



Meeting Minutes
Coordination Committee
Monday, April 11, 2022, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Online, Cisco Webex

Present:

Dr. Bruce Newbold, (Chair)
Abigail Amponsah, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Andrea McDowell, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton
Barry Duffey, Citizen
Dr. Denis Corr, Corr Research Inc.
Geoffrey Knapper, HIEA
George McKibbin, McKibbin & Wakefield Inc.
Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture
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
Lucas Neil, Hemmera
Lubna Hussain, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton
Natalie Stacey, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Nico Strabac, Mohawk College Centre for Climate Change Management
Sara Yonson, Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority
Shelley Rogers, Public Health Services, City of Hamilton
Shirook Ali, Ecosystem Informatics Inc.
Tara Barrows, Health Canada
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
Andrew Sebestyen, Stelco
Brian Jantzi, Citizen

Christine Newbold, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Dan Dobrin, Ministry of Environment & Climate Change
Don Curry, Public Health Services, City of Hamilton
Fran Scott, McMaster Institute for Health Equity, McMaster University
Heather Govender, Green Venture
Kate Flynn, Mohawk College
Katie Chan, U.S. Steel Canada
Kayli Thorp, Mohawk College
Ken Smith, Citizen
Liesel Knight-Messenger, Green Venture
Linda Campbell, Energy Office, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Mainul Husain, Health Canada
Mark Smithson, Citizen
Matt Adams, University of Toronto
Matt Van Dongen, the Spectator
Matthew Lawson, Public Health Services, City of Hamilton
Myles Sergeant, Trees Please
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
Sarah Styler, McMaster University
Spencer Skidmore, Planning and Economic Development, 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

- Shelley Rogers (Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton)

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 March 14, 2022 Minutes

- Approved

Presentations:

4. Extreme Heat Working Group (15 minutes), Andrea McDowell

- Part of Climate Change Adaptation Planning Project
- Pilot project on implementation in the community
- Public workshops have shown common concern for heat in community
- Partnered with City Housing and Community Partners
- Funded by ICLEI Canada through Advancing Adaptation Project
- Selected four buildings, about 900 units
- Conducted Research and literature review, survey and will hold workshops later this month
- Pilot interventions based on survey results

Discussion

- Warmer temperatures impact Air Quality measures from the project minimize exposure, probably have co-benefit of lowering exposure to poor air quality
- A student at McMaster looked at impacts of messaging around extreme heat, importance and messaging
- Green Venture did inventory of Trees across the City, planted trees, continuing this spring. May be an opportunity to collaborate

Action

- Bruce N to share documents with Andrea M about student's project on extreme heat

Discussion Items:

5. Advocacy Letter Draft (20 minutes), Trevor Imhoff

- Clean Air Hamilton decided to put together advocacy letter
- Allowed members to provide information on top priorities for what to advocate for with the Provincial Government
- Subcommittee working on making more specific
- Reviewed priorities
- Final letter will be finalized this week
- Special Clean Air Hamilton meeting could be held week of April 25, 2022

Discussion

- Intention to send to local candidates and to send the letter or an edited letter to Minister of Environment
- Suggest to that we should use data from monitoring stations to map out concentrations in communities
- Recommendation for creating a special working group, or using CAH as facilitator for special working group

Action

- Trevor I to restructure Advocacy letter and distribute to committee
- Special Clean Air Hamilton meeting to be scheduled to vote on Advocacy letter

6. Climate Change Plans Update (5 minutes), Trevor Imhoff

- Draft Community Energy and Emissions Plan and Update to Climate Change Impact Adaptation Plan to go to GIC together
- Recommendations from staff to proceed on bring back a robust government structure, creating a Central Climate Change office to incorporate both plans
- After May, hoping to implement actions in plans

7. CAH Funding Process (10 minutes), Shelley Rogers

- Clean Air Hamilton Funding will be posted on the Clean Air Hamilton Website soon
- This year will not be going through the RFP process, will go back to having three adjudicators
- Applications will be available on www.cleanairhamilton.ca in the funding section
- No fees this year for application forms, application forms will be submitted to cleanair@hamilton.ca

8. Upwind Downwind Conference 2022 (5 minutes), Jahanvi Desai

- Thank you Jahanvi for all your hard work on Clean Air Hamilton
- Date, venue and tickets are available, link to tickets and information is available <https://cleanairhamilton.ca/upwind-downwind-2022/>
- Ask Shelley Rogers for promo codes for tickets, each organization in Clean Air Hamilton will receive a free ticket as well as planning committee members
- Sponsors and Exhibitors will also receive a promo code for their free tickets
- ECCC is going to be participating in the conference

Member Updates:

Dr. Denis Corr, Corr Research Inc.

- Was at Highview school, walk about was interesting while on Mountain Brow
- Clear inversion layers, great for air quality education

Geoffrey Knapper, HIEA

- Provincial Government released hydrogen strategy, <https://www.ontario.ca/page/low-carbon-hydrogen>

Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture

- Working on Ontario wide Fresh Air For Kids tool kit to be adapted to different communities and Schools
- Will be able to give a report on Tree Planting project

John Lundrigan, ArcelorMittal Dofasco

- HIEA's Spring public meeting Wednesday April 20, 2022

Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton

- Reminder event April 12, 2022 about helping community to understand air quality regulatory framework

Nico Strabac, Mohawk College Centre for Climate Change Management

- Home Energy Retrofit program, working with City of Burlington, program adopted, moving into next steps

Tara Barrows, Health Canada

- New Air Quality officer should be onboard by next Clean Air Hamilton meeting

Jahanvi Desai, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

- Last day the April 25th, direct emails to Shelley Rogers going forward
- Jahanvi is joining the Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation as Climate Change Policy Analyst

Trevor Imhoff, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

- Tiffany Singh wanted to let group know Bayfront Industrial Area Strategy launched final round of public engagement utilizing the City's Engage.Hamilton.ca page to obtain feedback from the community on The Bayfront Industrial Area Strategy
- Hamilton's Building Retrofit program development, working on final agreements with FCM, working with CCCM, Nico Strabac will be project lead, public engagement goal for mid to late May

Dr. Bruce Newbold, (Chair)

- Queens Baton for Commonwealth Games coming through Hamilton on May 26, 2022, torch is circulating through Commonwealth countries, has air sensor built into it, Dr. Francis Pope who set it up will be at McMaster on May 26, 2022 for a morning event

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Next meeting

May 9, 2022

3:00-5:00pm

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