



Meeting Minutes
Coordination Committee
Mon. January 12, 2014, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
71 Main St W, City Hall, Rm 192/193

1. Introductions & Welcome

In Attendance:

Denis Corr, Citizen/Rotek Environmental (Chair)
Brian Montgomery, Air Quality Coordinator, City of Hamilton
George McKibbon, McKibbon Wakefield Inc.
Deirdre Connell, Green Venture
Kathryn Enders, Green Venture
Sally Radisic, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Jim Stirling, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
James Kasperetz, OEAC
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton
Brian Lennie, Horizon Utilities Corporation
Scott Peck, Hamilton Conservation Authority
Karen Logan, HIEA Representative, Communication Coordinator
Marie McKeary, McMaster Institute of Environment & Health
Andrew Sebestyen, U.S. Steel Canada
Debbie Achatz, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Peter Chernets, Citizen
Ted Mitchell, Citizen
Dan Dobrin, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
Brian Jantzi, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
Matt Adams, McMaster Centre for Spatial Analysis
Melanie Pham, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Grant Linney, Hamilton Blue Dot
Sandi Remedios, Hamilton Blue Dot

Regrets:

Matt Lawson, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Christine Newbold, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Anna Yusa, Health Canada
Heather Donison, Sustainability, City of Hamilton
Michelle Sergi, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Dave Carson, Dundas in Transition
Heather Arnold, Environment Canada
Katie Chan, U.S. Steel Canada
Peter Topalovic, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton
Patrick Quealey, Environment Canada
Lorraine Vanderzweert– Mohawk College

Tom Chessman, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Carolyn Barnes, ArcelorMittal Dofasco

Meeting Commenced at 3:05pm

- Christine Newbold and Michelle Sergi were unable to attend, Melanie Pham in their place representing Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
- Grant Linney and Sandi Remedios attended from Hamilton Blue Dot to present to the group.

2. Approval of December 8 2014 Minutes

- Attendance was corrected
- Misspelled names corrected
- Clarification on item 4.6 on AQHI Mapping and neural network. Minutes correct on item at time of discussion with group.
- Approved

Presentation:

3. Blue Dot Municipal Declaration – Information – Grant Linney, Hamilton Blue Dot

- Grant presented an interactive presentation – props, video
- The planet is one pace and all is connected
- We lose sight of the planet Earth in our day to day affairs
- Video, Plan and sign up - <http://bluedot.ca/>
- The right to a healthy environment
- Starting with municipality signing on to Declaration (6 points)
- All people have the right to live in a healthy environment, including:
- The right to breathe clean air
- The right to drink clean water.
- The right to consume safe food.
- The right to access nature
- The right to know about pollutants and contaminants released into the local environment.
- The right to participate in decision-making that will affect the environment
- Over the past five years, municipalities across the country have really started to champion sustainability initiatives. The Declaration of the Right to a Healthy Environment is a very empowering springboard for this.
- 8 municipalities have signed the Declaration
- Once a large number of municipalities have signed up, the plan is to take this Declaration forward to the provinces and have it incorporated in Environmental Bills of Rights.

- Within five years, the plan is to go to the federal government and ask for an amendment to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- An information meeting with the Mayor of Hamilton has been arranged

Questions and Discussions:

- It's an aspirational statement – that is one aspect of it
- It is inspirational, but cannot go beyond the power of a City/municipality if endorsed by City
- Have schools been involved? – looking to Council first then see if recommend school boards as well
- Is this advocacy? Clean Air Hamilton does not do advocacy in its mandate
- Are you seeking endorsement?
- Need to discuss
- Is end goal to change Constitution? For a non-legal document this end goal becomes legal?
- Clean Air Hamilton would need to discuss what best way is to support
- If it goes to Constitution, then it becomes legal binding
- How similar is this to other country declarations and rights? – Not known
- Has any other local group endorsed? – Hamilton350 to date, arranging meetings with others
- In principles, it aligns with our goal of clean air as one of the items.
- Access to greenspace came up at Upwind Downwind in 2014 as a theme
- Participation in decision-making = transparency
- But is that not in Provincial government decision-making through Environmental Bill of Rights? – does not say right in terms of legal right
- Statement seems fine, but what is process of this? Implementation? Is this not duplicating things already underway?
- Clean Air Hamilton cannot tell the municipality what to do
- Discussion of motion, endorsement or voting occurred
- Group cannot come to consensus or declare endorsement of Declaration due to advocacy component, scope and mandate of group, diversity of membership and concerns with final process from many members.
- Thank presenters for the information
- More information: <http://bluedot.ca/> and <http://www.hamiltonbluedot.com/#!>

Items:

4. Clean Air Hamilton Group Photos Shoot

- Photo of group was taken with members present at meeting

Updates:

5. Clean Air Hamilton Report Working Group – Information – Brian Montgomery

- Group has reformatted and made report shorter
- Seeking stories of projects that members have undertaken in 2014
- Looking for photos as well
- Looking at balance from non-profit, business, city members and in stories/projects
- Wish to thank Karen Logan and Kathryn Enders for their work on the new proposed format.
- Group will meet again in early February and hope to report on the proposed format to Clean Air Hamilton at February meeting

Action items:

- **Working Group to meet in February to continue discussion and look at format of proposed new Clean Air Hamilton report.**

Other items:

6. Clean Air Hamilton February meeting

- Meeting is on Feb 24, 2014
- Denis Corr not available to chair and has asked Brian Montgomery to Chair

7. Invitation to Speak – Cara Clairman of Plug'n Drive Ontario

- Invitation pending but requesting for March or later meeting
- Interest by members in the topic
- A report is pending, but may be able to get presentation before report to provide feedback to researchers.

Action items:

- **Brian M to contact and ask for her to present at a 2015 meeting**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:55 pm

Next meetings:

February 24, 2015	3:00-5:00pm	City Hall Room 192/193
March 9, 2015	3:00-5:00pm	City Hall Room 192/193