



Hamilton

Minutes

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
Room 264, City Hall**

- Present:** Dave Carson (co-chair), Karen Burson, Ursula Samuels, Chris Krucker, Melanie Golba, Clare Wagner, Councillor Pasuta, Councillor A. Johnson, Councillor Collins
- Staff:** Adam Watson, Greg Witt, Claire Lechner, Dr. Ninh Tran, Sandy Skrzypczyk
- Absent:** Jean-Anne Bauman, Sarah Wakefield, Tina Moffat, Maciej Kowalski, Donna Lee Macdonald, Tabaruk Jahan
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1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Welcome to the new Council members: Councillors Chad Collins and Aidan Johnson. Welcome back to Councillor Pasuta.

5.7 Update on Climate Change Action Plan Agriculture and Food Taskforce - Dave

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Clare Wagner, Melanie Golba)

3.1 Minutes of November 5, 2014 approved.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Dave reported that a letter to C. Murray, P. Johnson, and Dr. Tran from CFSSC regarding the committee's feedback about proposed changes to the food –related

advisory committees was sent and acknowledgement sent back that consultation will be held with this committee.

5.2 Request to sponsor a screening of the film, *Growing Cities*, which showcases innovators and everyday people who are transforming their cities one vacant lot, rooftop farm, and backyard garden at a time: www.growingcitiesmovie.com Adam reported that he is inquiring to purchase the film to use as an awareness raising resource in his new position with the Neighbourhood Strategy (Urban Agriculture Project Manager). Dave requested that Adam provide updates about the McQuesten urban farm progress at these meetings.

Action: Dave to forward to Adam the original e-mail request that the film producers sent to Sandy. Adam will report back to the committee about whether his program will purchase the film, *Growing Cities*, and provide updates about urban agriculture progress at future meetings.

5.3 Review of 2014 CFSSC Accomplishments – Dave handed out a compiled list of actions that the committee participated in, received research and presentations, etc., which occurred during 2014.

Action: Please send any changes/feedback to Dave.

5.4 Prioritize issues and actions for 2015 – Those present at the meeting reviewed the list of priorities that were identified last year. Councillor Collins suggested reviewing the City's strategic priorities to see what the committee could potentially work on; further discussion at next meeting when more members are present.

Action: review priorities at February meeting.

5.5 Local Food Forums - Clare Wagner provided an update on the planning for the forums. Invites were sent to councillors before Christmas; still waiting for confirmation about their commitment to participate. The panel is meant to be a discussion not a debate format. Clare hopes that food forum type events continue in the City beyond these two. Discussion about having an interactive activity like the one at the Food Summit about the proposed Food Strategy goals to gather feedback to build on the feedback received at the Summit.

5.6 Food Strategy Update -Claire Lechner, Public Health Services, manager of the Healthy Food Systems group provided an update: Public Health will be funding the community engagement (CE); an internal staff project team is being assembled to carry out the CE; several forms of engagement are planned.

5.7 Dave presented the draft directions by the Climate Change Action Plan Agriculture and Food Taskforce. The Taskforce has focused on the agricultural issues to date and needs to address the food side still.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Pasuta expressed his disappointment with the photo used in the Spectator in an article about food waste and asked this misperception of perfectly

edible food would be something the committee might address, e.g., follow up with a letter to the editor.

Melanie would like to get more information about the Edible Education network as Plan B does school tours on request; Clare to share this information with Melanie.

Clare announced that Neighbour to Neighbour has been chosen to be the next community food center in Ontario to receive funding from Community Food Centres Canada. There will be a formal announcement once a site is secured; they anticipate it opening in 1.5 – 2 years from now.

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Ursula Samuels/Clare Wagner)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.