



Meeting Minutes
Coordination Committee
Mon. January 11, 2016, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
71 Main St W, City Hall, Rm 192

1. Introductions & Welcome

In Attendance:

Denis Corr, Corr Research (Chair)
Brian Montgomery, Air Quality Coordinator, City of Hamilton
Karen Logan, HIEA Representative, Communication Coordinator
George McKibbin, McKibbin Wakefield Inc.
Brian Jantzi, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
Christine Borselli-Morgan, Citizen
Jayne Crawley, Horizon Utilities Corporation
Matt Adams, McMaster Centre for Spatial Analysis
Dan Dobrin, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
Andrea McDowell, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Matt Lawson, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton
Jim Stirling, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Andrew Sebestyen, U.S. Steel Canada
Peter Chernets, Citizen
Deirdre Connell, Green Venture
Kathryn Enders, Green Venture
Ted Mitchell, Citizen
Anna Krol – Health Canada
Wayne Terryberry – McMaster
Alex Brodka - McMaster

Regrets:

Debbie Achatz, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Michelle Sergi, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Katie Chan, U.S. Steel Canada
Jonathan Bastien, Hamilton Conservation Authority
Patrick Quealey, Environment Canada
Lorraine Vanderzweilt– Mohawk College
Tom Chessman, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Carolyn Barnes, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Dave Carson, Dundas in Transition
Heather Donison, Sustainability, City of Hamilton
Peter Topalovic, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton

Christine Newbold, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Sally Radisic, Public Health, City of Hamilton
James Kasperetz, OEAC
Anna Yusa, Health Canada
Heather Arnold, Environment Canada

Meeting Commenced at 3:05pm

- Anna Krol introduced herself attending on behalf of with Health Canada
- Wayne Terryberry and Alex Brodka came to present as members of the Hamilton-Burlington Trails Council
- Denis Corr will not be available for the February meeting and has asked Brian Montgomery to chair in his place.

2. Approval of December 7, 2015 Minutes

- Approved

Presentations:

3. Greenways Network – Information

- Focus emerged around the Cootes to Escarpment Paradise project
- Realization there were numerous trail associated groups and individuals but lacked a coordinating and connected green network
- Need to get trail advocates, users and networks together
- Ontario Trails Council approved formation of the Hamilton Burlington Trails Council
- Groups connected with BARC, City, Hamilton Cycling Committee, Bike for Mike, Royal Botanical Gardens, Bike Share,
- Have begun undertaken a trail users survey
- 1 year survey over 12 areas in Hamilton and Burlington
 - Demographics
 - Destination
 - Purpose of use
 - Overall user satisfaction
- Survey work involving McMaster and Mohawk student interns
- In over 6 months have about 800 in-person surveys
- Plus 100 on-line responses as well
- Another initiative is the desire to create a web map and portal
- Create a comprehensive map and further develop a user friendly trail portal
- Include cycling and connectivity in City of Hamilton

- Possibility of a “Trail View” exploration with Google
- Active Transportation Connectivity – collecting data from SoBi Bikes
- Analyzing the gaps in cycling connectivity
- Creation of a Recreational Greenway
- Lots of good multi-user trails
- Think more about multi-user trails separated from motorized vehicles
- Connections
 - Conservation Areas
 - Trails, population centres
 - Transit hubs
 - Popular destinations
 - Waterfalls, vistas
 - Schools, recreation centres
 - Cultural areas and attractions
- Planning:
 - Unused road allowances
 - Abandoned rights of way
 - Utility corridors
 - Developer lands
- Benefits
 - Health
 - Tourism
 - Land-use
 - Economic
- Funding sources
 - Donors
 - Gov’t
 - Grants
 - Public Support
 - Service Clubs
 - Corporate
- Consideration of ecological corridors
- Draft greenway network is already in motion
- Have to do a feasibility study (\$60K)
- Need a Project Manager for Greenway (\$120 over 2 years)

Questions/Comments:

Lynda L – Proposing a greenway like Indianapolis that you showed?
 - Ideas for Burlington Street? Work with City to expand?

Answer: - It is a group project, partners working together on it
 - any feedback please send our way.

George M – Covering a lot of ground here, have you thought about focussing more?

- Advising policy makers of need?
- Stronger argument for streetscapes rather than trails
- Argument needs to be made stronger on walking similar to what has happened with the food movement

Answer: - Multi-use trails will attract those places and improve access to food

Ted M. – Surveys, is there any data on complaints? Where trails don't link up?

Answer – Yes, but complaints are more about user conflicts then connectivity

Lynda L – Do surveys include cyclists on the Cannon Bike Lane?

Answer: No, but we are surveying Ottawa street. The 12 locations are where the City bike counters are located.

