

# KINGSTON FOOD NEWS

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## Many events planned in fight to keep hospital food production local

Emphasis shifts to the provincial government after KGH Board votes for Compass food contract

### MANY EVENTS PLANNED IN 2011

#### LETTER TO MINISTER OF HEALTH

A letter has been sent to provincial Minister of Health Deb Mathews, asking her to intervene and suspend the Compass contract.

#### MEETING WITH JOHN GERRETSON MPP

A meeting will be held with the Hon. John Gerretson, Member of Provincial Parliament for Kingston and the Islands on January 12 to ask for his help in encouraging the Minister of Health to suspend the Compass contract.

#### PROTEST JANUARY 24

A protest will be held on January 24 at 1 p.m. in an effort to put pressure on the province to intervene.

#### PUBLIC MEETING

A second public meeting will be held on February 9, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. to discuss legal challenges to the Compass contract. We believe that there are grounds under the province's procurement guidelines and environmental standards.



*Speakers at December 15 public meeting*



*Bill Hossick and Maude Barlow*



*Santa Claus Parade*

150 people attended a public meeting at City Hall December 15, with Dr. Edward Leyton, Natalie Mehra of the Ontario Healthcare Coalition, Maude Barlow of the Council of Canadians, Louis Rodrigues of CUPE local 1974 and Diane Dowling of the National Farmers Union ( top photograph ).

# KGH COUNTS ON US GIVING UP

But with Ontario's provincial election in 2011 change can happen!

## MORE EVENTS PLANNED IN 2011:

### LABOUR LUNCH MARCH 7

A lunch meeting of labour movement activists has been planned for March 7, featuring CUPE National President Paul Moist, to increase labour's participation in this campaign.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE

Coalition partners are commissioning an environmental study on the impact of the movement of food production to western Toronto.

### MAY 5 DEMONSTRATION

Coalition partners are planning a major demonstration in Kingston May 5 to apply pressure on the province of Ontario to step in and enforce its procurement and environmental guidelines.

### LABOUR DAY

A resolution will be debated at Kingston and District Labour Council to make the theme of the September 5th event, resistance to the contracting-out of food production at KGH to Compass in Mississauga.



*Vegetables who visited many Kingston worksites, distributing leaflets*



*Demonstration at KGH November 3*

Want to help?  
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