



## **Agenda**

Coordination Committee

Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Microsoft Teams

---

### **Present:**

Beatrice Ekoko, City of Hamilton  
Charles Hostovsky, McMaster University  
Chyler Sewell, Green Venture  
Danielle Murphy, CANSTOREnergy  
Ed Gondar, Citizen  
Geoffrey Knapper, HEIA  
Howard Pakosh, Piera  
Julie Wedzinga, Stelco  
Kaela Buck, MECP  
Kerry Le Clair, Ward 3 Office  
Matthew Parsons, ECCC  
Natalie Stacey, MECP  
Julie Wedzinga, Stelco  
Pascale Marchand, Ward 4 Office  
Sally Radisic, City of Hamilton  
Sara Yonson, Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority  
Shelley Rogers, City of Hamilton  
Susan Chapman, STAND for Stoney Creek  
Tim Hung, MECP  
Trevor Imhoff, City of Hamilton  
Zobia Jawed, Chair  
Zoe Davis, ECCC

### **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](#)).

## 2. Approval of September 2025 meeting minutes

Approved

### Presentations:

## 3. 2023 Air Monitoring Data in Hamilton, Tim Hung, MECP (30 minutes)

### Questions/Discussion

- Data points represent annual averages. Seasonal data are included in the collection of data throughout the year. These are included in the calculation of an annual average, and the annual averages are presented in the CAH Annual Report. Seasonal data are not specifically presented in the CAH Annual Report.
- More monitoring for benzene and benzo[a]pyrene is being conducted to identify hot spots.
- Benzene and benzo[a]pyrene monitoring data in the annual CAH report is not continuous, conducted every 12 days. Continuous benzene monitoring is currently internal within the MECP. Potential for real time reporting on HAMN website. Once their air monitoring program is operational, Rain Carbon is required to report the data from their monitoring station publicly.
- PM<sub>2.5</sub> increases are suspected to be because of wildfires, but benzene increases, likely this is due to in part to coke battery restoration projects, these upgrades should help to reduce benzene concentrations moving forward.
- Why is PM<sub>2.5</sub> is measured downtown, but not at the industrial station. PM<sub>2.5</sub> is recognized as regional, so not as much past monitoring near industry. To find hotspots near industry, PM<sub>10</sub> is more commonly monitored. PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring is being expanded gradually and there are 5 stations in the Industrial area, there are no 10-year trends at this time.
- GFL monitors are not within this data due to installation in 2024.
- We know that air quality and health concerns don't stop at property borders, how can we get more continuous monitoring at the GFL site? There are avenues, reaching to the MECP Hamilton district office, Councillor, City of Hamilton, and HAMN. All exceedances are taken into account by the MECP, in and outside of property lines, with respect to compliance action.
- Question if SO<sub>2</sub> overall trends are available for different averaging periods. Today's presentation only has information for the CAH Annual report, but data for other SO<sub>2</sub> averaging periods (1-hour data) are available on the HAMN website.
- The continuous data is filling in gaps, question on how this works on cumulative pollution for issuing or approving environmental compliance approvals. Cumulative effects have been discussed previously. The ministry would be pleased to answer any specific questions.
- Graphs show that City of Hamilton has higher levels of pollution. Question about timing of Iron and Steel industry standard. MECP will respond to inquiry.
- Question of reporting due to COVID-19 impacts on Air Quality for benzene and BaP from traffic. MECP will look into if these contaminants were reduced during

COVID-19 due to decreased traffic. MECP will respond to inquiry if any relevant information is available.

### **Discussion Items:**

**4. Clean Air Hamilton 2022-2023 Annual Report final draft with 2023 data, Shelley Rogers (10 minutes)**

- Once MECP gives approval, CAH can review and provide any comments.
- Aim to present at GIC in December, but many not be possible until 2026.
- Councillors have been interested in the past, and it's a good move from Clean Air Hamilton to stay relevant, data sharing and informational purposes. This shows value in Clean Air Hamilton.
- There could be the question of recommendations and action items for future. Looking at our mandates and strategic plan for the next few years.

**5. Dust and Particulate Matter Working Group, Shelley Rogers (5 minutes)**

- Suggesting working on industrial fires and the ongoing concerns that residents have of the impacts of this.
- Shelley Rogers to circulate more about the Dust and Particulate Matter Working Group to see if anyone wants to join.

**6. Ed Gondar member vote, Zobia Jawed (5 minutes)**

- To be deferred until next meeting.
- If other participants wish to be voted in as members, please let Shelley Rogers know for a future vote.

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

- n/a

**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)**

- City of Hamilton's Office of Climate Change Initiatives is hosting first climate forum Thinking globally, acting locally – the climate crisis and our energy future. October 29, 2025, from 4:30 – 8PM at David Braley Centre, 100 Main Street West.

**Next meeting  
November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**3:00-5:00pm**

**Microsoft Teams**