



Agenda

Coordination Committee

Monday, March 13, 2023, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Online, Cisco Webex

Present

Dr. Bruce Newbold (Chair), McMaster University

Abigail Amponsah, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Alison Carlyle, PED, City of Hamilton (On behalf of Peter Topalovic)

Alex Wilson, Ward 13 Councillor

Amanda Andrews, Dundas & Greensville Environmental Concern Group

Christine Newbold, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Dr. Denis Corr, Corr Research

Erin Oughtred, McMaster Integrated Business and Humanities program

Gas Gebara, ArcelorMittal Dofasco

Geoffrey Knapper, Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association

George McKibbin, McKibbin & Wakefield Inc.

Grace Higgins, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton

Jennifer Hong, McMaster Integrated Business and Humanities program

Julie Wedzinga, Stelco

Kerry Leclair, Ward 3 Councillor Nann's Office, City of Hamilton

Lauren Reny, McMaster Integrated Business and Humanities program

Mackenzie Whitten, Green Venture (on behalf of Leisel Knight-Messenger)

Maeve Reid, McMaster Integrated Business and Humanities program

Matthew Lawson, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

Mark Osborne, Dundas & Greensville Environmental Concern Group

Nathaniel Will, McMaster Integrated Business and Humanities program

Nico Strabec, Mohawk College Centre for Climate Change Management

Pascale Marchand, Ward 4 Councillor Hwang's Office, City of Hamilton

Phoebe Tung, Health Canada

Shelley Rogers, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

Dr. Shirook Ali, Ecosystem Informatics Inc

Stefanie Ferraro, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (on behalf of Natalie Stacey)

Steve Smillie, Dundas & Greensville Environmental Concern Group

Timothy Hung, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Trevor Imhoff, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Virginia Purvis, McMaster Integrated Business and Humanities program

Regrets

Dr. Fran Scott, McMaster Institute for Health Equity
Sara Yonson, Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority

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 February 13, 2023 Minutes

Approved

Presentations:

4. DeGroote School of Business and Ward 3: Community Mapping Project (20 minutes) Lauren Reny, Erin Oughtred, Jennifer Hong, Maeve Reid, Nathaniel Will, Virginia Purvis, McMaster University



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Presentation.pdf

Discussion

How will the map be maintained over time? The intention of this McMaster program is to create reciprocal and ongoing relationships with community over time. Hopefully the project could become the work of future groups of students. The Ward 3 office is also committed to continuing work on the project.

How is the project sorting out Federal/Provincial/City by-law requirements where air/noise/lighting and odour are concerned? Starting with City by-laws at the moment, Provincial and Federal could be work of future groups of students.

What type of considerations have been given to how to convey information in a generalized sense after talking to a toxicologist? For now, the group is meeting with a toxicologist simply as a learning opportunity, will plan to look more into this component for future years of the project.

- Clarification was provided that it is challenging to communicate toxicological information due to complexities of communicating all the risks of daily life and providing proper context to the community.

How was data collected? Some information was publicly available online, phone calls were made to verify that info is specific to Hamilton area, if no success with web/phone outreach an in-person visit was made. Attempts to gather information received mixed results with some businesses very willing to provide details.

Recommendation was made that providing links to existing data, including CAH and mobile air monitoring reports would be helpful as well as including the HAMN air monitoring network. Suggestion to promote on social media as gateway site to all these additional sources of information.

Clarification was provided that emissions information is public on Dofasco's website. Gas Gebara can be contacted directly if needed for more information. The HIEA website also has a contact page with phone numbers/name/e-mail of members. If presenters require further contacts/connection to CAH members they may contact cleanair@hamilton.ca for referral to members.

5. Carmeuse Dundas Proposal Concerns (20 minutes) Steve Smillie, Dundas & Greenville Environmental Concern Group



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Discussion

Clarification was provided that CAH represents numerous stakeholders including industry, NGOs, public citizens, all three levels of government and is open to the information sharing that this presentation has accomplished as it allows for CAH to be aware of what's happening in the community. CAH can offer recommendations as appropriate.

George McKibbin was previously involved in advising a citizens group on a similar application regarding a cement facility. At the time of that work, they requested a Cumulative Effects Assessment and worst-case scenarios to be produced which was useful to show where in the community exceedances might occur. In the Hamilton area there are a lot of other sources of air and noise contaminants which is why those types of analyses are helpful. It is also important to check technical documents the applicant puts forward to ensure that mistakes aren't missed, as well as understanding that modelling requires substantial assumptions that also need to be clearly outlined and understood.

Shirook Ali recommended that time series monitoring should be correlated with the assumptions of the simulation in order to understand assumptions to predict future models. Data needs to be looked at holistically e.g. the sink and source must all be considered, and simulations don't pick up on all those details. ESI would be happy to share their learnings.

Recommendation was provided for the citizen's group to stay engaged and involved with the local MECP office. It's a slow process but community voices and feedback are heard in that process. Also noted that any feedstock that Carmeuse uses will have to be evaluated and there are controls in place.

- Citizen's group expressed that they currently don't feel like they are integrated into the process and that there is a lack of consultation.