Updates:

4. Upwind Downwind 2016 Conference - Information – Brian Montgomery

- Conference is on Monday Feb 22, 2016 at the Sheraton hotel in downtown Hamilton from 8 am to 5pm
- Speakers, agenda, venue, food, audio visual have all been arranged
- Posters distributed to members of Clean Air Hamilton for promotion
- Emails, Social Media have all been underway to promote
- 28 registered for Conference to date
- Early bird pricing done on Jan 24, 2016
- 6 partners for the event – Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association, LURA, Mohawk College, Health Canada, McKibbin Wakefield, Sustainable Hamilton-Burlington
- 60% of costs are covered to date
- Sunday Feb 21st at Sheraton hotel is free public speaker in afternoon
- Dr. Byron Williston with Wilfred Laurier University on ethics, climate change and justice
- 7 have registered for Sunday talk to date
- Need to promote and get word out

5. POA Fines – Information- Matt Lawson

- Setting up an Environmental Reserve Fund for air quality work
- A group of environmental community members - HIEA, Environment Hamilton, Green Venture, Clean Air Hamilton have been consulted on ideas
- The group looked at and consulted with the Hamilton Community Foundation – 3 options there
- A 4th option emerged under the City's Enrichment Fund (CEF) under an Environmental stream
- The City Fund has a grants sub-committee that Brian M and Matt L visited with
- The City CEF sub-committee has asked staff to bring forward a Terms of Reference for the

Environmental Reserve Fund including options.

- Brian M, Andrea M and Matt L with support from City staff operating the CEF will come back to the City CEF sub committee in May with a Staff report
- Suggest looking at creating the “air quality” part of the CEF – Environmental stream that doesn’t step on current process and can fund groups in the 4 areas – events, capacity building, projects, operating grants.
- Also need to be aware that Clean Air Hamilton grant money is also considered City funding, so there is a need to address the issue of “double dipping” perspectives in funding projects under Clean Air Hamilton and the City CEF air quality stream.
- The concept of legacy projects and yearly projects has also been discussed with group and City staff
- City Staff will draft report up and consult with group of environmental community members before presenting to City CEF sub-committee in May 2016.
- Aim to return to March 2016 meeting with update on progress.

6. Clean Air Hamilton Projects 2016 - Information – Brian Montgomery

- Clean Air Hamilton Project submissions for 2016 now open
- Email to be sent to members with template of submission
- Deadline for submissions is Jan 25th
- Aim for Feb 8th meeting to decide 2016 projects.
- \$40K is available in total, suggest submissions consider this
- Same process as 2015
- Can submit proposals for \$5K to \$10K or \$15K, just bear in mind the total amount we have and the more submitted the less opportunities.
- Proponents can submit multiple projects, just be reasonable in requests and numbers for Clean Air Hamilton member’s time in deciding.
- Do not have to be new projects, can be proposals for continuation of current projects (e.g. Totally Transit, Fresh Air Kids, etc.)
- Submissions can come from Clean Air Hamilton members themselves or outside groups (but outside groups should have a proponent for the proposal who is a member of Clean Air Hamilton).
- Proponents should be prepared for questions by members of Clean Air Hamilton or myself for proposals by and at the Feb 8 meeting.
- Complete proposal submissions.
- Proponents cannot decide/vote for projects, they will be required to leave the room once the final projects are being decided upon.
- Strategic goals for submissions can be found on the Clean Air Hamilton website – www.cleanair.hamilton.ca

- Recall that final say on funding comes from Council/Board of Health, however the projects will be decided upon by Clean Air Hamilton to recommend to Council/Board of Health to fund.
- **Submissions to Clean Air Hamilton by Jan 25th, 2016**

7. Industry & Member Updates - Information

Jim S -

- AMD Community Liaison Committee meeting next week

Andy S -

- US Steel restructuring underway

Karen L -

- HIEA is having a presentation on cap and trade from Golders
- Meeting is Jan 12 at AMD offices

Lynda L -

- Trees for Hamilton Air Quality project funded
- Job posting
- Project looks at planting trees in neighbourhoods with high air pollutant levels
- Opportunity to present at future Clean Air Hamilton meeting

Brian J -

- Rob Kaleel with LADCO coming to Upwind Downwind
- Brian organizing a get together

George M -

- Interested in status of the air shed modelling work

Answer – Airshed model work is still underway

- Expect data crunching to be done in Feb 2016
- Presentation at Upwind Downwind Conference by Golder on process
- Work is beginning on communication plan with partners once draft work is completed
- Awaiting draft report to review
- April 2016 HIEA annual general meeting, hope to have presentation of information there

Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 pm

Next meetings:

February 8, 2016
March 14, 2016

3:00-5:00pm
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