



Hamilton

Minutes

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, January 4, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
Room 264, City Hall**

Present: Sarah Wakefield (chair), Karen Burson, Dave Carson, Sara Collyer, Emma Cubitt, Vicki Edwards, Melanie Golba, Tabaruk Jahan, Councillor Pasuta, Ursula Samuels, Liz Shaver-Heeney, Sapphire Singh, Anne Winning

Absent with Regrets: Robert Clackett, Councillor McHattie, Councillor Johnson, Maciej Kowalski, Chris Krucker, Richard MacDonald, Tina Moffat, Dr. Ninh Tran

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Dec. 4
(Ursula Samuels/Dave Carson)**

3.1 Minutes dated Dec. 4, 2011 were approved as circulated.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Report back on General Issues Committee deliberation on bridge funding for community garden coordinator. Sarah's presentation and report to the General Issues Committee helped to secure the approval of \$15,000 bridge funding from Public Works and Public Health Services for Clare Wagner to continue her work as the Community Garden Coordinator in the new year.

5.2 Update on moving forward with Farmers Market white paper recommendations
Action: Sarah will contact Councillor Pasuta to set up a January meeting to plan how to move the recommendations forward.

5.3 Strategic planning and workplan development

The preliminary draft for 2012 planning was reviewed and key priorities were identified.

Action: Sarah will revise the workplan based on feed-back and circulate to members for comments and final approval at the February meeting.

5.4 Sub-committee updates

5.4.1 Policy Sub-committee – plans for proceeding with the Food Charter development include engaging those who indicated interest in a second review in January, recruitment of champions, and outreach to more sectors. A presentation of the progress to date will be scheduled for an upcoming CFSSC meeting.

Dave will be attending the Canadian Food Summit Feb.7 and 8 on behalf of committee.

5.4.2 Education and Outreach Sub-committee - no update

5.4.3 Infrastructure and Procurement Sub-Committee – this sub-committee is changing focus to address ‘local food for local people’. Action: Karen will plan a meeting of members to determine next steps.

5.4.4 Enhanced Community Food Access Sub-committee – Still waiting for mapping outcome.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Update on farmer training investigation – defer until Chris is present. – Student has summarized support for farmer training.

6.2 Update on Farmer’s Market Gift Certificate Program presentation at Board of Health – The program did not receive funding from the Social Services Initiative fund. Staff have been directed to explore other options for funding.

6.3 www.geofresh.ca For information, a new Hamilton website is being developed to link consumers with local sources of fresh food.

6.4 Budget request – Karen requested that the committee allocate \$300 to cover space rental and incidental costs associated with a community food day event during February, as part of farm month. The event would include table displays, a book launch, a smoothie festival, and other information on local food.

Moved by Emma Cubitt, seconded by Tabaruk Jahan that this request be accepted.

Carried

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Melanie Golba/Sara Collyer)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Carried