



## **Meeting Minutes**

Coordination Committee

Monday, July 11, 2022, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Online, Cisco Webex

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### **Present:**

Dr. Bruce Newbold, (Chair)  
Abigail Amponsah, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Alison Carlyle, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Aaron Todd, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Barry Duffey, Citizen  
Bella Aoshana, Green Venture  
Christine Newbold, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Denis Corr, Corr Research  
Fran Scott, McMaster Institute for Health Equity, McMaster University  
Gas Gebara, ArcelorMittal Dofasco  
Geoffrey Knapper, HIEA  
Heidi Levitzky, HIEA  
James LeMoine, Mississauga of the Credit First Nation  
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  
Matt Van Dongen, The Spectator  
Natalie Stacey, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Nico Strabac, Mohawk College Centre for Climate Change Management  
Phoebe Tung, Health Canada  
Sandy Herkimer, Niagara College  
Sara Yonson, Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority  
Shelley Rogers, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Trevor Imhoff, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Timothy Hung, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

### **Regrets:**

Andrea McDowell, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture

## 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 April 11, 2022 Minutes

Approved

### Presentations:

#### 4. Green Venture, Hamilton Tree Equity Project (20 minutes), Annabella Aoshana

- Working towards an equitable Urban Forest Canopy through inventories and planting on City housing properties.
- Research project, identify properties for inventory and plantings, improve canopy cover, improve monitoring and increase canopy cover, increase engagement with tenants, promote tree stewardship and build a tree care team.
- Defining priorities, completing tree inventory data, GIS and mapping, conduct Community Engagement Surveys and Workshops Choose 3 – 5 pilot locations for tree planting events.
- Have collected 951 trees in inventory across 20 Community Housing Hamilton properties.
- Non-native tree species were at 57%. Common for urban area.
- There was minor damage to trees, but preventative maintenance would avert further damage over time.
- Engaged with Tenants through survey.
- They are making recommendations to the City of Hamilton and City Housing Hamilton. Tree Inventory: Annual Neighbourhoods Inventories, Priority Planting Locations for Spring/Fall 2022, Tree Care and Maintenance Stewardship Tree Care Team, Community Engagement Canopy for community having tenants participate in tree-related programs.

#### Questions/Discussion

Were they looking for opportunities for planting in these areas? Yes, Vanier Towers, 30 Sanford and 122 Hatt Street were selected to plant more trees. Using Native Trees.

Asked if familiar with London Sycamore Trees. Suggested that they use them, they do well in Urban areas and grow quickly. May not be Native, there is an American Sycamore that was considered.

Tree maintenance is huge, it's not just about planting. Dedicated maintenance budget for trees is encouraged to be committed to.

Asked if City of Hamilton Forestry maintains Community Housing Hamilton trees? Community Housing Hamilton is considered their own entity when it comes to property maintenance. Suggested to have integrated into Urban Forest Strategy.

## Discussion Items:

- 5. Hamilton's Climate Change Action Strategy Update (5 minutes), Trevor Imhoff**  
Presented Draft to GIC on June 1, 2022. Next steps, Community Energy and Emissions Plan (Climate Mitigation) and Climate Changed Impact Adaptation Plan. On track, going to GIC on August 8, 2022, with proposed government structure. Looked at best practices, collected survey information for Central Climate Change office and departmental requirements. Did virtual PIC, Trevor will pass along links. For those who attended on June 29, 2022, thank you. There is a post-PIC for organizations who feel they would be important for community governance. Looking for public input, good conversations through PIC and one-on-one meetings. Looking across the organization. See links below:  
<https://engage.hamilton.ca/ceep>  
<https://engage.hamilton.ca/climate-change-adaptation>

- 6. 2022 UWDW Conference Debrief (10 minutes), Bruce Newbold/Shelley Rogers**  
Conference was a success. Thank you to the committee, speakers, moderators, Trevor for being MC, Bruce and to everyone who attended. 60 people attended in person and 15 online. Our survey results were very positive with some good feedback for the next conference. The online version had positive feedback and participants did recommend doing that again. People were happy to see people in person, like the speakers, venue and the food.

### Questions/Discussion

Next time around, we should order less food, however very little food went to waste. Venue and the speakers were great through the day, audience participation was good. Liked the networking sessions.

