



## **Minutes**

Coordination Committee

Monday, March 9, 2020, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

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

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### **Present:**

Bruce Newbold, (Chair)  
Waverley Birch, Friendly Streets  
Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture  
Rob Conley, Environmental Services, City of Hamilton  
Denis Corr, Corr Research  
Barry Duffey, Citizen  
James Kaspersetz, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority  
Joel Kaushansky, Health Canada  
Kerry LeClair, Councilor Nann's Office, City of Hamilton  
Karen Logan, HIEA  
Heidi Levitzky, HIEA  
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton  
George McKibbon, McKibbon Wakefield Inc. /University of Guelph  
Shelley Rogers, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Jeedhu Sarra, HIEA Coop Student  
Andy Sebastian, Stelco  
Nico Strabac, Mohawk College Sustainability Office

### **Regrets:**

Ed Cocchiarella, HIEA  
Dan Dobrin, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Sandy Herkimer, Niagara College  
Lubna Hussain, MECP  
Chuck Hostkovsky, Citizen  
Trevor Imhoff, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Brian Jantzi, Citizen  
John Lundrigan, ArcelorMittal Dofasco  
Paul Panabaker, Energy Dimensions  
Fran Scott, McMaster Institute for Health Equity, McMaster University  
Myles Sergeant, Trees For Hamilton  
Tiffany Singh, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Natalie Stacey, MECP  
Sara Yonson, Hamilton Port Authority

## 1. Introductions & Welcome

## 2. Approval of February 10, 2020 Minutes

Approved

## Presentations:

### 3. Cumulative Odours from around the Bay (10 minutes) James Kaspersetz



Industrial Odour  
Assessment.pdf

Study inspired by the MECP's triage system for odor complaints. Study found that odors originate from a variety of sources in Hamilton.

#### Questions/Discussion

- Members state that there are some sources that can be pin pointed and are not a combination of odors. Community input is valuable.
- Members comment that Randle Reef has taking precautions to eliminate odors by not permitting pumping to hit the air.
- Odor has been found at Cootes Paradise, now it we know that it has been because of sewage.
- Study used wind direction, NPRI contaminants, and firsthand experience of odors to determine odors.
- This data is available to the general public.
- Work not leading to further action. Meant to be used for future reference.
- At a former meeting, it was mentioned that the MECP will be looking at the triage system in Hamilton and Environmental Protection Act. Municipalities are relying on Ministry Policy and what they will and won't do. Discussed land use incompatibility, and how this will impact the City of Hamilton. Discussed MECP's triage system where MECP deems it sever enough or passing land use onto Municipality.
- There has been an incident where Randle Reef did emit odor.
- Training has been conducted to some industrial workers to identify odors. Odor has a low threshold and monitoring is difficult.
- There are natural sources (i.e. Birds) that can cause odors. These were not included in the study.

## Updates:

### 4. Ward 3 Initiatives Update (5 minutes), Kerry LeClair

Zero Hero campaign looks to celebrate businesses, citizens and organizations using zero waste procedures such as reducing single use plastics. Wanted to talk to group about zero emissions goal of the campaign, launching officially in the next few weeks. Will have an event on Earth Day at Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre (April 25<sup>th</sup>). Potential to launch as a greater community initiative. Asks Clean Air Hamilton members to provide input.

#### Questions/Discussion

- Currently looking at emissions in Ward 3. Councillor Nann is working to connect with industry, looking for meaningful opportunities to celebrate businesses. Conversation has been tough.
- Suggested that a timeframe for base years be used to create a level playing field.
- Area includes area between Ottawa Street and Wellington Street, from the Escarpment to the Lake.
- Suggested speaking to Sustainable Hamilton Burlington.
- Nico S can connect Kerry with his colleagues at Mohawk College.
- Recognised difficulty for internationally owned companies to be specific with information.
- Suggested to approach industry through HIEA.

### 5. Benzene and Benzo(a)pyrene Monitoring and Mapping (10 minutes), John Lundrigan, Ed Cocchiarella and Heidi Levitzly

Postponed, Ed C will present at a future meeting.

### 6. Dust Group Updates (5 minutes), Heidi Levitzly

The Dust Group is working on a manual for homeowners and contractors for upcoming projects. Reached out to HIEA members to see if they had anything to use for guidance. Gems has provided a handbook, will be looking at it to make the manual. Will be attached to building permits and demolition permits but aimed at the public.

#### Questions/Discussion

Suggested to look at the City of Toronto. They have released a pamphlet in the past.

### 7. Workshop AQTF (60 minutes), Bruce Newbold and Shelley Rogers



AQTF

Workplan\_updated

Groups went to various stations on Funding, Education, Research, Advocacy.

See workshop summary:



## Questions/Discussion

### Funding

- Group encouraged to contact Joel K with any funding requests for Health Canada.
- Suggested to focus on our mandate and our focus.
- The City should not have to be doing all of the work for this.
- Discussed Clean Air Hamilton image. Wanted to be seen as a facilitator for information from other groups.

### Education

- Discussed our unique history, and how diverse our group is. Suggested to document what we've done over the years on how we came to be where we are now, what worked, what didn't work. Knowledge on how we deal with issues. Suggested to put this into a publication.
- Joel K can provide outreach materials from Health Canada and will send Shelley R links. Joel K can print materials if requested.

### Advocacy

- Suggested that CAH create an online calendar to communicate events to get more members involved.

### Research

- CAH should be seen as a facilitator.
- Suggested to define research questions, and then go for funding (the way funding was acquired for the airshed model).

### Action Item

Joel K to send links to materials to be distributed by Shelley R.

## **8. Member Updates**

Nico Strabac, Mohawk College Sustainability Office  
The BACCC Forum went well on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

George McKibbon, McKibbon Wakefield Inc. /University of Guelph

Provincial Policy Statement 2020 was released. Offers to prepare a presentation for next meeting.

Waverley Birch, Friendly Streets

Working on wrap up work Friendly Streets.

Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton

Milder winter mean people cycling through the winter, getting a lot of flat tires from lack of street sweeping in the winter. Probably more PM exposure.

Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture

Nadine is now with RBG. Green Venture has hired a new Coordinator for FAFA, Canopy for Community program is beginning.

Denis Corr, Corr Research

In the middle of FAFK, difficult with teachers striking. Barry joining Denis on Electric Flying Car project.

Heidi Levitzky, HIEA

AGM will be Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>, all other details TBD.

Karen Logan, HIEA

MIP Opening Gala is April 2, 2020 7PM-9PM, Karen is the featured artist.

Shelley Rogers, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

Clean Air Hamilton funding closes on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Student Poster Competition closes April 30<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> at City Hall in Room 264.

**Action Items**

Joel K to send links to materials to be distributed by Shelley R.

**Next meeting**

**April 20, 2020**

**3:00-5:00pm**

**City Hall Room 264**