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**Agenda**

Coordination Committee

Monday, January 8, 2024, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

City Hall Room 192/193 and Cisco Webex

**Present**

Barry Duffey (Chair)

Dr. Bruce Newbold

Beatrice Ekoko, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Gas Gebara, ArcelorMittal Dofasco

Geoffrey Knapper, Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association

George McKibbon, McKibbon & Wakefield Inc.

Manal Chaudhry, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

Shelley Rogers, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

Sally Radisic, Healthy and Safe Communities, City of Hamilton

Trevor Imhoff, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Natalie Stacey, Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks

Julie Wedzinga, Stelco

Cathrin Winklemann, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Geoffrey Knapper, Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association

Abigail Amponash, Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks

Sara Yonson, Hamilton Port Authority

Nancy Hurst, Ward 12 City Councillors Office, City of Hamilton

Phoebe Tung, Health Canada

Pascale Marchand, Ward 4 City Councillors Office, City of Hamilton

Alison Carlyle, Transportation Planning and Parking, City of Hamilton

Tim Hung, Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks

Heather Govender, Green Venture

Kristina Rudzki, Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks

1. **Introductions & Welcome**

Introduction of new Clean Air Hamilton Chair

1. **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](https://www.hamilton.ca/sites/default/files/media/browser/2021-01-29/land-acknowlegement-toolkit-guide-2021.pdf)).

**Presentations:**

1. **Better Homes Hamilton (20 minutes) Cathrin Winkelmann, City of Hamilton**

Questions/Discussion

* How is the Better Homes Hamilton (BHH) loan stackable with federal grants?
  + Most eligible retrofits with the BHH are also eligible for the rebate program
  + The programs should be completed in parallel
* Is there information/research that outlines the differences/benefits between heat pump vs furnace/air conditioning wrt cost, performance, etc.
  + The Bay Area Climate Change Council’s report entitled “Home Retrofit Policy Analysis” was used
  + This report includes a marginal abatement cost curve to determine the deduction in GHG emissions per dollar spent
* Comment: Possibility that the energy audit for retrofits should not be optional
  + A retrofit is not required for the program but is strongly suggested
  + The energy audit was identified as a barrier to the Better Homes Hamilton program
* Comment: There are significantly more applicants than the scope for the program
* Where does woodburning fall into the retrofits?
  + Wood fired burning for homes would be eligible under the program
  + There are some rural applications that burn propane and oil
* Comment: There is a need to ensure that there is adequate grid infrastructure from the electric provider to provide power to additional homes that are being retrofitted
  + There is a need for an earnest conversation to address the vulnerabilities of the infrastructure, especially once the program is scaled up

**Discussion Items:**

1. **Clean Air Hamilton Chair (5 minutes), Bruce Newbold**
2. **Clean Air Hamilton 2022 Report (10 minutes), Manal Chaudhry**
   * The report writing is underway, and the plan is to present the report to the Board of Health in April 2024
3. **Upwind Downwind Conference Planning (15 minutes), Manal Chaudhry**
   * The conference date has been set to June 20th, at the David Braley Health Centre
   * There is an open call to members who are interested in having an exhibition or partnering with the conference. The funding structure has been sent to the mailing list
   * Members are encouraged to reach out if they are interested in presenting or recommending a speaker
4. **Annual Code of Conduct Attestation (5 minutes), Barry Duffey**
   * The code of conduct has been sent to the members. Members are asked to sign and return this to the Air Quality Coordinator
5. **Community Experiences (10 minutes), All**
   * Trevor Imhoff
     + A noise barrier at the recycling facility in the Parkdale community is being built by the company to reduce the noise and dust impacts outside the site
   * George McKibbon
     + There is a cross-border event in April at U of Buffalo comparing how planning applications are processed in different municipalities
   * Dennis Corr
     + There is research coming out on ultrafine particulate matter at the Toronto Island Airport
6. **Roundtable Updates (10 minutes), All**
   * Beatrice Ekoko
     + The Selection Review Committee is currently in the process of recruiting for the last two available seats for the Climate Change Advisory Committee.
   * Heather Govender
     + Green Venture has been doing air quality programming at some local schools and there are other schools that are interested
   * Manal Chaudhry
     + The process to make Clean Air Hamilton funding available has begun, no timeline yet as to when the funding will be available
   * Shelley Rogers
     + The report for the CityWide Air Quality Monitoring Project with the University of Toronto will be released the week of the 13th.
     + There will be an in-person session on February 29th at the Steam Museum
     + The PHS Air Pointers have been moved to two different parks in Dundas
     + Members welcome to provide recommendations for Air Pointer locations, there is a record kept at PHS of recommendations
   * Nancy Hurst
     + A suggested location for the Air Pointers was near the 403 highway
   * Bruce Newbold
     + Thanking everyone for time as chair the past six years

**Next meeting**

**February 12, 2024 3:00-5:00pm City Hall Room 192/193 and WebEx**