



## Minutes

Coordination Committee

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Microsoft Teams

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### Present:

Audrey He – Citizen, Barry, Duffey-Citizen, Chyler Sewell -Green Venture, Dr. Charles Hostovsky-McMaster, Evan Ubene-Environment Hamilton, Fran Scott-McMaster University, Geoffrey Knapper-HEIA, Ian Borsuk-Environment Hamilton, Jesse Elders – Speaker BACC, Julie Wedzinga – Stelco, , Kristina Rudziak – MECP, Matthew Parsons- Environment and Climate Change Canada, Mike Stinissen- Dofasco, Natalie Stacey- MECP, Lucas Neil – Stantec, Sally Radisic- City of Hamilton, Shelley Rogers, City of Hamilton, Stacey Currie, City of Hamilton, Susan Chapman- Citizen STAND for Stoney Creek, Tara Barrows-(HS/SC), 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 January 2026 meeting minutes – Approved 11 votes

### Presentations:

### 3. Jesse Elders – Bay Area Climate Change Council (BACCC) (20 minutes)

1. [Slide deck for Clean Air Hamilton](#)
2. [2016 Low Carbon Scenario Report](#)
3. [2021 Home Retrofit Policy Analysis Report](#)
4. [2022 Options for Travel Report](#)
5. [2025 Summary Report and Recommendations on Green Development Standards](#)
6. [2025 Energy Justice in the Bay Area – Resident Perspectives from BACCC Equity Workshops](#)
7. [2025 Bay Area Climate Forum Summary Report](#)

## Questions:

Do you have ideas about how can we collectively move forward for a unified approach?

Response - How do you set the strategic umbrella that everyone can align. As it is innovative it will be a learning process as they go. Having an organization or entity holding the long-term vision over a long period of time. Modelling and pathways and recentring that vision. Having a steward that can continue to do that. Having small technical working groups.

Comments- start forming technical working groups and bring alignment together. Mentioned a number of committees in the area, mentioned about MGOs and committees of council and have a yearly meeting with all the groups together and see if any overlap and how can we bring in other organizations.

Comments about sharing the presentation by George of the history of CAH. Asked current GMOs in meeting why they participate in Clean Air Hamilton. Response- said it was a collaborative approach and good way to engage with the community and stakeholders and other way they can contribute and provide updates on real time information, information sharing. CAH has MECP, ECCC & Health Canada all on this call which is beneficial to members as it provides great networking and having municipal, provincial and federal to the table provides a bunch of benefits.

Asked if there have been any discussion with equity groups around how some certain energy retrofits could potentially have negative impacts example heat recovery ventilators (HRV) but homeowner may not have the funds to maintain it.

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/Education-and-Events/Events-and-Presentations/2025/11/Peel-Regions-Heat-Vulnerability-Index>

Worth noting - Bill 17 and other provincial actions significantly curtailed municipal ability to address new and current builds. Jesse provided link to BACCC [Home - Bay Area Climate Change Council \(BACCC\)](#)

## Discussion Items:

### 4. Dust and Particulate Matter group updates, (5 mins)

Moving forward pulling information together about what communities can do to if there are industrial fires as well as open outdoor burning.

### 5. Public Outreach and Education group updates, (5 mins)

Met in January as a group and provided the mission statement.

The mission of the Public Education and Outreach Working Group is to develop and coordinate science-based/ evidence-based education, outreach, and capacity-building initiatives that improve air quality literacy in Hamilton. The group focuses on translating air quality data and monitoring results including AQI into accessible, plain-language information, communicating potential health impacts, and ensuring community-relevant, equity-focused approaches through culturally appropriate and inclusive communication. By strengthening community partnerships, the group supports informed behaviour and policy actions that contribute to improved air quality outcomes across Hamilton.

**Theme 1:** Air Quality Literacy & Public Education / Interpretation of Monitoring Data and Local Evidence

**Theme 2:** Equity, Accessibility & Community Relevance

**Theme 3:** Community Capacity-building and Partnership

**Theme 4:** Health Impacts & Risk Communication

**Theme 5:** Institutional Action Plan

**Theme 6:** Behaviour Change and Exposure Reduction

**6. Upwind Downwind Conference updates, (5 mins)**

Speakers will be reached out likely end of week to confirm participation in upcoming UWDW conference. Ask for student poster contest, ask for vendors/exhibitors, and save the date have all gone out.

**7. CAH progress report delegation tentative GIC February 25, @9:30am, group teams photo (Zobia) – photo taken and sent to Zobia**

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

Want to make others there aware that over the past couple of days - today included - residents in the north end are complaining bitterly about bad local air quality. They're unable to open windows, describe bad smells outside, and are sharing pictures of low hanging clouds of pollution. Many are saying it's CN and their shunting locomotives - and that, in the cold weather, CN is idling the locomotives. One woman posted a video - really horrible emissions from a stationary locomotive - so I think there is plenty of truth in what residents are pointing to as the problem.

It was mentioned that previously this was federal jurisdiction and apart from appealing to CN, to reduce the amount of shunting, there's not a lot from a regulatory perspective that people can do.

Someone mentioned that in the ESI Ed committee that they review environmental impact statements for development proposals on or adjacent to environmentally significant areas. Visited a site in Ancaster area last week and almost and entire Wood lock was illegally cut down.

**9. 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)**

**Next meeting**

**March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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

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