Denis Corr advised that an adequate and detailed monitoring program should be in place if the project goes forward, as well as ongoing community oversight.

Councillor Alex Wilson supported moving the conversation forward on community monitoring. Clarified that residents have been participating in existing engagement processes but are concerned about those processes being inadequate, understanding that sometimes it does come down to staff time. Urged consideration of how we can support monitoring, evaluation or in other ways.

Kerry LeClair offered that Ward 3 sees opportunities to reach out for community building across neighbourhoods around similar issues of industrial emissions.

Mark Osborne- The group would like more information about when the last stack test was conducted and how much CO₂ is being emitted currently. Would like to see tests demonstrating that dioxins and furans are within Ministry guidelines.

Citizens group is encouraged to contact Michael Durst, Area Supervisor with the Hamilton District Office to discuss their concerns. His contact is 289-244-8508 or michael.durst@ontario.ca.

Clarification provided that the process that this project is following is standardized within the MECP and current procedure is the same as what other companies would need to go through.

Discussion Items:

6. Clean Air Hamilton Membership Vote (5 minutes) Bruce Newbold

Tabled until April meeting.

7. Update: Dust Group (5 minutes) Shelley Rogers

The Dust Group is currently working on a campaign for dust and PM communications, which includes getting word out about the handbooks which can be found on cleanairhamilton.ca/dust-handbooks/. The construction handbook is now on the COH website too. They are also looking at communications for street sweeping and working with roads department on that piece. Also will be communicating general messaging.

8. CAH Funding Adjudication Criteria (5 minutes) Grace Higgins

Have received approval to submit the RFP to procurement and finalizing some changes to the adjudication criteria to ensure they are inclusive, allow for applications from diverse organizations and also align with CAH's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy. Thank you to Kerry, Shelley, Bruce and Sally for feedback. Final versions submitted to procurement will be posted on the CAH member portal.

Action: Grace to post updated criteria and application guide on CAH member portal.

9. Discussion: Transport Truck Idling (10 minutes) Shelley Rogers

We have received some complaints through public health about transport truck idling – has this come up before with CAH?

- Denis: It has come up historically. One of the issues is that drivers don't need to have the diesel engine idling to keep the truck comfortable. Recommended to contacting companies directly if someone comes across a truck that is idling. Trucks have an identifier on the side, and you can phone management and report the license plate of the truck, what time it was idling and that it is illegal under Hamilton by-law.
- Bruce noted that nothing around this issue has come up with CAH in the past six years.
- Geoffrey: Some businesses' Environmental Compliance Approval requires them to have alternate power to the units, depending on location of facility and number of trucks involved.
- Kerry: Ward 3 has had conversations with Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority with respect to their tenants.
- Pascale: Ward 4 has had issues with trucks idling while loading or in vicinity of loading location. Issues come from a let that happened at the provincial level that allows trucks to idle at a business. As the city, we aren't able to enforce if they are idling at a business, only if idling on the street. That law changed during the pandemic.

Action: Kerry to share notes from Ward 3 complaints. Pascale also to share details about Ward 4 enforcement issues.

Matt Lawson

- CAH 2021 Annual Report will be presented by Bruce at BOH meeting at 9:30 am on Monday, March 20. See COH's [Youtube channel](#) for livestream.

Alison Carlyle

- COH launching shared e-scooter program next month

Gas Gebara

- Expressed concerns about drifting purpose of CAH.
 - Discussion among CAH members to clarify that presentations such as those made today will be allowed in order to understand community issues and permit a balanced discussion of local issues. Clarification was made that we are not a regulatory body and the Carmeuse application must be assessed on its merits once submitted to the MECP. We can however answer questions that presenters have and stay informed of community concerns.

George McKibbin

- Met with Tiffany Singh, Mark Kehler, Grace Higgins in follow-up to land use planning discussion at last meeting to discuss residential encroachments in the north end close to industry in the context of Bill 109 Terms of Reference.

Denis Corr

- Just finished Fresh Air for Kids at Earl Kitchener Elementary School on Dundurn St and it went very well – able to really encourage and empower students. When conducting walkabouts always come across something different.

Phoebe Tung

- Just released: [Health Impacts of Air Pollution from Transportation, Industry and Residential Sources in Canada: Estimates of premature mortality and morbidity outcomes at national, provincial, territorial, and air zone levels](#)
- Also new [public outreach materials on residential wood smoke](#)

Shirook Ali

- Suggestion for more workshops, day conference and inclusion of citizens in those sessions

Trevor Imhoff

- 2023 priorities will go to GIC on April 5, will share with CAH once posted, many will be multiyear projects
- Green building is one of those priorities – working with Nico to finalize Better Homes Hamilton, with a report tentatively approved for May 3
- Community Climate Change Advisory Committee – clarification that clerks are only recruiting right now for subcommittees, boards and local agencies which does not include advisory committees. Those will open up in April. Any questions or if you would like to be added to the distribution list for updates please email Trevor.

Next meeting

April 17, 2023

3:00-5:00pm

WebEx