



Hamilton

Minutes

FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 10 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

City Hall, Room 264, 2nd Floor

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Luc Peters (Co-Chair), Kate Flynn, Clare Wagner, Laurie Nielsen, Tracy Hutchings, Bill Wilcox, Hannah Pahuta, Lynn Gates (Recorder), Sandy Skrzypczyk (Staff Liaison)

Absent: Vijay Jos (Co-Chair), Nancy Henley, Bill Slowka, Lauren Beeler, Steve Robinson

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Item 7.4 Added – Membership, otherwise agenda approved as presented.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(C. Wagner/H. Pahuta)

Minutes from October 25th, 2017 were approved as presented.

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4. CONSENT ITEMS

None

5. PRESENTATIONS

None

6. MEMBER UPDATES

Kate Flynn, Mohawk College: The Sustainability Office has become part of the new Climate Change Management Centre. Funding has been received from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change through monies gained by the Cap and Trade program. Further information available at [The Centre for Climate Change Management at Mohawk College ...](#)

Public Health Climate Change staff will be relocated to the Mohawk office to facilitate collaboration. The City of Burlington is also a partner in this initiative. The group is tasked with developing a Bay Area Climate Change Action Plan/Program. Additional

staff will be hired to conduct community outreach, student engagement, and project management. A public forum will be held in March at the RBG.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Food Strategy Update, Sandy Skrzypczyk, Public Health Services: Two Public Health Food Strategy reports were completed by Sandy and presented to the Board of Health (BOH) at their December 4, 2017 meeting (Update on Priority Actions 4 and 5; Food Strategy Implementation Plan). Both reports were received at the BOH December 4th meeting. At that meeting only two comments/questions came forward: Councillor Partridge asked a question regarding the Millgrove Elementary School Food Waste Project and the Mayor reiterated his hopes for this project also. This project/initiative will be addressed in an upcoming BOH report on Food Waste, scheduled for March 2018. At the December 10th 2017 Council meeting, both reports were deferred back to the BOH at Councillor Collins request due to concerns raised that he has received from the Emergency Food Providers Network. The reports are available online: <https://pub-hamilton.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=138709>

Action: L. Gates agreed to attend the January 15th BOH meeting as a delegate of the Food Advisory Committee so that the Committee can have an understanding of the Network's concerns. Lynn will complete online Request to Delegate form and draft comments to send out to Committee for review.

The term project for McMaster MBA students within the Healthcare and Marketing course this semester is focused on communication tools for food literacy, specifically digital tools. Sandy and Kate will be attending their class on Jan. 15th: Sandy to present the Food Strategy and Kate as a member of the Hamilton Food Literacy Network.

Hamilton Farm Map: Mohawk College Sustainability Office is collaborating with staff from the Economic Development and Public Health to update the Hamilton Eat Local Farm Map previously coordinated through Environment Hamilton. The new version will be housed on the City's website using StoryMaps. A recent graduate from McMaster has been contracted to conduct outreach to farms to update the farm map content.

Food Waste: Staff from Public Works who address waste diversion are collaborating with Public Health staff to prepare a report for the BOH meeting in March. Laurie mentioned that the Province is moving to a zero organic waste policy

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/strategy-waste-free-ontario-building-circular-economy>

Note: The draft policy is no longer open for public comment.

Home Food Businesses: Sandy had a Ryerson University grad student/dietetic intern with her last fall that investigated and compiled findings regarding the requirements for operating an at-home business involving food for sale. Sandy will be sending the document to relevant staff in Economic Development and Public Health/Food Safety for review to ensure accuracy of the information.

Community Kitchen Scan work is continuing.

7.2 Debrief of November 8th 2017 in-service: Key messages identified by committee members included:

- Develop a yearly schedule
- Take advantage of opportunities
- A role of the FAC can be that of co-ordination - bringing groups together

For the Interdepartmental Food Strategy Steering Team, a focus for 2018 will be to conduct more outreach to increase awareness of the Strategy and to identify opportunities for collaboration, for example considering organizing an event on the Food Strategy Goals

Brief discussion about the Implementation Plan Report to Council and whether the purpose is to document initiatives that the City of Hamilton is involved with, either through grants or staff time:

- If the Implementation Report is meant to be an inventory of all community initiatives, there would need to be a process to provide content, a place to locate the information, and ongoing person hours to keep the information up-to-date
- The value of having an accurate base of initiatives to ongoing success of a Strategy versus taking advantage of opportunities identified by knowledgeable people in specific sectors was discussed

7.3 2018 Work Plan

The June 14, 2017 planning activity notes were reviewed to identify 2-3 specific actions for this year. The following Actions were identified and agreed to:

- Task Group to investigate opportunities around food literacy and the Food Skills & Employability actions and report back to the Committee in February (S. Skrzypczyk, L. Gates, C. Wagner, H. Pahuta)
- Sandy to invite Public Works and Public Health staff to present an update on Food Waste initiatives at February meeting (30 minutes total including questions)
- Food Literacy Update/Discussion will be a regular item on every meeting agenda. Sandy to invite Public Health staff working on food literacy to attend our March meeting.

7.4 Membership on the Food Advisory Committee: members are being asked by interested people if they can join to be a member of the Committee. The message from Legislative Office is that no new members will be taken on until the next term. Note: please encourage people to apply when recruitment for next term starts.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

9. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

(L. Nielson/B. Wilcox)

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm

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