



Hamilton

Minutes

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

Room 264, City Hall

Present: Dave Carson, (co-chair), Jean-Anne Bauman, Karen Burson, Ursula Samuels, Chris Krucker, Melanie Golba, Sarah Wakefield, Clare Wagner, Adam Watson (staff), Sandy Skrzypczyk (staff)
Guest: Graham Cubitt, Mustard Seed Co-op
Absent: Tina Moffat, Maciej Kowalski, Donna Lee Macdonald, Tabaruk Jahan, Greg Witt (staff), Dr. Ninh Tran (staff), Councillor Pasuta, Councillor McHattie, Councillor Johnson,

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Approval of October minutes moved to after Discussion item 5.1

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Melanie Golba/Sarah Wakefield)

3.1 Minutes of October 1, 2014 approved once additions made.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Graham Cubitt from the Mustard Seed Co-op Grocery Store presented on their achievements to date, which include having over 1700 members so far, approximately 159 different local suppliers, and Local Food Funding to work on a local food network strategy. Some challenges include working through food safety and fire regulations in their desire to build a kitchen the lower level of the building.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Dave reviewed the comments recorded in the October minutes regarding the Advisory Committees Report. Comments to also be included are: lack of representation of farmers in the membership; question why Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee not also included in the proposed new food committee;

and potential to explore Trillium funding. The members present confirmed that other than these additions, the October minutes reflect their comments and concerns.

5.2 Clare gave an update on N2N's pursuit of Community Food Centres Canada (CFCC) funding to transform their organization into a community food centre. Their Expression of Interest made it into the top 4 applications and they will now be going forward to the next steps. They have a site visit by CFCC on November 7th. In addition, Clare updated on the Hamilton Food Forums, two panel discussion events with newly elected council and school trustees: Thurs, Jan 29th, 7-9pm at The Spectator Auditorium for *Food in Your Community*; Thurs, Feb 5th, 7-9pm, at Westmount Secondary Gymnasium for *Food in Your Schools*. Partners from Tastebuds, Public Health Services, and N2N are collaborating on the Edible Education initiative to provide resources and a toolkit of case studies, fact sheets, presentations, messages, and stories to help decision-makers envision how a stronger school food environment could be advanced in Ontario. Goal is for parents, teachers, program providers, and other advocates to use these resources to make the case to their provincial, municipal, and school decision-makers for stronger school food programs. Lastly, Innoweave will be facilitating another workshop for the Collective Impact partners on November 7th focusing on the goal of "healthy eating for all."

5.3 The Hamilton Food Summit on November 4th that was organized by the Healthy Food Systems Registered Dietitians at Public Health Services was a success, with over 100 attendees. The Summit had representation from many sectors, including education, agriculture, food processing and retail, environment/sustainability, neighbourhood action strategy, food insecurity service providers, and health care. Several participants expressed interest in collaboration on food literacy and healthy food environments, and being involved in the food strategy community engagement. A Food Summit report is being generated and will be distributed electronically to attendees.

5.4. Dave, Karen, and Sandy are members on the Food and Agriculture Climate Action Task Force. If anyone is interested in contributing to this, please contact Dave.

5.5. The Interdepartmental Steering Team, which is made up of representation from Planning & Economic Development, Public Works, Emergency and Community Services, and Public Health Services are working on the Food Strategy community engagement process for 2015. A Capital budget request was submitted to help fund this and scenarios will be planned based on the funding available.

Action: Sarah and Dave to draft a letter to Chris Murray, Paul Johnson, and Dr. Tran to thank Public Health for hosting a successful Food Summit and moving forward with the food strategy community engagement.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Sarah Wakefield/Clare Wagner)

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

