



# Food Policy Council

## Committee Term Summary

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## Top 3 priorities

- Advance just and sustainable food systems in Vancouver and the region.
- Think Tank - Link Tank:
  - Convene and catalyze stakeholders around food system priorities and practical solutions
- Embed food into City operations, policy and practice.

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## Top accomplishments

- Advanced Food Policy in the COV:
  - Vancouver Food Strategy
  - Parks Board Local Food Assets Task force
  - Proclamations:
    - Non GMO Week
    - Meatless Monday
- Hosted monthly community gatherings around complex food topics (ALR, migrant labour, pollinators, food waste policy, GMO's, poverty, urban farming, food hubs, Right to Food, racism, access, and more!)
- Supported community groups working to advance just and sustainable food systems:
  - Helped to create Youth Food Policy Council
  - Wrote letters of support
  - Hosted an All Candidates Questionnaire
  - Answered questions and provided support to local and international groups



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## Moving forward recommendations

- Social Justice
  - Recruit more diversity to the VFPC membership
  - Collaborate and connect with COV, Parks Board and VSB
  - Have representation from Neighbourhood Food Networks
- Environmental
  - Advance urban farming policy and practices
  - Advocate for accessible agricultural land
  - Advance food in new development policy
  - Address climate change and bring forward resilient food systems
- Economic
  - Support green jobs in the food sector
  - Advocate for financial support for school food programs