



Meeting Minutes
Coordination Committee
Mon. June 9, 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/Mac Engineering Physics (Chair)
Brian Montgomery, Air Quality Coordinator, City of Hamilton
Anna Yusa, Health Canada
Matt Lawson, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Andrew Sebestyen, U.S. Steel Canada
Peter Chernets, Citizen
Michael Gemmell, Green Venture
Jim Stirling, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
George McKibbon, McKibbon Wakefield Inc.
Heather Donison, Senior Project Manager, Sustainability, City of Hamilton
Alissa Mahood, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Hazel Breton, Hamilton Conservation Authority
Sally Radisic, Public Health, City of Hamilton
Dave Carson, Dundas in Transition
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton
Marie McKeary, McMaster Institute of Environment & Health
Karen Logan, HIEA Representative, Communication Coordinator
Debbie Achatz, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Beatrice Ekoko, Environment Hamilton
Jay Carter, Environment Hamilton
Joy Liu, Environment Hamilton
Adrian Pruchnicki, Environment Canada
Geoffrey Knapper, Ministry of Environment
Clr. Sam Merulla, City of Hamilton Ward 4
Matthew Van Dongen, Hamilton Spectator

Regrets:

Peter Topalovic, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton
Lorraine Vanderzweert– Mohawk College
Patrick Quealey, Environment Canada
Katie Chan, U.S. Steel Canada
Tom Chessman, Public Works, City of Hamilton
Deirdre Connell, Green Venture
Mark Smithson, Ministry of Environment
Brian Lennie, Horizon Utilities Corporation
James Kaspersetz, OEAC

Carolyn Barnes, ArcelorMittal Dofasco
Michelle Sergi, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton
Kathryn Gold, Green Venture

Meeting Commenced at 3:05pm

2. Approval of May 2014 Minutes

- Approved

Other items:

3. St. Christopher Air Monitor – Information & Discussion– Clr. Sam Merulla

- Hamilton Air Monitoring Network (HAMN) is industry participation in air monitoring
- \$ from industry pays operating costs of air monitors
- Oversight and communication with Ministry of the Environment (MOE)
- Most of these stations were historically run by MOE (2003) and other locations industrial air monitors run by industries
- HAMN share information from air monitors with public through website (2009)
- But operation is dependent on member numbers and some members have been lost resulting in lower budget to support air monitors
- HAMN is voluntary, MOE does not have the legislative authority to force companies to join under current abatement structure.
- MOE does individual monitoring of companies on case by case basis
- MOE could request companies join voluntarily to HAMN
- Wish to thank ArcelorMittal Dofasco for \$ to continue St. Christopher's Park monitor

Request 1) Policy Change - Request HAMN look at policy to allow community to be notified of a station being put out of commission

- Community sensitivity around air monitors that needs to be recognized in decisions
- HAMN works with MOE on decisions around air monitors and notifies MOE on removals from system
- Could this be communicated to Clean Air Hamilton
- Can be discussed at next HAMN meeting with members
- MOE could request companies join voluntarily to HAMN

Action item: Clean Air Hamilton requests HAMN to look at policy change and ask to be notified when monitors will be removed from system.

Request 2) Proceeds of Fines to be Used for Environmental Mitigation

- MOE is responsible for levying fines on companies that have contravened environmental standards
- Recent case resulted in fines due to air impacts - \$390K, fines and associated monies are received by City of Hamilton
- Councillor Merulla wished to inform CAH members of a proposed motion to be presented to Council. The councillor will be presenting the following motion: That Council set up an Environmental Mitigation Reserve and work with community stakeholders – Environment Hamilton, Clean Air Hamilton on identifying tools and community development initiatives focussed on air quality improvements to be recipients of these levies and fines resulting from air impacts.
- Currently MOE Environmental Penalties does not cover air impacts, this is a significant gap
- The councillor explained his reason for the motion was to prevent fines being placed into general revenues.
- Members had general agreement that fines should be used on projects that are tied to impacts of the environment from source – e.g. air quality, water quality, land use etc.

