



Meeting Minutes

Coordination Committee

Monday October 18, 2021, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Online Webex

Present:

Dr. Bruce Newbold, (Chair)
Andrew Sebestyen, Stelco
Barry Duffey, Citizen
Dan Dobrin, Ontario Ministry of Environment & Climate Change
Dr. Denis Corr, Corr Research Inc.
Geoffrey Knapper, HIEA
George McKibbon, McKibbon & Wakefield Inc.
Heidi Levitzky, HIEA
Jahanvi Desai, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton
John Lundrigan, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Julie Wedzinga, Stelco
Kerry LeClair, Councillor Nann's Office, City of Hamilton
Lubna Hussain, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton
Mainul Husain, Health Canada
Mark Smithson, Citizen
Megan Sutton, Green Venture
Nico Strabac, Mohawk College Sustainability Office
Renee Alleyn, Citizen
Spencer Skidmore, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Stephanie Gasko, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Stephen Burt, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Timothy Hung, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Tiffany Singh, Planning & Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Trevor Imhoff, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

Regrets:

Abigail Amponsah, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Adriano Mena, Citizen
Alexandra Graham, Citizen
Andrea McDowell, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton
Brian Jantzi, Citizen

Charles Hostovsky, Citizen
Christine Newbold, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Don Curry, Public Health Services, City of Hamilton
Fran Scott, McMaster Institute for Health Equity, McMaster University
Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture
Heather Donison, Green Venture
Kate Flynn, Mohawk College
Katie Chan, U.S. Steel Canada
Kayli Thorp, Mohawk College
Ken Smith, Citizen
Lucas Neil, Hemmera
Linda Campbell, Energy Office, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Matt Adams, University of Toronto
Matthew Lawson, Public Health Services, City of Hamilton
Mike Cortese, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Myles Sergeant, Trees Please
Natalie Stacey
Patrick Quealey, Environment Canada
Paul Panabaker, Energy Dimensions
Peter Topalovic, TDM, PED, City of Hamilton
Rachel Johnson, TDM, PED, City of Hamilton
Rob Conley, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Sally Radisic, Public Health Services, City of Hamilton
Sara Yonson, Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority
Sarah Styler, McMaster University
Shelley Rogers, Public Health Services, City of Hamilton
Shirook Ali, Ecosystem Informatics Inc.
Tom Chessman, Energy Office, Public Works, City of Hamilton

1. Introductions & Welcome

2. Land Acknowledgement

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Today, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers ([source](#)).

3. Approval of September 13, 2021 Minutes

- Approved

Discussion Items:

4. Upwind Downwind Conference 2022 (15 minutes), Dr. Bruce Newbold

- Upwind Downwind Conference is Clean Air Hamilton's flagship public event
- Typically a 1 day/evening event; preceded by the Clean Air Fair
- Focus on learning about Air Quality issues
- 2020 event cancelled due to COVID, the speakers that were lined up became Lunch & Learn speakers
- Key questions around the timing of the event for 2022, keynote speakers we want to invite, or themes we want to explore
- A goal is also to create a subcommittee to assist with the planning of the conference

Discussion

- Can align with Clean Air Day in early June (Thursday, June 2nd 2022)
- Connect with Brian Jantzi, can leverage network in the US
- Themes to explore
 - Urban form, focusing on greenhouse gas emissions, linking to Air Quality outcomes. Urban growth management in Hamilton is an emerging important topic of discussion
 - Industry's exciting transformations - AMD's technology upgrades & new directions
 - Density and COVID-19 – Reid Ewing of Utah State
- Will need to think about carbon footprint, have a hybrid option depending on where COVID-19 is. Will we be paying for people to fly in, can choose for speakers to join in remotely
- Subcommittee:
 - Barry Duffey
 - George McKibbin
 - Trevor Imhoff
 - Dr. Bruce Newbold
 - Lynda Lukasik
 - Heidi Levitzky
 - Stephanie Gasko or
MECP representative
- Reach out and share ideas for UWDW with Jahanvi/Trevor/Dr. Newbold

5. Clean Air Hamilton Annual Report 2020 Feedback (20 minutes), Jahanvi Desai

- Overview of Draft Clean Air Hamilton Report 2020
- Thank you to Annual Report Subcommittee and to members who submitted content
- See the draft here:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/138uuR3VygLO5i0z17iC4QYkbV6wMI07x/view?usp=sharing>

