



## VANCOUVER FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

January 30, 2025

A meeting of the Vancouver Food Policy Council was held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 5:38 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Kae Yee Tsai, Chair  
Michelle Reining, Co-Chair  
Jordan Bultitude  
Katherine Feng  
Cathy Ha  
Bree Hayden  
Hae-In Kim  
Michael Kurtz  
Ash Mirnabavi  
Ryan Natividad  
Jason O'Brien  
Carla Pellegrini  
Parisa Roofigari  
Chanel Soo  
Lillian Yin

**ABSENT:** Leona Brown (Medical Leave)  
Sharon Dong  
Ananya Huria  
Dhruvin Shah (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Henry Lau, Social Planner, Staff Liaison  
Vanessa Lam, Public Health Dietician, Vancouver Coastal Health

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** David Yim, Meeting Coordinator

### WELCOME

The Clerk acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Kae Yee Tsai  
SECONDED by Michelle Reining

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council approve a leave of absence for Dhruvin Shah, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Michelle Reining  
SECONDED by Kae Yee Tsai

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, September 12, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Michelle Reining  
SECONDED by Kae Yee Tsai

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, November 28, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Roundtable Introductions of New and Returning Members**

Committee Members, Staff, and Liaisons provided brief introductions.

### **2. Election of Chair(s)**

MOVED by Bree Hayden  
SECONDED by Jason O'Brien

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council (VFPC) appoint Michelle Reining and Kae Yee Tsai as Co-Chairs for the duration of the term ending November 1, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*At this point in the meeting, Kae Yee Tsai assumed the Chair.*

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**3. Liaison Updates**

The Staff Liaison provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

**4. New Business**

The Council discussed upcoming topics for the working group session in February.

**5. Presentation: Burrard Peninsula Area Transport Plan**

Representatives from Translink provided an update on the above-noted topic and responded to questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Bree Hayden  
SECONDED by Ryan Natividad

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, March 6, 2025  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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