Call For Board Members
Food Action Network of Northwestern Ontario (FAN-NWO)

Type: Volunteer
Start Date: Winter 2027
Time Commitment: ~4 hours/month for board meetings and occasional committee work
Term Length: 3 years (renewable up to 3 terms)

The Food Action Network of Northwestern Ontario (FAN-NWO) is seeking passionate, community-minded individuals to join our Board of Directors. We support community-led efforts to grow just, sustainable food systems that nourish people, the land, and our relationships. Our work builds food sovereignty, local capacity, and a more equitable and resilient Northwestern Ontario.

As a newly incorporated non-profit organization, FAN-NWO builds on over 30 years of work as the Thunder Bay Food Action Network and Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy (TBAFS). We're in an exciting phase of growth and are seeking Board members to help shape and grow the organization, strengthen regional networks, and bring lived and/or professional community, environmental, business and policy related experience. We especially welcome those who are connected to the places and people we serve, including but not limited to Thunder Bay, Fort William First Nation, Oliver Paipoonge, Gillies, Neebing, O'Connor, Conmee, and Shuniah. We value leadership that reflects the diversity of our region and welcome applications from people of all identities and backgrounds.

We're Looking for People Who:

- Are engaged with Northwestern Ontario's food systems (e.g., food programs, Indigenous food sovereignty, agriculture and fishing, policy, local businesses, food workers, sustainability, etc.);
- Understand the unique challenges and opportunities facing food systems in our region;
- Bring experience in areas such as Indigenous food systems, strategic planning, nonprofit governance (policy/legal), financial management;
- Are collaborative, open-minded, and committed to community-driven leadership.

Board Members Will:

- Attend monthly Board meetings (in person or virtual, monthly);
- Participate in Board committees (e.g., governance, finance, HR, communications);
- Support and advise on strategic direction and organizational development;
- Communicate regularly with fellow FAN-NWO staff and Board members;
- Represent your community, sector, or area of expertise by sharing relevant insights and bringing information back to your networks;
- Represent FAN-NWO at community events, activities, or media launches throughout the year;
- Identify and support opportunities for collaboration, partnerships, or funding that advance FAN-NWO's mission.

Interested?

Please send a cover letter and resume/CV highlighting relevant experience to FAN-NWO Board Chair Charles Levkoe, clevkoe@lakeheadu.ca.

In your cover letter, please include:

1. Why you're interested in FAN-NWO and how your values align with our mission
2. Your experience or involvement in regional food systems work
3. What community, sector, or perspective, you would be representing (if relevant)
4. Your vision for a just, healthy, and sustainable food system in Northwestern Ontario