

RESOLUTION No. 2018-

***RELATIVE TO NIAGARA FALLS LOCAL FOOD ACTION PLAN***

BY:

Council Chairman Andrew Touma  
Council Member Ezra P. Scott, Jr.  
Council Member Kenny Tompkins

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, at Mayor Dyster’s urging, the Mayor’s task force for a Healthier Niagara Falls was created and shortly thereafter the Create a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative (the “Collaborative”) was formed; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Collaborative was to provide a platform for City residents to be part of the solution in creating a healthier City of Niagara Falls; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collaborative became deeply engaged in the community and began to provide tools and support to residents to make positive change; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2017, the Healthy Food Healthy People (“HFHP”) work group was created as part of the Collaborative and began a year-long planning process to create the Niagara Falls Local Food Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the HFHP was resident-driven and grounded in the belief that all residents of the City of Niagara Falls should have access to nutritious and affordable food; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Niagara Falls Local Food Action Plan provides a framework of common goals and actions that serve to bring together residents, schools, community organizations, businesses and local government in supporting a healthy, strong and resilient local food system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Niagara Falls Local Food Action Plan's goals and actions represent those that were identified by residents and stakeholders, ranked highest amongst subcommittee members and represent those with the greatest potential for a positive impact on the unique food related issues facing the City of Niagara Falls community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Niagara Falls Local Food Action Plan seeks to address the results of significant social issues such as poverty, under-employment and unemployment that contribute to inequities in access to fresh, affordable food for City of Niagara Falls residents; and

**WHEREAS**, by reducing use of fossil fuels through encouraging development of locally-produced food sources, local food action plans are an important part of cities' sustainability planning; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the Niagara Falls Local Food Action Plan is attached hereto (without appendices).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this City Council does hereby adopt the Niagara Falls Local Food Action Plan as the official Local Food Action Plan of the City of Niagara Falls.