



Hamilton

Minutes

FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 13 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

City Hall, Room 264, 2nd Floor

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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

Absent: Vijay Jos (Co-Chair), Bill Slowka, Lauren Beeler, Hannah Pahuta

Guests: Raffaella Morello, Public Works, Elizabeth Smith, Public Health Services, City of Hamilton

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(T. Hutchings/L. Nielsen)

Minutes from January 10, 2018 were approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. CONSENT ITEMS

None

5. PRESENTATIONS

Food Waste & Diversion Presentation - Raffaella Morello, Public Works and Elizabeth Smith, Public Health Services

City of Hamilton staff gave an overview of the amount of food waste produced in Canada, estimated to be worth \$31b by the National Zero Waste Council; 47% of food waste occurs at the consumer level. Waste composition studies in Hamilton suggest that 50% of waste is “avoidable,” represents \$720/year per resident / \$150 M for Hamilton. A Food and Organic Waste Framework encourages a circular economy. Provincial targets for municipalities include a 50% organic waste diversion by 2020. This will be a challenge for Hamilton as currently without a Green Bin Program for apartment buildings/condominiums. There is a small Green Bin program in Separate School Board that is increasing in number of schools involved incrementally. No program within Public School Board. Public Works looking at expanding food recovery

at City owned facilities, such as Kings Forest. Focus of City awareness campaign will be on how to reduce the amount of food wasted.

Comments from Committee members included: pick up of organics is very expensive for restaurants and institutions with food service, such as Mohawk College, McMaster University and hospitals; *Waste Not Farms* picks up organics at free or no cost for use at their worm farm (Toronto program).

6. MEMBER UPDATES

Kate Flynn, Mohawk College

The first **Bay Area Climate Change Forum** will be held on March 8, 2018 at the Royal Botanical Gardens from 8:30 am to 4pm to launch the **Bay Area Climate Change Partnership** (BACCP) initiative. A research project to create a scalable, transferable framework to increase local food procurement at Ontario's 24 colleges funded by a grant from the Greenbelt has been completed

- The Phase 1 research report can be found here: <https://www.mohawkcollege.ca/about-mohawk/initiatives/sustainability/local-food>
- Phase 2 completed On-Campus Pilot Projects at several Ontario colleges with support from Mohawk staff: http://www.foodandfarming.ca/custom/uploads/2017/03/Local-Food-Procurement_Pilot-Project-Application-Package_FINAL.pdf
- Phase 3 involved the development of *A Framework for Legal Procurement of Local Food*

Kate and staff have identified a need for education of food service staff about local foods

- On Feb. 23rd, the Province announced that Mohawk College received another grant of \$30,000 to create an on-line professional certification program in local food procurement. The program will be offered this fall and could be offered to up to 50 people. Kate is looking for feedback on who this program should be targeted toward.

Clare Wagner, Hamilton Community Food Centre (HCFC)

They are seeking to link smaller scale farmers and producers with the Centre and programs such as *The Good Food Box*. The HCFC is involved with the Neighbour to Neighbour *Healthy Kids Community Challenge*.

The *Hamilton Edible Education Guide* has been published. The Guide is a resource for teachers and parents that focuses on food skills and includes an on-line tool that outlines ideas for the classroom and field trips.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Food Strategy Update - Sandy Skrzypczyk, Public Health Services

Two Public Health reports were written and submitted to the Board of Health - *Update on Priority Actions 4 & 5*; and the *Implementation Plan* - <https://pub-hamilton.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=138709> Both reports were approved at the Board of Health (BOH) Dec. 4th meeting; however, at Council the

reports were deferred back to the BOH due to concerns Councillor Collins has received from the Emergency Food Providers Network, and he developed a Motion with three Amendments related to the Food Strategy report. Councillor Collins had not yet received feedback on the Motion from the Emergency Food Providers Network, so the reports were delayed to Feb. 22nd BOH meeting.

L. Gates had requested permission to delegate on behalf of the Committee at the Feb. meeting and had drafted the committee's response, based on input from other members. L. Gates is not available to attend the meeting so another committee member is needed to act as delegate. There are no committee members available to delegate at the Feb. 22nd afternoon meeting.

An invitation has not yet gone out to the Food Providers Network from the Committee.

Motion

(L. Gates/L. Peters)

That the Food Providers Network be contact as soon as possible to invite a representative to attend a future meeting at their convenience.

CARRIED

Action:

- K. Flynn will revise the written submission and submit to the Board of Health on behalf of the Chair of the Committee
- L. Peters will delegate on behalf of the Advisory Committee at the Feb. 28th Council meeting.
- An invitation to attend a Committee meeting will be sent to the Chair of the Emergency Food Providers Network.

Due to Council meetings are held on Wednesdays, it is not possible for Councillor Whitehead to attend, even occasionally; there was a discussion on how the Committee could liaise more effectively with Councillors and whether Councillor Collins should be invited to a meeting.

Motion

(C. Wagner/K. Flynn)

That, pending room availability, the members of the Food Advisory Committee vote on changing the meeting day from Wednesday to Tuesday.

CARRIED

Action:

- S. Skrzypczyk will consult with the City Clerk liaison to determine the correct process for inviting Councillors to Advisory Committee meetings.
- S. Skrzypczyk to determine room availability on Tuesdays.

7.3 2018 Work Plan

1. Food Literacy

The Hamilton Food Literacy Network (HFLN) met in January and will be organizing a calendar of events as part of launching an annual Food Literacy Month in September. The HFLN is also planning a networking meeting with a social component for May.

2. Food Skills & Employability

Task group met to discuss options and next steps; however, due to time, discussion and approval to proceed with planning is deferred to next meeting deferred until next meeting.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

9. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

(C. Wagner/T. Hutchings)

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

CARRIED