



## **Minutes**

Coordination Committee

Monday, September 9, 2019, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

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

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### **Present:**

Trevor Imhoff, (Acting Chair) Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Waverley Birch, Friendly Streets  
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton  
Gialiana Casimirri, Green Venture  
Robert Clackett, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Karen Logan, HIEA  
Tom Chessman, Public Works, City of Hamilton  
Natalie Stacey, Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks  
John Lundrigan, ArcelorMittal Dofasco  
Joel Kaushansky, Health Canada  
Rob Conley, Environmental Services, City of Hamilton  
Denis Corr, Corr Research Inc.

### **Regrets:**

Shelley Rogers, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Fran Scott, McMaster Institute for Health Equity, McMaster University  
Bruce Newbold (Chair)  
Charles Hostovsky, Citizen  
Sally Radisic, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

### **1. Introductions & Welcome**

### **2. Approval of August 12, 2019 Minutes –**

Edit for company name – Enssolutions

Shelley, Trevor and others attended the wake for Peter Chernets – family was very appreciative of the CAH support and Shelley and Trevor will take up a collection for a donation to the Lung Association and will dedicate the annual report this year in his name.

### **Presentations:**

### 3. Provincial Policy Statement, George McKibbin (30 minutes)

Link for ERO: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0279>

Link for Osler Report: <https://www.osler.com/en/resources/regulations/2019/ontario-releases-draft-provincial-policy-statement>

Proposed amendments to the policy statement. All wording changes must be approved under section 3 of the planning act currently changes are under review – CAH previously made comments in 2014 amendments – all comments are due October 20. Provided changes (colour coded) for discussion – words in blue are additions in red are subtractions. This is a 78 page document – province does produce guidelines to help people understand the document. George has taken pages from the full document that have the most relevance to CAH. Discussed separation distances.

Talked about buffers – road – strengthening arguments around major arterial roads – CAH could put something forward – they have changed from should to shall but then follow up with possible exemptions – how do these contradict the policy. There are challenges sometimes getting feedback from any ministry person.

Trevor I. – asking how CAH felt about overall intent of the PPS to allow exemptions. Felt amendments may include stronger or more specific language, but then immediately followed up with loop hole or exemptions.

Giuliana C. – agrees, similar to previous regulations around exemptions for natural heritage or species at risk.

Trevor I. – should Clean Air Hamilton submit a comment on behalf of the group?

John L. - wants to be able to look at the document before making a final approval on the group report.

George M. – agreed to collect comments and will put something together for review by October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting for final approval.

John L. - asked to get copies of the 2014 comments circulated to the group as well

#### Action:

- **Trevor I. to send ERO link, link to full Osler report and previous 2014 submission to CAH**
- **Everyone to send George comments on PPS amendments**
- **George M. – to compile comments and put final comments together for CAH review for next October 7 meeting.**

#### Updates:

### 4. AQTF and Dust Group updates, Trevor Imhoff (5 minutes)

No updates for the dust group – there was a committee who worked on a potential draft of the streets by-law but with potential changes to structure in public health –

the by-laws are looking at administrative penalties for drag out, fugitive dust emissions etc.

AQTF – Trevor stating that based on change would like his name taken off AQTF standing item updates.

Needs to be a bigger discussion on who owns these groups – maybe looking at who is on the working groups and have them take over on reporting on progress etc. Trevor will look at asking Shelley to ask lead organizations on different projects to do updates in future.

UWDW – Clean Air Fair to be June 8, 2020 followed by conference on June 9, 2020.

Fresh Air for Kids – 3 schools signed up new online form, new tool kit projects, materials for teachers

Friendly Streets – starting to work with McMaster student on will be doing work around the hospital.

Trees Please – working with citizens in the Parkview area doing a tree audit and air monitoring to look at strategic planting in this area.

Monitoring – Purple Air – on line ([purpleair.com](http://purpleair.com)),

MECP - deployment on additional monitors – 2 have been deployed – getting data for about 2-3 months – working out how best to collect data and make sure they are accurate – doing co-location with existing HAMB monitors for now. Results look encouraging – there have been some technical challenges but they are working on it.

HAMB – are  $PM_{10}$  so there is a challenge getting  $PM_{2.5}$  for comparison – there are no other  $PM_{2.5}$  monitors in the system. Currently undergoing QA/QC procedures.

Looking at CAH putting a letter together to push for appropriate funding for Hamilton given that we are in a zone 3.

Trevor I. – asking MECP still following air zone management framework.

Natalie S. – yes

Hamilton Airshed Modelling System (HAMS) Transboundary Emission Sources – currently this project is out of the Public Health budget this year, however Golder working on other updates for the HAMS.

TRAPS – buffer analysis based on literature and best practices around major arterial roads, establishing buffer area similar in approach to environmental screening layer to indicate potential land use conflicts – very early in idea

## **5. AML Update, PHS (5 minutes)**

Last meeting there were questions because Hamilton was considered a higher risk for AML report from McGill – Dr. Harvey (Hamilton’s AMOH) got figures/tables for review from Author.

Trevor I. – presented the following information:

Overall study involves cases diagnosed many years ago and hence any potential causative exposures would have been even earlier than that. Dr. Harvey, AMOH for Hamilton Public Health was quoted also stating that 20 Hamiltonians are diagnosed with AML, and if put into context every year slightly more than 3,000 Hamiltonian’s are diagnosed with Cancer.

Trevor I. presented figures and supplemental tables of the paper showing the four higher risk areas for Hamilton. Looking at the supplemental tables that showed incidence per 1,000,000 individuals per year the highest rates of AML were located away from industry, specifically in the west Dundas area, hypothesizing that the older age distribution in this area was the key indicator. Also comparing Hamilton locations to other City’s like Toronto, Toronto had higher incidence rates per 1,000,000 per year than compared to Hamilton.

Trevor I. – stating that Hamilton Public Health looking to utilize Hamilton Airshed Modelling System to help understand the current and future exposure risks related to air quality.

Lynda L. - asked if CAH could have someone come to better explain how to identify cause of death and other information on burden of illness for Hamiltonians - what are the impacts of air quality – how do we track chronic exposure etc.?

Trevor I. – suggested either Dr. Gilmour, MECP or Hamilton Public Health epidemiologist author of Health Check (<https://www.hamilton.ca/public-health/reporting/health-check-assessing-local-burden-disease-in-city-hamilton>)

Action – Trevor I. to invite expert in epidemiologist/toxicology to discuss local health burdens in Hamilton

## **6. Member Updates**

### Lynda L. – Environment Hamilton

People looking at land use budget – expanding urban boundary - Oct 21 planning staff are doing a workshop with councillors for expansion – open to the public – see what the dynamic is around the council table

### Karen Logan, HIEA

The semi-annual board meeting and public meeting takes place on Wednesday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. Invitations and information will be sent out soon.

HIEA has just welcomed its 14<sup>th</sup> member – AIM has just joined.

Karen Logan (personal) – opening my own art studio on Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Cotton Factory – information will be sent out.

Trevor Imhoff, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

City staff have met with Councillor Merulla to run a town hall at steam and technology – CAH progress report will be going out in December still working with Golder and MECP, BACCO – educational seminars at MIP through a grant in October - all invitations will be going out soon. City is looking at developing and centralizing climate change report

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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**Next meeting**

**Monday, October 7, 2018**

**3:00-4:30pm**

**City Hall Room 264**

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