



Hamilton

Minutes

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 4:00 pm
Room 264, City Hall

Present: Dave Carson (co-chair), Ursula Samuels, Tabaruk Jahan, Chris Krucker, Melanie Golba, Clare Wagner, Jean-Anne Bauman, Sarah Wakefield, Tina Moffat, Councillor Collins

Staff: Adam Watson, Greg Witt, Claire Lechner, Dr. Ninh Tran, Sandy Skrzypczyk,

Absent: Karen Burson, Maciej Kowalski, Donna Lee Macdonald, Councillor Pasuta, Councillor A. Johnson

Guests: Emma Cubitt, Laura Ryan

Staff Guests: Scott Baldry, Ed VanderWindt, Emily Coe, Richard MacDonald, John Edward

1. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
(Clare Wagner, Ursula Samuels)
3.1 Minutes of January 7, 2014

4. **PRESENTATIONS**
None

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.1. Based on the discussion with guest staff from Planning and Economic Development and Public Health Services regarding community kitchens, the following issues will need to be considered to move this forward:

- Goals for kitchen use should be clear (e.g., community building, community learning vs small business, commercial enterprise)

- Zoning will impact the use of kitchen (e.g., churches are zoned institutional, for community use, not commercial use)
- Availability of other buildings that could accommodate incubation of small business enterprises (e.g., CityHousing, off-peak hours in commercial kitchens)
- What are the new community needs (e.g., vulnerable populations with limited job skills and ability to navigate regulations)
- What are existing resources and how can access be improved for people who are experience difficulty accessing these programs
- What are the opportunities to increase employability with food skills (e.g., review of existing best practices, programs)
- Licensing and permitting granted once other regulations are in place (e.g., zoning, public health inspection, parking, fire, etc.)
- Other stakeholders need to be engaged and part of this conversation (e.g., churches and others whose property is being considered for these purposes)

Action: Clare to meet with City staff to gain a better understanding of this issue. She will work with Sarah to draft the motion and Dr. Tran will provide review/guidance.

5.2. The Ontario Collaborative Group on Healthy Eating and Physical Activity initiated the process to create the Ontario Food and Nutrition Strategy and has continued to lead it. Hamilton Public Health Registered Dietitians have been involved in the consultation to develop this strategy for several years. Update on Hamilton's Food Strategy progress is usually on the agenda; however, it was missed this meeting. To be added to next meeting agenda. The internal Project Team is working on the online survey with a contracted researcher, and they are also working on an animated video to raise awareness of the food strategy. Members of the Committee asked for the opportunity to input ideas to the online survey.

6. **GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS**

Chris would like to have further discussion regarding this committee, including the structure of the meetings, how to engage and move items forward with the City, review the decision-making model, etc.

Action: Dave to ask the manager of the program that is leading the advisory committee review to come to a meeting to discuss these issues.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

(Sarah Wakefield/Clare Wagner)

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

NOTE: April meeting is cancelled. Next meeting will be May 6th.