



## **Meeting Minutes**

Coordination Committee

Monday February 14, 2022, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Online WebEx

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### **Present:**

Dr. Bruce Newbold, (Chair)  
Abigail Amponsah, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Amber Daniels, Office of Energy Initiatives  
Barry Duffey, Citizen  
Christine Newbold, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Dan Dobrin, Ministry of Environment & Climate Change  
Geoffrey Knapper, HIEA  
George McKibbon, McKibbon & Wakefield Inc.  
Heidi Levitzky, HIEA  
Jahanvi Desai, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
James LeMoine, Mississauga of the Credit First Nation  
John Lundrigan, ArcelorMittal Dofasco  
Julie Wedzinga, Stelco  
Kerry LeClair, Councillor Nann's Office, City of Hamilton  
Liesel Knight-Messenger, Green Venture  
Lucas Neil, Hemmera  
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton  
Mark Smithson, Citizen  
Matt Van Dongen, the Spectator  
Nico Strabac, Mohawk College Centre for Climate Change Management  
Shirook Ali, Ecosystem Informatics Inc.  
Spencer Skidmore, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Trevor Imhoff, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Timothy Hung, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

### **Regrets:**

Adriano Mena, Citizen  
Alexandra Graham, Citizen  
Andrea McDowell, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Andrew Sebestyen, Stelco  
Brian Jantzi, Citizen  
Dr. Denis Corr, Corr Research Inc.

Don Curry, Public Health Services, City of Hamilton  
Fran Scott, McMaster Institute for Health Equity, McMaster University  
Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture  
Heather Govender, Green Venture  
Kate Flynn, Mohawk College  
Katie Chan, U.S. Steel Canada  
Kayli Thorp, Mohawk College  
Ken Smith, Citizen  
Linda Campbell, Energy Office, Public Works, City of Hamilton  
Lubna Hussain, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Mainul Husain, Health Canada  
Matt Adams, University of Toronto  
Matthew Lawson, Public Health Services, City of Hamilton  
Myles Sergeant, Trees Please  
Natalie Stacey, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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  
Stephen Burt, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Tiffany Singh, Planning & Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Tom Chessman, Energy Office, Public Works, City of Hamilton

## **1. Introductions & Welcome**

- Matt Van Dongen, the Spectator

## **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. The Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt refers to sharing the land and resources and operating in a way that is sustainable and does not take too much from the land we are given. 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 January 10, 2022 Minutes

- Approved

### Discussion Items:

#### 4. Draft Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) (30 minutes), Spencer Skidmore

- CEEP initiated in 2020 utilizing a broad based community stakeholder advisory group
- Part of City's response to Council's 2019 climate change emergency declaration
- Community-wide pathways to reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050
- Process of how plan is developed:
  1. Data Collection
  2. Baseline & Business-as-Planned Scenario
  3. Identifying Actions
  4. Modelling the Future
  5. Developing the Plan (where we are right now)
  6. Final Plan
- Community Engagement
  - Broad cross section of stakeholders who sit on the advisory committee
  - Inter-departmental city project team
  - 1 on 1 interviews
  - Public surveys
  - Virtual public information sessions
  - Engage HQ virtual engagement
- Identifying Actions
  - Best practices in other jurisdictions
  - Consultant expert feedback and recommendations
  - Public input
  - Stakeholder advisory committee feedback
  - City feedback
  - Results: 30 targets modelled
- Modelled: 96% decrease in greenhouse gas emissions; still exists a 0.5 MtCO<sub>2e</sub> "carbon gap"
- City and Community-led Actions
  - Low-Carbon Transformations
  - #1: Innovating our Industry
  - #2: Transforming our Buildings
  - #3: Changing How We Move
  - #4: Revolutionizing Renewables
  - #5: Growing Green
- Proposed Plan Administration
  - Creation of a City Climate Office
  - Creation of a Multi-Departmental Climate Change Working Group
  - Public engagement program to support the implementation of the CEEP
  - Creation of a Community-led Climate Advisory Committee

- Next Steps
  - Draft to GIC: March to April 2022
  - Final Consultation: April to May 2022
  - Final Plan to GIC: Summer 2022

Discussion:

