



# Hamilton

## **Minutes**

### **COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 4:00 p.m.  
Room 264, City Hall**

**Present:** Sarah Wakefield (chair), Karen Burson, Dave Carson, Sara Collyer, Vicki Edwards, Melanie Golba, Councillor McHattie, Maciej Kowalski, Chris Krucker, Ursula Samuels, Liz Shaver-Heeney, Dr. Ninh Tran, Sapphire Singh, Anne Winning

**Absent with Regrets:** Robert Clackett, Emma Cubitt, Tabaruk Jahan, Councillor Johnson, Richard MacDonald; Tina Moffat, Councillor Pasuta

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**1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Add Item 6.1 New farmer training

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Jan 4, 2012**

(Chris Krucker/Ursula Samuels)

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

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

Food Charter Update – Dave brought the members up-to-date with the draft content of the proposed Hamilton Food Charter. He solicited comments on the wording and suggestions for next steps to engage more stakeholders. The policy sub-committee was supported in moving forward with this initiative.

**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.1 Update on moving forward with Farmers Market white paper recommendations  
Chris Krucker met with Councillors Pasuta and Ferguson to explore options for getting a farmers' market policy in place in Hamilton. Councillor McHattie will help Chris draft a motion to be brought to planning committee. Chris plans to liaise with the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

Moved by Dave Carson and seconded by Maciej Kowalski that CFSSC members support Chris in contacting the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee and in taking this request to the Planning Committee with a delegation presentation.

## 5.2 Strategic planning and workplan development

Members discussed and expressed interest in working on the following initiatives in 2012:

- Building support for community food security by moving ahead with
  - a food charter and
  - a communication plan.
- Getting local food to local people by supporting
  - a policy for farmers' markets,
  - community gardens
  - policy initiatives to support local agri-food business development
- Enhancing food access in communities by
  - Advocating for universal student nutrition programs
  - Using the food mapping exercise to identify gaps
  - Supporting the development of food hubs

## 5.3 Sub-committee updates - deferred

5.3.1 Policy Sub-committee - Update on Food Charter

5.3.2 Education and Outreach Sub-committee

5.3.3 Infrastructure and Procurement Sub-Committee

5.3.4 Enhanced Community Food Access Sub-committee

## 6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Farm Start – Growing new farmers <http://www.farmstart.ca/>

Farm Start is planning to set up an incubator farm with land in Flamborough that will allow start-up farmers to learn the business of farming. Everything is ready to go and funding is anticipated. Hamilton needs to be ready with local markets to buy the products of these new farmers.

6.2 Retail food in the downtown core

Members would like to comment on the proposed city incentive to attract a supermarket to the downtown core as well as the suggestion of privatizing the Hamilton Farmers' Market. Sarah will approach the city planners involved to attend a committee meeting.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

(Sara Collyer/ Maciej Kowalski)

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

**Carried**