



EDMONTON FOOD COUNCIL

Agenda

May 17, 2016 | 5:00 - 7:30 PM

HSBC Building, 11th Floor, Boardroom A, 10250-101 Street, Edmonton

~Supper courtesy of Elm Café~

In Attendance:

K. Franke, D. Bajer, M. Male, S. Chunara, M. LaRue, M. Bencz, C.J. Stanton, S. Demers-Collins

Absent:

P. Yu, M. Dear, B. Swallow, J. Shewchuk, H. Shewcuk, T. Lynch-Staunton, C. Rakowski

Also in attendance:

K. Lennon, Principal Planner, Sustainable Development, City of Edmonton
C. Fang, Coop Student, Sustainable Development, City of Edmonton
M. Yu, Coop Student, Sustainable Development, City of Edmonton
P. Giang, Planner, Open Space Strategy, Sustainable Development, City of Edmonton

	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION	Who	Time
1.	Welcome and Opening Remarks		Co-Chairs	5:00
2.	Game and Draw for Next Meeting Ambassador		Co-Chairs	5:10
3.	Approval of April Minutes- STANDING ITEM	Approve	Co-Chairs	5:15
4.	Breathe: Green Network Strategy	Inform/Discuss	P. Giang	5:20
5.	Other City of Edmonton Updates			
	5.1 Strathcona County Join Planning Study	Discuss	K. Lennon	5:40
	5.2 EFC Seed Packets for 101 Day, June 4	Discuss	K. Lennon	
	5.3 June 1 st , joint meeting with Environmental Advisory Committee	Discuss	K. Lennon	
6.	Committee Updates 6.1 Governance Committee 6.2 Communication Committee 6.3 Measurement 6.4 Events 6.5 Policy	Inform/Approve	Co-Chairs	6:00
7.	Work Plan Assembly	Facilitated Work	Co-Chairs/ K. Lennon	6:30
8.	Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment		Co-Chairs	7:25

Next Meeting: Tues. June 21, 2016, 5-7:30pm, Meeting Ambassador: H. Shewchuk, Location: TBD



1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

News and Sharing

K. Franke opened the meeting at 5:11pm, inviting Council members to share news.

General Discussion: M.Bencz talked about how the fires in Fort McMurray have displaced many people, grocery stores wiped out. Food Bank has seen households become food insecure - going to homes of family and friends, challenges for people with dietary considerations (celiac, halal food, etc.), outbreak - nurses rushing to find baby formula. Demonstrates how food insecure and fragile we are as a society. People who have lost their house or job or both. Will be an ongoing crisis. Food Bank's capacity is stretched. K.Franke asked what can people do to help. M.Bencz said continued support, financial donations directly to the Food Bank. What the Truck on May 28/29 will be collecting for Edmonton's Food Bank. Demonstrates how food insecure we are, how we need to be more food secure as communities. D. Bajer posed the question if this is something the Council's communications team should comment on. M.Bencz suggested waiting, commenting on some learnings that come out of this. Council discussed ideas such as emergency preparedness, institutional and infrastructural capacity to scale up emergency response, to comment on how emergency preparedness plans incorporate food and water, education of the public, a staggered response. Perhaps Council could be part of education. What about feeding the volunteers? Rebuilding infrastructure.

S. Demers-Collins mentioned that U of A Co-op is doing a big push on June 10th for Farmers' Day.

2. Draw for next meeting ambassador

Action Items:

- K.Franke will draw a name and email the selected ambassador.
- K. Franke will put together a list of dietary restrictions, please email any dietary restrictions to K.Franke.
- K.Lennon will update google meeting invitations.

3. Approval of April Minutes

Motioned by S.Demers-Collins and seconded by T. Lynch-Staunton.

4. Presentation on Breathe: Green Network Strategy

P.Giang presented on *Breathe: Edmonton's Green Network Strategy*. It will replace the *Urban Parks Management Plan* and *Natural Connections Strategic Plan*, and align with the *Way Ahead City Vision*. There will be public engagement sessions next week. Public Engagement Plan Highlights: April -June, 2016 (Foundations and Vision), July-September 2016 (Strategic Framework and Priorities), October-December (Plan). Opportunities for the Council to give input will be through a discussion guide for organizations. The deadline for submissions is June 30, 2016. The Council can submit a response as an organization (organizational perspectives). Personal perspectives can be shared through the online survey. There will be an implementation strategy developed in connection to *Breathe*.

General Discussion: Council members engaged in a discussion of issues to consider: how is this different from existing plans? is a justice/equity lens being applied in the analysis?; how will gentrification and relationship between open space and property values be addressed? How can this align with strategies around homelessness and housing? How can spaces be developed in an inclusive way? Look at alignment with the End Poverty Strategy. Would space for arts and culture be considered? It's an incredible opportunity to look at how we build new spaces, e.g. a certain percentage of green space dedicated to community gardens. Connectivity is key. Consideration of global warming. Opportunity to discuss waste management. It would be interesting to connect with the Vacant Land Inventory and Open Data.

Actions:

- **Policy Committee will meet and review, and bring a draft submission to the June 21 Edmonton Food Council meeting, to submit by June 30.**
- **K.Lennon will circulate link to Insight Survey**
- **<http://www.edmonton.ca/breathe>**

5. City of Edmonton Updates

5.1 Two policies that will be up for review and potential Council involvement/input are the *Strathcona County Joint Planning Study*, and the *Federal Sustainable Development Strategy for Canada*.

5.2 K.Franke and K.Lennon invited the Council to participate at Meet Me in McCauley on Saturday June 4 as part of 100in1Day. There was a discussion about developing Edmonton Food Council promotional materials, and a suggestion to acquire 500 seed packets.

Actions:

- **K. Franke will send out information about Meet Me in McCauley.**
- **M.Yu and C.Fang will help design lettuce packages.**
- **K.Franke will check with: Apache, Alberta Agriculture or Lactuca to get spinach or lettuce seeds.**
- **K.Lennon will explore *fresh* postcard with logo.**

5.3 Climate Adaptation Strategy

D. Bajer commented on how growing food and agriculture can be fairly resource intensive when it comes to water. How do you capture or hold onto water, especially around growing food.

6. Committee Updates

6.1 Governance Committee

Applications will open May 24-June 20.

Motion to receive governance committee update by M.Male, seconded by M.Bencz.

Actions:

- Please send updated bios and headshots to K.Lennon.
- K.Lennon will ask M.Male and H.Quan for access to Edmonton Food Council blog.

6.2 Communications Committee

M.Male stated that committee did not meet, but will meet and update the website.

6.3 Measurement Committee

Committee did not meet. Met with M. Boulter from Insight Community, waiting for a response to some questions. C.J. Stanton shared a short presentation on her analysis of the perceptions of local food survey. Recommendation that in next survey, we need better demographic information and better spatial information: it would be better to ask people for their full address or postal code to do a more thorough spatial analysis.

6.4 Policy Committee

Did not meet.

6.5 Events Committee

K.Franke stated that committee met, established objectives, mission and vision. The committee proposed to plan 3 events in the next 12 months. Would like to do a "Let's Eat" Series in Fall 2016 with CITYlab/City of Edmonton, to meet City of Edmonton staff and other stakeholders. Possible venues include: City of Edmonton facilities, Northlands, Food Bank. Reach out to City administration, City Council, general public. Focus on the pillars of food security.

Action:

- Committee will meet again before next Council meeting.

7. Work Plan Assembly

K. Lennon circulated a draft workplan for the Council based on previous work. D. Bajer proposed that the workplan be comprised of each committee include its objectives, measureables and timelines. K.Franke suggested that committees use the template used by the Communications Committee. M.Bencz suggested that Governance Committee consider having past council members volunteer as committee members, this could help with public outreach, ability to act as a resource.

Action:

- Homework for each committee, come with a vision statement, actionable goals, with timelines. Present back to Council, then discuss, and make sure they align.
- K.Lennon will set up a google document version.
- K. Lennon will get in touch with chairs of committees to get answers to the work plan pieces.
- S.Chunara suggested to amend TOR from "advise" to "advise and act on".

8. Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjourned

K.Franke adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.