



Meeting Minutes
Coordination Committee
Mon. Feb 10, 2014, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
71 Main St W, City Hall, Rm 192/193

1. Introductions & Welcome

In Attendance:

Brian Montgomery, Air Quality Coordinator, City of Hamilton (Chair)
George McKibbon, McKibbon Wakefield Inc.
Matt Lawson, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Denis Corr, Citizen/Rotek Environmental/Mac Engineering Physics
Andrew Sebestyen, U.S. Steel Canada
Peter Chernets, Citizen
Dave Carson, Dundas in Transition
Deirdre Connell, Green Venture
Carl Slater, Regional Office, Ontario Ministry of the Environment
Jennifer Haan, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Hazel Breton, Hamilton Conservation Authority
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton
Jim Stirling, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Debbie Achatz, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Mark Smithson, Ministry of Environment
Marie McKeary, McMaster Institute of Environment & Health
Karen Logan, HIEA Representative, Communication Coordinator

Regrets:

Heather Donison, Senior Project Manager, Sustainability, City of Hamilton
Peter Topalovic, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton
Lorraine Vanderzweelt– Mohawk College
Frank Harrison, U.S. Steel Canada
James Kaspersetz, OEAC
Carolyn Barnes, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Sally Radisic, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Anna Yusa, Health Canada
Brian Lennie, Horizon Utilities Corporation
Kathryn Gold, Green Venture
Tom Chessman, Public Works, City of Hamilton

Meeting Commenced at 3:09pm

2. Approval of Jan,13, 2014 Minutes

- Approved

Updates:

3. Upwind Downwind Conference 2014 – Brian Montgomery

- Feb 23rd 2-4pm Free Public Event, AGH, Dr. Stephen Kellert confirmed
- Feb 24th 8-5pm Conference, Sheraton hotel, all speakers and speaker transportation confirmed
- Agenda finalized and printed
- 2 posters printed, presented to group and sent electronically
- Newspaper ads this week and next week
- Updated numbers for Conference, 125 confirmed, 80 registered, 45 speakers, partners, etc. 125 spots available
- Updated numbers for Community Event, 117 RSVP'd, 33spots available for seating

Action Item: Remind interested attendees that on-line registration closes Friday

4. Clean Air Hamilton Chair Search Update – Brian Montgomery

- No Submissions of interest to date
- Group met to formulate discussion questions
- Potential for presentation to group of potential candidates, enquired process
- Group decided to wait until submissions received and look at numbers received
- Group should be prepared if no submissions recieved
- Position posted on Clean Air Hamilton page, and position description sent to members
- Deadline for submissions Feb 28th, 2014

Action Item: Update group on submissions/applications for position at March meeting.

5. Climate Change Group Update – Dave Carson

- Funding through Capital program approved to engage on Community Climate Change Plan
- 2 years of work – engagement, development, writing of Plan

- Like to begin in May 2014 after April Environmental Summit
- Working with LURA on engagement and facilitation
- Undertaking application to FCM Green Municipal Fund for funding
- Focus on reduction of emissions and risks (mitigation and adaptation)
- Members attended workshop in Niagara that showed we are on the high extreme end of patterns of extreme weather = 7C as oppose to 2 or 3C
- Abrupt changes happen
- Need to focus on this
- Group identifying members of a Steering Committee for the Community Plan
- Triple bottom line focus – environment, social, economic in membership
- Looking for any groups that might be interested, particular interest of background in social and economic tenants of sustainability.

6. 2014 Clean Air Hamilton Report – Brian Montgomery

- Aim for complete report by May 14, 2014 for Board of Health Meeting on July 11, 2014
- Table of contents and timelines shared with members electronically
- April is a tight timeline month
- Writers are being notified and request for updates passed on to them to begin
- Work will begin in March – 1st draft.
- Any presentations will be made after July, when the 2013 report is finished.

New Business:

7. 2014 Clean Air Hamilton Programs – Members

- Clean Air Hamilton has a budget of \$40K for projects
- Opportunity in March to present proposals/ideas to Clean Air Hamilton
- Keeps members informed of programs and actions
- Should tie in with Strategic Plan
- Will require updates to Clean Air Hamilton as identified programs rolling out
- Some programs described:

A) Air Monitoring & Cyclists

- Program began in Pennsylvania
- bike based air monitoring program - <http://gasp-pgh.org/projects/bam/>
- focussed on transportation corridors
- PM personal air monitor that cyclists wears
- Data extracted and then mapped
- City has some pedestrian monitors, may be of interest to have air monitoring coincide

- at those locations for pedestrians
- Suggestion that also look at strollers and children's exposure to air pollutants in transportation corridors.

B) Air Monitoring Schools

- Successful in 2013 with 2 schools
- <http://www.saferoutestestschool.ca/blog/clean-air-kids>
- Air monitor and kids lessons around air quality
- commuting to school and air quality
- hand held dust monitors
- looks at PM

C) Neighbourhood Monitoring

- Capital budget approved to finish off areas identified in 2010 program

D) Project Neutral

- Program began in Toronto
- <http://projectneutral.org/>
- Addressing climate actions with residents
- Program has launched in Guelph, Kitchener and Peterborough
- Carbon Neutral will present to CAH at March meeting

E) AQHI Mapping

- work continues, no money needed at this time
- web professional would be nice when ready to go live
- identified in Clean Air Hamilton Strategic Plan

F) Climate Champions

- Climate Charter continues support
- Climate Map continued support
- focus on individuals
- supports Community Climate Change Action Plan

- Other projects to consider – Totally Transit – continue bus education and programming for kids and older adults, Electric bikes/vehicles – what they are? How to use? What is available? Charging stations locations? Laws/regulations around their use?
- Asking for project descriptions/synopsis sent to Brian M at end of month in time for distribution to members for March 10 meeting

Action item: Project descriptions/synopsis sent to Brian M at end of month in time for distribution to members for March 10 meeting.

8. **Clean Air Hamilton Value evaluation – Marie McKeary**

- Looking at 2012 report, stated that advisory and members time is \$69,000
- See Appendix C 2012 Financials
- Seems very low

- Opportunity now to reevaluate that number as membership has grown
- For example, monetary value and time based on 24 hours = 1 meeting per month for 2 hours
- Time on subcommittees added
- Hours or salary proportion
- A lot of experience and expertise at table that is not recognized and should be
- Would like to capture this in 2013 report

Action item: Marie to return to group with options to evaluate value of members time and experience at Clean Air Hamilton

Other:

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 pm

Next meetings:

March 10, 2014

3:00-5:00pm

City Hall Room 192/193

April 14, 2014

3:00-5:00pm

City Hall Room 192/193