



Meeting Minutes
Coordination Committee
Mon. March 9, 2015, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
71 Main St W, City Hall, Rm 192/193

1. Introductions & Welcome

In Attendance:

Denis Corr, Corr Research/Rotek Environmental (Chair)
Brian Montgomery, Air Quality Coordinator, City of Hamilton
Matt Lawson, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Brian Lennie, Horizon Utilities Corporation
Scott Peck, Hamilton Conservation Authority
Dan Dobrin, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton
Karen Logan, HIEA Representative, Communication Coordinator
Christine Newbold, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Peter Chernets, Citizen
Ted Mitchell, Citizen
Brian Jantzi, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
Anna Yusa, Health Canada
Matt Adams, McMaster Centre for Spatial Analysis
Heather Arnold, Environment Canada

Regrets:

George McKibbon, McKibbon Wakefield Inc.
Deirdre Connell, Green Venture
Kathryn Enders, Green Venture
Sally Radisic, Public Health, City of Hamilton
James Kaspersetz, OEAC
Jim Stirling, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Marie McKeary, McMaster Institute for Healthier Environments
Heather Donison, Sustainability, City of Hamilton
Michelle Sergi, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Dave Carson, Dundas in Transition
Andrew Sebestyen, U.S. Steel Canada
Debbie Achatz, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Katie Chan, U.S. Steel Canada
Peter Topalovic, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton
Patrick Quealey, Environment Canada
Lorraine Vanderzweelt– Mohawk College
Tom Chessman, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Carolyn Barnes, ArcelorMittal Dofasco

Meeting Commenced at 3:05pm

2. Approval of February 24, 2015 Minutes

- Clarification on tent cards for presenters and guests
- Clarification on presentations at least a month ahead of meetings, defer discussion to item 6 of meeting.
- Approved

Updates:

3. Clean Air Hamilton Report Working Group – Information & Discussion – Brian Montgomery

- Brian M. spoke with Dan D at Ministry of Environment and Climate Change with regards to air trend comparison graphs to other cities to update information.
- Interest in comparison of Hamilton with other cities (Ontario and Canadian cities)
- Are we looking at like cities? Similar population base? Similar industry base? For comparison
- Can we compare to international cities?
- Interest around the perception of air quality
- Compare like cities in Canada to Hamilton might be clearer, however all cities are pollute din different ways but the measurements remain the same common element
- Value of trend lines is shown over time, but may be clearer if 4 cities used as oppose to 12 cities
- Interested in comparing Hamilton, Toronto, London/Kitchener
- Interest in bar graph visually, not trend lines
- Interest to compare Hamilton to Canadian cities and some North American (Los Angeles, New York, San Fransisco) and some European and Asian cities
- Need to decide which ones, data can be obtained
- Need to be clear on information presentation and layout for graphs
- Overall, the goal of a shorter, user friendly report has been achieved and longer versions with more information will be available on the website. Finally, references within the document will be 'hot linked' .

Action items:

- 1) **Group to identify which cities to compare for cities data**
- 2) **Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to provide data**

4. Hamilton Climate Change Plan – Information – Brian Montgomery

- Brian M. updated group on the Climate Change Community Plan process

- Now into Stage 4 which is implementation framework
- Taskgroups met in February to define short (1 to 3 years), medium (3 to 5 years) and long term (5 years or more) community actions
- Lots of great thought out actions from 8 groups
- Task groups met again in March to define priority actions and create a list of top 10 actions
- March meeting groups looked at actions and narrowed down to 5 actions based on criteria for implementation, the larger group then assessed actions listed and chose 8 priority actions
- Brian M showed a draft version of those 8 actions, the April meeting of Task groups will then provide further details on implementation
- Steering committee has been tasked with thinking on implementation framework
- Successful actions and implementation have 5 common elements – oversight, partner engagement, community wide actions, monitoring, communications.
- To date, it has been discussed that the model should have joint chairs – representing City and community with identified implementers in coordinating body
- Similar to BARC and Clean Air Hamilton with exception of the joint Chairs
- The organizing body has been identified as an action in light of unsuccessful attempt to get 2 bodies added to City staff to help coordinate from Council in 2016 Budget.
- Question: Are the actions measurable? Answer: we are asking taskforces to define measurement (qualitative and quantitative). Currently we do track emissions reduction of community and City since 2008/9.
- Question: Are priority actions expected to be implemented by City or Province? Answer: This is defined as a community plan with community implementers defined and attracted to work together. The City has a role at the table.
- Province currently establishing its strategy on climate change in Ontario. Discussion paper released and announcements today on a climate change action group.
- Question: What is meant by community? Answer: geographical boundary of Hamilton
- Question: Why is not Local Improvement Charges (LICs) listed on actions? Answer: LICs identified by Energy group in identified sets of actions, but not brought forward as one item by larger group.
- Actions identified not lost and will be captured in Plan, needed to identify top 10 actions so community and Council have items to focus on and help move forward
- Intend on having a draft plan for comment end of April.
- Question: Will there be opportunity to have more public input in plan? Answer: First round of public consultation took place July to December 2014 to seek understanding of climate change and suggested actions.
- Suggested actions received were filtered to taskgroups. Draft Plan will be made available for comment, and spring/summer will be spent talking with identified implementers of actions to from organizing body.
- Comment from group, Council needs to put some resources to this other than 0.5 FTE.

