



# EDMONTON FOOD COUNCIL

## Minutes

July 19, 2016 | 5:00 - 7:30 PM

Venue: Alberta Legislature Grounds South Bandshell  
~ Potluck picnic! Please bring a dish to share!~

*In Attendance:* K. Franke, D. Bajer, M. Male, S. Chunara, M. LaRue, T. Lynch-Staunton.

*Regrets:* M. Dear, C.J. Staton, S. Demers-Collins, J. Shewchuk, C. Rakowski, H. Shewchuk, M. Bencz, B. Swallow.

*Also in Attendance:* K. Lennon, Principal Planner, Sustainable Development, City of Edmonton; C. Mei, Co-op Student, Sustainable Development, City of Edmonton; M. Yu, Co-op Student, Sustainable Development, City of Edmonton.

AGENDA ITEM	KEY ACTIONS REQUIRED
1. Supper and Mingling	
<p>2. Welcome and Opening remarks</p> <p>K.Franke called the meeting to order at 5:50pm, welcoming Edmonton Food Council members and expressing that a lot of work has happened behind the scenes in the last few weeks, with the Governance Committee conducting interviews for new members. The Committees are going strong. It is a busy time with markets.</p> <p>Upcoming Events: The <a href="#">Grand Taste Tour</a> is coming up on July 24, 2016.</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Agenda</p> <p><i>M.Male made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by T. Lynch-Staunton.</i></p>	
<p>4. Approval of June Minutes - STANDING ITEM</p> <p>T. Lynch-Staunton raised a point of clarification. The members represented the Edmonton Food Council on the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Working Group will be D.Bajer and T. Lynch-Staunton, who will share the role.</p> <p><i>M. Male made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by S.Chunara.</i></p>	





<p>5. City of Edmonton updates - STANDING ITEM</p> <p>An invitation has been extended to the Edmonton Food Council to attend the Communities in Bloom Luncheon on July 22, 2016. As no Edmonton Food Council members are available, so K.Lennon will attend and represent the Council.</p>	
<p>6. Work Plan and Proposed Schedule of Meetings</p> <p>K.Franke, D.Bajer and K.Lennon proposed the following changes to meeting structure: that the Edmonton Food Council move to quarterly full council meetings, with standing committee meetings on alternating months, and other meetings as they arise in between. Quarterly meetings will be at a consistent City of Edmonton location (HSBC Bank Building), with a conference call option. Each committee will prepare and share a report at Quarterly meetings. The Council will continue to look at food through the lense of food security, with regards to guest speakers invited, the Food Charter, and who the Council engages with. We will continue to invite guest speakers to meetings as an opportunity to educate ourselves and to act as an “incubator”, supporting relationships with individuals and organizations doing food systems work.</p> <p><b>M.Male motioned to approve the new schedule as presented, seconded by T. Lynch-Staunton.</b></p> <p>K.Franke and D.Bajer proposed that the EFC explore a Food Charter, as mandated in the Way We Grow MDP, either through the Policy Committee, or by striking a new Food Charter Committee.</p> <p>Discussion: the value of a Food Charter would be to guide future work, a statement of values for the city. It was attempted in the ‘90s and in the early 2000s, it feels like the right time now! It would be valuable to look at examples in other cities, such as Vancouver’s Open Data Charter - which demonstrates a political commitment, and moves the conversation along. Would it need to be approved by City Council? It would be a policy document. It would make sense for the Policy Committee to lead this.</p> <p>K.Franke and D.Bajer proposed that the Edmonton Food Council open participation in committees to other volunteers.</p>	<p><b><u>K.Lennon</u></b> will finalize the schedule, prepare templates for committee briefing reports, invite all members to next year’s meetings, create a list of all members and contact numbers, ask members for updated bios and photos, and take a new group photo in September 2016. The new schedule will be reviewed at the September meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Policy Committee</u></b> to start thinking about this. This item will be discussed further at the September meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Governance Committee</u></b> will revise the Terms of Reference, incorporating this. K.Lennon to take</p>





	the lead.
7. Committee Updates	
<p>7.1 Communication Committee</p> <p>No meeting</p> <p>7.2 Events Committee</p> <p>K.Franke and K.Lennon shared the Events Committee Update. The proposal that the Edmonton Food Council co-host the opening event for the Cultivating Connections Forum, on February 3,2015. No concerns were expressed.</p> <p>7.3 Governance Committee</p> <p>M. Male provided the Governance Committee’s report on the selection of 4 new Council members: Sacha Deelstra, Sandra Ngo, Mel Priestley and William Smale.</p> <p><b>M. Male motioned to approve the new members subject to their acceptance, seconded by M.LaRue. All approved.</b></p> <p>7.4 Measurement Committee</p> <p>D. Bajer provided the Measurement Committee update on their June 30 and July 18 meetings. The Committee met with the City of Edmonton’s Open Data and Insight Community staff, and received recommendations to put the local food survey results on Citizen Dashboard. This would allow researchers and citizen scientists to interpret the data, and make it public. K.Lennon shared that the Edmonton Food Council has been accepted to present on the survey findings at the Open Data Summit on October 14, 2016.</p> <p>Discussion. S.Chunara raised the question of who are we reaching? It is only a limited audience, there are a lot of areas and demographics we are missing.</p> <p>7.5 Policy Committee</p>	<p><b>Events Committee</b> will move ahead with exploring this opportunity.</p> <p><b>K.Lennon</b> will contact successful applicants by phone and letter on July 23, 2016. <b>D.Bajer and K.Franke</b> will meet with them in the month of August.</p> <p><b>K.Lennon</b> to follow-up with M.Boulter from Insight Community.</p> <p><b>Measurement Committee</b> to meet on August 3, 2016, 9am-11am to revise survey questions and discuss next steps.</p>





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BREATHE Policy Response has been submitted. M. Male will blog about it.	
<b>8. Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment</b>  K.Franke offered closing remarks. There will be no August meeting. The next meeting will be September 20, 2016, with new members in attendance. Committees should try to meet before September. Thank you for the delicious potluck!	
<b>Next Meeting:</b> Tuesday September 20, 2016, 5-8pm. <i>Boardroom A - 11th Flr, HSBC Bank Building, 10250-101 St, Edmonton</i>	

