



Meeting Minutes

Coordination Committee

Mon. September 14, 2015, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

71 Main St W, City Hall, Rm 192

1. Introductions & Welcome

In Attendance:

Denis Corr, Corr Research (Chair)
Brian Montgomery, Air Quality Coordinator, City of Hamilton
Sally Radisic, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Marie McKeary, McMaster Institute for Healthier Environments
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton
Karen Logan, HIEA Representative, Communication Coordinator
George McKibbon, McKibbon Wakefield Inc.
Andrew Sebestyen, U.S. Steel Canada
Christine Newbold, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Peter Chernets, Citizen
Brian Jantzi, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
Joachim Lokossou Assi, YWCA Bridging Program
Christine Borselli-Morgan, Citizen
Heather Donison, Sustainability, City of Hamilton
Peter Topalovic, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton
James Kaspersetz, OEAC
Jayne Crawley, Horizon Utilities Corporation
Emily Lau, Sustainability Student, City of Hamilton

Regrets:

Matt Lawson, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Dan Dobrin, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
Anna Yusa, Health Canada
Kathryn Enders, Green Venture
Jim Stirling, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Debbie Achatz, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Michelle Sergi, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Katie Chan, U.S. Steel Canada
Patrick Quealey, Environment Canada
Lorraine Vanderzweilt– Mohawk College
Tom Chessman, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Ted Mitchell, Citizen
Heather Arnold, Environment Canada
Jonathan Bastien, Hamilton Conservation Authority
Carolyn Barnes, ArcelorMittal Dofasco

Dave Carson, Dundas in Transition
Deirdre Connell, Green Venture
Matt Adams, McMaster Centre for Spatial Analysis

Meeting Commenced at 3:05pm

2. Approval of August 10, 2015 Minutes

- Approved

Presentations:

3. Our Future Hamilton- Information – Heather Donison

- Update on Our Future Hamilton
- Request input from Clean Air Hamilton
- Vision 2020 was created back in the 90s
- Based on principles of sustainability
- Vision of the year 2020 for Hamilton
- Near end of cycle
- Need to look at next 25 years, what is new vision of Hamilton?
- Corporate Strategic Plan also ends at 2015
- Needs to draw from community
- Public Engagement Charter
- 40 citizens, eight principles of public engagement
- Went out to community in April (Phase 1) asking what your vision of the future of Hamilton?
- Just going into Phase 2
- Phase 3 will be in Jan 2016 and look at implementation of the draft visions
- Clean Air Hamilton has a role in implementation
- Need to revitalize that relationship
- Results to date of engagement relating to air quality were shared
- More efficient transportation system
- What is next for industry?
- Maintain and protect natural space and trees
- Reduce urban sprawl
- Stormwater and adaptable infrastructure
- Does not seem to be a connection between health and air quality
- Requests feedback from members

Questions/comments:

Denis C – Aligns exactly with items we have been talking about

- Update is timely
- more walkable, connected bike lanes
- intensification/mix use in the area of steel mills (if they go)
- extra lane to separate ebikes

Joachim – Interested in climate change, what should we be doing to address?

George M – Back in the 90s with the original Vision 2020 , City staff of the Region produced background material and insightful analysis, is this occurring?

Answer – In Phase 2 info sheets will be provided

Karen L – Premature to talk demise of steel and steel lands

- Loss of tax base if occurs

Sally R – opportunity for Public Health to highlight the connections of health and air quality

Peter C – 30 speed limits in North End are great, should be more of this across City of Hamilton

Christine N – wondering if we have come to point that the linkages are given?

- presents opportunities to test the understanding in community
- Bayfront lands are top of mind due to media coverage
- Still industry is viable area and may need to transition to cleaner industry in future

Christine M – surprised about health and air quality linkages not mentioned

- opportunity for education and examine current communication methods
- needs to be explored more

Brian J – Hamilton is a great transit hub

- integration at municipal systems
- increase pedestrian mall downtown

Marie M – passed

Jayne C - does transportation include Go Transit?

- Inter-municipal transit and better Go Transit integration

Andy S – Huge improvements since Vision2020 by industry

- But there are still dirty and cleaner industries
- Need to improve work on reducing Particulate Matter emissions

Lynda L – Surprised by industry responses

- New people moving into City and comparing where they came from to Hamilton
- Question emissions in their neighbourhoods
- Should connect with neighbourhood hubs

Peter T – urbanist movement is growing, interest in transportation and parks
- system approach thinking – people are more focussed on individual modes
- they like cycling, they hate transit
- Need to understand linkages
- Are answers being coded and ranked?

Answer – attempting that with data

Brian M – Not surprised by climate change responses
– same found with community Climate Change Plan
– energy and stormwater concerns and interest.

Denis C – House affordability – you can live like a human being in Hamilton

4. Transportation Demand Management in Hamilton – Peter T

- It's all about sustainability mobility
- Bike share and Car share
- Need to emphasis on connecting modes of transportation

Questions/comments:

Marie M – How are you collecting the data?
– Are people aware that you are collecting data

Answer – Trip data is from GPS on bike
- Frequency is from personal survey
- Gender is from system sign up by name

Brian J – Cannon Bike lanes are good use of space
- Look at convenience and electric assist bikes

Denis C – Economic argument is solid
- Great for tourism
- need to invest in transportation in Hamilton

5. Particulate Matter from Construction Areas – Discussion – Lynda Lukasik

- PM sources in construction
- Low hanging fruit sources
- Lynda presented pictures of dust emissions from sites (visible dust)
- Has recorded values using dust air monitor
- Recommendation of AQ Taskforce on Dust Workshops
- Env Hamilton has a Dust Buster program
- Encourage public to go to talk to contractors when they see these dust emissions

- Contractors to City are not using controls, but indicated to do so in contracts
- Suggest perhaps more specific wording in contracts
- Workers on site are unprotected – Labour relate disuse of health and safety
- Request that we do dust workshops on construction areas including contractors in winter 2015/2016

Questions/comments:

Karen L – Have worked with Public Health services on site control in past
 - Ministry of Environment with Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association had a dust abatement workshop for industry, there is need for a workshop with contractors

Andy S – US Steel Canada has clause in Health and Safety in their contracts
 - sit down with contractors and discuss the mitigation of dust and personal protection of workers/contractors
 - project manager responsible for contract and watching contractors, actions of contractor recorded
 - if fail to manage dust, recorded in procurement and influences if contractor will be procured again in future.

James K – Dust control by-law needed
 - Raised this 2 years ago with group
 - a dust control plan needed for any earth works projects
 - Need to talk with City's Building Department

George M– A lot of project management is involved in this in cities
 - Is no one watching the contractors in the field?

Brian J– Provincial Regulations 419 Environmental and Reg 419 Health and Safety would look at some of this

Denis C – Workshop is needed
 - Include health and safety aspect, MOECC and by-law officer?

- Recommend subcommittee be formed to examine issue: Lynda Lukasik, James Kespertaz, Andy sebyestan, Karen Logan, Denis Corr,
- Suggest a representative from Public Works and Planning – Building Department

Items:

6. Randle Reef Community Liaison Committee Invitation – Peter T

- Invitation sent to Clean Air Hamilton

- James K will be representative

Updates:

7. Hamilton Climate Change Plan – Information – Brian Montgomery

- Update in October

8. Upwind Downwind 2016 – Brian Montgomery

- Dates: Feb 21 and Feb 22, 2016
- Venue for Conference (Feb 21 and Feb 22) – Sheraton hotel – on hold
- Update in October

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 pm

Next meetings:

October 5, 2015

3:00-5:00pm

City Hall Room 192/193