



Hamilton

## Meeting Notes

### COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014, 4:00 p.m.  
Room 264, City Hall

**Present:** Dave Carson, (co-chair), Karen Burson Ursula Samuels, Clare Wagner, Liz Shaver-Heeney, Adam Watson, Greg Witt, Sandy Skrzypczyk

**Absent:** Donna Lee Macdonald, Tina Moffat, Jean-Anne Bauman, Melanie Golba, Councillor Pasuta, Tabaruk Jahan, Maciej Kowalski, Chris Krucker, Councillor McHattie, Councillor Johnson, Dr. Ninh Tran, Sarah Wakefield

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#### 1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Add update from Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of June 4, 2013 were deferred due to lack of quorum

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Dave Carson presented highlights of the key issues from the findings of international panel on climate change with respect to food security.

#### 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Clare Wagner presented at the August 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Health (BOH) meeting regarding the Food Charter and requested that it be endorsed by BOH. It was endorsed by the BOH. The BOH Recommendation Report has gone to Council on August 15<sup>th</sup> and awaiting the on-line posting of these minutes to confirm that the City has formally endorsed the Food Charter.

5.2 Clare updated regarding the status of the Hamilton Food Forums, which have been moved to 2015. There will be two events held on two consecutive Tuesdays at the end of January: 1) food and schools, venue at a school TBA, 2) food and the city, venue is the Hamilton Spectator auditorium.

In addition, the community food festival will be held in fall 2015. Matt Thompson and Laura Ryan are working with Clare with the planning, and they are looking at a location in the Beasley neighbourhood. The theme is to celebrate the multicultural and heritage aspects in the City. Clare would like to share the Food Charter at these food events. Sandy will follow up on funds available for the printing of the Charter

5.3 Clare proposed the Committee take on the role of writing a brief report on community food programs in Hamilton to highlight all of the actions that are occurring. The purpose of the report is to act as a communicate tool to the BOH as a result of comments at the BOH meeting from some councillors who spoke about the need for food skills education. To be discussed at next meeting when there is quorum.

5.4 The Interdepartmental Food Strategy Steering Team presented a Food Strategy recommendation report to the BOH on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The three recommendations were passed:

A) That Appendix A attached to Report BOH13001 (a) respecting the Food for All, A Food Charter for Hamilton be endorsed by the Board of Health;  
(b) That the Board of Health endorse, in principle, the direction for the Interdepartmental Food Strategy Steering Team, to engage with community stakeholders to validate the proposed Food Strategy vision, principles, and goals;  
(c) That Public Health Services, on behalf of the Interdepartmental Food Strategy Steering Team, submit a funding request through the 2015 Capital budget in the amount of \$50,000 to complete the community engagement process.

Community engagement will formally start in 2015 once funds are approved. Public Health Services registered dietitians are planning a Food Summit for November 4 at LIUNA Station and one of the themes addresses Hamilton's food system and the Food Strategy. In the afternoon one of the workshops will be a "soft launch" for gathering community feedback on the proposed Food Strategy goals. The other two themes are food literacy and healthy food neighbourhoods/food environment. Registration via Eventbrite should be available very shortly. Early bird cost \$35.

5.5. Invitation from McMaster University's International Student Services requesting a representative from the Community Food Stakeholders Committee to speak about food insecurity in Hamilton. Clare Wagner has volunteered to do this

5.6 Discussion about the becoming a Food Policy Council was initiated earlier this year. Technically all advisory committee terms end coinciding with the end of the Council term. All advisory committees are being reviewed and a report will be going forward to Council in September. Given limited attendance at this meeting, the food policy council issue needs further discussion at the next meeting when there is quorum.

5.7 Greg reported that the Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee has coordinated the opening of food banks one evening a week (Thursdays) and on Saturdays to accommodate clients who cannot make it during the existing operating times.

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

6.1 Karen updated about the Harvest Picnic and that her discussion with a few farmers that felt the event provided an opportunity for exposure. Discussion about the cost for tickets and how it may impact those who cannot afford them; however, this is a for-profit music event.

6.2. Dave mentioned that the Art Gallery Film Fest will be showing “Just Eat It,” which is about food waste. There will be a Q&A session afterwards with Clare Wagner and Chris Krucker. It will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 pm, tickets are \$10.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**(Adam Watson/Ursula Samuels)**

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