



## **Minutes**

Coordination Committee

Monday, September 14, 2020, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

WebEx

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### **Present:**

Bruce Newbold, (Chair)  
Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture  
Ed Cocchiarella, HIEA  
Denis Corr, Corr Research  
Barry Duffey, Citizen  
Sandy Herkimer, Niagara College  
Lubna Hussain, MECP  
Manuel Husain, Health Canada  
Trevor Imhoff, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Brian Jantzi, Citizen  
Kerry LeClair, Councilor Nann's Office, City of Hamilton  
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton  
John Lundrigan, ArcelorMittal Dofasco  
George McKibbon, McKibbon Wakefield Inc. /University of Guelph  
Paul Panabaker, Energy Dimensions  
Shelley Rogers, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Fran Scott, McMaster Institute for Health Equity, McMaster University  
Andy Sebastian, Stelco  
Nico Strabac, Mohawk College Sustainability Office  
Megan Sutton, Environment Hamilton

### **Regrets:**

Rob Conley, Environmental Services, City of Hamilton  
Dan Dobrin, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Chuck Hostkovsky, Citizen  
James Kaspersetz, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority  
Heidi Levitzky, HIEA  
Andrea McDowell, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Myles Sergeant, Trees For Hamilton  
Tiffany Singh, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Natalie Stacey, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Sara Yonson, Hamilton Port Authority

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## 1. Introductions & Welcome

## 2. Approval of July 13, 2020 Minutes

Approved

### Presentations:

## 3. Environmental Restoration/Sustainability Project Opportunities – NC Post Graduate Programs (15 minutes), Sandy Herkimer, Niagara College



Adobe Acrobat  
Document

### Question/Discussion

Contact Sandy H if interested in working on a project at [sherkimer@niagaracollege.ca](mailto:sherkimer@niagaracollege.ca)

Trevor I will send Sandy H a list of theme areas to learn more about past projects.

Asked about scope of past projects. In past winter term, a client needed a Sustainability Report. Student went above and beyond the 100 hours that normally are part of the program. The student used data that the company had and made a book that was a Sustainability Report. Would have been expensive to hire a consultant. In ER, students conducted a project on Appleby Creek. Initiatives can be completed that would be conducted for a group or if there is manual labour from a large group. The ER students can pull together events. Sandy H can send samples if people are interested.

Backgrounds of students range from environmental studies or sustainability studies, biology, bio-chemistry and sciences. Need undergrad of similar background or work experience.

Examples of community engagement that has been done: some students have worked on educational programs for children, workshops, fliers, online marketing and basic awareness. Mostly education programs that might take place on a Saturday, half of internship would be to create curriculum and then the rest to deliver it.

### Updates:

#### **4. Dust Group Update (5 minutes), Ed Cocchiarella**



2020-08-13 Dust  
Handbook For Homec

Two dust handbooks, a contractor book and a homeowner book. Contractor handbook is in the final stage and is the technical one. Has been reviewed by stakeholders and is ready for publishing (by the City of Hamilton). Homeowner book is nine pages, has photos and visuals. Has gone through reviews and edits with HIEA.

Asking that CAH review and provide comments. Heidi would like to receive comments, within the next few weeks.

##### Questions/Discussion

This will be available electronically.

Asked if Planning and Economic Development have been consulted with about the Dust Manual. This may not have happened recently. Trevor I will contact Building Department to discuss distribution distribution.

Demolition will be the largest part of the handbook. Distribution with demolition permits would be valuable.

##### **Action**

Trevor I to contact Building Department to discuss distribution of Dust Handbooks.

#### **5. Determine date for October Clean Air Hamilton Meeting (5 minutes), Shelley Rogers**

October 19, 2020 has the greatest number of members available. Shelley R will update invitation.

##### **Action**

Shelley R to update invitation for October's Clean Air Hamilton Meeting to October 19, 2020.

#### **6. 2019 Clean Air Hamilton Report (15 minutes), Trevor Imhoff**

Template has been used for the last few years. Lots of useful information. Medical Officer of Health directed Clean Air Hamilton 2019 report to go to Board of Health in 2020. City Staff to complete the Council Board of Health Report. Trevor I asks for additional assistance from Members on the visual/graphic report. Members can email

Trevor if they are interested in working on the report. Data has not been received yet by the City from the MECP.

Lubna H will follow up with Dan D about sending Data. Heidi L from HIEA should be on board to assist with the report. Deadline will be October 9, 2020.