- Wondering if the plan is to include CEEP in the proposed changes to Hamilton's Official Plan, currently no reference
  - CEEP is the key document, and the plan is to incorporate CEEP in UHOP
- Thoughts on integrating CEEP into green development standards, ensuring that new buildings are not climate obsolete
  - One of the recommendations is the creation of green development standards, through which we would be looking at those strategies
- Are we looking to prioritize retrofit of existing residential housing (high contribution to greenhouse gas emissions)
  - Recommending design and implementation of a home energy retrofit program
- How to incentivize participation into the plan to get to net zero?
  - A good strategy is also source points, for example, Enbridge is incorporating 6% RNG into their supply

**5. Hamilton's Air Quality Monitoring/ Modelling for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Update (15 minutes), Trevor Imhoff**

- Received request for air quality reports (academic research papers, links to government websites) that could help with the municipal class environmental assessment process
- Summary document with all of these compiled resources can be made available upon request (*please contact Trevor Imhoff: [trevor.imhoff@hamilton.ca](mailto:trevor.imhoff@hamilton.ca)*)
- Goal is to improve knowledge on pre- and post- air quality concentrations

Discussion:

- Government uses several applications for air quality modelling
  - AERMOD
  - MOVES
  - CAL3
- Each ECA is conducted differently, and consultants often look at the worst-case scenario, dependent on the relevant standard for the contaminant of concern
- Cumulative effects calculations also depend on context
- Executive summaries of emissions dispersion models are available from companies upon request

**6. Clean Air Hamilton Advocacy Letters (20 minutes), Trevor Imhoff**

See "DRAFT CAH Advocacy Letter Framework.docx"

- Falls under Clean Air Hamilton's scope to increase education, awareness, and advocacy to government officials regarding air quality concerns

- Drafting letter to be sent to politicians with Clean Air Hamilton's priorities with the new elected government
- Members to input priorities, with example, reason, and evidence

#### Discussion:

- What would the process to review priorities look like?
  - Can establish a decision-making framework, or scoring criteria
  - Possible creation of an ad-hoc subcommittee to review
- Must be very clear about what support CAH is seeking, ideally ask for not more than 3 items, distill it down
- Suggestion also to write the new Minister of the Environment once elected to introduce the work and role of Clean Air Hamilton

#### Next steps:

- CAH members to send in priorities to Trevor/Jahanvi within the next two weeks
  - Follow-up email will include draft, project deadlines, and a call to join the advocacy subcommittee
- Looking to align the priorities with the AQTF work plan

#### **Member Updates:**

Dr. Bruce Newbold, (Chair)

- The Queen's Baton for the 2022 Commonwealth Games will be passing through Hamilton between May 25<sup>th</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Fitted with sensors (e.g. can measure PM2.5) for educational purposes
- Exciting events planned

Abigail Amponsah, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

- No updates

Barry Duffey, Citizen

- No updates

Christine Newbold, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

- GRIDS Municipal Official Plan review open house are soon.
  - February 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 to 8:00pm
  - February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:30 to 3:30pm
- Registration links are on the ENGAGE Hamilton website

Geoffrey Knapper, HIEA

- No updates

George McKibbon, McKibbon & Wakefield Inc.

- Province released the Housing Task Force Report
- Continuing to work on CAH history document

Heidi Levitzky, HIEA

- Save the date for HIEA's biannual public meeting: Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Will be in the afternoon as our speaker from Birla Carbon is tuning in from France
- Address sustainable circular manufacturing

Jahanvi Desai, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

- No updates

James LeMoine, Mississauga of the Credit First Nation

- No updates

John Lundrigan, ArcelorMittal Dofasco

- No updates

Julie Wedzinga, Stelco

- No updates

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

- No updates

Liesel Knight-Messenger, Green Venture

- No updates

Lucas Neil, Hemmera

- No updates

Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton

- Discussions have started for tree plantings to be able to meet our commitment for the 50,000 trees canopy cover. Being mindful of planting in lower city for equitable climate justice

Nico Strabac, Mohawk College Centre for Climate Change Management

- BACCC is organizing an Ask Me Anything
  - Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm.
- Giving the public a chance to ask city staff from Hamilton and Burlington questions regarding climate action

Spencer Skidmore, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

- Community stakeholders are vital to meet our CEEP actions

Trevor Imhoff, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

- Informal update on the Home Energy Retrofit FCM funding: adjudication scoring is completed, there will be a recommendation of approval. Thanking all stakeholders for their input and involvement
- Climate Adaptation work is underway, stakeholders will be contacted soon to assess actions for prioritization.
  - More details will be shared on ENGAGE Hamilton website.

Timothy Hung, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

- No updates

**Next meeting**

**March 14 2022**

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