

Urban Food Production

Expert Panel Meeting

Parks & Environment Committee

February 5, 2009



Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Plan

- Adopted unanimously by Council July '07.
- Council has directed the promotion of local food production & consumption by:
 - 1) local food procurement policy
 - 2) accelerate efforts to establish community/allotment gardens & urban agriculture



Policy Objectives



Mitigation

- To reduce greenhouse gas and smog causing emissions associated with food production, processing & transport.

Adaptation

- To help ensure local food security in light of changes that are and will occur as a result of climate change.

Local Food Procurement Policy



- City Council passed the policy in October 2008
- Phase 1 of the Implementation Plan has begun with Children's Services
- Currently working with food suppliers to track produce availability and pricing
- Research continues for percentage of local food contained in prepared entrees, canned and frozen foods
- Staff report expected prior to 2010 budget process with an action plan for City-wide implementation of the policy

Interdivisional Urban Food Production Working Group

- City divisions with a stake in urban agriculture have begun meeting to develop a cohesive policy framework with the ultimate goal of encouraging, promoting and increasing urban food production in Toronto.
- Expert Panel invited today to provide stakeholder insights and help develop a vision for Toronto's urban food program.

