



Hamilton

**MINUTES
COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
Room 264, City Hall**

Present: Dave Carson, Sara Collyer, Emma Cubitt, Vicki Edwards, Tabaruk Jahan, Chris Krucker, Councillor McHattie, Ursula Samuels, Judy Scullion (Program Secretary), Liz Shaver-Heeney, Sarah Wakefield, Anne Winning

**Absent with
Regrets:** Karen Burson, Robert Clackett, Melanie Golba, Councillor Johnson, Maciej Kowalski, Brian Kreps, Richard MacDonald, Tina Moffat, Councillor Pasuta, Simon Taylor, Dr. Ninh Tran

Also Present: Lisa Ohberg, Matt Drennan-Scace, Tara Mahar

1. PRESENTATIONS

Lisa Ohberg, from the University of Toronto, presented her report on “Feeding Hamilton: Using Public Health and Sustainability Policy Goals to Shape Farmland Allocation Planning”. Her policy recommendations included:

- Preservation of existing agricultural land is necessary,
- Policy supports are required to channel existing and future production towards local markets,
- There is a need to consider which foods are most efficiently grown in Hamilton to minimize environmental and economic costs,
- To encourage diets that achieve maximum self sufficiency with greatest nutritional value, policy goals should be complementary across City departments including Public Health.

Tara Mahar and Matt Drennan-Scace, from the Program Training and Consultation Centre of Cancer Care Ontario, gave a presentation on Media Advocacy and described how they could help committee members to build support for a Farmers’ Market policy and a Food Charter through the use of the media.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.1** The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act stipulations for declaring interest were reviewed.
No declarations.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Dave Carson/Tabaruk Jahan)

- 4.1** Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee Meeting minutes dated April 6, 2011.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5.1** Member recruitment
Anna Bradford will put forward the name of the new CFSSC member from the Hamilton Farmer's Market.
Recruitment and selection process for the member at large position has not been completed yet.

5.2 Subcommittee Reports

5.21 Education and Outreach

The Committee has scheduled a meeting for next week. The display board and brochure has been updated and is available for events. Tabaruk will be taking it to the South Asian celebration at Westdale High School on May 14.

5.22 Policy

- Farmers' Market White paper

The Farmer's Market White paper has been distributed and shared. It was suggested a member make a deputation to the Board of Health to ask to have a policy developed by staff. All members are asked to comment on the draft summary handout that will accompany the White Paper. Matt and Tara will help to develop key messages for the media advocacy.

- Food policy/charter

The Policy Subcommittee met to establish a plan for moving forward with a Food Policy/Charter. Steps followed in other communities were reviewed, and it was decided to start with a vision or charter, and then to work on policies that would support the charter in future years. The next meeting on May 31 will be a working meeting to draft content for a food charter. This will connect to the outcome of the Food Policy Conference. Others are welcome to attend. Funding options will be explored for the long term consultation. Public Health staff time is available to assist with this project.

5.23 Infrastructure and Procurement

No updates.

5.24 Access

The sub-committee will be meeting in May.

- 5.3 Recruitment of new members to sub-committees. Background information on the CFSSC sub-committees was distributed to all members. If anyone is interested in joining a particular subcommittee, contact Vicki.
- 5.4 Follow-up to the recommendations for Hamilton Farmers Market/ downtown food security (deferred from last meeting). Sarah will invite a representative from the Market to the June meeting for a follow up discussion.
- 5.5 International trade negotiations - implications for “buy local” purchasing policy
Dave shared the report “Municipal Procurement Implications of the Proposed Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada and the European Union” and suggested that committee members follow up with city purchasing staff. Action: Vicki to follow up with staff about the upcoming policy report and Sarah will follow up with the City Manager.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 Hamilton Area Food Network funding application update – Sarah, Karen, Dave and Sara met with the Hamilton Area Food Network and worked on a grant proposal for a new model of food distribution to those in need, and are awaiting a response.
- 6.2 CFSSC display – Photos of the meeting were taken and these will be used to update the brochure and display.
- 6.3 Budget
Deferred until next meeting.
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Deferred until next meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Dave Carson/Sara Collyer)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

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