

## 2021-2022 Work Plan

# Vancouver Food Policy Council

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### Mandate

#### Policy Advice

The Policy Council:

- Provides input to City Council and staff about issues of concern
- Considers any matters which may be referred to the Policy Council by City Council or staff
- May take positions on policy initiatives from other levels of government within the mandate of the Policy Council
- Advises Council and staff on the *Vancouver Food Strategy* as it is developed, implemented and updated

#### Collaboration

The Policy Council:

- Works co-operatively with other agencies whose activities affect constituent communities, including initiating and developing relevant projects
- Acts as a resource for staff doing public involvement processes and civic events

#### Awareness and outreach

The Policy Council:

- Exchanges information with the constituent communities and the general public about relevant programs and issues of interest
- Engages in outreach to disseminate information and encourage participation from constituent communities
- Supports groups developing projects to enhance the food system

## 2021-2022 Objectives

*Identify 3 – 5 objectives for the committee below, aligning with the committee’s mandate / terms of reference. Explain the objective and how it relates to the mandate of the committee. Remove unused text headings.*

### Objective 1: From WG1 Food Waste Working Group

1. Encourage the CoV to publicly report food waste data (split by sector and categorized into avoidable vs. unavoidable)
  - Compile existing methodologies used by CoV to collect food waste data
  - Meet monthly with Erin Nichols (or others at CoV and Metro Van) to explore developments with respect to food waste and particularly data collection
2. Resource list of local food waste solutions on CoV webpages: Greenest City, Vancouver Food Policy Council, Zero Waste
  - Compile list of existing food waste solutions/services
  - Meet with relevant individuals at CoV to share list and advocate for webpage inclusion
  - Potentially motion for list to be included on webpages
3. Explore how CoV waste bylaws are working “on the ground”
  - Encourage the CoV to review waste inspection reports, and review how businesses are indicating in their license renewal forms if they have an organics plan in place
  - Advocate for the CoV to undertake research/survey to explore how food businesses are interpreting and following the CoV’s waste bylaws, including examining any barriers to compliance
  - Gather economic data on how much it costs businesses to compost versus throw food away

4. Advocate for food waste reduction to be included in the Climate Emergency Action Plan during review and input processes:

- Meet with the Climate and Equity Working Group to discuss reducing food waste as an issue for inclusion in Action Plan review and input processes
- Meet with CoV representative for Climate Emergency Action Plan to discuss reducing food waste as an issue for inclusion in Action Plan review and input processes
- Participate in any related events and activities to advocate for reducing food waste to be included

**Objective 2: From WG2 Building Food Equity Working Group**

- Build connection to Food Systems and to Healing through food; Increase Food Systems Literacy through education and knowledge sharing; raise the voices of BIPOC communities and Equity denied groups and also of local growers and food system folks. Asking: how might we re-wild our space and foster access to nature in the heart of the city? Asking: how do we deeply listen to and action calls from Indigenous communities for Land Back?
  - Education around Indigenous Food Justice
    - Host 2 guests from food systems in local community supported in sharing knowledge at VFPC
  - Deepening internal policies around how we gather in this space with a lens of equity and access.
    - Build a motion around internal policy recommendations to city council.
  - Optimizing how we communicate and effect change - pressuring change through motions, public letters, network activation)
    - Write one public letter or framework adopted from learnings and made public using website and socials of VFPC

**Objective 3: From the WG 3 Children and Youth Working Group**

- Support the creation of a VSB Vision for a School Food Program
- Increase awareness of school food issues
- Support integrating universal good food access and literacy for pre-school aged youth.

**Objective 4: From WG 4 - Climate Adaptation**

- Identify how CoV can mitigate and adapt our food system to climate change today and in the future
  - Research existing documents and plan, identify the intersections of food and climate change.
  - Develop a clear understanding of CoV's global and local food supply impact on climate. Mandate to improve sustainability.
- Identify and animate existing initiatives and policies in the CoV and beyond to increase our food system's resilience to climate change.
  - Engage speakers (experts in the climate field) to present at VFPC. Host public lectures (Seth Klein). Create an awareness campaign re: the importance of healthy water and soils. Mandate to ensure awareness and outreach.
- Develop an election strategy to ensure climate and food on the 2022 civic election agenda.
  - Develop all-candidates questionnaire. Mandate to ensure awareness.

