



## **Agenda**

Coordination Committee

Monday, October 2, 2023, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

City Hall Room 192/193 and Cisco Webex

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### **Present**

Dr. Bruce Newbold (Chair), McMaster University  
Alison Carlyle, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Barry Duffey, Mohawk College  
Beatrice Ekoko, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Dr. Denis Corr, Corr Environmental Inc.  
Fran Scott, McMaster University  
Gas Gebara, ArcelorMittal Dofasco  
Geoffrey Knapper, Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association  
George McKibbon, McKibbon & Wakefield Inc.  
Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton  
James LeMoine, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation  
Julie Wedzinga, Stelco  
Kerry Leclair, Ward 3 Councillor Nann's Office, City of Hamilton  
Mackenzie Whitten, Green Venture  
Dr. Matt Adams, University of Toronto  
Nancy Hurst, Ward 12 Councillor Cassar's Office, City of Hamilton  
Nico Strabec, Mohawk College, Centre for Climate Change Management  
Sandy Herkimer, Niagara College  
Sara Yonson, Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority  
Shelley Rogers, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Susan Voinson, ESI  
Trevor Imhoff, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

### **Regrets**

Abigail Amponsah, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Brian Jantzi, Citizen  
Dr. Charles Hostovsky, Citizen  
Matthew Lawson, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton  
Natalie Stacey, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Phoebe Tung, Health Canada  
Timothy Hung, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

## 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 September 11, 2023 Minutes

Approved

### Presentations:

## 4. Air Quality Monitoring in Hamilton (30 minutes), Dr. Matthew Adams, University of Toronto

### Questions/Discussion

- SO<sub>2</sub> was not taken into consideration for socioeconomic correlation because there was only one site where it was higher, no patterns evolved
- Ozone is a secondary pollutant, and this would impact comparing to socioeconomic indicators
- Asthma can be worse in different areas of the city, could be worse in the country than in the city depending on type of asthma
- Noted that trends should be reviewed, standards are a moving target and can be misleading
- Noted that B(a)P concentrations were higher along transportation corridors
- Monitors were not sensitive enough to collect Benzene data, it requires more infrastructure found in the HAMN Network and MECP stations
- Land use regression modelling was used, levels out anomalies
- Two to four peer-reviewed publications will be coming out with the final report
- Data to be displayed on the City's Open Data portal

### Discussion Items:

## 5. Vote on Code of Conduct/Terms of Reference, Bruce Newbold

Approved

## 6. Search for Incoming Chair (10 minutes), Shelley Rogers

- Continuing to hear of potential candidates to become the new chair
- Chair will have to be voted in, if multiple candidates, will discuss further
- Barry Duffey expresses interest in being the next Chair

## 7. Community Experiences (10 minutes), All

GFL Facility in Stoney Creek has been conducting a project, resulting in strong odours in the neighbourhood. The MECP has been conducting Air Quality monitoring in the area, data was provided to Public Health who reviewed the data. No exceedances have been found, but there is H<sub>2</sub>S present which can cause headaches and nausea. The City has released a report with the data, available here:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/sites/default/files/2023-09/comm-update-Air-On-Site-Assessment-Green-for-Life-Stoney-Creek-Regional-Facility.pdf>

The MECP is continuing to monitor in the evening and early morning where the odour has been reported to be worst. Once reviewed by Public Health, more information will be released.

Suggested to have the MECP speak at a future meeting.

## 8. Roundtable Updates (20 minutes), All

Beatrice Ekoko, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Office of Climate Change Initiatives is going to be presenting Hamilton's Climate Strategic Plans to Council. Asks that if anyone in the group would like to delegate at the meeting to please reach out for more information.

Geoffrey Knapper, Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association

HEIA's annual general meeting will be at Grand View on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Will send out more information once the agenda is complete.

Shelley Rogers, Health and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

Annual Gandhi Peace Festival will be happening at McMaster, events on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Let Shelley know if you would like more information.

Denis Corr, Corr Environmental Inc.

Still working on citing different SO<sub>2</sub> monitoring sites, the Ministry has been involved and happy to negotiate new sites. Rotek organized a public meeting, planned it so each company was at a separate table for smaller conversations, but then found that attendees preferred to be spoken to instead of visiting each company separately at each table.

### Next meeting

November 13, 2023

3:00-5:00pm

City Hall Room 192/193 and WebEx