

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE 2021

Held: 4:00 PM, Monday, May 17, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

FOURTH PUBLIC MEETING IN 2021:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

1. Katie Giddings welcomed the public to this meeting.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Food Security – The Table Community Food Centre – Ramsey Hart and Maddison Hainstock

Ramsey Hart and Maddison Hainstock introduced themselves to the group.

Mr. Hart reviewed the mission of the Table Community Food Centre and discussed the following topics:

- Food Sovereignty
- Food Insecurity
- Food Security
- Local Food Systems

Ms. Hainstock reviewed a summary of the report including some of the recommendations from the report. Topics reviewed include:

- Production
 - Community Farming
 - Farmland Preservation
 - Water protection and access to water
 - Traditional food ecosystems
- Processing
 - Shortening the food supply chain
- Distribution
 - Access to food retailers
- Consumption
 - Incentivizing healthier food options
- Waste
 - Nutrient recovery

Participants were asked to select a discussion group based on a topic of interest and to report the top two ideas discussed.

Questions for consideration:

1. In relation to the topic selected, what assets in Perth do you most value?
2. How would you like to see this topic flourish?
3. What other recommendations do you have?

Production:

- A recommendation was to make tree planting part of the tree planting by-law and not necessarily replace like with like

- Continue with all of the green growth in town
- Capture the heat from local manufacturing plants to run greenhouses with the lost heat

Processing:

- To attract processing in town we need farmers to produce excess produce to be processed
- This may involve investing in public-private partnerships to utilize the excess product
- How can we provide more processors in Town?

Distribution:

- Consider adding a second day for the Farmers market or an alternate day/evening
- Have a travelling veggie truck with CSA baskets of produce to purchase
- Require developers to set aside parkland for gardening

Consumption:

- Not enough interest

Waste recovery:

- Pickup compostable items at different locations including businesses, schools, grocery stores, and apartment buildings
- Educate the public on waste recovery and the importance
- Town asset is the Green Bin System, the landfill composting facility, and organic processing
- Survey of why people are not using the green bins
- School programs – teach the children to educate the parents, or run an activity at the Farmer’s Market around composting and recycling

There will be opportunities to learn more and participate. The document produced by Ms. Hainstock and Mr. Hart is available on the Town of Perth website. A survey will be available the first two weeks of June to provide additional feedback on this topic.

3. NEXT MEETING:

June 21, 2021 – First Nations Consultation and Collaboration

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjournment at 5:32 p.m.