



Minutes

Coordination Committee

Monday, October 15, 2018, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Main St W, City Hall, Rm 264

Present:

Trevor Imhoff, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton (Acting Chair)
Peter Chernets, Citizen
Ed Cocchiarella, – HIEA
Denis Corr, Corr Research Inc.
Dan Dobrin, Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks
Kate Flynn, Mohawk College
Charles Hostovsky, Citizen
James Kaspersetz, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
Karen Logan, HIEA
George McKibbon, McKibbon Wakefield Inc./University of Guelph
Christine Newbold, Planning, City of Hamilton
Susan Neudorf, Green Venture
Paul Panabaker, Energy Dimensions
Catherine Parsons, Planning, City of Hamilton
Shelley Rogers, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton
Fran Scott, McMaster Institute for Healthier Environments, McMaster University
Andrew Sebestyen, Stelco Canada
Heather Travis, Planning, City of Hamilton

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
Christine Borselli, Citizen
Jay Carter, - Evergreen
Michelle Cassar, Health Canada
Susan Chapman, Ontario Lung Association
Katie Chan, Stelco Canada
Robert Clackett, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Elise Desjardins, Friendly Streets Hamilton
Heather Donison, Green Venture
Barry Duffey, Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks
Michael Gemmell, Green Venture
Alexandra Graham, Citizen

Abe Hafid, McMaster University
Brian Jantzi, Citizen
Gloria Ko, McMaster University
Joel Konik, Hamilton Conservation Authority
Anna Krol, Health Canada
Matt Lawson, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton
Juby Lee, Environment Hamilton
Abbie Little, McMaster University
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton
John Lundrigan, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Andrea McDowell, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton
Adriano Mena, Citizen
Ted Mitchell, Citizen
Bruce Newbold (Chair)
Joshua Parkinson, Student, Mohawk College
Patrick Quealey, Environment and Climate Change Canada
Sally Radisic, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton
Guneet Saini, McMaster University
Myles Sergeant, Trees for Hamilton
Japteg Singh, McMaster University
Tiffany Singh, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Natalie Stacey, Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks
Carolyn Zanchetta, Hamilton Naturalist's Club
Ken Smith, Citizen
Peter Topalovic, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton
Lorraine Vanderzweilt– Mohawk College
Shivani Vigneswaran, Environment and Climate Change Canada
Dylan Ward, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton
Kate Whalen, McMaster University

1. Introductions & Welcome

2. Approval of September 10, 2018 Minutes

Approved

Presentations:

3. GRIDS Presentation – Heather Travis (30 minutes)



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- GRIDS 2 Report can be found at: <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-planning/official-plan-zoning-by-law/grids-2-and-municipal-comprehensive-review>

Questions/Discussions:

Karen L. – Asks how intensification to parking lots is achieved.

Heather T. – GRIDS 2 includes plans of redevelopment to existing sites, including parking lots to feature buildings up to six stories. Plan encourages shopping malls to review parking lots.

KateF.. – Asks what data is used as a base for plan.

Heather T. – 2016 data is used as base data.

Chuck H. – In terms of the modelling, with higher order transit, what happens to intensification nodes if LRT is overturned by council.

Heather T. – The LRT corridor/ B-Line corridor is a priority corridor, at the time of assigning this, it wasn't known what type of transit would be used. In PED's view, intensification will still be encouraged along the line.

Karen L. – Asks how the transportation plan addresses walkability

Heather T. – PED works with the team developing the Transportation Master Plan.

Denis C. – What are public transportation plans around the Airport? When they did technical studies, how much did they look into Climate Change? What type of plan is there for the area on Centennial Parkway north of Barton St. regarding the new GO station? Will there be a shuttle between Barton and the GO station?

Heather T. – The Centennial Parkway Secondary Plan has recently been approved, lots of redevelopment is included in it. They are looking at this in-house. Doesn't know about a shuttle between GO and LRT. PED is working with Staff completing the storm water master plan; they are incorporating Climate Change into their modeling. Growth Plan requires incorporating Climate Change into plans.

Karen L. – Asks if they are working with Forestry and how greenspace is included.

Heather T. – they aren't working with them, but that's a good suggestion.

