



Minutes

Coordination Committee

Monday, December 8th, 2025, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Microsoft Teams

Present:

Audrey He, Citizen
Barry Duffey, Citizen
Chyler Sewell, Green Venture
Danielle Murphy, CANSTOREnergy
Denis Corr, Citizen
Ed Gondar, Citizen
Geoffrey Knapper, HEIA
Kaela Buck, MECP
Kristina Zukauskas
Lee Fairbanks, Presenter
Natalie Stacey, MECP
Phoebe Tung (HC/SC)
Sally Radisic, City of Hamilton
Shelley Rogers, City of Hamilton
Stacey Currie, City of Hamilton
Susan Chapman, STAND for Stoney Creek
Trevor Imhoff, City of Hamilton
Victoria Latam (MECP)
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 November 2025 meeting minutes – 8 votes meeting approved

Presentations:

3. Parental Perceptions of Air Quality in Hamilton, Kelley Prendergast (20 minutes) –
Moved to February 2026

4. Improving Air Quality through Tree Planting in Hamilton, Lee Fairbanks (20 minutes)

Questions

Which tree species are most effective in reducing some of the particulate matter and improving air quality? Are we trying to look for a specific tree species?

How does the City ensure that newly planted trees survive long term, especially in urban heat islands and hardscape-heavy areas?

How are you going to get 10 times more trees planted with the same budget where is the extra 90% going to come from?

- Not one specific tree. We will be taking trees from the existing list, approved by the City. One thing that was discovered, is that tress have a very specific ability to take toxins form the ground, so they are being used in industrial remediation. So sometimes you can plant them first and then remove them once you have remediated the land then plant a wider range of tree species.
- Cit of Burlington has planted quite a few London Sycamore trees also known as London plane tress as they have long-lives and adapt very well to urban environments and do quite well at filtering out particulate matter from the air. They are excellent for urban air quality because their leaves filter pollutants, while their unique bark sheds absorbed soot and dirt, allowing them to "breathe" in polluted city air, a key reason they thrive in London and other cities for centuries. They also provide shade, cool microclimates, and support urban biodiversity, making them vital green infrastructure, though their pollen can be an allergen.
- The trees that are planted in the Miyawaki Forest is run by volunteer groups compared to those that are planted by the City. Questions about how this financially would work to increase to that extent.

Discussion Items:

5. Clean Air Hamilton member portal. Shelley Rogers (5 mins)

- Shelley showed the member portal to gage interest. Discussion about archiving the material that is currently there and possibly to remove the Forum. Looking to transition the historical information to a different platform in 2026.

6. Dust and particulate matter working group. Update Shelley (5 mins)

- Discussed how to move the group forward. Look into industrial fires and residential fires burning. Looking at creating a PDF with actions to take if there is an industrial fire and put up on the CAH website. Meeting is booked Monday December 15, 2025, and the Fire department will be attending. Once PDFs documents are ready to be reviewed to have it viewed by the group before it is

posted. Possibly collaborate with the education group as well. MECP mentioned that if there is an industrial fire that SAC can be notified to activate more air quality monitoring.

7. Upwind Downwind Conference. Update Stacey (5 mins)

- Booked for May 26, 2026, at David Braley Health Science Centre.

8. Terms of Reference (TOR) CAH, Code of Conduct 2026. Update Stacey

- Stacey Air Quality Coordinator will send out request for the annual code of conduct the 1st week of January due end of January 2026.

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

- Update from Susan about GFL – showed clip from an Instagram post from Member of Parliament Ned Kirk regarding the odour for those who are in the area by GFL. Attended December 1, 2025, meeting and mentioned the increase of MECP complaints received in October & November this year. She offered to have the group reach out to her directly if you wanted to find out what the community's been doing to advocate and find out what GFL is doing and if you have any ideas.

10. 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)

- Phoebe mentioned that MECP has released 2 publications.

