



Hamilton

Minutes

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, September 4, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
Room 264, City Hall**

Present: Dave Carson (co-chair), Jean-Anne Bauman, Karen Burson, Emma Cubitt, Vicki Edwards, Maciej Kowalski, Chris Krucker, Donna Lee Macdonald, Tina Moffat, Ursula Samuels, Liz Shaver-Heeney, Adam Watson, Greg Witt

Absent with Regrets: Sarah Wakefield

Absent: Sara Collyer, Melanie Golba, Tabaruk Jahan, Councillor McHattie, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Pasuta, Dr. Ninh Tran

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Add 1.1 Welcome and Introductions
Add 6.1 Mustard Seed Update

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Chris Krucker/Greg Witt)

3.1 Minutes of July 3, 2013 were approved as circulated

4. PRESENTATIONS

None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Over the summer, Dave, Sara, Chris and Vicki participated in consultations for the Farmers' Market policy development with staff from Planning and Economic Development.

Action: Vicki will ask Brian Morris for a summary of the consultations and the timeline for next steps.

5.2 The link to the Urban Agriculture Policy, Planning, and Practice Report was shared with members.

<http://www.hamilton.ca/ProjectsInitiatives/NeighbourhoodDevelopment/>

Adam reported that the McQuesten neighbourhood committee will gauge interest in a pilot urban farm project at an event on Sept. 14. The pilot would use City-owned land for plants and perhaps aquaponics (no animals).

5.3 Follow up on Hamilton Farmers' Market privatization plan

John Hertel, Director of Enterprise Management and Revenue Generation, is hosting up to 10 focus groups to inform the privatization plan and will be approaching this committee to participate. Sarah's students are available to research some background information to inform the committee members.

5.4 Best Practices in Local Food, A Guide for Municipalities, Deloitte report for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CFSSC members noted that Russ Powers, one of our City councillors, and president of the AMO was instrumental in approving this report. Members would like to support the implementation of best practices for local food in Hamilton.

Action: members are to reflect on the contents, and recommend next steps with a motion at the October meeting.

5.5 Planning for the transition to a Food Policy Council

A new Terms of Reference needs to be developed for a Food Policy Council.

Members agreed to wait for the food strategy steering team direction before moving ahead with this.

5.6 Planning for a fall CFSSC event with Dr. Evan Fraser, University of Guelph,

(<https://feedingninebillion.com/>) Sarah has invited Dr. Fraser. Donna, Karen and Sara are investigating venues. Liz will search out potential grants to cover meeting space and honourariums.

5.7 Budgeting to offset members' registration costs to the Bring Food Home Building Bridges Together Conference in Windsor Nov.17-19. This is Ontario's biennial conference connecting those individuals and organizations who are working towards a just and sustainable food system.

Karen, Dave, Sara, and Sapphire all plan to attend.

Motion: Remaining CFSSC budget funds can be shared among members for registration.

(Tina Moffatt/ Maciej Kowalski)

Approved

5.8 Food strategy update – The Inter-departmental Steering Team has met twice over the summer and are completing an environmental scan of food initiatives and reviewing the proposed Food Charter.

Jennifer Parker, a graduate student at the University of Toronto has prepared two research documents for the Food Strategy Steering Team

1) Sowing the Seeds of Food Policy – A Scan of Municipal Food Strategies and City Department Actions

2) Mapping Food Access: A review of Municipal Approaches to Strengthening Community Food Security

Action: Vicki will email the documents to CFSSC members and investigate posting on the city website page www.hamilton.ca/foodsecurity

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Mustard Seed Update

Emma reported that the food co-op now has 600 members, and has finalized a location to be announced shortly. The General Manager is waiting to get started and they are hoping to open before Christmas. Funding is the next biggest challenge, and several opportunities are being pursued. People can support the food co-op by following the progress on Facebook, visiting the webpage and becoming a member.

6.2 Dave played the twelve minute video 'Feeding Nine Billion'.

6.3 Greg shared that the Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee has produced a video, 'Invisible insecurity' that will be launched during Super Crawl and can be shared at our next meeting.

6.4 Maciej announced that the Urban Core Community Health Centre needs a new building and is holding a rally on Tuesday, Sept 10, 1 – 3 p.m. at 71 Rebecca Street Parking Lot. He will share a poster about the event, and urges members to contact him for further details.

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Maciej Kowalski/Adam Watson)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.