Denis C. – There was a conference recently that stated that that it's not just about trees, it's about green space and trees and how they benefit the social fabric.

Heather T. – Has read about how urban forestry positively benefits mental health.

Karen L. – Urban Forests benefit water management as well.

Chuck H. – What public consultation has been completed to date? How can CAH get involved?

Catherine P. – Round One consultation was at the end of May and beginning of June, they have two more public open houses planned.

Heather T. – There have been political changes, so original timeline has been impacted. Round Two will probably begin in early 2019. Land needs assessment will follow. They have a stakeholder group as well. Says that someone from CAH could be included.

Trevor I. – Confirmed that they are conducting Phase Two.

Heather T. – They are in Phase Two.

Trevor I. – Sees CAH's Airshed model being impacted by GRIDS 2 outcome, we should collaborate on this.

George M. – Asks about the "What If?" and wonders why the Airshed wasn't incorporated into the base analysis. Thinks a better use than testing possible future impacts.

Heather T. – Suggests that PED should work with PHS sooner rather than later.

Trevor I. – Says that's a good idea.

Fran S. – Asks about the changes in Elfrida.

Heather T. – Elfrida is still under old OMB rules, Elfrida is unknown right now due to 2031 targets not being set. Board hearing begins next week on the matter.

Ed C. – Our committee looks at how the distance from roads impacts human health. With intensification people are closer to major roads, traffic would increase and the negative impacts on people's health would be greater, do they look at this in the process.

Heather T. – They do not look at that the health impacts of intensification, however PHS is at the table

Trevor I. – Environmental assessments were completed for LRT for temporary increased congestion and impact on sub-arterial roads a few years ago, the results were negligible, but there will be a decrease in emissions once the LRT is built.

Karen L. – Says that high buildings near major roads trap pollution

Denis C. – Looking at even bigger picture, our public perception has moved from being a very air polluted city to being a great place to live. There is a close relationship between air quality and the amount that people will pay for a house. Thinks people should keep this in mind when making future plans.

4. Enhanced Fresh Air For Kids Report – Dr. Denis Corr (25 minutes)



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Questions/Discussions:

Karen L. – Was the recognition for the 2017 year?

Denis C. – Yes, this was for 2017.

James K. – Do they talk about specific health problems in the schools?

Denis C. – Yes, asthma and heart attacks are discussed.

Ed C. – have you compared the difference between being driven to school and using active transportation?

Denis C. – Kids say that the way they are driven isn't the best way due to routes being through lower air quality areas.

Fran S. – Asks if it is known why Cathy Wever did so well?

Denis C. – They had a very dedicated teacher who helped the students.

Chuck H. – Do we know how much the buses idle?

Denis C. – There is research being done on this. Matt Adams is working on a project on the idling outside of schools.

Updates:

5. Clean Air Hamilton Facebook Group – Trevor Imhoff (15 minutes)

Trevor I. – Currently only admins can post on Facebook, however as City Employees, we need to look into our social media policies, wants to know what other members think.

Questions/Discussions:

Karen L. – She doesn't think it should be an open forum. Fears that it could go in an undesirable direction. Would be more professional if it was closed and was vetted by an admin.

Chuck H. – No point of having a social media site if it's not public. He's been using Facebook for the courses he teaches, and makes the groups closed. Doesn't believe that there could be controversy in discussion within the group, has worked well with his students. Says to have a closed Facebook group instead of a page.

James K. – We come from diverse backgrounds and we encourage industry participation, worries that conflict could begin between groups with conflicting interests. Likes the way it is now, it's professional, we don't take sides, information is vetted.

Charles H. – Says that outside groups wouldn't be able to post.

James K. – Could cause conflict between committee members. Under original TOR it is stated that CAH is impartial to various groups.

Ed C. – Wants to know original reason for the current Facebook page.

Trevor I. – Originally to have an open discussion board for members to discuss as a group outside of coordinator's emails. We need to know what policies need to be followed by City Staff.

Karen L. – Asks what would be put on the Facebook forum that doesn't go through emails.

Trevor I. – It would be another avenue to share information.

James K. – This wouldn't become a blog, this would be on general air quality information in Hamilton.

