

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

## SEMINAR SERIES

**Feb 23, 2024**

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
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### ***Working with Northern Manitoba to Improve Community Health via Local Food Production***

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Breanne Semenko is a Registered Dietitian and Master's student in the Department of Food and Human Nutritional Sciences at the University of Manitoba under the supervision of Dr. Miyoung Suh. Breanne is also part of the SMART Healthy Cities Training Platform (CIHR funded), which aims to find ways to make Canadian cities healthier and more resilient using food and food systems to improve population health. For her Master's project, Breanne is working with Opaskwayak Cree Nation (OCN) in northern Manitoba to optimize their smart vertical farming system to help address diet-related disease in the community. Her research interests include food equity, sustainable food systems and implementation science.

Breanne was recently awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the International 2023 Young Woman Scientist Webinar Competition organized by the Association of Korean Woman Scientists and Engineers (KWSE) for her presentation titled "Accessible Fresh Food Production and Processing to Address Diet-Related Disease in Remote Canada." For this work, she has also received the CIHR-CGS-M and the Prairie Improvement Network Scholarship.



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