



## **VANCOUVER FOOD POLICY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

**September 11, 2025**

A meeting of the Vancouver Food Policy Council was held on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 5:31 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

**PRESENT:**

Kae Yee Tsai, Chair  
Jordan Bultitude  
Bree Hayden  
Michael Kurtz  
Ryan Natividad  
Jason O'Brien  
Parisa Roofigari  
Chanel Soo

**ABSENT:**

Sharon Dong (Leave of Absence)  
Katherine Feng  
Cathy Ha (Leave of Absence)  
Ash Mirnabavi  
Michelle Reining (Leave of Absence)  
Lillian Yin (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison  
Councillor Sean Orr, Council Liaison  
Vanessa Lam, Vancouver Coastal Health Liaison  
Henry Lau, Staff Liaison  
Krista Voth, Park Board Liaison

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

### **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 Bree Hayden  
SECONDED by Michael Kurtz

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council approve a leave of absence for Sharon Dong, Cathy Ha, Michelle Reining and Lillian Yin for this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2025**

MOVED by Bree Hayden  
SECONDED by Michael Kurtz

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council approve the minutes from the meeting of Thursday, June 12, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Welcome of new Vancouver Food Policy Council Liaisons**

The Vancouver Food Policy Council welcomed Councillors Fry and Orr to the Council.

### **2. Introduction by new Vancouver Food Policy Council Liaisons**

Councillors Fry and Orr provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

### **3. Villages Planning Presentation**

Staff from Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability provided a presentation on Villages Planning and responded to questions.

### **4. Food Systems Grants Review**

Staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services provided an update on Food Systems Grants and responded to questions.

### **5. Vancouver Food Justice Coalition briefing paper on Investing in Food Systems as a Human Right**

Ian Marcuse from the Vancouver Food Justice Coalition provided an overview of the briefing paper on Investing in Food Systems as a Human Right and responded to questions.

### **6. Vote on endorsing food systems briefing paper**

MOVED by Bree Hayden  
SECONDED by Jason O'Brien

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council endorses the Vancouver Food Justice Coalition briefing paper on "Investing on Food Systems as a Human Right".

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#### Absence of Quorum

At 6:52 pm, prior to the completion of Item 6 – Vote on endorsing food systems briefing paper, the Committee lost quorum. The Meeting Coordinator referred to Section 15.7 of the Procedure By-law as follows:

*A majority of the persons appointed to an advisory committee are to constitute a quorum.*

The Meeting Coordinator declared the meeting was adjourned due to the absence of a quorum.

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#### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, November 13, 2025  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
/ Teams Meeting

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