

Vancouver Food Policy Council

Committee Priorities

- Priority 1** Increase government and public awareness of, and advocate for policies supporting Indigenous food systems.
- Priority 2** Increase government and public awareness of, and support policies to address the climate emergency.
- Priority 3** Provide feedback and recommendations to upcoming civic plans and engagement (in 2020, this largely pivoted to addressing the COVID-19 Emergency).

Top 3 2019/2020 Accomplishments

Defined the three cross-cutting themes (food justice, climate emergency and reconciliation) which serve as a way to understand and explore food issues around these lenses.

Engaged with City Councillors and staff to inform policy on the following issues, and others:

- Corner Stores in 21st Century Vancouver: Achieving Complete Communities and Food Friendly Neighbourhoods
- Advocacy for Universal School Meal Programs
- Framing food security as an income based problem.
- Deepening understanding of colonial actions on indigenous food systems.
- Climate Emergency (e.g. Clean water access).
- Developed City Wide Task Force for School Food during the COVID-19 Emergency
- Future GCAP, Vancouver Plan, LFAP Plans
- Urban Farming Guidelines
- Blue Communities
- Reducing food waste

Support elected officials: councillors, trustees, and commissioners, as well as staff, as they understand the impact of COVID-19 on Vancouver's Food Systems

Top 3 Future Goals

Increase awareness and support the development of new policies to address weaknesses in our food system as evidenced through COVID-19's food system emergencies

Develop transition plan for Food Policy Council to support additional leadership and increased membership

Increase public and member engagement with City's upcoming plans that impact the food system: (eg: Local Food Action Plan, Vancouver Plan)