



VANCOUVER FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 29, 2026

A meeting of the Vancouver Food Policy Council was held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 5:33 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Michelle Reining, Chair
Jordan Bultitude
Sharon Dong
Katherine Feng*
Bree Hayden
Michael Kurtz
Ash Mirnabavi
Ryan Natividad
Jason O'Brien
Parisa Roofigari*

ABSENT: Cathy Ha (Leave of Absence)
Chanel Soo (Leave of Absence)
Kae Yee Tsai (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, Social Planner; Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence 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 Jordan Bultitude
SECONDED by Ryan Natividad

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Cathy Ha, Chanel Soo, Kae Yee Tsai and Lillian Yin, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Parisa Roofigari absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Ryan Natividad
SECONDED by Jordan Bultitude

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council approve the minutes from the meeting of Thursday, November 13, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Parisa Roofigari absent for the vote)

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VARY AGENDA

*MOVED BY Jordan Bultitude
SECONDED by Sharon Dong*

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to hear Liaison Updates next.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

Note: For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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5. Liaison Updates

The Council Liaisons and the Staff Liaison provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

1. Election of Chair

MOVED BY Ryan Natividad
SECONDED BY Jason O'Brien

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council (VFPC) appoint Jordan Bultitude and Ryan Natividad as Acting Co-Chairs for the term from January 29, 2026 to March 31, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Parisa Roofigari absent for the vote)

2. Annual Report of the Vancouver Food Policy Council (2024 to 2025)

MOVED by Ryan Natividad
SECONDED by Jordan Bultitude

THAT the Vancouver Food Policy Council approve the Annual Report as presented to the Council on January 29, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Parisa Roofigari absent for the vote)

3. Presentation and Discussion: Women Transforming Cities

Clara Prager, Manager, Civic Engagement & Advocacy, Women Transforming Cities, provided an overview of Women Transforming Cities and responded to questions.

4. Update on Equitable Access to Healthy Food Retail Initiative

The Staff Liaison provided a presentation on the Equitable Access to Healthy Food Retail Initiative and responded to questions.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Ryan Natividad
SECONDED by Jason O'Brien

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Katherine Feng absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, April 2, 2026
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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