



**Meeting Minutes**  
Coordination Committee  
Mon. July 14, 2014, 3:00 – 5:00 pm  
71 Main St W, City Hall, Rm 192/193

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**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  
Andrew Sebestyen, U.S. Steel Canada  
Peter Chernets, Citizen  
George McKibbin, McKibbin Wakefield Inc.  
Heather Donison, Sustainability, City of Hamilton  
James Kasperetz, OEAC  
Carolyn Barnes, ArcelorMittal Dofasco  
Michelle Sergi, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Sally Radisic, Public Health, City of Hamilton  
Deirdre Connell, Green Venture  
Mark Smithson, Ministry of Environment  
Dave Carson, Dundas in Transition  
Debbie Achatz, Public Works, City of Hamilton  
Jay Carter, Environment Hamilton  
Joy Liu, Environment Hamilton  
Heather Arnold, Environment Canada  
Frank Gazzola, Public Works, City of Hamilton  
Steven Tullis, McMaster University

**Regrets:**

Matt Lawson, Public Health, City of Hamilton  
Jim Stirling, ArcelorMittal Dofasco  
Marie McKeary, McMaster Institute of Environment & Health  
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton  
Karen Logan, HIEA Representative, Communication Coordinator  
Peter Topalovic, Smart Commute -TDM, City of Hamilton  
Lorraine Vanderzwelt– Mohawk College  
Patrick Quealey, Environment Canada  
Katie Chan, U.S. Steel Canada  
Hazel Breton, Hamilton Conservation Authority  
Tom Chessman, Public Works, City of Hamilton  
Brian Lennie, Horizon Utilities Corporation  
Kathryn Gold, Green Venture

*Meeting Commenced at 3:05pm*

## **2. Approval of June 9 2014 Minutes**

- Approved except Item 3 St. Christopher Air Monitor
- Suggested changes were sent by Email from Marie McKeary
- Deferred approval on Item 3 until Marie present to discuss changes
- Andy Sebestyn reported that the HAMN board had discussed Clean Air Hamilton's request and agreed to update CAH on any significant changes to their air monitoring network

### **Presentation:**

## **3. City of Hamilton Corporate Energy Policy – Information – Debbie Achatz**

- Corporate Energy Policy created in 2007, updated in 2014
- Every 5 years there is a review/revision
- Energy intensity targets – 20% by 2020, 45% by 2030 and 60% by 2050.
- Corporate GHG absolute targets - 20% by 2020, 50% by 2030 and 80% by 2050.
- 2005 is base year, GHG emissions include direct and indirect emissions
- Applies to the City of Hamilton 'Corporation' not just Facilities and Water
- All City Boards and Agencies are encouraged to participate in achieving Corporate targets
- Corporate Energy Steering Committee has been formed to be oversight to Plan
- Plan can be found on-line at:  
<http://www.hamilton.ca/CityDepartments/PublicWorks/Office+of+Energy+Initiatives/>
- Green Energy Act applies for work in 2011, an Energy Management Plan will be submitted in 2014.

### **Items:**

## **4. Clarity and Atmosphere – Discussion- Everyone**

- D. Corr read out relevant parts of Clean Air Hamilton Terms of Reference
- Rarely do we have formal votes
- More information sharing group
- Facilitated consensus process in group decision-making
- Deferred further discussion until next meeting

## **5. Port Fuels and Materials Services Inc. – Information – Denis Corr**

- Port Fuels made presentation to Board of Health on July 10, 2014

- Regards to the development at Pier 15
- Have approached Clean Air Hamilton for a member on their Community Liaison Committee
- James Kaspersetz volunteered to represent Clean Air Hamilton on the Community Liaison Committee

