



### **Meeting Minutes**

Coordination Committee

Mon. July 11, 2016, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

71 Main St W, City Hall, Rm 192/193

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#### **In Attendance:**

Denis Corr, Corr Research (Chair)  
Karen Logan, HIEA Representative, Communication Coordinator  
George McKibbon, McKibbon Wakefield Inc.  
Trevor Imhoff, Air Quality and Climate Change Coordinator, City of Hamilton  
Catharine Parsons, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Adriano Mena, Citizen  
Matt Lawson, Manager – Health Hazards, Public Health, City of Hamilton  
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton  
Andrea McDowell, Project Manager – Air Quality, City of Hamilton  
James Johnson, Health Canada  
Andrew Sebestyen, U.S. Steel Canada  
Tom Chessman, Public Works, City of Hamilton  
Keith Ryan, EnvirotekCanada

#### **Regrets:**

Brian Montgomery, Senior Project Manager - Air Quality and Climate Change, City of Hamilton  
Sally Radisic, Public Health, City of Hamilton  
Jim Stirling, ArcelorMittal Dofasco  
Deirdre Connell, Green Venture  
Jonathan Bastien, Hamilton Conservation Authority  
Alissa Mahood, Planning & Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Michelle Sergi, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Anna Krol, Health Canada  
James Kaspersetz, OEAC  
Debbie Achatz, Public Works, City of Hamilton  
Patrick Quealey, Environment and Climate Change Canada  
Lorraine Vanderzwelt– Mohawk College  
Shivani Vigneswaran, Environment and Climate Change Canada  
Carolyn Barnes, ArcelorMittal Dofasco  
Heather Donison, Sustainability, City of Hamilton

Peter Topalovic, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton  
Joel Konik, Hamilton Conservation Authority  
Ted Mitchell, Citizen  
Peter Chernets, Citizen  
Jayne Crawley, Horizon Utilities Corporation  
Alexandra Graham, Citizen  
Dan Dobrin, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change  
Christine Borselli-Morgan, Citizen  
Matt Adams, McMaster Centre for Spatial Analysis  
Brian Jantzi, Citizen  
Katie Chan, U.S. Steel Canada  
Kathryn Enders, Green Venture

*Meeting Commenced at 3:06 pm*

## **1. Introductions & Welcome**

## **2. Approval of June 13, 2016 Minutes**

- Approved

## **Updates:**

## **3. Share Final Printed Version of Clean Air Hamilton 2015 Progress Report – Trevor Imhoff**

- Another thank you to Karen Logan for design and all committee members for their input into the creation of the report
- Final Clean Air Hamilton Report approved by Board of Health (BOH) July 7, 2016 and is now available.
- Final report along with Dr. Corr's presentation will be on Clean Air Hamilton website shortly.
- Had 100 copies professionally printed, feel free to take extra and pass along.

## Questions/Discussions:

- Denis C. – Presented in front of BOH Thursday July 7, 2016 with an Electric Vehicle showcase. Before presentation did calculation estimating housing prices in Hamilton increased approx. \$25 billion which can be attributed in part to the better air quality in Hamilton.
- Denis C. – At BOH presentation pushed for getting money for climate change, as well as explanation regarding site specific standards. Also talked about the concern regarding PM2.5 and with the regulations becoming more strict and the need for an integrated PM2.5 strategy.

## **4. Mayor Eisenberger Climate Change Motion and Update – Brian Montgomery**

- Interest from Senior Management began during Low Carbon Resilient Cities symposium where City Manager approached by community stakeholders and meeting was set-up to discuss the feasibility of creating climate governance structure similar to the Bay Area Restoration Committee (BARC) and Bay Area Implementation Team (BAIT).
- Meeting held with City Manager, John Hall, Public Health and Environment Hamilton
- Mayor Eisenberger presented motion to Council June 22, 2016 to seek funding from the

Province and Government of Canada to set up a climate change governance structure and to work together with the City of Burlington. Motion was passed. For copy of motion or to see the Council meeting click or copy and paste link below:

<http://hamilton.siretechnologies.com/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=978&doctype=AGENDA>

- Similar motion created and presented to Council by City of Burlington's Mayor Goldring on July 4, 2016 and was passed.