### **Action**

Lubna H to follow up with Dan D about forwarding Air Quality data to Trevor I for the Annual Report.

## **7. Member Updates**

### Bruce Newbold, McMaster University

Submitted letter to Mayor and Council supporting SoBi. Thank you Fran, for drafting. McMaster will be online through to the end of April.

### Trevor Imhoff, City of Hamilton

Climate Change - direction given to submit a report on Climate Change Action. There has been some progress made on the Community Energy Plan. There will be an event in October, highly visible environmental activists will be invited. Asking for suggestions of people to speak at the event.

### John Lundrigan, ArcelorMittal Dofasco

Dofasco is going to continue to work remotely at least until January.

### Andy Sebestyen, Stelco

Plant in full operation, but some employees still working from home for next few weeks. Reviewing every few weeks. Projects at Lake Erie, cogeneration project is going forward, should be completed in the next year or so, blast furnace project there as well. Will be more carbon efficient, should reduce carbon load.

### Barry Duffey, Citizen

Offering to assist in Annual Report.

### Brian Jantzi, Citizen

Has been contributing policy input to Glen Murray. Input to Transportation Minister Federally. For UWDW will touch base with Zac Alderman and Paul Miller for a lunch and learn, he will moderate and will invite the Deputy Minister of Environment. Environment Canada has conducted a study on changing locomotive engines to hydrogen cell. This could impact air quality in Hamilton. Shelley R will send a link with meeting minutes. Hamilton would be a good location for next steps study. Environment Canada approved a number of offsets for Alberta program for Cap and Trade program, part of Federal Carbon pricing program. Also, a discussion paper for this. Brian will forward a link to distribute to members.

### Denis Corr, Corr Research

Teaching at Mohawk. Focusing on Air Quality, with COVID-19 and the Forest Fires. Mohawk is mostly online right now. Many labs are videotaped now. Not as good as being in the lab, but safer. Negotiating with Stelco about digging up limestone from tire fire site, seeing if can be used in the blast furnace. Green Venture, FAFK is starting to roll. Through Rotek, air monitoring project in Muskrat Falls.

Ed Cocciarella, HIEA

Annual Meeting October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4PM, on Zoom. Encourages members to follow HIEA on LinkedIn.

Fran Scott, McMaster University

McMaster also sent a letter regarding SoBi, no response yet. Trying to figure out Winter term. Institute is thinking about a lecture series, but many good lectures online this Fall, may delay to the new year.

George McKibbin, McKibbin Wakefield Inc. /University of Guelph

Has been writing about the emotional reaction in communities to COVID-19. Co-wrote with John Forrester from Cornell. Also published writing on COVID-19 and open space.

Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture

Opened up in Mid-June, community energy programs are running.

Kerry LeClair, Councilor Nann's Office, City of Hamilton

Almost a year ago, there was a demolition at Hamilton Specialty Bar site. Working on a motion that will hopefully be put forth to change the way demolitions happen in the City. Currently, the City's involvement is limited. Working on how the process can be improved.

Lubna Hassain, MECP

Move to get the OPS staff back into the office. No firm date, will begin progressing end of September through December. No other specific updates.

Megan Sutton, Green Venture

New Fresh Air For Kids Coordinator, moving online, four online modules. Aiming to start October 5, 2020.

Manuel Husain, Health Canada

Health Canada is still working from home. Will continue for the foreseeable future. Working with Greg Evans from UofT on TRAPS, analyzing pre and post COVID data. Create future policy recommendations for future EV's, diesel trucks to reduce pollution in major Cities.

Nico Strabac, Mohwak College

Looking to work from home for Winter Semester. His role in the Sustainability Office, working on having students make sustainable choices. Has been working on sustainable modes of transportation. Making sure hand sanitizer and signage near bicycle cages. Colleagues are still working with Burlington and Hamilton as well as BACCO.

Paul Panabaker, Energy Dimensions

Most of his work was with Public Health Groups and now they are involved in COVID programs. Things have been quite, catching up on other things. Has been working with the Terry Fox organization. On Sunday there will be the Annual Run. They are asking people to run on their own. Can check the website for donation information.

Sandy Herkimer, Niagara College

Working from home. 30% of students are on campus for labs. People are spaced out. Hoping to stay constant through the fall. Some offices have returning staff.

Shelley Rogers, City of Hamilton

City staff who are working from home will be working from home until January.

**Action Items**

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**Next meeting**

**October 19, 2020**

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