## Action Plan

Timeline	Action Items	Committee Resources	Expected Outcomes	Partners/Stakeholders
Identify target start and completion dates.	Identify specific action items integral to accomplish the stated objective.	Identify working groups, subcommittees, and/or committee member(s) responsible to lead the objective, as appropriate.	Outline expected achievements and deliverables from each action item. Ideally, these are measurable indicators of success which can be reported through annual reports.	Identify opportunities or needs to collaborate with groups / organizations within or outside of the City (e.g., City staff).
<b>Objective 1: Food Waste Working Group:</b>				
Nov 7, 2021- Oct, 2022	Gather inspection reports (composting) + Survey businesses to understand barriers to/challenges with compliance	WG 1 - Food Waste	Recommendations to ensure by-laws are respected	City staff; local food businesses
Nov 7, 2021- Oct, 2022	Gather existing food waste data and methodologies + Follow up with the City of Vancouver on Food Waste Motion passed in 2020	WG 1 - Food Waste	Food waste data publicly reported by 2022, with a split by sectors (residential, business, institutional) and by avoidable vs. unavoidable  Be aligned with SDG 12.3	Erin Nichols and Andrea McKenzie (Engineering) + Metro Vancouver
Nov 7, 2021- Oct, 2022	List existing food waste solutions providers in the CoV	WG 1 - Food Waste	Mapping of local food waste solution providers on the website of the VFPC	Erin Nichols - Engineering; local non-profits; private food waste solutions providers
Nov 7, 2021- Oct, 2022	Meet with different departments to advocate for aligning initiatives	WG 1 - Food Waste Rebecca Till (Local Food Action Plan) + Caitlin Dorward (Vancouver Food Strategy)	Reducing and preventing food waste added in the Climate Emergency Action Plan	Erin Nichols - Engineering + Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability (Climate Emergency Action Plan)
<b>Objective 2: Food Justice Working Group: Build connection to Food Systems and to Healing through food; Increase Food Systems Literacy through education and knowledge sharing; raise the voices of BIPOC communities and Equity denied groups O also of local growers and food system folks. Asking: how might we re-wild our space and foster access to nature in the heart of the city? Asking: how do we deeply listen to and action calls from Indigenous communities for Land Back?</b>				
Nov 7, 2021- Oct, 2022	Education around Indigenous Food Justice	WG 2 - Building Food Equity	Host 2 guests from food systems in local community supported in sharing knowledge at VFPC	Local food systems experts
Nov 7, 2021- Oct, 2022	Deepening internal policies around how we gather in this space with a lens of equity and access.	WG 2 - Building Food Equity	Build a motion around internal policy recommendations to the city council.	
Nov 7, 2021- Oct, 2022	Optimizing how we communicate and effect change -	WG 2 - Building Food Equity	Write one public letter or framework adopted from learnings and made public	

	pressuring change through motions, public letters, network activation)		using website and socials of VFPC	
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**Objective 3 Children and Youth Working Group: Support the creation of framework for a VSB Food Vision, including a Universal School Food Program | Increase awareness of school food issues | Support integrating universal good food access and literacy for pre-school aged youth.**

Oct 2021. – Dec 2021	Join the VSB Visioning Process through applying	WG - 5. Marc Schutzbank, Vicky Baker will apply for the position.	A vision will be created	VSB, Estrellita Gonzalez, possibly DPAC
Oct 2021 - Sept. 2022	Plan and host a public panel in March on School Food. Host a Great Big Crunch Proclamation Pass Relevant Motion	WG 5	Motion created and passed, panel established and held, proclamation created, Crunch @ City Hall	VFPC, Coalition for Health School Food, Mayor and Council, VSB
Oct 2021 - Sept. 2022	Establish working relationships and knowledge sharing opportunities with other Advisory Councils and sub-committees to increase access to healthy food for children and youth	WG 5 - Jyotika	Align subcommittees' priorities and goals with that of other committees that have an interest in child and youth health and well-being to overlap our work to have a strong impact on child and youth access to healthy food.	City Staff

**Objective 4.1 Climate Adaptation Working Group: Identify how CoV can mitigate and adapt our food systems to climate change today and in the future**

Nov 7, 2021- Oct, 2022	Research existing documents and plans, identifying the intersections of food and climate change	WG 4 - climate mitigation and adaptation	Have food included in the next update of the CoV Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Climate Emergency Plan	City staff; Parks Board staff
Nov 7, 2021- Oct, 2022	Develop clear understanding on CoV's global and local food supply impact on climate	WG 4 - climate mitigation and adaptation	CoV staff to create a report clearly mapping and outlining food supply chain; support Parks Board LFSAP regarding local food systems	City staff; Parks Board staff; private food import/ export companies

**Objective 4.2 Climate Adaptation Working Group: Identify and animate existing initiatives and policies in the CoV and beyond to increase our food system's resilience to climate change**

Nov 7, 2021 - Sept 2022	Get speakers (experts in the climate field) to present at VFPC.  Host public lectures (i.e. Seth Klein)	WG 4 - climate mitigation and adaptation	Public engagement; broader understanding of issues ( <i>hard to measure?</i> )	
Nov 7, 2021- July 2022	Awareness campaign re. importance of healthy water and soils	WG 4 - climate mitigation and adaptation	Proclamation (i.e. World Soils Day)	

Objective 4.3 Climate Adaptation Working Group: Develop election strategy to get climate and food on the 2022 civic election agenda and in the Climate Emergency Action Plan

Nov 7, 2021- Oct, 2022	Develop all-candidates questionnaire	WG 4 - climate mitigation and adaptation	Educate all candidates on the status of food and climate; and have food included as an election issue.	