#### Questions/Discussion:

- Matt L. – Going to be a lot of funding available as per the MOECC 5 year climate action plan.
- George M. – Minister on hook to get budget out by end of this year, draft should be released by end of this month.
- Tom C. – Cap and Trade will direct billions to market, if Clean Air Hamilton (CAH) wants to leverage this funding it is recommended CAH support Cap and Trade.
- Matt L. – Asking committee about what Federal Government action there may be in the future?
  - Andrew S. – Has been working with Feds for past couple of years and how to reduce emissions and technology, progress stalled due to election.
- Matt L. – Heard about the Pan Canadian Framework. Wondering where to direct efforts in order to successfully receive funding?
  - James J. – Anna Yusa is leading the climate change front for Health Canada and I will ask her to respond to the group.
- Keith R. – Asking about how Cap and Trade pricing was established?
  - Tom C. – Looked at existing European pricing and other markets across the world.
  - Matt L. – There are existing markets Ontario will join such as Quebec and California.
  - Tom C. – Expect there will be a set price.
- Karen L. – Asking when do we expect to see action on the climate change action plan governance structure and when can we move forward?
  - Brian M. – Technically out of our control and waiting on Senior Management direction, however theoretically would like to start in October during climate change action plan.
- Catharine P. – Asking if there is any funding for community, e.g. from FCM?
  - Brian M. – Potentially if projects are already set-up, no funding available to set-up governance structure.
  - Matt L. – One of the roles of the climate change coordinating office would be to research potential funding sources and go after them.
- Brian M. – Previous question to Council from Denis about funding sources and I responded, there is an available community energy fund.
  - Denis C. – Funding getting so complicated, need professional office to coordinate.
- Brian M. – Action on climate change moving very quickly in City, received multiple requests from Mayor's office in the past few months. Still a question about who would run the

coordinating office.

- Lynda L. – Stated John Hall ran the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) office which was instrumental in coordinating and moving forward both BARC and BAIT.
- Karen L. – Thought community before wanted a joint City/community chair committee?
- George M. – Stated there was previously a joint action group and previous report from Lynda Harvey in Planning at the City that would be useful to look at.
- Andrew S. – Stated he was involved in BARC/BAIT and there were two key items, it had the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and list of activities, which then funnelled down to implementation team.
- George M. – Stated board members are more important than money, as an example Vision 2020 was a recruitment process and did not work.
- Denis C. – Gave analogy of Hamilton Air Quality Initiative as success story. Narrowed down four main actions, had full time employees and each four actions had own group to tackle.
  - Brian M. – Proposed Climate Council would have no City staff, but coordinating office would. Still unsure about transition between Public Health and office.
- Karen L. – Stated that BARC is non-profit and recommends to not wait for Mayor to get group going
- Lynda L. – Recommends that group would be looking at climate science and research, may not need complete separate entity and get shared responsibility
  - Matt L. – Stated there would be no competing groups, it is a call for action to get everyone involved to do something about climate change. Attempting to get seed money.
  - Adriano M. – Recommends to keep eye on beyond set-up of governance structure and to make sure there are projects set-up for afterwards that are new and innovative.
  - Denis C. – Reaffirms Adriano comments, CEF e.g. there are 4 projects funded which will not get funding for next year.
  - George M. – Gave example of Vision 2020 who got initial funding but no funding received after that.

## **5. Ruetgers Canada MOECC Site Specific Standard Update –Lynda Lukasik**

- Ruetgers Canada company located in the industrial sector of Hamilton that processes coal tar. Would like to discuss site specific standards and propose specific action PHS and CAH can do
- New standards for benzene and benzo(a)pyrene (B[a]P) proposed by Province and became legal under Ontario Regulation 419/05 July 1, 2016.
- Ruetgers, similar to many other companies, began process to apply for site specific standard due to not being able to meet the new benzene and B[a]P standards.
- There is a background of past exceedances measured by MOECC at Ruetgers exceeding the Upper Risk Threshold (URT)
- Attended, along with reps from PHS, open house. Another open house held in February, concerns regarding proposed action.

- Deadline for site specific standard of July 1, 2016 has passed and there is still no EBR posting. Wondering about what to do in the interim, questions regarding whether or not they are in compliance?
- Recommend we have MOECC come to CAH meeting to discuss these concerns.

