlighted the completion of the warehouse expansion, participation in the Food Banks Canada menstrual equity pilot project, expansion of emergency preparedness initiatives, growth of

food recovery efforts, increased northern distribution capacity, the After the Bell summer nutrition program, and ongoing Link2Feed support and training.

Motion: That the Regional Warehouse Manager's Report be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Mattice Food Bank

Seconded by: Smooth Rock Falls Food Bank

Carried.

Warehouse Driver Report

The report emphasized the importance of local volunteers assisting with unloading deliveries and recognized communities that consistently provide support.

Accreditation Update

An update was provided regarding Food Banks Canada and Feed Ontario accreditation requirements. Participating organizations were encouraged to continue working toward accreditation standards.

Link2Feed Update

Members discussed the importance of maintaining accurate client statistics through Link2Feed and the availability of training opportunities.

Community Updates

Participating food banks shared updates regarding increasing client demand, food costs, volunteer recruitment, and local programming.

New Business

Members discussed the reopening of the Cobalt Food Bank and additional regional service developments.

Lunch and Warehouse Distribution

Lunch was served following the meeting. Representatives then attended the Cochrane Regional Food Bank Warehouse to pick up food orders, available product, and supplies for distribution within their communities.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.