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## **Introducing Edmonton Food Council's newest members**

The City of Edmonton has finalized the new slate of <u>Edmonton Food Council</u> members. Eight new members will join the council while seven members will be returning.

The Food Council advises the City of Edmonton on matters related to implementation of *fresh: Edmonton's Food and Urban Agriculture Strategy.* The council has been operating since September 2015.

"We're pleased with the work of the Edmonton Food Council to date, and look forward to working with returning and new members," says Hani Quan, principal planner with the City's Urban Planning and Environment branch. "The diversity of talent and knowledge among the membership will help Edmonton advance the recommendations in fresh."

The new members include Carley-Jane Stanton, Cory Rakowski, Heather Shewchuk, Jimmy Shewchuk, Philip Yu, Shirzad Chunara, Simone Demers Collins and Thomas Lynch-Staunton. Council members are chosen for their passion for the subject of food, extensive knowledge of the food system and the agricultural sector, strong relationship-building skills and a desire to be progressive and innovative.

In addition to advising the City on implementing *fresh*, there will also be room for the food council to advise and engage businesses and community groups in their work towards a vibrant and resilient food system.

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