#### Questions/Discussion:

- Matt L. – Stated previous URT exceedances from Ruetgers was at Point of Impingement (POI). The July 1 deadline was the last phase in period for O’Reg 419/05 and MOECC received well into the 100’s of applications. Believe MOECC is backlogged in applications and believe site specific standard will be posted within the next month or so.
- Matt L. – Discussion with the MOECC, the first application from Ruetgers showed no quantifiable decrease and MOECC rejected plan. Second plan submitted much better and shows decrease. May be necessary to send MOECC question about how they are dealing with O’Reg 419/05.
- Denis C. – Hamilton now classified as a Zone 3 air zone, are we a priority? Recommends asking this questions to MOECC.
- Lynda L. – Stated especially because of the past URT exceedances, wondering if there is a prioritization protocol at the MOECC?
  - Andrew S. – Yes, believes there is one.
  - Denis C. – Also recommends that MOECC come do talk because of URT exceedances and the fact Hamilton is a Zone 3 air zone.
- Matt L. – State of limbo right now from O’Reg 419/05. Asking committee does the approval come from the Standards and Development Branch?
  - Andrew S. – Yes, also generally issues Orders if not in compliance.
- Keith R. – Asking if it is possible to meet standards?
  - Andrew S. – No, standard is based on best knowledge and health protection. Technology does not exist yet.
- Lynda L. – Benzene and B[a]P was measured above the URT
  - Matt L. – Stated difference between POI and community monitors which monitored concentrations near sensitive receptors.
  - Andrew S. – O’Reg 419/05 is POI, then if you exceed that you start looking at why, beyond POI and nearest sensitive receptors and beyond.
- George M. – Compatibility issue, sensitive receptors are not factored in. Zoning applications not necessarily looking at this.
- Catharine P. – Asking if there is a fine for this?
  - Andrew S. – MOECC has multiple options for compliance.
  - Lynda L. – Does not think there are any specific fines? May not be heavy handed, missing from regulations, should be consequence if do not go through process.
- Karen L. – Previously talked to Ruetgers, challenge when started to realize they have a problem, however have submitted everything required from MOECC.

- Lynda L. – Stated that if there is a plan, accountability to community and ensure progress is made.

## **6. Beginning updating Clean Air Hamilton’s Strategic Activities – Group Discussion**

- Need to start looking at and update Clean Air Hamilton’s strategic activities. Currently outlined in Page 4 of the 2015 Progress Report.
- Potential to better align Clean Air Hamilton’s activities with recommendation proposed in the Air Quality Task Force (AQTF) report outlined in Page 5 of the 2015 Progress Report.

### Questions/Discussion:

- George M. – Stated Hamilton does not currently have related land use plans. Recommend having discussion on local Hamilton land use planning.
  - Denis C. – Recommend also discussing once Province updates Provincial Policies.
  - Catharine P. – Hamilton Planning Dept. has policies on improving air quality e.g. transit
  - George M. – Stated there was previous resolution to deal with O’Reg 419/05 and land use policy/planning.
- Brian M. – Strategic activities were done in 2012, only supposed to be for two years. If CAH would like to partake in certain activity, would like to see representation for that action/activity.
  - Denis C. – Very important, actions could include trails, fleet etc. Recommend setting up a half day workshop.
- Tom C. – Stated Transit last year switched approx. 50% of diesel buses to more efficient natural gas.
- Adriano M. – Recommend our strategic activities align with other organizations which will allow for invested interest.

## **7. Member Updates**

### James Johnson – Health Canada

- Health Canada created web base app for primary educational level about environmental awareness called enviroair. Will forward to Trevor for distribution to group.

### Denis Corr – Corr Research

- Will not be here next meeting, neither will Karen Logan.
- Matt Adams heading to Peru, then upon his return will be going to Ryerson for an Assistant Professor position. Would still like to be a part of CAH and run AQHI website.
- Next airshed model meeting cancelled.

### Karen Logan – HIEA

- HIEA rolling along.
- MOECC Hamilton District Manager G. Knapper sent email regarding PM2.5 and transboundary issues, will send to group.

**Action Items:**

- **James J. to ask Anna Yusa about Pan Canadian Framework on Climate Change**
- **Public Health Services to reach out to Standard Development Branch**
- **Moving forward PHS to notify Clean Air Hamilton when receive notification of URT exceedances**
- **PHS to set-up half day workshop in September for Strategic Activity development and visioning of Clean of Hamilton**
- **James J. to send enviroair webbased app to Trevor for distribution to committee**
- **Karen L. to send MOECC email re: PM2.5 to Trevor for distribution to committee**

*Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 pm*

**Next meetings:**

<b>August 8, 2016</b>	<b>3:00-5:00pm</b>	<b>City Hall Room 192/193</b>
<b>September 12, 2016</b>	<b>3:00-5:00pm</b>	<b>City Hall Room 192/193</b>
<b>October 10, 2016</b>	<b>3:00-5:00pm</b>	<b>City Hall Room 192/193</b>