

Vancouver Food Policy Council

Committee Mandate/Priorities

- Priority 1 Advance just and sustainable food systems in Vancouver and the region by:
- . Making recommendations to City Council and staff on importance of the Vancouver Food Strategy.
 - . Raising attention on new and emerging food issues to City staff and the public.
- Priority 2 Embed food considerations into City policy and operations across all departments.
- Priority 3 Be the City's Food Think Tank by catalyzing stakeholders around food system priorities and promoting practical solutions to City staff, other Advisory Committees and food policy councils.

Top 3 2016 Accomplishments

Developed internal governance tools and established strategic processes for members and citizen engagement.

Formed active Working Groups and convened meetings to advance policy recommendations on important food issues including: City Development, Right to Food, Urban Farming, School Food, Waste and Biotechnology. Celebrated local food champions with a Golden Carrot Award.

Provided direct policy advice to City staff and elected officials on urban farming policy, development issues, soil policy, waste, school food, community kitchens and the Right to Food.

Top 3 Future Goals

Work with Council and staff to expand scope of the 2013 Vancouver Food Strategy to include emerging issues (e.g. decolonization, renewable energy, etc.) and highlight linkages to other City policies (e.g., Healthy City Strategy, Renewable City Strategy, etc.).

Champion the recommendations of the VFPC Working Groups and support the development of new groups focused on pertinent food related issues.

Participate in the development of a National Food Strategy that includes a Universal School Food Program and enables a just and sustainable food system across Canada.