



EDMONTON FOOD COUNCIL

Minutes

March 15, 2016

HSBC Bank Place, 10250 - 101 Street, 2nd Floor Boardroom

Present:

K. Franke, D. Bajer, M. Bencz, B. Swallow, C. J. Stanton, S. Demers-Collins, M. Dear

Absent:

P. Yu, M. Male, S. Chunara, H. Shewchuk, M. LaRue, J. Shewchuk, C. Rakowski, T. Lynch-Staunton

Also in attendance:

K. Lennon, Principal Planner, Urban Planning and Environment Branch

~Supper, with catering provided by Dovetail Delicatessen.~

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

After supper, K. Franke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and made opening remarks.

2. Game and Draw for May Meeting Ambassador

C. J. Stanton led the Council members in an icebreaker game: local food scatergories. K. Franke drew M. Male's name as the May meeting ambassador responsible for arranging the venue and icebreaker game and catering.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were not enough Council members present for quorum, so the draft minutes for the February 19 meeting were tabled until the April 19 meeting.

4. Meeting Scheduling and Organization

Council members engaged in a discussion about the structure and timing of monthly meetings, and how to create a structure for stable committee meetings. K. Lennon agreed to work with committees to schedule their first meetings before the April Edmonton Food Council meeting. To ensure other Council members have time to review, committees will send materials and updates to K. Lennon so that they can be distributed a week in advance of the next Edmonton Food Council meeting.



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5. City of Edmonton Updates

K.Lennon provided updates on the Urban Hens Pilot Project, as well as a report on analytics for the Food in the City newsletter. Several upcoming speaking and engagement opportunities for Council members to participate in were discussed. These included: Mind for Planning, an opportunity to speak to city planning staff on April 7, 2016, the Alberta Association of Agricultural Economics Conference in Red Deer on April 29, 2016, a joint meeting with the Environmental Advisory Committee in summer 2016, and the Alberta Provincial Government Policy Matters Conference on June 15 and 16, 2016.

6. Moving Forward with Food Security Priorities - Discussion

This item was tabled for the April meeting.

7. Measurement Working Group Update

No updates. The working group will meet before the April meeting.

8. Committee Break Out Sessions

Tabled for the April meeting. The April meeting agenda will dedicate some time to the Policy and Events Committees.

9. Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.