



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Northbridge Board of Health approved these minutes at a meeting held January 18, 2022

MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER 20, 2021

This meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by Ms. Lani Criasia, Chair. Other members present were Mr. Chris Cella, Mr. Steve Garabedian and Ms. Linda Lermond. Also present were Health Inspectors Ms. Danielle Edmands and Mr. Daniel Markman, and Jeanne M. Gniadek, BOH Administrator.

Meeting Minutes: Ms. Criasia asked that the meeting minutes be tabled until the next meeting.

Food Service Standards – New China Pacific Restaurant: Present for this meeting was Ms. Jinny Chen, owner.

Ms. Edmands stated that she and Mr. Markman had met with the new food safety consultant, Mr. Roger Kwan at the facility. They noted a great deal of improvement including the storage of foods and the working hand-wash sink. She stated her concern is the need to ensure that the employees working in the kitchen have proper knowledge about food handling. Mr. Kwan agreed to meet with Ms. Edmands and Mr. Markman at the facility to allow them to quiz the employees to gauge their food safety knowledge by acting as a translator for them. Mr. Markman stated that Mr. Kwan would coordinate this and that Ms. Chen would not be made aware prior to their arrival. Mr. Markman also stated that the facility has corrected all prior violations and have met the requirements set by the Board at their last meeting.

Ms. Criasia stated that she would like the facility to be inspected twice per week. She stated that she hopes that by doing all this it will help Ms. Chen and her business. Ms. Criasia stated that by leaving food manager certifications posted on the wall for employees that are no longer working there that she is in essence lying to the Board and the public.

Ms. Criasia also stated to Ms. Chen that she is extremely disappointed in the way she had spoken to the Board's inspectors noting that it was disrespectful and abusive. Ms. Chen agreed and stated she was wrong to treat them that way and apologized to Ms. Edmands and Mr. Markman.

Ms. Criasia asked Mr. Markman what his recommendation would be regarding the re-opening of the food establishment. Mr. Markman stated that it would be conditional upon passing the re-inspection with Mr. Kwan to determine knowledge of staff in regards to food safety. He noted that the goal is improvement, not punishment and that there is no way to confirm their knowledge without allowing them to operate.

Mr. Cella stated that he would like multiple un-announced inspections over the next 6 months, possibly to have Ms. Edmands and Mr. Markman inspect twice weekly and to charge an additional fee for these extra inspections.

Mr. Garabedian stated that he did not want them to open at this time.

Ms. Lermond noted that there have been lots of repeat violations but at the same time is uncomfortable keeping them closed.

Mr. Cella questioned how many Critical violations are to be cited before we have to close them again.

Ms. Criasia noted that the back screen door was cited as not being weathertight and questioned when that is going to be repaired. Ms. Chen stated that she will get the door repaired tomorrow.

Motion made by Mr. Cella to allow the restaurant to re-open on December 21st subject to the following:

- **Random inspections by the Health Inspectors;**
- **3 or more Priority violations during any one of the inspections shall result in immediate closure;**
- **Provide food manager certifications for 2 employees immediately upon receipt (within two weeks); and**
- **Provide an updated signed contract with Mr. Kwan noting 1 inspection per week for the first 3 months – this requirement to be reviewed after 3 months to determine if a less frequent schedule can be permitted; contract should note fee paid.**

This motion was seconded by Ms. Lermond; the vote was 3-1 with Mr. Garabedian voting against the motion.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM was made by Mr. Cella and seconded by Mr. Garabedian – all in favor.

Attested by,

Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrator

Next Meeting scheduled for: January 11, 2022 at 5:00 PM

List of Documents utilized by Board of Health
Meeting Date: December 20, 2021

A. Approval of Minutes

- 1) December 14, 2021 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

B. Food Service Standards

- 2) New China Pacific Restaurant
 - a. Inspection Report – December 20, 2021
 - b. Kwan Staff Training Class itinerary
 - c. Kwan Staff Training Assessment (December 19, 2021)