



Minutes

Coordination Committee

Monday, March 9th, 2026, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Microsoft Teams

Present:

Alexandra Auyeung – Matt Adams student (presenter), Barry Duffey-Citizen, Chyler Sewell - Green Venture, Denis Corr – Corr Environmental, Dr. Charles Hostovsky-McMaster, Erick S. Merlos-City of Hamilton, Evan Ubene-Environment Hamilton, Fran Scott-McMaster University, George McKibbin - McKibbin Wakefield, Julie Wedzinga – Stelco, , Kaela Buck – MECP, Kerry Le Claire – Ward 3, Kristina Rudziak – MECP, Kristina Zukauskas-City of Hamilton, Dr. Matthew Adams – Toronto (presenter), Mike Stinissen- Dofasco, Natalie Stacey- MECP, Lucas Neil – Stantec, Pascale Marchand- Ward 4, Sally Radisic- City of Hamilton, Lynda Lukasik- City of Hamilton, Shelley Rogers, City of Hamilton, Stacey Currie, City of Hamilton, Stephen Burt- MECP, Susan Chapman- Citizen STAND for Stoney Creek, Tara Barrows-(HS/SC), Tim Hung-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 **previous months meetings** meeting minutes – approved with 12 votes

Presentations:

3. Dr. Matthew Adams: Odours and Health in Hamilton (20 minutes) Presented by Alexandra Auyeung

Question- Mentioned they are having a town hall for the Stoney Creek area and invited them to attend and present.

Asked if they investigated how long they lived in Hamilton, and did it affect the results? Example if some people have just accepted it or not. Response- they did not include it in their initial data; however, they hope it will come out in their later data following the project.

Did you recruit participants through Environment Hamilton on a volunteer basis and if so, would it bring in a bias? Would it have not been more scientific to invite residents and those who live

by the GFL landfill. Do you have any thoughts about doing a random sample of residents in the area? Is this part of your PhD dissertation? Response: was to get an idea of those living by the industrial area are perceiving the odours. A lot of participants in the 2nd part of the study was snowball sampling who reached out to them to participate after seeing news articles that were published.

When did the research take place? Response: The questionnaires occurred beginning of July 2025, structured interviews at the same time. Complimenting factors in the study.

Can you define for us, the difference between eudemonic and hedonic. Response: Eudemonic well-being is, there, the two are close to related, but the eudemonic well-being is that like that form of happiness, focus sorting on sort of like meaning of life, self-realization, and then optimal functioning in one's life. And then hedonic well-being is aimed more towards avoiding negative outcomes, minimizing sort of the negative and then optimizing the positive in one's life.

Did you review your results with MECP and if so, what were their responses? Response: No, they have not discussed with MECP as still going through peer review to get published.

Did the research touch on overlapping issues when it comes to occupational pollution particularly where these issues intersect within the construction and/or related industries and our society: (**see: 2017 [Burden-of-Occupational-Cancer-in-Ontario.pdf](#) and/or the 2023 [Work-related respiratory health conditions among construction workers: a systematic narrative review...](#)**)? Response: this is outside the scope of their research. They did not focus on the construction side but the perception of the industries themselves and how local government is dealing with it.

I'm wondering whether that was the way the question in the survey was framed, you were asking people to give their response to how local government had responded. And I wonder whether if it wasn't included, you're thinking about in future, maybe adding a question so that people can give feedback on how the regulator responded. You know, how did the MECP respond? And I think you should consider this in the future, whether anyone shared any feedback about experiences reaching out to the industry or business who they believe was causing the problem. Because I think that's the other thing we see locally, is that industries and businesses really vary in their ability to respond effectively or even have a clear way for community to contact them when their impacts.

Response: So yes, it was the way that the question was framed was to have individuals think about the local government activity. We didn't want to specify precisely like which one they believe should be taking action because in the case, you know, I'm sure there's some jurisdictional there's probably confusion about what jurisdiction is responsible for it, right? Whether it's provincial, municipal, or federal, because there were some people in the interview who just didn't know who was responsible for addressing the odor pollution and who they should be talking to. So as we were doing the questionnaire, sorry, we didn't want to sort of influence that, the underlying knowledge that people had about like who they should be talking to, because I was hoping that was going to come out in our interview responses, just to get an idea of, you know, what people knew and what kind of resources they knew were available to them. As for your second comment, I didn't actually. From the participants, we didn't hear anything about them going specifically or directly to the industries themselves. A lot of them went through that avenue of either reporting to the MECP or going to like the City of Hamilton or whatnot. So,

nobody mentioned going directly to the industry, but that is something that I think would be quite interesting and a good perspective to add to this study.

