

Co-Designing Mino'Weesini

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Over the last few months, Parkdale Food Centre and Urban Imaginaries Lab have been working together to amplify Parkdale Food Centre's contribution to our community.

Through a series of community-based activities, together with members from our community, they have been exploring how to strengthen the work done at and by Mino'Weesini. They have investigated how to increase the resources Mino'Weesini has access to promote food security and how to strengthen it as a place for connection for the members of our community. This project aims to support and promote food justice through intersectional, systemic, and collective efforts.

As a result, a vision of how this can happen has emerged - a representation of a future state and situation which emerges from and reflects shared goals, needs, desires, and values.

A Shared Table *An Evolving Vision for Mino'Weesini's Future*

Our community identified 9 core principles for Mino'Weesini's Future of Food, Care, and Community. Parkdale Food Centre and Mino'Weesini can use these principles to make decisions, strengthen their actions and contribute to the community.

While the grocery program is and remains at the core of Mino'Weesini, these principles can be used to strengthen it and embed in it a wider landscape of programs and services. They can also be used by members of the community to imagine and inform the future together again and again.

Each one of us can soften the boundaries between the present and the future, by using them to imagine what it could be.



Our Community Core Principles

Do you want to try?

Keep reading to learn more about each principle, then pick one that inspires you. Imagine what the future at Mino'Weesini could look like if that principle was embedded into every action and service.

