

A G E N D A

FOOD SECURITY & CLIMATE DISRUPTION COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 6, 2017 - 4:30 pm

COMMITTEE ROOM AT CITY HALL

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the March 2, 2017 meeting.

3. SPEAKERS

- Pamela Day, Director, Bread of Life – report on new weekend meals program
- Chris Johnson – report on composting business idea

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Visioning exercise for committee members to develop new food security and climate disruption initiatives for Port Alberni – for the year 2017.

5. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING (Thursday, May 4, 2017).

6. ADJOURNMENT

FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE DISRUPTION COMMITTEE

MARCH 2, 2017

4:30 PM - THE CITY HALL COMMITTEE ROOM

Present: Chris Alemany, Gary Swann, Rosalind Chapman, Brendan Chase.

Regrets: John Mayba, Sandra Gentleman, Sam Brownlee, Guy Langlois.

Guests: Marcus Lobb and Anna Lewis. (Chris Johnson – regrets.)

City Staff: Tim Pley, Scott Smith, and Jake Martens

- Approval of Agenda: Gary Swann
- Approval of Minutes of February 2nd, 2017: Gary Swann

1. Marcus Lobb

Provided an update on the **Grow Local Grant** that was received for Port Alberni and the West Coast. There are lots of events planned over the next two years in locations including Port Alberni, Bamfield, Tofino, Ucluelet, and possibly Ahousaht.

Events will include:

- Urban demos to increase the capacity of local citizens to grow their own food.
- Edible backyard garden tours.
- A community event at Dry Creek community garden.
- Healthy Harvest farm to host school children and do demos.
- Container gardens to be featured.
- Fall Fair booth.

There will be a media campaign by email, Facebook, radio, and newspaper, to publicize all events.

2. Anna Lewis

Anna provided an update on the recent **Agricultural Show** held in Port Alberni at the Glenwood Centre. It is the 2nd largest such show in B.C. Patrick Deakin was the city organizer. There were 54 vendors and information booths. The Lt. Governor performed the official opening ceremony, and First Nations elders gave the welcome. Attendance was affected by the snowy weather, but was successful nonetheless. A wide

range of food was displayed and provided: salmon, beef, dairy, marine products and many more. Thursday – a farm start-up workshop, with thirty people attending. Pot luck farmer mixer was well attended. This event was important to showcase Valley products, and to bring Vancouver Island producers together.

3. Review of 2016 recommendations to City Council for this year's budget. Three city staff members attended the meeting to assist us with finalizing our committee report to council.

Each of the recommendations were reviewed and fine-tuned with input from city staff on costs of implementation and by-law implications.

****2016 Annual Report is attached.**

Note: It is recommended that all committee members attend the next City Council meeting on March 27th, at 7 pm, when the Food Security and Climate Disruption Committee annual report will be presented.

4. Rosalind Chapman – corrected information that was previously presented to the committee. Walmart does, in fact, provide surplus food items to food sharing organizations in this community. With the loss of Fairway Market, this was a concern for those food sharing organizations that are affected.

Also, she wished to declare her position on the Bread of Life board of directors, just in case a conflict should arise.

Adjourned: 6:10pm.

Rosalind Chapman, Chair

Davina Hartwell, City Clerk