[Guidance on improving indoor air quality in office buildings - Canada.ca](#)

[Guidance for indoor air quality professionals - Canada.ca](#)

- Shelley asked members if they have any recommendations for presentations to our monthly CAH meetings. Reach out to Zobia and/or Stacey.
- Zobia mentioned potential in person meeting in early 2026

**Next meeting
January 12th, 2026**

3:00-5:00pm

Microsoft Teams



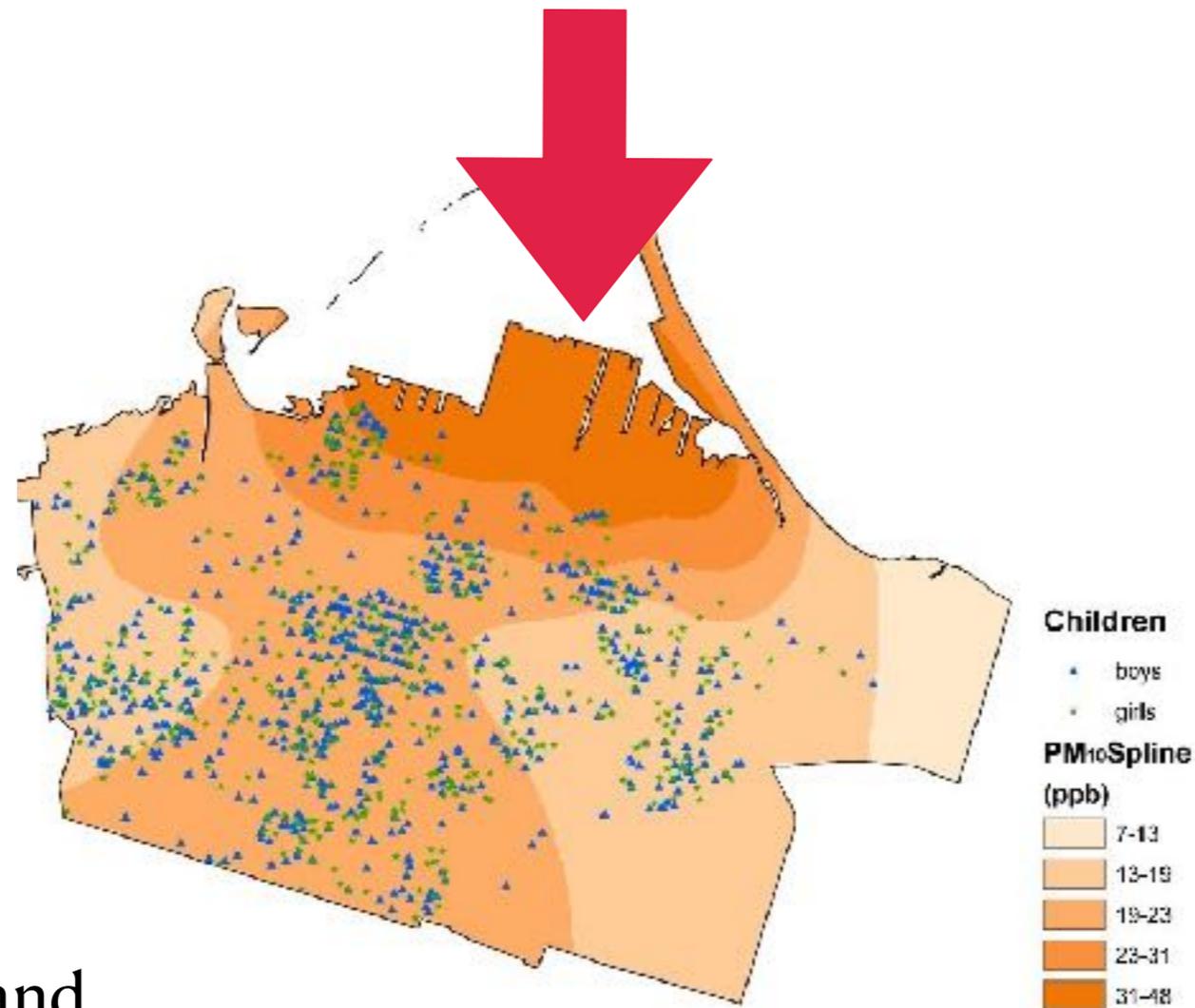
Improving the Air That We Breathe

One Million Trees in the City

Lee Fairbanks

Special Environmental Zone

CODE RED ZONE



Asthma and
particulate zones

Proposal

Plant 1,000,000 Trees in 5 years

Public & Private Lands

- City land
- School Board property
- Private property - Residential & Commercial
- Industrial property in the North End

Start with Parks

Thousands of acres shovel ready in our parks



The City's Urban Forest Canopy Study identified 1300 acres of Open Space for trees

Planting Plan

15 wards

1 project per year for 5 years

75 projects = 750,000 trees

250,000 trees in the North End

1,000,000 Trees Total

Next Steps

**This Plan has been
sent to the City Manager and
The Mayor
for approval**

Will Clean Air Hamilton Support This?