## Updates:

### 6. 2013 Clean Air Hamilton Report – Information - Brian Montgomery & Denis Corr

- Presentation to Board of Health July 10, 2014 at 5pm by Denis Corr, Chair
- CAH and Hamilton continue to be seen as as world wide leaders in air quality improvement (1500 website hits per week from all over the world)
- 90% improvement in most air quality measures since the 70s, particularly for those pollutants over which there is local control.
- Deaths/health impacts remain a concern
- Climate change is here, however 80% of Ontario’s electricity generation is air pollution free, so divert to electrical uses and peak shaving
- Need to continue to push successful air quality programs, bring forward Air Quality Task Force actions, fund city Air Quality Model and approve/promote Local Improvement Charges to enable homeowners to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (residential emissions are largest sector after industry)
- Clean Air Hamilton Report is available on the website for distribution
- Board of Health accepted report and recommendations
- BOH comments were positive, fully accepting information presented and stressing the need for actions to deal with health impacts of poor air quality and challenges of climate change
- A group was recommended to look at streamlining the report for the next 2014 report
- Individuals identified (April 14, 2014 meeting minutes) are
- Andy Sebestyen (lead) (U.S. Steel Canada)
- Lynda Lukasik (Environment Hamilton)
- Katie Chan (U.S. Steel Canada)
- Jim Stirling (ArcelorMittal Dofasco)
- Karen Logan (HIEA)
- Katherine Gold (Green Venture)
- Brian Montgomery (Clean Air Hamilton)

**Action item: Brian to contact members of 2014 Report Group to begin meeting dates**

### 7. Clean Air Hamilton “Valuation” – Reminder

- Email sent out to all members regarding the E(valuation) assessment of Clean Air Hamilton

- Hard copies provided at meeting
- Encourage members to complete and submit to Marie McKeary

**Action item: Members to submit responses to E(valuation) survey to Marie McKeary.**

## **8. Air Quality Management System – Information – Denis Corr**

- Denis presented the work and discussion occurring around the Canada wide Air Quality Management System
- Air Standards are being tightened
- Provided examples of airshed zone management in other Provinces
- One province requires all National Pollutant Release Inventory emitters to contribute financially to help fund operation of AQMS. Thus averts the need to continually seek and retain members and funding for organizations such as HAMN
- Still have no information on extent of Air Zones in Ontario or how they will operate

## **9. Climate Change Group Update – Information - Brian Montgomery**

- July 22, 2014 is launch of the “Lets Talk About the Weather” campaign in the community to engage and develop a community climate change plan.
- Event will be at Liuna 1-5pm
- Plan and actions will look at preparing community for climate change impacts/risks as well as reductions of emission sources
- The Climate Change Working group has expanded to become the Steering Committee for this work
- Members for Steering Committee – social, environmental and economic focus. Community members have been approached and met on July 7, 2014.
- Task Force groups will be formed after the event to examine themes areas such as – Energy, Transportation, Water, Food & Agriculture, Transportation, Health and to make recommendations for actions
- Broader community engagement will include in-person events (like Liuna), coffee and other community gathering spots conversations, and pop up booths at events. On-line conversations and notifications will be through Hamilton Climate Change Champions website, Facebook page and project specific Twitter account.
- 14 months of work begins in July 2014.
- Council and Clean Air Hamilton will be kept informed of activities and results.

**Action item: Members encouraged to be involved in engagement and development of the community climate change plan. Contact [climatechange@hamilton.ca](mailto:climatechange@hamilton.ca) if you have ideas, actions or wish to suggest a venue or host a climate plan conversation with your networks.**

**Other items:**

## 10. Land Use Compatibility – George McKibbin

- CAH has raised the concern that the land use compatibility guidelines used by planners and the Ministry of the Environment require updating.
- This is being worked on presently in part through the implementation of the Air Quality Task Force Report recommendations.
- In addition to the concerns CAH has expressed, it has come to our attention that under certain circumstances, Planning Act decisions made using the land use compatibility guidelines may place industrial operations out of compliance with their Environmental Protection Act requirements because the guidelines and administrative procedures used by municipalities and the Ministry of the Environment under the Planning and Environmental Protection Acts don't work well together.
- Where this occurs, it may not be economically or technically feasible to bring these industrial and facility operations back into compliance.
- It appears that this problem may be unique to Ontario.
- Implementation of the CAH recommendations on updating the land use compatibility guidelines will not only help improve air quality, it will address this short coming to the benefit of all concerned.

## 11. Dust Abatement – James Kaspersetz

- Enquiry on status of City work looking at dust abatement strategies by James
- Identified as action under Air Quality Task Force
- Report was presented to Board of Health on July 7, 2014 outlining potential activities
- Report included scan of best practices, by-laws and activities for dust abatement by McMaster Institute of Environment and Health.
- Awaiting report from Municipal Law Enforcement regarding Oakville PM by-law.

**Action item: Members to be provided copy of Public Health Report regarding Dust Abatement.**

*Meeting Adjourned at 4:55 pm*

### Next meetings:

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|--------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| <b>August 11, 2014</b>   | 3:00-5:00pm | City Hall Room 192/193 |
| <b>September 8, 2014</b> | 3:00-5:00pm | City Hall Room 192/193 |