



Hamilton

MINUTES

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
Room 264, City Hall

Present: Jean-Anne Bauman, Karen Burson, Dave Carson, Sara Collyer (chair), Melanie Golba, Maciej Kowalski, Chris Krucker, Donna Lee Macdonald, Ursula Samuels, Liz Shaver-Heeney, Adam Watson, Anne Winning, Greg Witt, Sarah Wakefield, Donna Weldon (recorder for Vicki Edwards)

Absent with Regrets Councillor Johnson, Vicki Edwards

Absent: Emma Cubitt, Tabaruk Jahan, Councillor McHattie, Councillor Pasuta, Dr Ninh Tran, Tina Moffat

Guest: Helene St. Jacques

1. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
(Sarah Wakefield/Dave Carson)**

3.1 Minutes of September 4, 2013 approved as circulated.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 **The Tipping Point: Love Food, Hate Waste** presentation was given by H el ene St. Jacques, chair of the Toronto Food Policy Council. In Canada, 51% of food waste occurs in the home, and much of this is edible food. Can we address hunger with new strategies for reducing edible food waste? Have we reached the tipping point for new strategies that involve new skills, thrift pays, unavoidable & avoidable waste, good for the planet practices, labelling and new retail practices? Let's make the connections between food waste and

- local food eaters & farmers,
- human health,
- well-being & vitality,
- environmental protection, and
- sustainable, healthy communities.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Response to presentation on food waste reduction.

Although Hamilton recycles more food waste through the Green Bin program than Toronto, members acknowledged that food waste is a problem. Education appears to present the best opportunity to reduce food waste.

5.2 CFSSC response to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Best Practices in Local Food, A Guide for Municipalities, Deloitte Report.

Dave gave a summary presentation of the AMO report and the following motion was proposed:

Motion: Whereas we are encouraged by the recently issued AMO report entitled Best Practices for Local Food – A Guide for Municipalities and

Whereas the City of Hamilton is adopting some of these Best Practices, some of which have recently emerged

it is moved that:

We recommend City staff utilize these Best Practices in the Food Strategy that is under development.

(Dave Carson/Sarah Wakefield)

Carried

5.3 Update on members' participation at the Hamilton Farmers' Market focus group session on the privatization of the Market

Five CFSSC members met with John Hertel on September 23rd and provided input and ideas for future market operations. A summary of the focus group results will be available before the market management Request for Proposal is issued.

Sarah gave a summary of a student report on farmers' market management.

The report noted that only one market in Ontario is privately run, and that every market experiences challenges.

5.4 Planning for a 2014 CFSSC event

A potential speaker has been invited. The event could be used to highlight all the great food initiatives happening in Hamilton.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Screening of a video produced by the Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee: 'Invisible insecurity'

Greg gave an introduction on how the video was developed and then showed the video. The link to the video is: www.invisibleinsecurity.ca

6.2 World Food Day is being celebrated on October 16th at First Unitarian Church of Hamilton at 170 Dundurn St. S. from 7-9 p.m.

Hannah Renglich will be the guest speaker, and panelists include Dave Carson, CFSSC co-chair.

Email bekoko@environmenthamilton.org to reserve a space.

6.3 Local Food Act

The Ontario Local Food Act has passed a second reading in the House and is now before the Legislative Committee on Social Policy. Over the next few weeks, hearings will take place on proposed amendments to the Act and citizens can share their ideas for making the Local Food Act stronger (see <http://sustainontario.com/initiatives/policies> for details).

7. ADJOURNMENT
(Karen Burson/Dave Carson)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.