



Meeting Minutes

Coordination Committee

Monday, October 3, 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

Denis Corr, Corr Research

Alison Carlyle, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Geoffrey Knapper, HIEA

George McKibbon, McKibbon & Wakefield Inc.

Heidi Levitzky, HIEA

Julie Wedzinga, Stelco

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

Lucas Neil, Ausenco

Matthew Lawson, Public Health Services, City of Hamilton

Natalie Stacey, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Nico Strabac, Mohawk College Centre for Climate Change Management

Sandy Herkimer, Niagara College

Shelley Rogers, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

Tiffany Singh, Planning & Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Trevor Imhoff, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

Timothy Hung, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Regrets:

Barry Duffey, Citizen

Fran Scott, McMaster Institute for Health Equity, McMaster University

Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture

James LeMoine, Mississauga of the Credit First Nation

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 August 8, 2022 Minutes

Approved

Presentations:

4. Climate Action Strategy (20 minutes), Trevor Imhoff

Presentation on Climate Action Strategy



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Questions/Discussion

- Is the City coordinating transformation of the building code with changes in the City zoning bylaw? Not a lot of information on this yet, but there has been some work on sustainable development codes. Looking at low-rise and residential housing first.
- Does the transition to personal EV include infrastructure projects for upgrading residential and commercial electrical distribution? What happens with older apartment building stock? Not a solid answer for every building yet. PED does have funding request for EV Strategy. From a residential perspective, Building Retrofit programs are not currently considering EV Charging as item to incentivise for instillation. Talking to Alectra about electric panel upgrades.
- City needs to look at how do you get the power to the individual building. Most electricity infrastructure won't meet the demands for EV charging. Will the Climate Office be tasking electricity providers and is there money behind it? This has been considered and it is understood that there could be electrical demands.
- There are buildings that are 40 and 50 years old. When they upgrade, they think about windows and carpeting, but there is a lot of low hanging fruit in the downtown. There is intensification. Thank you to Trevor, Nico and everyone else involved on the Climate Action Strategy. Suggestion, this is a financial problem, not a technical one, the solution is to go to the people who is good at

finances, suggests having a group consisting of major banks and financial sector, say we have a financial opportunity here, and have the financial sector complete the financial end for the homeowners.

- Electric vehicle charging – in the future, possibility that not all families will own a car, cars may be parked in central location. It may be more affordable to share vehicles when they are needed. In low-carbon scenario model, not using a 1:1 ratio, prioritizes active and sustainable transportation.
- Has the City considered the refugee populations from areas of the world that will become uninhabitable? Population projections may not include this, and it is a good consideration.

Discussion Items:

5. Review of September 12, 2022 Workplan Workshop (10 minutes), Shelley Rogers

Reviewed table with summary of ideas from September workshop

Questions/Discussion

- Defining a timeline for responses. Removing the Padlet on November 7, 2022.
- In the past we have focused on science, we did have a lot of discussion about existing monitoring data, there is a lot of data that can be mined, especially when there are exceedances, would like to see more technical information coming out, less social actions.
- Agreement that it's a good idea to review and update Denis' information. Some out of date, thinks a good idea to move forward on it, worth working on, would need full partnership with MECP to work closely together. MECP is willing to discuss partnering.

ACTION

Shelley R to send out reminder and remove Padlet on November 7, 2022.

6. Update on MECP 2021 Air Quality Data (5 minutes), Natalie Stacey

- The MECP has been preparing the data for the Annual Progress report.
- Today is targeted day to forward data to Public Health later today to meet City's timeline for reporting. Summary isn't prepared yet.
- Trends consistent or improving in many cases. Some slight increases (as is typical from year to year). These increases and decreases are evaluated to see if significant, use statistical tools and analysis and visualization tools. Near by sources and meteorology are reviewed.
- Technical reviews of intrastation performance are part of this year's review.
- In preparing overall data, the MECP pulls data from the MECP stations, air quality data reports from HAMN, Ministry partners from Environmental monitoring and reporting branch based in Toronto who conduct ambient air quality monitoring throughout province (AQHI stations).
- Multi-city reporting from AQHI monitoring network.

- Strive, when possible to include ambient VOC and PAH data from ECCC MAPS network (typically a year behind in reporting). This data is not available, so using 2019 data.
- Otherwise all other data has been reviewed and is complete.

Questions/Discussion

- Report will go to BOH in January, will be public early January.
- Can that data be analyzed so as to identify the times and weather conditions where standards are exceeded and from that identify the plume areas that may be affected? MECP has part of current review. Required to be reported by station operators when exceedance is observed. MECP performs internal analysis and follows up with station operators, follow up with district office for information about local operations. Used to determine local potential sources.
- Interested in knowing if there are patterns that emerging that could be described and understood for CAH to assist with actions moving forward. Glad it's being done from a regulatory, and wonders if there is something it can be used for land use planning, health and safety. Suggested to discuss in overview at a future meeting.
- Will the changes be draft or final? They will be final. If there are changes, MECP will to follow up with Trevor and Shelley.

ACTION

Shelley R to send out a Doodle Poll to book a meeting to review AQ data before the end of October.

7. Clean Air Hamilton 2021 Annual Report (10 minutes), Shelley Rogers

Reviewed current draft 2021 Annual Report

- Once more information and data are received, will update and share again.
- Will have the same review process as last year.

8. Member Updates

Denis Corr, Corr Research

Staying involved with SO₂ monitors, has public meeting coming up in Nanticoke. Getting ready for FAFK program.

George McKibbon, McKibbon & Wakefield Inc.

CAH History will be ready for review by other authors shortly.

Heidi Levitzky, HIEA

HIEA Fall Lunch n' Learn next week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kde2srzkpHNDHVXLT2tjD5uLxiWVutKk2>

Trevor Imhoff, Health and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

Working on request from PED for site plan approvals on Air Quality and Dust Impact Surveys. There may be some public consultation in October or November. Guidelines to help create advice for applications.

Nico Strabac, Mohawk College

They have been working on a market research survey, will share link with group. They are working on setting up an Engage Hamilton page.

Tiffany Singh, Planning & Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Bayfront Action Strategy was approved by Council. Was in Phase 2 of overall project, now can move into Phase 3 which is actions. To touch on Bill 109 Material that Trevor mentioned, pulling together information for planning applications, they have some TOR's but they are trying to produce something for all items in Plans, preparing for Bill 109 implementation. Going into place in January. Goal to bring 96 documents to Council in November. Shortened consultation period, some consultation in the next few weeks. Must be finalized before presenting to new Planning Committee and Council.

ACTION ITEMS

- Shelley R to send out reminder and remove Padlet on November 7, 2022
- Shelley R to send out a Doodle Poll to book a meeting to review AQ data before the end of October.

Next meetings

TBD Data review meeting

November 14, 2022

3:00-5:00pm

WebEx