



Meeting Minutes

Coordination Committee

Monday, August 8, 2022, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Online, Cisco Webex

Present:

Dr. Bruce Newbold, (Chair)

Aaron Todd, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Abigail Amponsah, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Alison Carlyle, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Fran Scott, McMaster Institute for Health Equity, McMaster University

Gas Gebara, ArcelorMittal Dofasco

Geoffrey Knapper, HIEA

George McKibbin, McKibbin & Wakefield Inc.

Heidi Levitzky, HIEA

James LeMoine, Mississauga of the Credit First Nation

Liesel Knight-Messenger, Green Venture

Lucas Neil, Ausenco

Natalie Stacey, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Nico Strabac, Mohawk College Centre for Climate Change Management

Phoebe Tung, Health Canada

Shelley Rogers, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

Tiffany Singh, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton

Brittany Killingbeck, Hamilton Naturalists' Club

Regrets:

Barry Duffey, Citizen

Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture

Sandy Herkimer, Niagara College

Trevor Imhoff, Healthy and Safe Communities, 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 July 11, 2022 Minutes

Approved

Presentations:

4. Wildfire Resources, Health Canada (10 minutes), Phoebe Tung

- Health Canada have dedicated resources on www.canada.ca/wildfire-smoke, all public, can share openly. Reviewed various resources.

5. Trees Please 2022 and Review of 2021, Environment Hamilton and the Hamilton Naturalists' Club (30 minutes), Ian Borsuk (EH) and Brittany Killingbeck (HNC)

- Dylos Fine Air Particulate Monitors and GPS Data Logger were used in the past,
- Currently using Plume Labs flow metres, smaller and more convenient,
- Promoting environmental justice,
- Trees can work well at capturing particulate pollution, some trees up to 50% in immediate vicinity,
- Trees Please has been partnership between EH and HNC for many years,
- Use information gathered from air quality monitoring to identify areas where trees are required most,
- This year they are looking at areas with poor canopy cover and poor air quality,
- Strategic tree giveaway in Ward 3 will occur, chosen because they are directly beside Industry, 100 trees to be given away and have already receiving calls after recent flyer distribution,
- Air and Tree Walkabouts at Pier 8, Gage Park and Windemere in August, looking at AQ data and health of trees and discuss how trees are related to AQ, Health and need to increase urban forest,
- Not doing tree audits for newly planted trees this year, they are collecting data in neighbourhoods they have conducted project in in past years, then look at Canopy Cover and determine priority areas, looking at changes in air quality,
- Community Tree Planting with the City of Hamilton date TBD, 1000 plus tree give away will be conducted for entire City.

Questions/Discussion

- Asked if they will go back to properties where they are planting trees this year to see how the trees are doing. They have data from previous years, and currently trees are too small for some work, but would like to do this in the future. Right

now, honour system with land owners (don't have resources to go back to all properties).

- They do have follow up with the folks who have trees planted on private property, and vast majority will reach out if there are any issues.
- Asked if there are particular trees that are better at absorbing particulate? Some trees are “technically” better, but through experience, the more mature, the more leaves, the better the tree is at absorbing particulate. The more trees the better. Not one specific tree that's a “super tree”, biodiversity is good to have various types of trees.
- Asked if there is concern about composting leaves that have high PM and the use of that compost. Not to their knowledge.
- Home owners can have more than one tree.
- Asked/suggested if they have considered recruiting High School Students to assist with planting on private property in case property owners don't want to plant trees themselves.
- Shared the flow diagrams and monitoring from streets. Data used to promote the program. The public can view reports by visiting:
https://www.environmenthamilton.org/trees_please.

Discussion Items:

6. Hamilton's Climate Change Action Strategy Update (5 minutes), Trevor Imhoff
Trevor sends regrets. Trevor will send an update through Shelley.

7. 2022 Clean Air Hamilton's Funding Applications Update (5 minutes), Shelley Rogers

Successful applicants: Green Venture, Fresh Air for Kids and Environment Hamilton and Hamilton Naturalists' Club, Trees Please.

8. Clean Air Hamilton Workplan Update and Group Photo (5 minutes), Shelley Rogers

We will be having a workshop at our September meeting. Members are encouraged to bring any ideas they have to share with the group. Please be ready to be on camera at our September meeting for a photo for the Clean Air Hamilton report.

9. Rescheduling October's Meeting (5 minutes), Shelley Rogers

Meeting to be rescheduled to October 3 or 17, 2022. Date will be decided upon and distributed to group.

Gas Gebara, Stelco

Question around advocacy letter, asked if Clean Air Hamilton is a registered Lobby. Suggested reviewing.

Discussion

- Clean Air Hamilton is not a registered lobby, hasn't come up before.

Action: Shelley to investigate if Clean Air Hamilton should be registered as a lobbyist organization as a City funded group.

Liesel Knight-Messenger, Green Venture

Looking forward to getting back into classrooms for Fresh Air For Kids Program in the Fall.

Nico Strabac, Mohawk College

CCCM is actively working on a Home Retrofit Opportunity, working through stakeholder consultation phase, will keep group updated on their progress

Tiffany Singh, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Bayfront Strategy going to GIC on Sept 7, hoping action plan and guidelines approved, with Phase Three implementation in Q4.

Action Items

Shelley Rogers to investigate lobbying registration and if Clean Air Hamilton is required to register.

Next meeting

September 12, 2022

3:00-5:00pm

WebEx