

Implementation Options

Edmonton Youth Council (EYC) Recommendation	City of Edmonton - Work Underway	Implementation Options	Other Considerations
<p>A. Recommend that the City of Edmonton joins The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact as a commitment to meaningfully work towards developing quality food systems and achieving food justice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edmonton Food Council voted to use the The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact as a tool in its 2021-2022 strategic planning process to support the Implementation of <i>fresh</i> - Edmonton's Food & Urban Agriculture Strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration will continue to encourage Edmonton Food Council to use the The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact as a tool to support their work plan. While not deemed necessary by Administration to join, direction for the City (represented by the Mayor) to join The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact would be required from Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edmonton Food Council conducted an comparative analysis of <i>fresh</i>: Edmonton's Food & Urban Agriculture Strategy and The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact prior to making this decision.
<p>B. Recommend that the City of Edmonton pursue actions that educate and train businesses in donating/diverting excess to local organizations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch of a Waste Reduction Network, which will help connect businesses interested in waste reduction with each other. Food waste may be a specific topic of interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration will, as part of introducing source separation requirements for the commercial sector, provide guidance documents that teach businesses how to reduce food waste, including donating/diverting excess. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When disposing of food waste becomes more expensive than disposing of unsorted garbage, businesses will have more incentive to donate/divert excess food to local organizations. The Leftovers Foundation and the Rescue Food app is engaged in this work in Edmonton, as are Edmonton's Food Bank, Loop Resource, and other organizations.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are businesses that have individual partnerships with charitable organizations to divert food.
<p>C. Recommend that the City of Edmonton provides local businesses with resources and incentives to develop their individual food waste reduction plans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration is introducing source separation requirements for the commercial sector. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration will, as part of introducing source separation requirements for the commercial sector, provide guidance documents that teach businesses how to reduce food waste, including donating/diverting excess. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If disposing of food waste becomes more expensive than disposing of unsorted garbage, businesses will have more incentive to donate/divert excess food to local organizations. Food waste reduction can be proactive. This would begin with the business knowing what they use and ordering accordingly - some grocery chains have implemented strategies to help with smarter ordering. The Waste Reduction Network, which will help connect businesses interested in waste reduction with each other, can also identify resources related to waste reduction plans and make them available to businesses and commercial food networks.
<p>D. Recommend that the City</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration has no 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and school

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<p>of Edmonton provide grants and similar incentives that encourage youth-led food waste initiatives.</p>		<p>current plans or resources to provide grants or incentives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council direction would be required for Administration to explore this recommendation, including assessing the financial need, and if validated, a meaningful budget. 	<p>administrations can develop and implement grassroots initiatives at the school level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edmonton Community Foundation has grants for youth-led initiatives, however they are not specific to food waste.
<p>E. Recommend that the City of Edmonton works with the Edmonton School Board of Trustees to adopt the Action Kit in classes, clubs, or any alternative programming.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration has a self-directed education program about waste management for Grade 4 classes. The content includes food waste reduction. This is aligned with the Grade 4 curriculum. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration will continue to make this program available to Grade 4 classes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action by City Administration is not required for this recommendation to be implemented as worded as it is at the discretion of school boards and schools.
<p>F. Recommend that the City of Edmonton works with the Edmonton School Board of Trustees to determine the feasibility of building a pathway for food donation between restaurants and schools, where businesses can support initiatives such as free breakfast programs for students.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration will make connections between organizations in the community currently leading this work wherever possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E4C has coordinated specific events in connection between the School Nutrition program and The Hallway Cafe. The success of these events are based on the connection between the programs within a single organization. • Food programs (breakfast, lunch or snack) vary among

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			individual Edmonton Public Schools. Schools that offer food programs typically partner with a variety of entities to get food to children in need.
<p>G. Recommend that the City of Edmonton investigate the feasibility of supporting Community Food Centres, Community Food Markets, and Community Fridges in Edmonton, while exploring supporting long-term strategies that further address the issues of food waste and food insecurity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Community Social Work Team supported the coordination of community food security efforts by agencies and grassroots groups during the pandemic as they increased their provision of meals, hampers, gift cards, delivery services and affordable food options. Food insecurity continues to be a significant issue and the team will continue to support efforts identified by the community as needed in 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration will make connections between organizations in the community currently leading this work wherever possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community initiatives as described in this recommendation need to be driven by community members so that they best meet a community's need. Community Social Workers have supported community food initiatives including pantries and food markets. Community Food Centres are overseen by Community Food Centres Canada and it is up to an independent organization to seek the designation.
<p>H. Recommend that the City develops a support strategy that meaningfully funds and addresses the needs of these local organizations, for them to expand their reach and sustainably address food waste and food insecurity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration has no current plans or resources to develop a strategy. Council direction is required for Administration to explore this recommendation, including assessing the financial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of suitable space and funding for neighbourhood level food security issues has been identified regularly as a need. Administration is exploring how City-owned facilities (e.g. recreation centres)

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		<p>need, and if validated, a meaningful budget.</p>	<p>could be used to enable food distribution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The produce grown at the City Farm supported Edmonton's Food Bank and affiliated partners, supporting families while they find long term solutions to food insecurity. • Two priorities for City Farm are safety and affordability by recognizing vulnerable populations within our community, and supporting programs that help them in a way where they feel safe while they work towards long term solutions. A grand total of 51,260 pounds of fresh vegetables was donated in 2021.