Chuck H. – He's on another page and they share their research and went from an email list to a Facebook page.

Trevor I. – Wasn't initially thinking about closed Facebook Group, we are updating our TOR and this may need to be included in it.

Susan N. – Public will see the title, but not the posts if a private Facebook group is used.

Karen L. – Concerned that people won't come to meetings because they are doing all of their communication on Facebook, or that our meetings will lose something in the process.

Kate F. – It's important to see the message as the medium, what is to be shared on Facebook? If you want to share academic information, there are other ways to post, Facebook rules can change and what we post is the property of Facebook. An academic forum might be better for us.

Ed C. – LinkedIn is better for this type of sharing.

Karen L. – If there are conversations going on outside of meetings, that not everyone gets, are we not getting fully informed? Would rather do what we're doing.

Denis C. – Relates to what Karen L. is saying, doesn't use Facebook regularly.

Trevor I. – Says they are all good points. If comments were made on Drop Box, people will receive emails, but people might be saturated with information and not pay attention anymore.

Andy S. – Stelco has a Facebook page to communicate events to people who don't necessarily use email but use Facebook.

Karen L. – Concerned that it takes time to maintain a Facebook page, and the vetting takes up the admin's time.

James K. – No one is making comments on the current page.

Trevor I. – There is a happy medium and we'll need to decide what will work.

Trevor I., Bruce N. and Shelley R. will discuss and figure out a solution for our next meeting.

ACTION: Trevor I., Bruce N. and Shelley R. will discuss the potential of a Facebook group and figure out a solution for our next meeting.

6. Drive Clean Changes and EBR Posting – Trevor Imhoff (5 minutes)

- There is an EBR posting for wind down of Drive Clean Program.
- Is this something that CAH members can see all of us getting behind to make a response on behalf of CAH?
- Group is in favour.
- EBR Posting can be found at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-3867>
- Deadline is October 28.

ACTION: Shelley R. to email out EBR Posting and asks that comments be sent to Trevor I. and Shelley R. by October 22.

7. Hamilton Air Summit Wrap Up – Trevor Imhoff (5 minutes)

- Thank you to panelists and moderator.
- Summit was a success, 45 attendees.
- Trevor is summarizing and prioritizing priorities.
- Once Golder's sub regional data complete, will work with top two lower air quality regions.
- Golder had 10 regions to be broken down.
- A live recording can be viewed on the City of Hamilton Website:
(<https://www.hamilton.ca/city-initiatives/priority-projects/hamilton-air-summit>)

8. Member Updates

Denis C. – Corr Research

- Still teaching Air Pollution course at Mohawk, getting up to speed with Fresh Air For Kids. The program gets kids excited for science.

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

- Drafted discussion question for the Task Force and passed to Trevor I. about regulation 419.

Karen L. – HIEA

- Looking forward to the BACCC meeting.

Susan N. – Green Venture

- Green Venture is running Bus Brains, looking for a rural school to conduct the program.

Peter C. – Citizen

- Requests a presentation from Breezometer.

Andy S. – Stelco Canada

- External 419 working group meeting coming up and looking at cumulative effects. Lynda Lukasik is running course at McMaster, Andy S. is presenting on Industrial business and environmental policy.

Christine N. – City of Hamilton

- Bayfront Secondary Plan will be released in November. Suggests presenting at a CAH meeting in 2019.

Dan D. – MECP

- Many changes at the MECP.

Chuck H. – Citizen

- Giving paper at University of Toronto and another at Schools of Planning, teaching at Brock University in January, working with McMaster University land use planning and Public Health.

Fran S. - McMaster University

- Suggests having someone come in and present on OMB Changes.

James K. - Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

- People confused in the province with new direction of the province, impressed with Hamilton Forestry department having a large number of trees and are looking for people to plant them. The public can contact Bill Longley (with the City of Hamilton) for more information.

Trevor I. – City of Hamilton

- A Ministry of Environment and Parks employee speak to Trevor after the Air Summit about Port Authority and how to reduce emissions and what BC has done. This could lead into reduction in waterborne emissions.

ACTION ITEMS

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Next meeting

November 12, 2018

3:00-5:00pm

City Hall Room 192/193