Action item: Clean Air Hamilton supports the idea of using fines associated with air quality impacts to be used for air quality improvement projects in Hamilton. Await outcome of motion at Council.

Request 3) City of Hamilton join HAMN

- Request that Public Health join as member with funding from Province (Health)
- City currently an associate member and supports air monitor for Woodworth wastewater treatment plant
- Legal barriers currently exist and City staff will ask City Legal staff to clarify.

Action item: City staff to explore membership at HAM with City Legal staff.

Request 4) Expand membership in HAMN for all companies that have air impacts

- HAMN is voluntary, MOE does not have the legislative authority to force companies to join under current abatement structure.
- MOE could request companies join voluntarily to HAMN
- Looked at this issue in 2009?
- Who should be members? All air emitters? Large, medium, small?
- Request to compile list of who is on HAMN and who is on National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) to identify gaps
- Work with MOE to pursue companies to join HAMN again

Action item: Public Health volunteered to compare list of HAMN members with those listed on NPRI, and City will work with MOE to pursue more companies to join.

Presentations:

4. Energy and Local Improvement Charges – Heather Donison

- LICs (Local Improvement Charges) for financing energy retrofits
- LICs enabled by Province (Municipal Affairs & Housing-MAH)
- MAH clarified in 2012 that could be used for energy
- Tied to property, not owner
- Already been used in Hamilton for lead water pipe replacement
- Not the same as a Home Improvement Loan from Bank
- Tied to property not owner
- Thermal envelope, mechanical upgrades, water efficiency and upgrades, and renewable energy systems could be included
- A lot of communities interested in LICs
- Only City of Toronto has first LIC program in Ontario
- Must have community support to move this in Hamilton
- Key is focus on neighbourhoods where needed and financial challenges
- Focus on longer term 10- 15 year projects to match pay back period
- Barrier to sale? House sale discloses LIC on property
- Toronto is using LICs on apartments as well.
- City's position is information at this time, watching Toronto program
- Can build program (takes time) but need community support
- Green Venture, Environment Hamilton, Office of Energy Initiatives shown interest

Action item: Clean Air Hamilton supports undertaking LICs to enable energy improvements, requests interested member groups talk with each other and Heather to help City move this forward.

Updates:

5. Climate Change Group Update – Information - Brian Montgomery

- Last meeting of Working Group was today, now phasing in to be Project team and members of Steering Committee.
- Members for Steering Committee – social, environmental and economic focus. Community members have been approached.
- Potential Task Force groups – Energy, Transportation, Water, Food & Agriculture, Transportation, Health
- Looking at July 8, 2014 as start date for Steering Committee
- Organizing kick off event for July 23, 2014.

- Looked at a Change labs = cultural change as an event, but it is more a process that is unfolding
- Will keep eye on Change Labs and see what can be used in process, but Change Labs are separate entity forming in Hamilton
- Potential survey to come out before July 23 event so assess what current thinking on climate change is locally, so beginning from common ground and perspectives.

6. 2013 Clean Air Hamilton Report – Information - Brian Montgomery

- Clean Air Hamilton 2013 Report is complete
- Presentation to Board of Health July 10, 2014 at 1pm
- Presentation by Denis Corr, Chair
- Clean Air Hamilton members welcome to attend.
- Brian to notify members when Report is accepted by Board of Health and Council, so report can be released publically.

Other items:

7. Multi-sector Air Pollutants Regulations – Information – Anna Yusa

- Multi-sector Air Pollutants Regulations have now been posted online on the Canada Gazette:
- <http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2014/2014-06-07/html/reg2-eng.html>
- Focus on cement, heaters and boilers and stationary engines

Meeting Adjourned at 4:37 pm

Next meetings:

July 14, 2014	3:00-5:00pm	City Hall Room 192/193
August 11, 2014	3:00-5:00pm	City Hall Room 192/193