



Hamilton

**Minutes**  
**FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

October 8, 2019

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

City Hall, Rooms 192-193, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

**Present:** Elly Bowen (Co-chair), Krista D'aoust, Vicky Hachey, Laurie Nielsen, Barbara Stares, Kyle Swain, Drew Johnston, Biniam Mehretab, Jennifer Silversmith, Andrew Sweetnam, Brian Tammi (Secretary), Sandy Skrzypczyk (Staff Liaison)

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillor Merulla, Frank Stinellis, Maria Biasutti, Jordan Geertsma, Mary Ellen Scanlon, Edward Whittall, Vivien Underdown (Chair)

**1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

**(Johnston/Mehretab)**

Motion to add discussion item regarding inviting FAC members to share articles/studies of interest that are relevant to food issues

**CARRIED**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**(Nielson/Johnston)**

That the minutes of the Sept 10, 2019 meeting of the Food Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. PRESENTATION**

**4.1** Presentation on the Hamilton Community Food Centre by Amy Angelo, Manager of Food Access and Skills was received. The 15-minute presentation outlined the activities of Hamilton Community Garden Network (HCGN) and the Neighbour2neighbour Hamilton Community Food Centre. The community activities of these organizations directly relate to the Food Strategy and the mandate of the FAC.

This was followed by 15 minutes of Q & A where A. Angelo answered FAC member questions.

## **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **5.1 Summary of Food Literacy Month Event**

The FAC members who attended the recent Food Literacy Month event presented their take-aways from the event to rest of FAC present at meeting.

### **5.2 Other Food Literacy Event Options**

General discussion of ideas for attending future events similar to the recent Food Literacy Month event. No final decisions were made.

### **5.3 Food Strategy Forum Update**

S. Skrzypczyk informed FAC of finalized schedule and speakers at the upcoming Food Strategy Forum (FSF). Most of FAC plans to attend FSF, and the event is now free. Everyone must register if they plan on attending. Members were encouraged to engage their personal networks and invite people who they think should attend.

### **5.4 2020 Budget request report**

S. Skrzypczyk informed FAC that the Committee will have spent \$1,478.48 this year and have \$1021.52 left in our budget. The previous FAC membership from 2018 requested a one-time funding increase of \$1000 (for a total of \$2500).

General discussion followed regarding how best to save and use these funds in 2020.

#### **(Mehretab/Johnston)**

That the remaining FAC budget go into the FAC reserves and be requested for 2020.

**CARRIED**

#### **(Mehretab/Johnston)**

That FAC request \$1,500 for 2020 base budget and to request \$1,000 from the Food Advisory Committee reserves for a total of \$2,500 for the Committee's 2020 budget.

**CARRIED**

## **6. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

## **7. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS**

E. Bowen informed FAC of a recent study from University of Guelph regarding food waste reduction. D. Johnson shared that he recently learned about a local aquaculture farm that he would like to find out more about and bring that information back to the Committee.

E. Bowen invited FAC members to suggest presenters that we would like to line up for the next meeting. S. Skrzypczyk suggested Alvaro Venturelli, Co-owner of Plan B Organic farms and Farmer at McQuesten Urban Farm. The Chair, Co-chair, and Secretary will work with the Staff Liaison to invite a presenter from the list of names generated at a previous FAC meeting.

V. Hachey inquired if A. Angelo received an honorarium for presenting to FAC. E. Bowen confirmed that A. Angelo did not receive any funds from FAC for her presentation at this meeting.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**(D'aoust/Nielson)**

That there be no further business, the Food Advisory Committee be adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

V. Underdown, Chair  
Food Advisory Committee

Sandy Skrzypczyk  
Staff Liaison  
Public Health Services