



Hamilton

Minutes FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 11, 2018,
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 264, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Luc Peters (Chair), Krista D'aoust, Kate Flynn, Lynn Gates (Recorder), Nancy Henley, Laurie Nielsen, Hannah Pahuta, Steve Robinson, Bill Slowka, Bill Wilcox, Sandy Skrzypczyk (Staff Liaison), Vivian Underdown (non-member)

Guests: Andrea McDowell, Public Health Services, Healthy and Safe Communities, 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 (H. Pahuta/L. Nielsen)

Minutes from May 9th, 2018 were approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. CONSENT ITEMS

None

5. PRESENTATION

Presentation by Andrea McDowell, Climate Change and Community Climate Change Planning: Agriculture and Food presentation by Andrea McDowell, Public Health Services, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton, was received by the Committee and the PPT was shared with the members.

Members expressed interest in keeping the lines of communication open between Andrea's climate change work related to food and this Committee, and being involved in some capacity as work evolves.

6. MEMBER UPDATES

H. Pahuta provided an update on Indwell's Parkdale Landing affordable housing development, which is scheduled to open in approximately two weeks. There is a full

commercial kitchen that will be used to provide meals to the tenants, with the aim to implement other food programming in the future.

L. Peters reported that Humble Bee's bees are experiencing more pesticide exposure in the urban area in comparison to the past, but they are not sure why. This pesticide exposure seems to be across the City, not just one area of the City.

K. Flynn reported that Mohawk's online Local Food Certificate program has been launched and encouraged everyone to take a look at the program and consider enrolling <https://www.mohawkcollege.ca/ce/programs/hospitality-home-and-garden/sustainable-local-foods-certificate-937>

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Food Strategy Update - Sandy Skrzypczyk, Public Health Services

Food Literacy Month is coming up in October; approximately 40 food related events have been accepted so far. Public Health dietitians are still trying to work with the Art Gallery of Hamilton to run a film and panel event, and if this doesn't work they will look for another venue. Suggestions for panelists were discussed and potential questions.

MOTION

(H. Pahuta/K. Flynn)

That the remaining Committee funds be used to support Food Literacy Month.

CARRIED

Postcards are still available to promote the City's online local food map.

The Emergency Food Network (EFN) has drafted their revision for the Food Strategy Report pages 42-43 and sent it to Public Health. The Food Advisory Committee has the opportunity to review and comment on it. Initial concerns are:

1. that it's not clear what sections on pages 42-43 will be removed, stay, or be replaced;
2. that it is critical that the information that income is the solution to address food insecurity must stay in the report;
3. that the Food Strategy already has a Vision that was based on community input and other programs/organizations do not have their mission and vision in the Food Strategy report - highlighting the EFN's mission and vision could confuse readers.

MOTION

(H. Pahuta/K. Flynn)

That the Committee draft a response to Public Health and the Emergency Food Network regarding our concerns about the proposed replacement pages to the Food Strategy Report pages 42-42.

CARRIED

ACTION

- Sandy to get clarification from management about what is being removed and what is staying on pages 42-42 within the Food Strategy report and when the Committee's feedback is due to Public Health.

- Everyone to review the revision and provide feedback to Sandy by September 31. Sandy will collate and provide the Committee's feedback to Public Health Management.

7.2 2018 Annual Report

At the end of August, Sandy sent an electronic draft of the Committee's annual report for everyone to review. The Committee needs to ensure that it reflects your past accomplishments and recommendations going forward. 100inOne Day event top three dotmocracy results have been included in the draft report. Suggested that the Committee present at the time that the Annual report goes to Board of Health in place of the past delegation request. This would give the Committee ten minutes to present versus the five minute delegation

ACTION

- Everyone to provide their feedback/revisions to the FAC Annual report to Sandy by September 31. Sandy will collate and recirculate to the Committee to finalize the FAC Annual Report; the final report needs to be submitted to Public Health management by late October.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

9. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT (L. Neilson/K. D'aoust)

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED