



EDMONTON FOOD COUNCIL

Minutes

November 26, 2015

Global Café, Jasper Place High School, 8950 163 Street

Present:

K. Franke, D. Bajer, M. Bencz, M. Male, B. Swallow, M. Dear, S. Chunara, H. Shewchuk (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)

Absent:

M. LaRue, C. J. Stanton, S. Demers-Collins, P. Yu, J. Shewchuk, C. Rakowski, T. Lynch-Staunton, H. Quan

1. Welcome

K. Franke called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. M. Dear drew C.J. Stanton's name as the ambassador for the next meeting, meaning she will be responsible for arranging the venue and icebreaker game. K. Franke agreed to check with C.J. Stanton on her ability to take on the ambassador role for January.

2. Approval of Minutes

The draft Minutes of the October 29 meeting were reviewed and no changes were suggested. Approval of the October Minutes was deferred to January because there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum.

3. News and sharing - STANDING ITEM

Council members took turns sharing information and news.

4. Measurement Working Group Report

The Measurement Working Group reported on their progress with the scorecard questionnaire. The Group met with the Insight Community staff from the City to refine the questions. After some discussion, it was decided that a final version of the questionnaire should be sent out the following week by email for approval by a motion from the Food Council.

ACTION: D. Bajer agreed to finalize the questionnaire and send to everyone for approval.





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~ Supper break ~

~ Catering provided by the culinary arts students of Jasper Place High School ~

5. 2016 Work Plan

D. Bajer led the Council through a process to identify possible activities that the Food Council could undertake within its mandate. There was an extensive discussion about the ideas that led to ordering and ranking of the activities suggested. The conversation resulted in a hierarchy of potential priority activities:

1. Communications
2. Food security
3. Policy and influence
4. Council Charter
5. Events
6. Partnerships
7. Education
8. Land use

The discussion identified the fact that the number of potential activities exceeded the capacity of the Food Council. Most notable among the activities identified was food security. Members agreed that given the connection with the End Poverty Edmonton strategy, 2016 is the best time to address food security. Though opportunities for the work plan needed further exploration, members agreed that a tangible next step would be to make food security a learning topic at the January meeting. The work plan will also be refined further in January.

ACTION: M. Bencz and B. Swallow agreed to invite special guest speakers to the January meeting so the Food Council could learn more about food security.

14. Closing remarks

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.