Items:

5. Wood Smoke By-Law - Information & Discussion – Ted Mitchell

- Background and proposal given to members by Email prior to meeting
- Further information provided by Email from Marie McKeary on research work with MIEH
- Federal and Provincial governments have looked at draft by-laws but fee they “lack teeth”
- Suggest a bylaw based on Class 2"CSA standard B415.1-10
- with provision for proper operation and maintenance;
- prohibition against usage on “bad” air quality days; and
- applicable where wood is used to heat settlement area homes and accessory buildings
- EPA technology standards are out there for wood stoves, and few out there that do not meet standards but there could be tighter like pellet stoves
- Difficult not buy a non-certified EPA stoves nowadays
- Health effect same picture as tobacco, very tight regulations on tobacco nowadays but not tightly regulated on wood smoke
- Suggest a nuisance by-law approach to matter
- Question on enforcement, is an immediate response expected? How is compliance determined if after the fact?
- Keep a diary of incidents, video record, multiple complaints on same address
- Current options are contact fire department to enforce or go to court
- A by-law could fill the gaps between nothing and going to court
- Question: What happens when by-law used against a neighbour constantly? Answer: It happens already
- Question: What type of burning does this include? BBQs? Smokers? Chimineas? Is focus on tightening open air burning by-laws and including fireplaces? Accessory wood smoke sheds?
- Question: What is the extent of the problem? How bad is it in Hamilton? Is it significant?
- Population is 500,000, how many people use? How large a source?
- It would be based on a nuisance by-law
- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change has looked at issue and pointed out that Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment have a Code of Practice that is coming out soon with details on how to control under a by-law for municipalities
- Link to this Code of Practice to be shared with members, Ontario drove this issue.
- Suggest looking at CCME Code of Practice
- Still gap in data, who burns? Where?
- Some cities this is significant – Montreal, Vancouver, Yellowknife
- It is a very specific, localized issue
- Stats suggest in Canada 6% of homes use wood burning for heating, but not sure of stats in Hamilton.
- Proof and evidence is important

- How many complaints do we get? Matt L and Public Health will enquire with Clerks, Call Centre and Fire Services
- See if we can get a 3 year window of data on complaints or calls of complaints to City on issue
- Suggests not aiming to ban BBQs, but look at open air sources tightening and wood stoves in urban area.
- Suggested exceptions – BBQs, gas fireplaces, rural areas
- Parts on the accessory building components is good, but it is considered part of the house
- Question: Can this go to Board of Health?
- Suggestion a delegation can speak to Board of Health to present on wood smoke
- Clean Air Hamilton can provide feedback

Action items:

- 1) **Brian M to are link to CCME Code of Practice with members**
- 2) **Matt L to enquire on number of complaints received by City on wood smoke**

6. Airshed Model – Information – Karen Logan

- Airshed model work is progressing well
- Invitation to members to come to HIEA Annual Event on April 2, 2015

Action items:

- 1) **Brian M to send invitation for HIEA event to members**

7. Clean Air Hamilton Decision-Making Group- Results & Discussion

- Continued discussion on this was differed by members until next meeting in April
- We ran out of time and had requested 30 minutes for the item

Action items:

- 1) **Members wish to continue discussion at next meeting and request 30 minutes be set aside.**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm

Next meetings:

April 13, 2015	3:00-5:00pm	City Hall Room 192/193
May 11, 2015	3:00-5:00pm	City Hall Room 192/193