



## **VANCOUVER FOOD POLICY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

**May 8, 2025**

A meeting of the Vancouver Food Policy Council was held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 5:42 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Kae Yee Tsai, Chair  
Michelle Reining, Co-Chair  
Jordan Bultitude  
Sharon Dong  
Katherine Feng\*  
Bree Hayden  
Hae-In Kim  
Michael Kurtz  
Jason O'Brien  
Carla Pellegrini  
Parisa Roofigari  
Chanel Soo

**ABSENT:** Leona Brown  
Cathy Ha (Leave of Absence)  
Ananya Huria  
Ash Mirnabavi  
Ryan Natividad (Leave of Absence)  
Dhruvin Shah  
Lillian Yin (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner Scott Jensen, Park Board Liaison  
Henry Lau, Social Planner, Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

\*Absent for a portion of the meeting

### **WELCOME**

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-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 Sharon Dong

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Cathy Ha, Ryan Natividad, and Lillian Yin, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Kae Yee Tsai  
SECONDED by Carla Pellegrini

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, March 6, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Moment of Silence for Victims and Those Impacted by the Lapu Lapu Day Tragedy**

Council members observed a moment of silence for the victims and those impacted by the Lapu Lapu Day Tragedy.

### **2. Update on Community Initiatives and Actions to Support Those Impacted by the Lapu Lapu Day Tragedy**

The Chair provided an update on behalf of Ryan Natividad.

MOVED by Bree Hayden  
SECONDED by Michelle Reining

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council update the Vancouver Food Policy Council website (<https://www.vancouverfoodpolicycouncil.ca/>) to include a statement of solidarity regarding the Lapu Lapu Day Tragedy and post links to community resources.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **3. Update on School Food Motion**

Celena Benndorf, Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council and DPAC Food Framework Working Group, provided an update on the recent Council Member Motion entitled "Sustainable School Food Funding" that was approved by Council at its meeting on May 7, 2025.

#### **4. Working Session Updates**

The Council received an update on the working session held Thursday, April 10, 2025, where Vancouver Food Policy Council members held a workshop regarding healthy school food.

#### **5. Liaison Updates**

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

#### **6. Working Group Updates**

The Council received updates on the following Working Groups:

- Food Access and Equity
- Urban Agriculture
- Food Infrastructure
- Healthy School Food

#### **7. New Business**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Bree Hayden  
SECONDED by Jason O'Brien

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, June 12, 2025  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 6:21 pm.

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