



Minutes

Coordination Committee

Monday, February 10, 2025, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Microsoft Teams

Present

Beatrice Ekoko, City of Hamilton
Bruce Newbold, McMaster University
Charles Hostovsky, McMaster University
Denis Corr, Corr Environmental
Fran Scott, McMaster University
Gas Gebara, AMD
Geoffrey Knapper, HEIA
George McKibbin, McKibbin Wakefield
Howard Pakosh, Piera
Kristina Rudzki, MECP
Liesel Knight-Messenger, Green Venture
Lucas Neil, Stantec
Matthew Parsons, ECCC
Natalie Stacey, MECP
Pheobe Tung, Health Canada
Sally Radisic, City of Hamilton
Sara Mroue, ESI
Sara Yonson, Hamilton Port Authority
Shardul Tiwari, CANSTOREnergy
Shelley Rogers, City of Hamilton
Tara Barrows, Health Canada
Tim Hung, MECP
Zoe Davis, ECCC

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 January 2025 meeting minutes

January 2025 minutes approved.

Presentations:

4. Overview of Project to Monitor Local Impact of Air Pollution on Mental and Neurological Health Outcomes in Hamilton, Ruth Sanderson, Epidemiologist, City of Hamilton Public Health Services

Question: Will childhood development indicators be included in this project?

- This is not outside the scope. These indicators may be explored.
- Note that there may be some doctors at McMaster interested in the pediatrics and mental health work.

Question: Is it possible to share information on the mechanics of dementia and air pollution?

- Yes, this work can be shared. More information will be available in the situational assessment report.

Note: It may be useful to include children with pre-existing conditions to get better outcomes from data.

Question: Will additional demographics include race, ethnicities, etc. be included?

- Yes, they may be included. This is not outside the scope of the project.

Question: What kind of time commitment is required to participate in this project?

- There is not set time contribution. Possibly a few hours for ongoing review of the work.

Discussion Items:

5. Introduction to Candidate(s) for Chair Position, Candidate(s) (10 minutes)

Introduction by Zobia Jawed to Clean Air Hamilton members

6. Voting for Clean Air Hamilton Chair, Voting Members (5 minutes)

Clean Air Hamilton voting members vote for Zobia Jawed as the new chair.

7. Community Experiences: an opportunity for anyone to share local air quality experiences, All (10 minutes)

- Howard Pakosh: Air quality and vape monitors by Piera Systems have been approved by the Ontario Government, including for public schools. Piera Systems proposed that vape detectors be installed in all Ontario high schools and are the only Canadian manufacturer of the approved detectors.

8. Roundtable Updates: an opportunity for everyone to share with CAH participants events or updates that relate to CAH and that you are engaged in, All (10 minutes)

- George McKibbin: A presentation by Katherine Richardson on the paper “Earth beyond six of the nine planetary boundaries” is now available to be watched at the this YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n59tFtAKPH8>.
- Charles Hostovsky: Previous research done regarding high-speed rail in Canada has been picked up again, and will be giving a paper at the Canadian Institute of Planners conference in July
- Zoe Davis: A webinar series by Environment Canada to build capacity on environmental justice and environmental racism, available at this link: <https://enviroequity.ca/webinar-series>.
- Fran Scott: Book launch by Dr. Ingrid Waldron “From the Enlightenment to Black Lives Matter: Tracing the Impacts of Racial Trauma in Black Communities from the Colonial Era to the Present”, on February 12th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm EST.

**Next meeting
March 10th, 2025**

3:00-5:00pm

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