



Minutes

Coordination Committee

Monday, September 10, 2018, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Main St W, City Hall, Rm 192/193

Present:

Bruce Newbold (Chair)
Christine Borselli, Citizen
Susan Chapman, Ontario Lung Association
Peter Chernets, Citizen
Robert Clackett, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Ed Cocchiarella, – HIEA
Denis Corr, Corr Research Inc.
Elise Desjardins, Friendly Streets Hamilton
Abe Hafid, McMaster University
Charles Hostovsky, Citizen
Trevor Imhoff, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton
Brian Jantzi, Citizen
Gloria Ko, McMaster University
Juby Lee, Environment Hamilton
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton
John Lundrigan, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
George McKibbon, McKibbon Wakefield Inc./University of Guelph
Christine Newbold, Planning, City of Hamilton
Paul Panabaker, Energy Dimensions
Cathy Plosz, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Shelley Rogers, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton
Guneet Saini, McMaster University
Fran Scott, McMaster Institute for Healthier Environments, McMaster University
Andrew Sebestyen, Stelco Canada
Japteg Singh, McMaster University
Natalie Stacey, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
Carolyn Zanchetta, Hamilton Naturalist's Club

Regrets:

Matt Adams, Associate Professor, Ryerson University
Umme Akhtar, Health Canada
Altaf Arain, McMaster Centre for Climate Change, McMaster University
Sean Angel, Environment Hamilton
Jonathan Bastien, Hamilton Conservation Authority
Jay Carter, - Evergreen

Michelle Cassar, Health Canada
Katie Chan, Stelco Canada
Dan Dobrin, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
Heather Donison, Green Venture
Barry Duffey, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
Michael Gemmell, Green Venture
Alexandra Graham, Citizen
James Kasperetz, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
Joel Konik, Hamilton Conservation Authority
Anna Krol, Health Canada
Matt Lawson, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton
Abbie Little, McMaster University
Karen Logan, HIEA
Andrea McDowell, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton
Adriano Mena, Citizen
Ted Mitchell, Citizen
Joshua Parkinson, Student, Mohawk College
Patrick Quealey, Environment and Climate Change Canada
Sally Radisic, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton
Myles Sergeant, Trees for Hamilton
Tiffany Singh, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Ken Smith, Citizen
Peter Topalovic, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton
Lorraine Vanderzwelt– Mohawk College
Shivani Vigneswaran, Environment and Climate Change Canada
Dylan Ward, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton
Kate Whalen, McMaster University

1. Team Photo (5 Minutes)

2. Introductions & Welcome

3. Approval of August 13, 2018 Minutes

Approved

Presentations:

4. Urban Forest Strategy Cathy Plosz (15 minutes)



Adobe Acrobat
Document

- Developing vision for Urban forest,
- Collecting information and doing background research,
- Bioforest is working on inventory work,
- KBM Forest resource consulting- worked on strategies in past with municipalities,

- Dillon Consulting is conducting public consultation,
- Strategy will include a target for forest coverage.

Questions/Discussions:

Denis C. – Asks what the colours mean on Urban Forest map of the urban forest canopy cover in Hamilton.

Cathy P. - will find out

ACTION: Cathy P. to send Shelley R. the meaning of the colours

Attached is a map with a legend representing the meanings of the colours on the Urban Forest map provided by Cathy P following the meeting:



Adobe Acrobat
Document

- Urban forestry survey can be found at: <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-initiatives/strategies-actions/urban-forest-strategy>.

Questions/Discussions:

Peter C. – Asks if there are procedures in place for invasive tree species

Cathy P. – There are no procedures for trees, however, forestry has a list of trees that they plant.

Trevor I. – The City has ongoing spraying for invasive species (pests).

Chuck H. – Asks about tree cutting by-law enforcement.

Cathy P. – City bylaws are stronger now than in the past and are being enforced.

George M. – Comments that other municipalities are eliminating boulevard trees due to risk factors. Asks if this has come up in this program.

Cathy P. – This has not been considered. Balancing infrastructure needs are considered, but not from a risk management perspective.

John L. – Asks what industry can do better?

Cathy P. – This project is not at this stage yet. If industry has recommendations on how to become involved, Cathy is happy to work with them.

Andy S. – HIEA was involved 10 years ago with a native tree planting program.

Denis C. – Comments that there was a task force a few years back to plant trees in Hamilton.

Andy S. – Some locations in previous tree planting program weren't ideal, locations will need to be improved in the future.

Christine N. – Bayfront strategy will most likely address tree planting.

Denis C. – Asks if consultants are using satellite data?

Cathy P. – Satellite data is used from Google Earth.

Peter C. – Asks if there legal consequences for cutting trees down on private property.

Cathy P. – Rules depend on the area.

Lynda L. – Trees Please project partners with Forestry on Strategic Tree Planting. They have conducted plantings; they are looking to plant close to the Industrial area.

5. 2017 Air Quality Trends Update, Natalie Stacey, MECP (15 minutes)

- Figures are from downtown air monitoring station,
- Ambient emissions reporting goes back 20 years,
- Hamilton has seen significant reductions,
- Reviewed 2017 Air Quality Trend data,
- MECP is looking into monitoring PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} simultaneously and is procuring new air monitors.

Questions/Discussions:

Denis C. – Asks how many new monitors will there be?

Natalie S. – There should be 2-3 in the beginning and then they will be moving forward from that point,

Ed C. – Asks about the increase in 2014 data?

