Re: Item 15.1.7

HALIFAX

Part A JustFOOD Halifax Action Plan

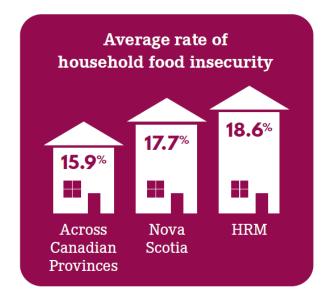
Presented by Leticia Smillie, GREA Halifax Regional Council March 7, 2023

Origins

- December 19th, 2019 motion that:
 - ✓ formalized relationship with Halifax Food Policy Alliance (HFPA),
 - ✓ endorsed the Halifax Food Charter, and
 - ✓ committed to co-leading the development of a regional food strategy (JustFOOD Action Plan).
- Decade of collaboration with HFPA towards the JustFOOD Action Plan and a healthy, just, & resilient food system



Food Insecurity in Our Region









JustFOOD

Action Plan for the Halifax Region





PART A

1st food strategy for our Region, created through extensive:

- public engagement
- municipal staff input
- HFPA research, and
- best practices from around the globe

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Collaboration & Collective Impact

































SUSTAINING AGRICULTURE Agriculture & Food System Planning



updating planning regulations to increase opportunities for urban agriculture (farms, market gardens, bees, hens.), food retail, etc) towards food lens



creating centralized infrastructure for a Halifax-based regional food hub. Wholesale service connecting regional producers with local institutions, organizations, restaurants,





working together towards a more resilient & localized food system where residents can access good food and have increased capacity/sovereignty



offering support for NFPs to access municipal land for community gardens, 26 to date with 2 more in the works



JustFOOD Action Plan: Part A to Part B



 origins, context, community engagement, & 56 recommendations

PART B

 implementation strategies (funding, programs, policies, people, etc.), commitments, & KPIs

JustFOOD PART A

PRINCIPLES



Governance



Social and Economic Equity



Food Production



Food Supply, Processing, and Distribution



Health, Wellness, and Resilience



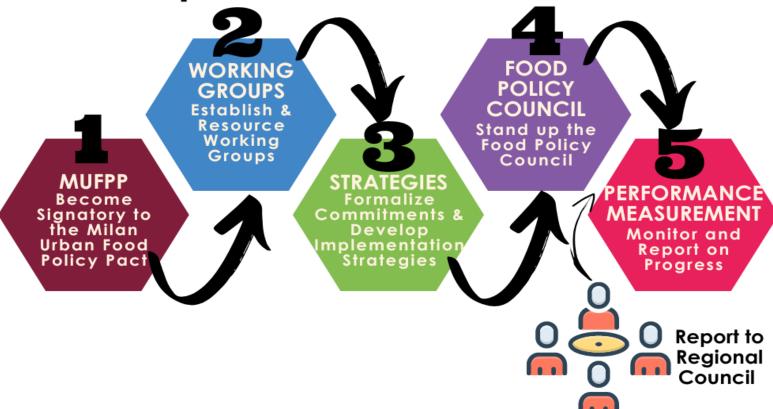
Food Waste

YR1 PRIORITIES

- ✓ Establish Food Council & KPIs
- ✓ Support Indigenous Food Governance & Sovereignty
- ✓ Support ANS Food Council & Strategy
- ✓ Advance Virtual Food Hub & Food Resource Map
- ✓ Create Community Food Initiatives Fund
- ✓ Maximize HRM Assets for production, access, & literacy
- ✓ Advance Community Plots & Gardens program



Next Steps Towards Part B



STEP 1: Milan Urban Food Policy Pact



Resources





Local solutions for global issues

- JustFOOD recommendations framed under MUFPP principles
- International protocol to tackle regional food issues
- No costs, no targets
- 250 cities across the globe offering best practices, strategies, networks, & monitoring framework

STEP 2: Working Groups

MUNICIPAL WG

Team of municipal staff, supported by project team, will work to build strategies for muncipally-led recommendations & provide advice on other recommendations with municipal role

STATUS: SEE ATT. 4 FOR DETAILS.
PRELIMINARY COMMITMENTS TO PARTICIPATE.
NO FUNDS REQUIRED.

The Food Law Workshop

GOVERNANCE WG

JustFOOD project team will work with
Jamie Baxter & associates to build the
strategies for creation of HFX Food Policy
Council & community food fund
STATUS: UNDERWAY. GUIDING REPORT CREATED
WITH ADVICE FOR ESTABLISHING COUNCIL



INDIGENOUS WG

Staff from Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre and other indigenous advisers working towards an indigenous governance body and indigenous food sovereignty plan.

STATUS: COMMITMENT FROM MNFC & SOME ADVISORS. SEEKING ADDITIONAL FUNDING & ADVISORS.





African NS and Black advisers working towards an ANS Food Policy Council and ANS Food Sovereignty Plan

STATUS: UNDERWAY. WG ESTABLISHED & FUNDED FOR 6 MOS. TOR DRAFTED. SEEKING ADDITIONAL FUNDING & SUPPORT

SUBJECT EXPERTS

Advisors who will be called on as needed to create strategies for particular recommendations based on subject area

and expertise

STATUS: SOME ADVISORS ID'D THROUGH PART A & SOME FUNDS SECURED. SEEKING ADDITIONAL FUNDING & ADVISORS



STEP 3: Strategies

WORKING GROUPS: Process for Implementation Strategies

ACTION

ID working group members & supporting advisors actions

 Define scope and objectives for action. break into sub-actions if necessary

PARTNERS

- ID key actors & their roles in advancing
- Work with project team/Food Council to build relationships & buy-in of partners

RESOURCES & TIMELINES

- ID infrastructure. human resources. policies, programs, & other supports needed for progress
- Create realistic timelines & milestones

BUDGET

- Determine cost of required resources
- ID & explore funding options
- Work with project team/Food Council to secure funding

COMMITMENTS

- Secure formal commitments from key partners
- Establish key performance indicators & measures of progress

LEADER FOOD PROGRAMS FOOD LENS **PARTNER ADVOCATE** OOD INFRASTRUCTURE INCOME SUPPORTS **HALIFAX SPACE & LAND** POLICY CHANGES **PILOTS & DEMOS INVESTMENTS** RESOURCES





ADVICE & NETWORKS

NS Food & Beverage Strategy



Nova Scotia Food and Beverage Strategy

Public Input Guide November 2022

- Goal: increase access to & production of healthy <u>local</u> food;
- **Timing**: "What We Heard" Spring 2023, Strategy by end of 2023
- Alignment: Regular meetings, Provincial-level recommendations shared, and continuing to seek ways to amplify & align

Recommendations

that Halifax Regional Council:

- Accept and approve in principle Part A of JustFOOD: Action Plan for the Halifax Region and proposal for development of Part B, as contained in this report; and
- 2. Direct the Mayor to make the Halifax Regional Municipality a signatory to the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact.