



Hamilton

Minutes

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
Room 264, City Hall**

Present: Sara Collyer (co-chair), Karen Burson, Emma Cubitt, Vicki Edwards, Melanie Golba, Tabaruk Jahan, Maciej Kowalski, Ursula Samuels, Liz Shaver-Heeney, Sapphire Singh, Sarah Wakefield, Anne Winning

Absent with Regrets: Jean-Anne Bauman, Dave Carson (co-chair), Chris Krucker, Councillor McHattie, Councillor Johnson, Susan Harding-Cruz, Donna Lee Macdonald, Tina Moffat, Councillor Pasuta, Dr. Ninh Tran

Guests: Anuja Ramgoolam, Carla Klassen

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Add 6.5 New Resources
6.6 Upcoming Free Information Sessions
6.7 2nd Canadian Food Summit

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, December 5, 2012 (Sarah Wakefield/Maciej Kowalski)

3.1 Minutes dated Dec. 5, 2012 were approved as circulated.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Dundas Valley 50-Year Vision and Strategy: Direction and Actions involving local food, and awareness of importance of agriculture. Anuja Ramgoolam, Dundas Valley Project Coordinator, Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA), provided a Power Point presentation on the Dundas Valley Top Ten Projects and invited CFSSC members to partner with HCA in making the vision a reality. Her presentation can be found at www.hamilton.ca/foodsecurity

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 The March CFSSC meeting will focus on Strategic Planning.

Action: In preparation for this meeting, members are encouraged to review the 2012 Priority Planning document with current activities and the CFSSC Terms of Reference, and to bring ideas for policies and strategies for CFSSC action in the coming year.

5.2 Food Charter Update: <http://hamiltonfoodcharter.wordpress.com/>

Input was received from the City Senior Management Team and more consultation with city departments was requested before taking the charter forward to Council for endorsement. Community consultation has taken place over the last year and a half, and to date, 104 individuals and 18 agencies have contributed their signatures to support endorsement of the Hamilton Food Charter.

Members are anxious to receive city department feedback in a timely fashion.

5.3 Education and Outreach - Facebook page or Facebook group (Friends of CFSSC) facebook.com/groups/friendsofhamiltonsCFSSC - Karen and Sapphire are preparing the Facebook page to go public.

Action: Members are reminded to submit their brief biographies (2-3 sentences) to kaylen.fredrickson@gmail.com for posting on the page.

The CFSSC display was used at the Hamilton Farmers' Market on Feb. 2, and is booked for Seedy Sunday on Feb. 24, and for the February Is Farm Month Panel Discussion on Farmland Preservation, Feb. 27.

5.4 Food Strategy Update – The Information Report Plan for a Food Strategy was received at the February 4th Board of Health Meeting.

http://www.hamilton.ca/NR/rdonlyres/08C45CD5-0148-4696-B3AF-D81C73FF4D3E/0/Feb04EDRMS_n403971_v1_BOH13001_Food_Strategy_Report.pdf

5.5 Social Planning and Research Council (SPRC) has received funding from the provincial Healthy Communities fund to work on a municipal policy to increase physical access to healthy food. Carla Klassen described the project and asked CFSSC members to participate on a sub-committee to advance this work.

Action: Contact Carla at cklassen@sprc.hamilton.on.ca if interested.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 February is Farm Month Events – Check out the Eat Local Blog for an updated list of events <http://hamiltoneatlocal.blogspot.ca/>

6.2 Hamilton Community Garden Network (HCGN) update – Green Venture and Neighbour to Neighbour Centre have partnered and applied for Trillium funding to support the demand for new gardens in Hamilton through the HCGN and staff position.

6.3 Update on the Mustard Seed Co-op Grocery – <http://mustardseed.coop/>

Emma reported that over 350 people have bought memberships in the co-op non-profit grocery store. The goal is 800 members by the projected opening date in May. Sixty volunteers are working in teams to inform food sourcing, financing, location, membership, human resources and more. The co-op is currently recruiting a project manager to start in early March. Media coverage has helped the coop gain momentum.

<http://www.chch.com/morning-live-blog/item/11388-mustard-morning-live>

6.4 Right to Food Report by UN Special Rapporteur Dr. Olivier de Schutter

Motion: That CFSSC submits an application to host the webinar conversation on March 4th in Hamilton. (Sapphire Singh/Sarah Wakefield) Passed

Action: Vicki will submit application on behalf of CFSSC.

6.5 New resources –

- Vancouver Food Strategy <http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/vancouver-food-strategy.aspx>
- City Food Policy and Programs: Lessons Harvested from an Emerging Field <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/416389>
- Ontario Food and Nutrition Strategy, Draft 2, Dec. 2012 is now available for Round 2 consultation. Feedback is invited by Feb. 15th deadline.
Strategy: <http://sustainontario.com/initiatives/ontario-food-and-nutrition-strategy>
Feedback: <http://sustainontario.com/initiatives/ontario-food-and-nutrition-strategy/give-feedback/consultation>
- Evaluating Outcomes of Community Food Actions - A Guide (from the Public Health Agency of Canada) <http://www.cdpac.ca/content.php?doc=257>

6.6 Upcoming Free Information Sessions:

Sustain Ontario Webinars “Policies from the Field”:

- Feb. 11, 1:30 p.m. Food Policy Councils
- Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m. Local Food Procurement
- Feb. 12, 1:30 p.m. Health in All Policies
- Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m. Land Use Planning & Alternative Finance
- Feb. 19, 3:00 p.m. Food Hubs, the missing link for farm to cafeteria
<http://sustainontario.com/2013/02/04/14364/news/register-for-sustain-ontarios-policies-from-the-field-webinar-mini-conference>

Toronto Food Policy Council Event:

- Feb. 13, Food Waste and Food Recovery <http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=b175462a80e7fea7e59939435&id=1efe81c488&e=a5ab4d9f22>

6.7 Conference Board of Canada is hosting the 2nd Canadian Food Summit on April 9 and 10, 2013 in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

<http://www.conferenceboard.ca/conf/foodsummit/default.aspx> The early bird registration fee (before Feb. 11) for not-for-profit associations is \$495.

Motion: That CFSSC use operational funds to sponsor a member to attend. (Sarah Wakefield/Melanie Golba) Passed

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Sarah Wakefield/Maciej Kowalski)

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

CARRIED