
Absent with Regrets: Susan Coverdale, Melanie Golba, Councillor McHattie, Councillor Bratina

Also Present: Amina Suhrwardy, Dave Carson, Erica Jermé

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
   Additions: 6.3 Food Inc.
             6.4: The Cost of Basic Nutritious Food in Hamilton 2009
             6.5: Farmers’ Markets

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
   There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
   (Tina Moffat/Maciej Kowalski)
   3.1 Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 2, 2009 were approved.

4. PRESENTATIONS
   4.1 There were no presentations.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.1 **Membership and Subcommittee Chairs**

Welcome to Chris Krucker from Manorun Farm who is joining the committee as a representative from the agricultural sector.

We will continue to recruit for representatives from the labour sector and the food industry.

Angela Parle has resigned from the CFSS committee but will continue to provide internal support on an ad hoc basis.

Existing chairs of subcommittees will continue in their current roles. Sarah will take on the role of chair of the Development of a Local Food Charter/Food Policy subcommittee.

5.2 **Student Research Update**

Erica Jerme will complete a draft proposal for a Hamilton community garden policy by January 22 using a combination of interviews, focus groups and literature.

5.3 **Subcommittee Reports**

**Education and Outreach** – Tina Moffatt

(i) Hamilton Food Matters website development continues. Trillium funding of $10,000 has been requested. Maciej Kowalski suggested that Hamilton Urban Core could partner in the grant application if necessary. The subcommittee will explore other possible funding sources.

**Coordination and Networking** – Karen Burson

(i) Niagara food terminal study is done and has been delivered to Sue Coverdale. The consultants will be presenting to this committee at our November 4 meeting.

(ii) There was discussion around the involvement of a City of Hamilton staff person to take on a portfolio to oversee coordination of food related issues in Hamilton.

**Enhancing Community Food Access and Services** – Brian Kreps

(i) The subcommittee is expanding the Food Access Guide map to include all food distribution points with the intent of identifying food deserts.

(ii) Once completed, the subcommittee will decide how to move forward.

**Development of a Local Food Charter/Food Policy** – Vicki Edwards

(i) The subcommittee is working with Erika to develop a draft policy for community gardens

Sarah is available to provide support to sub-committees as required.
5.4 “The Future on Food” report from Canadian Urban Institute conference (Melanie Golba)
Deferred

5.5 “Dundas in Transition” food security meeting report

Sarah and Councillor Pasuta attended the meeting and reported back about our current dependence on dwindling fuel supplies to supply goods to our community. It was noted that issues of food security, community gardens, canning, and growing in back yard gardens were all raised, and that participants felt access to practical food education was a key gap.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Meeting dates in December, 2009 and January, 2010
We will meet in December and then decide if we will require a meeting in January.

6.2 Ten Steps - Community Gardens (100 new plots per year for 5 years on underutilized city lands)
This Environment Hamilton report will be forwarded to committee members with the minutes, as it is relevant to CFSSC activities.

6.3 The film, Food Inc. will be shown at the Ancaster Film Festival on Monday November 2 at 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

6.4 The Cost of Basic Nutritious Food in Hamilton 2009
Above was distributed.

6.5 Farmers’ Markets
Chris Krucker proposed that we address issues with new farmers’ markets. He will report back on common issues experienced by farmers including parking, licensing fees, and guidelines for food safety. Karen will report back on the Greenbelt Advisory committee discussions.

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Russ Ohrt/Tina Moffat)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm. CARRIED