Discussion/Feedback:

- Which specific Hamilton AQ monitoring stations are used for inter-city comparisons?
 - Downtown Station is used

- Might be useful to add “Hamilton (downtown)” on the legend of graphs to clarify
- Mohawk to keep status as is (non-voting member for 2020)
- To make draft Annual Report the actual report, will be voting in November 8th CAH meeting
 - Will be taking report to Board of Health on December 6th
- MECP’s Land Use Compatibility Guidelines
 - Had written a piece – was focused on 2021, delayed for next year’s report
 - Decision has been made to not go ahead with the guidelines
- Feedback to be sent to Jahanvi by October 27th 2021
 - Meeting Materials for next meeting will need to be sent by November 1st, will need to give time for formatting changes
 - Draft Annual Report link to be sent again in follow-up email after meeting

ACTION: Send draft annual report feedback to Jahanvi Desai (jahanvi.desai@hamilton.ca) by Wednesday, October 27th 2021

6. Air Quality Perspective (10 minutes), Renee Alleyn

- Concerns regarding air quality in Hamilton were shared by a private citizen currently residing in Crown Point
- Concerns were emotionally driven
- Citizen has been tracking air quality since last August 2021, shortly after moving to Hamilton from Toronto
- Not anticipating to experience toxic fumes such as Sulphur, burnt gasoline and coal. Grey haze with thick particulate matter also experienced on some days
- Not anticipating weeks with fewer than 48 hours of air without the odour of industry fumes
- Some exceptions but overall not happy with Officials response to the concerns
- Not happy that residents are tasked by province with the responsibility to report industry non-compliance with regulation
- No permanent, 24-hour, real-time, independent monitoring of AQ in East Hamilton
- The full transcript of these concerns is available from Clean Air Hamilton if required – please reach out to cleanair@hamilton.ca

Discussion:

- Clean Air Hamilton is an advocacy group, works in collaboration with everyone at the table
- Citizens’ views are important and valued to understand the on-the-ground situation
- MECP & HAMN have an extensive air monitoring network across the city which inform air quality health index and trends
- Concerns raised about CAH response to air quality complaints.
- Discussed importance of being open and transparent, founded on scientific information for decision-making.

- It is understood that although air quality has improved citywide, there are neighbourhoods that continue to experience higher levels of air pollution, odours and other impacts.
- Resources available:
 - HIEA's incident reporting form: <http://www.hiea.org/contact.aspx>
 - ArcelorMittal Dofasco encourages anyone to contact them about visible air emissions, odour noise etc. at (905) 548-7200 or email at environment.dofasco@arcelormittal.com.
 - Spills Action Centre
 - Open 24x7
 - Environmental officers available after hours.
 - Call 1-800-268-6060

7. Voting Structure Subcommittee Update (20 minutes), Dr. Bruce Newbold

- Voting Structure Subcommittee has continued to work on this
- Final edits required, will be bringing this document to the November 8th meeting

8. RFP Funding Update (10 minutes), Trevor Imhoff

- Currently in the 10-day dispute period
- All applications have been scored, and the highest scoring applications will be receiving the funding. Cannot disclose as the dispute period ends today
- Procurement will reach out later in the week to winners
- For the adjudicators, cannot provide names, however, they are subject matter experts in air quality, community planning, and academic and community collaboration
- Focus on making this process easier for grass root and non-government organizations

Discussion:

- Urge to revisit this RFP process at its core because it is meant for private companies bidding on city projects.
 - Will be working on multiple options to redo the RFP process.
 - Consulting other processes such as the community enrichment fund, environmental stream, as well as the original way funding was distributed prior to last year (adjudication by scoring and submitting separate Board of Health reports)
 - Hoping to bring this back to CAH in early 2022.

9. Team Picture Re-do (5 minutes), Jahanvi Desai

- Missing some members from team picture that was taken 2 months ago, redoing the picture for the Clean Air Hamilton Annual Report 2020

Member Updates:

Andrew Sebestyen, Stelco

- Retirement is coming up quickly, Julie will be taking over
- Wish Clean Air Hamilton all the best!

