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Vancouver Food Charter is Adopted by City of Vancouver

On February 15, 2007, Mayor and Council unanimously adopted the Vancouver Food Charter. This is an important step forward on the path to a just and sustainable food system for the city and its residents. The Charter is an ambitious, forward-thinking document that promotes education, celebration and real projects for a healthy economy, a healthy ecology, and a healthy society.

The Vancouver Food Charter presents a vision for a food system which benefits our community and the environment. It sets out the City of Vancouver ' s commitment to the development of a coordinated municipal food policy, and animates our community ' s engagement and participation in conversations and actions related to food security in Vancouver.

Details on the goals and principles of the Charter, as well as related background materials, can be found on the Food Policy web-pages at:
<http://www.vancouver.ca/commsvcs/socialplanning/initiatives/foodpolicy/policy/charter.htm>

The development of this food charter is an excellent demonstration of community engagement. The group working on the food charter (which included Corinne Eisler - way to go Corinne) held community sessions across the city to get input into the charter in order to make the Food Charter a reflection of Vancouver community members' visions. Another report on waste diversion (composting, gleaning etc) was presented and was well received by City Council.