



Meeting Minutes
Coordination Committee
Mon. March 11th, 2013, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
71 Main St W, City Hall, Rm 192

1. Introductions & Welcome

In Attendance:

Brian McCarry, McMaster University (Chair)
Brian Montgomery, Air Quality Coordinator, City of Hamilton
Carl Slater, Regional Office, Ontario Ministry of the Environment
Pete Wobschall, Green Venture
Matt Lawson, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Mark Smithson, Ministry of Environment
Robert Clackett, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Andrew Sebestyen, U.S. Steel Canada
Marie McKeary, McMaster Institute of Environment & Health
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton
Brian Lennie, Horizon Utilities Corporation
Denis Corr, Citizen/Rotek Environmental/Mac Engineering Physics
George McKibbon, McKibbon Wakefield Inc.
Sally Radisic, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Anna Yusa, Health Canada
Heather Donison, Senior Project Manager, Sustainability, City of Hamilton
Juby Lee, Green Venture
Lorraine Vanderzweert– Mohawk College
Peter Chernetz, Citizen

Regrets:

Karen Logan, HIEA Representative, Communication Coordinator
Frank Harrison, U.S. Steel Canada
Hossein Naghdianeji, Ontario Region, Environment Canada
Tom Chessman, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Peter Topalovic, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton
Mike Brown, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Carolyn Barnes, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Jim Stirling, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
James Kaspersetz, Citizen

Meeting Commenced at 3:00pm

2. Approval of February 11th 2013 Minutes

- Approved

Updates:

3. Clean Air Hamilton Decision- Making Group

- Group to look at options and mechanisms to operationalize achievement of consensus based on principles of decision-making in Terms of Reference
- Bring options back to Clean Air Hamilton to examine and make recommendations
- Have met twice to date, latest meeting cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- 2 members have left group
- Membership request letter was sent out, results to be shared as Item 4.

4. Clean Air Hamilton Membership

- Letter sent out to current members to clarify membership levels
- Clean Air Hamilton Co-ordinating Member and Corresponding Membership as outlined in Terms of Reference.
- High response – 2 members have not responded
- 14 members are Clean Air Hamilton Co-ordinating Members
- 6 members (including 3 alternatives) are Corresponding Members
- Recommended that Chair and Co-ordinator be added as Clean Air Hamilton Co-ordinating Members
- Suggest asking HEIA if they wish to be a Corresponding Member, as is an Association with industrial members already as individuals as Co-ordinating Members (U.S. Steel Canada and ArcelorMittal Dofasco)
- Contact Environment Canada to re-establish membership and interest.

Actions: Brian Montgomery to contact Environment Canada and HEIA with regards to membership confirmation.

5. Air Quality Task Force

- Task Force/working group under Clean Air Hamilton
- Group members: Matt Lawson, Lynda Lukasic, George McKibbon, Denis Corr, Karen Logan, Sally Radisic, Andrew Sebestyen, and Brian Montgomery
- Group has met twice

- Tighten up Terms of Reference for the group
- Discussed timelines – aim to have a draft report with recommendations to Clean Air Hamilton by July 2013
- April, May June 2013 will focus on draft recommendations for discussion with Clean Air Hamilton.
- Monthly and additional meeting of group will be set up
- Wish to have final report to Board of Health by November 2013
- Can provide draft recommendations to Clean Air Hamilton presentation to Board of Health in July as part of Clean Air Hamilton's annual report
- Recommend to put Air Quality Task Force in section of Clean Air Hamilton's 2012 report
- Will continue to update Clean Air Hamilton monthly

6. Clean Air Hamilton Annual Progress Report 2012

- 2012 Annual Progress Report
- Present to Board of Health – July 24, 2013
- Finished and submitted to City by May 24, 2013
- Table of Contents and Timelines provided to members
- Table of Contents identifies writers and co-writers of sections of Report
- Discussion around availability and timelines of data from Ministry of Environment around air trends.
- Section 3.2.3 Technical standards will be updated
- Request submission on Provincial Policy Statement be added to Report as a section on land use planning
- Sam Mason Park Air Monitor to be an overview of actions to date section
- Mobile Monitoring will focus on results of Ward 1 neighbourhood work and on School Monitoring program (2013), where possible.
- First draft of Report to be sent out this week

Actions: Brian M to send out first draft of Clean Air Hamilton 2012 Report this week for comments by members for end of next week.

New Business:

7. On-line Air Quality, Health and AQHI Course

- Free Accredited on-line courses for Health professionals
- Brochures and pamphlets provided at meeting
- AQHI on-line course by University of British Columbia

- www.spph.ubc.ca
- Videos and ask the expert sessions
- Extreme Heat free on-line course
- Developed by McMaster
- Case studies, resources
- www.extremeheat.ca

8. Hamilton Environmental Summit – April 25, 2013

- Waterfront Centre, all day
- Eventbrite registration
- Notification and invitation to be sent out this week
- Highlights environmental actions to date
- Looks at future environmental issues of concern on the horizon
- A surveymonkey survey will be sent out to community to collect information
- Will ask: 1) What are we doing now? (environmental projects, policies, programs)
- 2) What are perceptions of environment in Hamilton and issues of concern.
- Please reply to survey and send survey on to your networks
- Presentations at summit on interesting local environmental initiatives
- 5 minutes and 5 slides each
- If you have an interesting initiative to share, let Heather know
- Focus is on all environmental issues
- Possible lead up to Vision2020 renewal
- Register ASAP

Actions: Brian M to send out survey and registration information to members when received.

Other:

9. Environmental Penalties (Update)

- Environmental Bill of Rights submission
- As Environmental Penalties apply to watersheds, why not also apply to impacts on airsheds?
- Application prepared and submitted by two individuals
- Response from Ministry of Environment was No, as not in Public Interest

- Response included all air programs and progress by the Province, and success of Environmental Penalties as applied to watershed
- But Ministry did not feel this was of interest to the Public to warrant investigation.
- Unsure of next steps but cannot be requested again as already asked through EBR.

10. HIEA Annual Meeting – March 27, 2012

- Waterfront Conference Centre
- 5:30 pm
- Guest speaker – John Helka on the Windermere Basin
- To RSVP – hiea_communications@bellnet.ca

11. Future Agenda items

- Policy Request to MOE regarding requirement for air monitors – EBR
- Results of Mobile Neighbourhood and School Air Monitoring
- Air Quality Task Force Recommendations

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 pm

Next meeting

April 8, 2013

3:00-5:00pm

City Hall Room 192