



Hamilton

## Minutes

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

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

**Present:** Dave Carson, Sara Collyer (chair), Jean-Anne Bauman, Karen Burson, Vicki Edwards, Melanie Golba, Tabaruk Jahan, Maciej Kowalski, Tina Moffat, Ursula Samuels, Liz Shaver-Heeney, Sapphire Singh

**Absent:** Emma Cubitt Councillor McHattie, Councillor Johnson, Chris Krucker, Donna Lee Macdonald, Councillor Pasuta, Sarah Wakefield, Greg Witt

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**1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING  
(Maciej Kowalski/Dave Carson)**

3.1 Minutes of November 6, 2013 were approved as circulated.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.1 Reports from Bringing Food Home Conference – Karen and Dave reported on the sessions, overall themes, and networking encounters at the Windsor conference held in November. They commented on the great energy at the event with everyone there talking and being together.

Participants came away with a stronger commitment to

- working with politicians on food strategies

- linking youth to farming
- supporting farm to school programs
- scaling up local food production
- linking nutrition and food literacy
- getting local food into institutions
- increasing opportunities for social enterprises
- changing the mass food system into a sustainable food system
- sustaining rural communities and smaller farms where profits stay in the community,
- tying urban agriculture and urban gardening to the city.

See Appendix A to these minutes for more complete session notes.

All agreed that Hamilton would apply again to host the Conference in future years.

5.2 Survey of healthy foods in corner stores in Hamilton – Vanessa Henry and Sarah Dunford, Dietetic Interns reported on their research plans to conduct an assessment of the local food environment in lower-income Hamilton neighbourhoods. They plan to use the Nutrition Environment Measures Survey-Stores (NEMS-S) tool in 11 small food retail stores (corner and convenience stores) to determine availability, price and quality of healthy foods in the selected locations.

## **6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS**

6.1 Eat, Mingle and Brainstorm - components of a community food strategy combined with member networking and celebration

Members and guests identified issues and policies to address in 2014 on flip chart papers around the room (collated in Appendix B to these minutes). Priorities will be discussed at the January meeting.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT** **(Maciej Kowalski/Tina Moffat)**

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