



Meeting Minutes
Coordination Committee
Mon. October 6, 2014, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
71 Main St W, City Hall, Rm 192/193

1. Introductions & Welcome

In Attendance:

Denis Corr, Citizen/Rotek Environmental (Chair)
Brian Montgomery, Air Quality Coordinator, City of Hamilton
George McKibbin, McKibbin Wakefield Inc.
James Kaspersetz, OEAC
Deirdre Connell, Green Venture
Debbie Achatz, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Matt Lawson, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Katie Chan, U.S. Steel Canada
Brian Lennie, Horizon Utilities Corporation
Sally Radisic, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Marie McKeary, McMaster Institute of Environment & Health
Jim Stirling, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Kathryn Gold, Green Venture
Dave Carson, Dundas in Transition
Hazel Breton, Hamilton Conservation Authority
Heather Arnold, Environment Canada
Barry Duffey, Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
David Falletta, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Ted Mitchell, Citizen
Paul Grossman, McMaster University

Regrets:

Heather Donison, Sustainability, City of Hamilton
Andrew Sebestyen, U.S. Steel Canada
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton
Karen Logan, HIEA Representative, Communication Coordinator
Peter Chernets, Citizen
Christine Newbold, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Peter Topalovic, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton
Lorraine Vanderzweert– Mohawk College
Patrick Quealey, Environment Canada
Anna Yusa, Health Canada
Tom Chessman, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Michelle Sergi, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Carolyn Barnes, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Mark Smithson, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change

Meeting Commenced at 3:05pm

2. Approval of September 8 2014 Minutes

- Request of title change for item 7 include Project Update in title and add Marie McKeary from McMaster Institute of Environment and Health.
- Approved

3. New York Upstate Chapter American Planning Association Award

- AQTF Plan has been awarded a 2014 Planning Excellence Award from the New York Upstate Chapter of the American Planning Association for the Sustaining Places category.
- George McKibbin and Brian Montgomery attended the New York Chapter APA Conference on Sept 18, 2014 to receive the award of behalf of Clean Air Hamilton.
- Brian to bring copies of the award to present to members of AQTF at November's meeting.

Items:

4. Brian McCarry Memorial Tribute Update – Information – *Paul Grossman*

- Brian McCarry Graduate Chemistry Scholarship
- Over \$17,000 contributed, goal is \$25,000
- Graduate award and endowment to graduate student in chemistry

- Denis Corr noted that Hamilton Air Monitoring Network will have new air monitoring station at Beach Blvd named after Dr. Brian McCarry.

5. Wood burning smoke – Presentation and Discussion – *Ted Mitchell*

- Topic was raised at Clean Air Hamilton 6 years ago
- Very little health research around wood smoke
- Hamilton has an Open Air Burning Bylaw, but exemption on food usage (hot dogs etc.) is easily used and even on smog days can still use fires to cook.
- Need to eliminate exemption
- Chimneas are banned in urban centres but still sold.
- Complaint driven, but rarely enforced due to exemptions.
- Unaddressed Pollution Sources: off road commercial, wood burning stoves, dirty diesel, small 2-stroke engines, fire pits, old cars.
- Burn it Smart new stoves are better than old stoves which should be ungrandfathered
- Insurance agencies now require fireplaces be upgraded to new standards if intend to use for personal heating.

- Summertime wood burning is not personal heating. Seasonal exemptions?
- Authority to regulate? Municipality, Federally?
- Do not have the legislated framework for wood stoves and air issues at this time
- Risk perception just as real as scientific risk
- Principles of health protection
- Quantification? How many people? How many stoves exist?
- City staff have been asked to look at by-laws and tools to address Particulate Matter, can we examine fire pits as well?
- Currently undertaking the airshed model to identify sources and risks

Action items:

- **Barry to check on any Ontario regulations or guidelines on wood stoves**
- **Matt to look at incorporating wood stoves in by-law reviews**
- **Request update from both to Clean Air Hamilton**

Updates:

6. Clean Air Hamilton “(E)valuation” Project – Update – Marie McKeary, MIEH

- 16 organizations have sent information in – 73% response rate
- \$193,563 at individual level in-kind contributions (members time and input)
- Still have the structural level analysis to do to get a value – Upwind/Downwind, AQTF, Committees, Annual Report
- Need to determine the methodology for this analysis
- Suggestion of a group to sit down and work on this
- Can this be added to scope of work of Annual Report group?
- Recommend this discussion be added to next meeting - November

Action item: Item of discussion regarding formation of group and placement of work in regards to annual reporting be placed on agenda for next meeting.

7. Port Fuels Update – Information – James Kaspersetz

- James gave update on first meeting of Port Fuels Community Liaison Committee meeting
- A waste-to-energy “gasification” plant proposed for Hamilton’s north end
- Plasma gasification plants exist in Ontario, but not at full scale proposed.
- Issues raised – increased road traffic, transportation of waste, marine? Start up and shut down emission issues, emergency procedures, commercial and industrial waste? What about sludge?

- Oct 16 is a proposed Open House for release of first round of reports

8. Climate Change Plan Update – Information - Brian Montgomery

- The “Lets Talk About the Weather” campaign in the community to engage and develop a community climate change plan has been launched. <http://www.climatechangehamilton.ca/join-the-conversation>
- Task Groups are launching this week, encourage community to look at themes and join a taskgroup.
- Nine themes for Task Force groups formed – Water and Natural Heritage, Infrastructure, Land Use and Built Form, Transportation, Local Economy and Business, Agriculture and Food, Energy, People and health, Awareness and Education to make recommendations for actions.
- Broader community engagement continues <http://www.climatechangehamilton.ca/join-the-conversation> and Twitter - @ClimateConvo

9. Clean Air Hamilton 2015 Projects – Discussion and Decision

- Propose that Clean Air Hamilton should consider 2015 project proposals at October 2014 meeting
- 9 projects submitted for \$40K budget
- Recall that Clean Air Hamilton can advise on chosen projects, but ultimate decision of funding is City Council/Board of Health.
- Proponents were asked questions, then left room for decisions to be made by members.
- Proponents were:
 - Denis Corr, Citizen/Rotek Environmental/Mac Engineering Physics(rtd) (Chair)
 - Deirdre Connell, Green Venture
 - Kathryn Gold, Green Venture
 - Dave Carson, Environment Hamilton
- Clean Air Hamilton members in room for making decisions -
 - Brian Montgomery, Air Quality Coordinator, City of Hamilton (asked to chair)
 - Matt Lawson, Public Health, City of Hamilton
 - Katie Chan, U.S. Steel Canada
 - Brian Lennie, Horizon Utilities Corporation
 - Sally Radisic, Public Health, City of Hamilton
 - Marie McKeary, McMaster Institute of Environment & Health
 - Jim Stirling, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
 - Hazel Breton, Hamilton Conservation Authority (left at 4:30pm)
- Projects discussed and debated amongst members for value, scope, application to air quality and climate change work of Clean Air Hamilton, methodology and approach, history and experience, outcomes.

- Successfully projects were identified as:
- Totally Transit for Kids - \$5,500
- Climate Champions and Clean Air Events - \$9K
- DASH/MASH Background Study - \$6K
- Fresh Air Kids - \$11,500
- Trees for Hamilton - \$8K

Action item: Brian to report back successful projects to all members and outcomes to proponents.

Other items:

10. Climate Change Action Month – October 2014

Meeting Adjourned at 5:10 pm

Next meetings:

November 3, 2014

3:00-5:00pm

City Hall Room 192/193