Question about differential odour perception and potential tensions between people who perceive odour with neighbour who do not. Response: a limitation was that the sample size was small and we were not allowed to share who had participated and this was outside of scope.

Did the research touch on overlapping issues when it comes to occupational pollution, specifically when there are issues intersecting with the construction and our related industry in our society? Response: Similar to the last question that is a little outside of the scope of our research. We didn't delve too much into the sort of the like the construction side of the odors, we were mainly concerned with the potential, you know, the industries being the potential source of the odors that people were experiencing and sort of their perceptions of the industries themselves, and then also the how local government is dealing with that, because that is such a prominent issue that you know, the residents have brought up, historically anyway, about how the industries are polluting and the odors they're experiencing, and most of them targeting those industries specifically. So we didn't touch upon the construction or anything of that source in this study.

Discussion Items:

4. Zobia delegating at April 15 or May 6th, 2026 General Issues Committee on 2022-2023 CAH Report

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

- Pulling together resources for backyard woodburning, and wood smoke in general and industrial fires. Was unable to meet last month.

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

- Next meeting is Monday March 30, 2026
- Key item is where do we get funding to support projects.
- Our aim is to improve air quality literacy in Hamilton by creating and coordinating science and evidence-based education, outreach, and capacity building initiatives. The group is focusing on translating air quality data, including AQI, into clear or plain language information, explaining potential health impacts, ensuring communication is inclusive, culturally appropriate, and equity focused. We are hopeful that the group seeks to support informed behaviors and policy decisions that can help improve their quality across Hamilton altogether. We decided that these are going to be some of our key steps moving forward using data from Hamilton Monitoring Network and other local air quality sources to help residents understand neighborhood level air conditions.
- One of the key tasks that we have taken away from last meeting is to start using AI-based risk analysis and some of the existing models that the City of Hamilton might have to map pollutant distribution, identify high-risk population, and prioritize affected neighborhoods altogether.

- Would like to do a trial outreach version with Green Venture, increase visibility of cleaner Hamilton after getting some feedback from General Hamilton altogether.

7. Upwind Downwind Conference updates, (5 mins)

The mayor has confirmed their attendance for the opening remarks.

Ticket Sales updates: It has come to our attention that we are not allowed to use Eventbrite which is why I pulled it down. That we are working hard with the City of Hamilton to find a replacement so ticket sales can resume. As soon as we have an alternative solution, we will reach out to everyone with the new link".

One free ticket for each citizen member who regularly attends meetings, one for each speaker, and one for each member organization".

Just a reminder about the table sponsorship for the event. If you have any ideas or could spread the word that would be greatly appreciated.

Current confirmed speakers:

1. Elysia Fuller-Thomson, MSc, "Elysia Fuller-Thomson is a scientific evaluator in the Air Sectors Health Assessment Section of Health Canada where her role comprises research and analysis of the health impacts of common air pollutants. Her work includes a focus on working to assess inequities in air pollution exposure".
 2. George McKibbin, RPP, MCIP, "George McKibbin is a land use and environmental planner with over 45 years of professional experience. He is also a sessional lecturer in the W. Booth School of Engineering Practice and Technology, McMaster University."
 3. Yara Khalaf, "Yara Khalaf is a PhD candidate at Wilfrid Laurier University whose work examines the chemical and biological composition of atmospheric particles . In parallel, she contributes to science education and environmental chemistry engagement through university teaching and community facing outreach initiatives. "
 4. Matthew Adams, PhD, Dr. Matthew Adams is an Associate Professor of Geography, Geomatics & Environment at the University of Toronto Mississauga and Director of the Centre for Urban Environments. His research integrates geospatial modelling and environmental health to advance equitable, policy-relevant solutions to urban air pollution and community health disparities.
- 8. CAH June-December looking for presenters for our monthly meeting. Please e-mail cleanair@hamilton.ca if you want to volunteer or have any suggestions.**
- 9. Community Experiences: an opportunity for anyone to share local air quality experiences, All (10 minutes)**
- 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)**

**Next meeting
April 13**

3:00-5:00pm

In person Harry Howell Arena