Barry Duffey, Citizen

- No updates
- Satisfied with smooth conversation about voting structure, believe it is a good product to put in front of Clean Air Hamilton

Stephen Burt, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

- No updates

Dan Dobrin, Ontario Ministry of Environment & Climate Change

- Got a lot of survey work done over the summer, despite COVID-19.
- Good effort on the report; perhaps for upcoming years, can looking into aligning reporting with provincial and federal stats

Geoffrey Knapper, HIEA

- HIEA's 2021 Annual Public Fall Meeting, Wednesday October 20th, 6:00-7:00pm
 - *Climate Action – A Look at Waste Heat Recovery for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions*
 - The Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association invites you to their virtual Annual Public Meeting on October 20th.
 - *Feature Presentation – Richard Allen, Special Projects, at the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce will provide an overview of the recent Waste Heat Recovery Project feasibility study.*
 - This free virtual event will be held on Zoom – [register here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

George McKibbin, McKibbin & Wakefield Inc.

- Ministry of Environment replied to ERO posting for Draft Land Use Compatibility Guidelines – were not accepted
- Currently involved in a land use appeal, will be returning to the CAH report that documents the history of Clean Air Hamilton after the minor delay

Heidi Levitzky, HIEA

- Annual Public Fall Meeting coming up
- Wednesday October 20th, 6:00-7:00pm | [Register here](#)

Trevor Imhoff, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

- Drafting corporate wide climate change report
- Aiming to showcase at the last general issues committee in November or first one in December

- Will be contacting stakeholders to review on a 1:1 basis over the next couple of weeks
- Air Quality monitoring projects updates:
 - Ecosystem Informatics project will have 3 real time air quality monitors as well as mobile monitoring
 - Anticipating receiving funding from Health Canada next year. Collaborating with Matt Adams

John Lundrigan, ArcelorMittal Dofasco

- Thank you for report
- Will appreciate a separate email about reviewing documents/seeking comments in the future, apart from documents in the meeting notice

Julie Wedzinga, Stelco

- No updates

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

- Plans for community based research in January
 - Odour impacts in community
 - How steel industry regulations impact folks in Ward 3. Look forward to sharing that info back to CAH in a couple of months

Lubna Hussain, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

- ERO posting, as mentioned by George McKibbin:
 - <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2785>

Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton

- Finished massive tree giveaway with 1300 native tree species, 10 different varieties
- Trees please! will be doing a strategic tree planting:
 - https://www.environmenthamilton.org/trees_please
 - Saturday October 23rd, 2021, 9:30am - 12:00pm
Windermere Basin (105 Eastport Drive)
 - If you can help, [register here](#). Registration is required.
- Getting trees planted in strategic locations such as the edge of industry. Improves air quality in adjacent locations.

Mainul Husain, Health Canada

- AQ monitoring project Trevor mentioned
 - Currently a little bit short staffed and dealing with backlog, will be reverting back with updates soon
- Working on Clean Air Day for next 2022, please feel free to send in ideas!

Mark Smithson, Citizen

- No updates

Megan Sutton, Green Venture

- No updates

Nico Strabac, Mohawk College Sustainability Office

- Webinars to tune into:
 - Terrylynn Brant of Mohawk Seedkeepers: Learn about traditional Indigenous seed saving methods | *Tuesday October 19th, 6pm – 7pm*
 - Karin Davidson-Taylor of the Royal Botanical Gardens: Learn about supporting Ontario native plants and pollinator | *Wednesday October 20th, 7pm – 8pm*
 - Both workshops will be hosted on Zoom. The first 50 people that attend to each workshop will receive a prize!
 - Follow the link to sign up: www.mohawkcollege.ca/seedfestival or email sustainability@mohawkcollege.ca

Tiffany Singh, Planning & Economic Development, City of Hamilton

- Working on the Bayfront Industrial Area Strategy
- Will be following up with draft actions to engage stakeholder groups, scheduling workshops with stakeholders towards the end of November or early December
- Will also be reaching out via 1 on 1 phone call chats. To ensure that workshops' format is good. Look out for correspondence!

Spencer Skidmore, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

- Urban Forest Strategy target date – Q1 of 2021 or Q1 of 2022
- Community and Energy Emissions plan – Finalizing draft with consulting, and also doing design. Will be taking it to council Q1 of 2022, after which final consultation will take place

Stephanie Gasko, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

- No updates

Timothy Hung, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

- No updates

Jahanvi Desai, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

- No updates

Next meeting

November 8, 2021

3:00-5:00pm

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