



Hamilton

## **Minutes**

### **COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 4:00 p.m.  
Room 264, City Hall**

**Present:** Sarah Wakefield (chair), Karen Burson, Dave Carson, Sara Collyer, Emma Cubitt, Vicki Edwards, Melanie Golba, Chris Krucker, Tina Moffat, Ursula Samuels, Liz Shaver-Heeney, Adam Watson

**Absent with Regrets:** Robert Clackett Tabaruk Jahan, Councillor Johnson, Maciej Kowalski, Richard MacDonald, Councillor McHattie, Councillor Pasuta, Sapphire Singh, Dr. Ninh Tran

**Guests:** Claire Lechner, Sara Mayo

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#### **1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Feb. 1, 2012**

(Melanie Golba/Sara Collyer)

3.1 Minutes dated Feb. 1, 2012 were approved as circulated.

#### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

Healthy Food Systems Plan within Public Health Services – Claire Lechner reviewed the Hamilton three-year plan developed after a program review and a situational assessment. She described how staff are moving forward to address food skills, and economic and physical access to healthy food within the community, school and workplace settings. She anticipates many opportunities to collaborate with CFSSC members as the work rolls out.

Social Planning and Research Council (SPRC) Healthy Communities Steering Committee – Sara Mayo presented SPRC's Community Picture Highlights data on healthy eating and described the soon-to- be-released reports on health equity and healthy public policy. She is currently involved in supporting the establishment of a

school local food market, and conducting research to identify the food shopping behaviour of Hamilton residents.

## 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Healthy Communities and (SPRC) plans – no discussion needed

5.2 Retail food in the downtown core - deferred to April meeting

5.3 Group updates

5.3.1 Food Charter – the updated version of the charter is available on the <http://hamiltonfoodcharter.wordpress.com/> website and all are encouraged to post comments. **Action:** Vicki will compose and circulate an email message for members to publicize the website to their networks to gain support for the charter.

5.3.2 Education and Outreach – Karen reported on the success of events promoted during February is Farm Month. Attendance ranged from 25 - 81 at the eight events with total participants numbering 432. Some media coverage was received. The CFSSC display board continues to be set up for viewing at the Market kitchen.

5.3.3 Farmers' Markets – Chris and Sarah are moving forward with the process to recommend that the City write a policy for the establishment of farmers' markets. Additional consultation is planned.

5.3.4 Community gardens – Adam reported that three new gardens are planned for 2012. The recreation department is interested in supporting community gardens. The grant proposal to the Trillium Foundation for continuation of the coordinator position has been submitted. There seems to be lots of start-up funding for interested groups. School gardens may only need support from the principals rather than the entire school boards. A recommended film that champions school community gardens is the Edible School Yard.

5.3.5 Agri-food business - deferred

5.3.6 Student nutrition – Approximately half of the schools in Hamilton have student nutrition programs.

5.3.7 Food Mapping - defer

5.3.8 Food Hub Development – Everyone is welcome to attend the next meeting on Friday, March 9 at 2:00 p.m. which will inform the approach to be taken. The committee is weighing the pros and cons of a food network that will help to link and coordinate civil society, or an actual neighbourhood level hub providing a one stop shop for food.

## 6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Golden Horseshoe Agriculture and Agri-Food Strategy, Food and Farming: An Action Plan 2021. The plan is available at [www.gtaaac.ca](http://www.gtaaac.ca) and Brian Morris from the City's Economic Development Division will be invited to a future CFSSC meeting to present the plan to members.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

(Tina Moffat/Dave Carson)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**Carried**