Natalie S. – The instruments for monitoring were changed.

Ed C. – Asks what the standards are based on?

Natalie S. – Standards are based on adverse effects and health.

Lynda L. – Asks where new monitoring stations will be.

Natalie S. – The locations have been decided yet, industrial sector will be included.

Fran S. – Asks if the SO₂ objective has changed over past 20 years.

Natalie S. – SO₂ standards are changing.

Trevor I. – Trevor to redistribute SO₂ Presentation from earlier this year.

ACTION: Trevor to redistribute SO₂ Presentation from earlier this year.

Ed C. – Asks if it's better to base standards on annual data.

Natalie S. – Yes.

George M. – Asks if there is a definition that the MECP uses for “stressed airshed” (Air Zone 3) in Ontario’s Air Zone Management.

Natalie S. – can find a term, but mostly for heavily industrialized areas.

ACTION: Natalie S. to send term that MECP uses for “stressed airshed” (Air Zone 3) in Ontario’s Air Zone Management to Shelley R.

Updates:

6. Green Fleet Guidelines – Shelley Rogers (15 minutes)

- A Green Fleet Implementation plan was implemented in 2005,
- The 2008 Updated Central Fleet Policy included Green Fleet Guidelines,
- The Green Fleet Policy will be updated within the next few years,
- Guidelines included Green Procurement and Anti-idling procedures,

- Procurement procedures are out of date,
- Clean and Green (as part of Hamilton's Strategic Plan) is currently being used as a guide for vehicle procurement,
- Anti-idling procedures are in line with the City's Anti-Idling bylaw,
- Signage is used for anti-idling education.

Lynda L. – Where are we going with new polices and Transit CNG

Shelley R. – More efficient vehicles are being purchased. CNG Buses are currently being procured and the City's fleet will be 50% CNG in the next few years. The City applied for funding through Cap and Trade for Electric Buses but did not receive funding due to the cancellation of the program.

7. Hamilton Air Summit Update – Trevor Imhoff (10 minutes)

- Friday at 8:30,
- Shelley R. to send out the link to RSVP,

ACTION: Shelley R. to send out link to RSVP for Hamilton Air Summit

- Questions and statements to panelists can be sent to cleanair@hamilton.ca,
- Questions can be brought to the summit,
- Dr. Denis Corr will moderate,
- Golder will be attending to speak to airshed model,
- Trevor I. hopes to have feasible outcomes for the Air Quality Task Force.

8. Member Updates

Bruce N. McMaster University

- Looking forward to being a panelist at the Hamilton Air Summit

Juby L. - Environment Hamilton

- Trees Please is hosting a number of events that are listed at <http://treespleasehamilton.org> .

Elise D. – Cycle Hamilton/Friendly Streets

- Cycle Hamilton sent out cycling surveys to candidates for City Council, this morning they released responses. They will also be conducting Ward rides. Survey results and Ward ride information can be found on their website, www.cyclehamont.ca .

Lynda L. – Environment Hamilton

- Is participating as a panelist in the Hamilton Air Summit on Friday.

George M. – McKibbin Wakefield Inc./University of Guelph

- Second year to review presentation proposal applications for next year's American Planning Association's Conference.

John L. – ArcelorMittal Dofasco

- Dofasco is conducting a tree planting on October 13th.

Chuck H. – Citizen

- Sent out article on Drive Trough's and municipal by-law, suggests that Clean Air Hamilton should have a private Facebook group.
Trevor I. – Clean Air Hamilton currently has Facebook group set up. The handle wasn't previously confirmed, he has now confirmed it. Trevor encourages member to use the confirmed handle.

ACTION: Trevor I. will send out link to Clean Air Hamilton Facebook group.

Trevor I. – there have been pushes in the past to cut back on drive trough's, there are zoning restrictions.

Susan C. – The Lung Association

- Steel Town stair climb on November 10, looking for volunteers, teams and sponsors. Members are asked to reach out to Susan if interested.

Robert C. – Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

- Re: Drive Through By-Laws: Planning and Economic Development is consolidating six bylaws into one and commercial zones are reviewed. In some zones, Drive Through's are prohibited. There must be specific design standards. They are addressing this.

Denis C. – Corr Research Inc.

- Started teaching the new term at Mohawk for air quality and air monitoring. He's looking forward to Friday's Hamilton Air Summit to discuss air monitoring. The modeling, mobile monitoring and continuous monitoring are important. Suggests reading Weeberb's article previously distributed.

Peter C. – Citizen

- Suggests conducting radon testing, and changing furnace air filters. Also recommends checking furnace batteries.

Shelley R. – Health and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

- 2019 City Enrichment Fund is now open. For more information, visit:
<https://www.hamilton.ca/community-funding-grant-programs/city-enrichment-fund/city-enrichment-fund>

Trevor I. – Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

- A live stream can be viewed of the Hamilton Air Summit on Friday, September 14, 2018 if you can't make it on Friday. Launch of the Business Climate Action Toolkit is coming out next week on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. It was one of the top 10 priorities in our Community Climate Change Action Plan.
- Visited the The Joyce Centre for Partnership & Innovation (new net zero building on the Mohawk College Campus) today where the Bay Area Council will be working out of in the future.

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION: Shelley R. to follow up with Cathy P on meaning of colours.

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ACTION: Shelley R. to forward link to RSVP for Hamilton Air Summit.

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Next meeting (Please note change of location)

October 15, 2018

3:00-5:00pm

City Hall Room 264