- 7. 2022 Clean Air Hamilton's Funding Applications Update (5 minutes) Shelley Rogers**  
Adjudication has occurred. Thank you to Natalie and Kerry for adjudicating. Currently waiting on final approvals and will announce the successful applications soon.
- 8. Clean Air Hamilton's Advocacy Letter Results and Next Steps (5 minutes) Bruce Newbold/ Shelley Rogers**

Advocacy letter went out to all candidates. Now intent is to resend to elected candidates. The content hasn't changed. The letter was distributed with the meeting agenda.

#### Questions/Discussion

Asked if we are planning to do the same for the municipal election, yes, we would like to engage municipal candidates, but will need to re work to address on municipal level.

We heard back from a few candidates.

Resourcing and time for Municipal draft letter. Will need a group to work toward drafting.

Provincial government generally open to new ideas for 12 – 18 months, suggested that Province will be more likely to listen to Council and the Mayor than they are to Clean Air Hamilton.

#### **Action Item**

Shelley Rogers to send updated letter to Provincial elected officials.

### **9. Clean Air Hamilton's 2019-2022 Work Plan (5 minutes) Shelley Rogers**

Reviewed 2019 – 2022 Work Plan. Committee asked if there are any items they would like to see on our 2023 – 2026 workplan.

Public Health remains committed to the actions, some is budget oriented and has not been within operational budgets.

There is still time to complete actions 2019-2022 actions, but operating budget may not be available this year. What are the priorities for Public Health Services City to work toward 2023 budget cycle.

#### Questions/Discussion

We should have this on a future agenda to discuss further as well.

Suggestions:

- Real Time neighbourhood level AQHI Map. This has been done in the past, Dr. Denis Corr and Dr. Adams were working on it. Health Canada asked if it could be used in other Cities. Citizens found it helpful. City and Health Canada would be options to approach for funding.
- DASH-MASH could be revisited. Below the Mountain could be reviewed further to link pieces together like it is on the Mountain Brow.
- Curious about how the Subcommittees and how they are included into workplan (i.e. Dust Group), are there scheduled updates from Sub-Committees
  - Can touch base with Matt Lawson on Dust Management. Building Division has outstanding item, can get more information from them.

## **Member Updates**

Aaron Todd, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Replacing Dan Dobrin. Learning a lot from today's meeting.

Denis Corr, Corr Research  
Rotek has been asked to assist companies for SO2 Monitoring. Coherent Monitoring plans.

Trevor Imhoff, City of Hamilton, Health and Safe Communities  
Continuing to work with UofT and Environment Hamilton on passive air monitoring, lab analysis is starting to be completed. Engagement will be in Fall, will present results. Team has been busy on Community Climate Action Strategy.

Christine Newbold, City of Hamilton, Planning and Economic Development  
Update on staffing, Spenser Skidmore has left the City and Tiffany Singh has taken another role with the City. We will have a new staff member in the future to represent their team. Bayfront Strategy update, final round of consultation happened in late spring. That process is almost complete, draft strategy will go to GIC on August 8, 2022, for approval.

Phoebe Tung, Health Canada  
They are promoting resources on Wild Fire Smoke and Air Quality. Links below. They are always happy to assist with funding for Air quality projects.

- Find the latest information online regarding [wildfire smoke and health](#) and how to reduce exposure.
- Download, print and share our [Wildfire Smoke 101 factsheets](#).
- [Download the WeatherCAN app](#), available on iOS and Android devices, and receive free notifications about weather events, extreme heat and special air quality statements.
- Consult the [air quality health index \(AQHI\)](#) and learn how to use the AQHI to check air quality conditions in your community.
- [Protect your indoor air from outdoor pollutants](#) – ensuring good indoor air quality is especially important during periods of poor outdoor air quality.
- If you are responsible for creating or managing community-based cleaner air spaces for wildfire smoke events, find advice and a simple checklist within the [Cleaner Air Spaces Guidance](#).
- Purchase a clean, good quality air filter (for example, HEPA filter) for your ventilation system or [portable air purifier](#).
- Be well-aware – [protect your well water](#) during and after a wildfire emergency.

Sandy Herkimer, Niagara College

Looking to connect with members for Student Internships. Happy to connect with members.

Bruce Newbold, McMaster University

Queen's Baton, wasn't able to participate. Event went well. Dr. Pope from University of Birmingham. Bruce has spoken to him since then, looking to move forward with collaboration between McMaster and Clean Air Hamilton.

**Action Item**

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**Next meeting**

**August 8, 2022**

**3:00-5:00pm**

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