

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Endorsing the Urban Food Policy Pact from Expo Milan 2015 - by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, recommends that:

1. Toronto City Council endorse the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact in Attachment 1 to this Motion.

Summary

The City of Toronto has been asked to endorse an Urban Food Policy Pact, developed by the City of Milan as part of the Expo Milan 2015.

In October 2014, the City of Toronto was invited by the City of Milan to participate in the development of an Urban Food Policy Pact as part of the Expo Milan 2015 activities and events. The theme of the 2015 Expo is Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life.

The Urban Food Policy Pact acknowledges the strategic role cities play in developing sustainable food systems, and asks for local government commitment to promoting a sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and diverse food system that improves health, nutrition, food security, economic development, and environmental sustainability. This October over 50 cities will be signing the Pact.

The City of Toronto is viewed as a leader in municipal food policy development. Toronto's Food Policy Council, Food Charter, Food Strategy and the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farm Action Plan have a long history and are replicated globally. Multiple divisions across the City of Toronto support food policy development. Toronto Public Health, City Planning, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Social Development, Administration and Finance, lead food policy work including: initiatives to increase access to healthy food, enabling urban agriculture and community gardening, support economic development in the food sector, public education around local food and urban

gardening, local food procurement, student nutrition, to name a few.

Toronto Public Health and the Toronto Food Policy Council, are involved in a number of initiatives to promote sustainable, local food systems and municipal food policy development globally, in partnership with academic institutions, civil society organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and other city governments. Toronto participates in several global networks linking cities including the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability.

City Council endorsement of the Urban Food Policy Pact would affirm Toronto's commitment to municipal food policy and sustainable, resilient urban food systems. It would further strengthen Toronto's capacity to continue to be a leader globally and improve our standing as a viable partner by cities, agencies and other governments around the world.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM9.10

Attachment 1 - Milan Urban Food Policy Pact

<http://www.toronto.ca/leqdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bqrd/backgroundfile-84227.pdf>