



**Meeting Minutes**  
Coordination Committee  
Mon. April 13, 2015, 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, Corr Research (Chair)  
Brian Montgomery, Air Quality Coordinator, City of Hamilton  
Brian Lennie, Horizon Utilities Corporation  
Scott Peck, Hamilton Conservation Authority  
Dan Dobrin, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change  
Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton  
Karen Logan, HIEA Representative, Communication Coordinator  
Christine Newbold, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
George McKibbon, McKibbon Wakefield Inc.  
Jim Stirling, ArcelorMittal Dofasco  
Andrew Sebestyen, U.S. Steel Canada  
Deirdre Connell, Green Venture  
Peter Chernets, Citizen  
Brian Jantzi, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change  
James Kaspersetz, OEAC  
Matt Adams, McMaster Centre for Spatial Analysis  
Heather Arnold, Environment Canada  
Barry Duffey, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change  
David Haddock, Horizon Utilities Corporation  
Christine Borselli-Morgan, Environment Hamilton  
Cara Clairman, Plug N Drive Ontario

**Regrets:**

Matt Lawson, Public Health, City of Hamilton  
Kathryn Enders, Green Venture  
Sally Radisic, Public Health, City of Hamilton  
Ted Mitchell, Citizen  
Anna Yusa, Health Canada  
Marie McKeary, McMaster Institute for Healthier Environments  
Heather Donison, Sustainability, City of Hamilton  
Michelle Sergi, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton  
Dave Carson, Dundas in Transition  
Debbie Achatz, Public Works, City of Hamilton  
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*

## **2. Approval of March 9, 2015 Minutes**

- **Approved**

### **Presentation:**

## **3. Elective Vehicles –PlugDrive Ontario – Information – Cara Clairman**

- Largest portion of emissions is transportation in Ontario.
- Cost and environment benefits of Electric Vehicles presented.
- Ontario has locally made energy – hydro and nuclear which runs 24/7 so have a surplus at night
- With phase out of Coal, Ontario energy has become “greener”.
- Economic savings based in gas usage of vehicle.
- High cost upfront to Electric Vehicles but savings occur as you use/own – less maintenance, less gas usage.
- Also government incentives/rebates to vehicles available.
- Electric vehicles are low in carbon dioxide emissions.
- Still need to order an Electric Vehicle, there is a supply issue.
- Not all models available at this time to test drive and not all dealers make it available
- Dan D noted he was interested, asked a local dealer and was told to test drive and order in Toronto.
- However there are more choices of electric vehicle now then there was in 2011 and more model are coming.
- Leasing not an option, seems direct ownership is offered in most cases.
- Big focus is on education and awareness of these vehicles.
- There is an on-line map of charging stations - <http://www.caa.ca/evstations/>
- Charge My Car – can purchase home charging systems. 17 units available from 8 manufacturers.
- Can plug vehicle directly into plugs at home, but depends on voltage. Some people prefer the charging stations as oppose to directly plugging.
- Most drivers tend to upsize their needs, need to resize your thoughts on what you really would use a vehicle for.

- Again choice of going for an Electric Vehicle is dependent on usage and range of driving for costs savings.
- Roughly translates to 1/5 savings electricity vs. gas dependent on mileage and use.
- There is need for better signage to identify Electric Vehicle charging locations.
- Also risk that a vehicle owner (electric or otherwise) is occupying a charging station that others need.
- Risk of availability and needs better co-ordination of this – new technology offers an option
- How long do batteries last? There is an 8 to 10 year warranty on batteries, but based on hybrid vehicle experience it seems like batteries are lasting beyond 12 years.
- Denis mentioned there is a need to look at better financing of these types of vehicles to make them and charging stations more available.

## **Updates:**

### **4. Board of Health April 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting – Information – Matt Lawson**

- Matt L not able to attend Clean Air Hamilton meeting.
- Brian M provided update.
- Clean Air Hamilton 2015 Projects funding approved by Board of Health.
- Agreements for parties with City Legal for review.
- Once reviewed, project proponents will be contacted by Brian M.
- PM By-Law, presentation by Cindy Toth of Oakville.
- Presentation accepted by Board of Health.
- 2 Councillors asked questions around application to Hamilton.
- Question of differences in airshed and industries.
- Question if by-law scared economic development away.
- Question on legality of by-law.
- City staff directed to look at by-law and application to Hamilton including addition component of the economic development impacts of by-law to Hamilton.
- Wood burning by-law presentation by Ted and Lynda to be presented to Board of Health on April 20.

### **5. HIEA Annual Meeting and Workshop – Information**

- Karen L and Jim S reported back
- Workshop was held on April 2, 2015 at the Waterfront
- Workshop topics on airshed model and air monitoring in Hamilton
- Included a presentation from the Sarnia-Lambton Industrial Association

- Good attendance and many thanks to Karen L for putting together a great program and speakers

## **6. Clean Air Hamilton Report – Brian Montgomery**

- Intend to present at July 9, 2015 Board of Health
- Report must be completed to City by May 29, 2015
- Can we meet timelines? Group feels we can
- 22 pages in draft
- Some items still remain to be crafted up
- Brian M has spoken with Karen L and Kathryn E on timelines and items that remain
- Denis has spoken with Dan D at Ministry of Environment and Climate Change with regards to air trend comparison graphs
- Feel at air quality trends data can be available by end of April
- This will meet timelines as air trends data is a key outstanding piece
- Question will be format to city comparisons and graph style - lines vs bar graphs
- Options on graphs to be presented once data is made available
- Only one Clean Air Hamilton meeting remains – May 11 to see report
- Feel discussion and input can be done through Emails on final product to meet May 29 deadline date.

### **Action items:**

- 1) **Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to provide data**
- 2) **Brian M to meet and talk with Karen L with regards to writing and remaining pieces of report**

## **7. Hamilton Climate Change Plan – Information – Brian Montgomery**

- Brian M. updated group on the Climate Change Community Plan process
- Now into Stage 4 which is implementation framework
- Taskgroups have come up with list of community actions including the top 10 actions to move forward – range from education, policy decisions to implementation body
- These actions and top 10 priority actions will be posted on-line week of April 22
- April 22 have been invited to present at the Hamilton Environmental Summit.
- Will have a panel made up of three representatives of the Taskforces and Steering Committee
- Province announced cap and trade as carbon pricing mechanism action recently.
- May look like Quebec system, but the rules have not been provided at this time, so no further information.

## Items:

### 8. Clean Air Hamilton Decision Making Group - Discussion – Aim for Agreement

- Input needed on decision making
- Key elements on how to run decisions and what actions are taken
- How meetings are run
- Clean Air Hamilton is an information body, rarely make decisions
- This is an information sharing group
- Share points of views amongst members in an open forum
- Please minimize the items that may require voting
- Good example is voting process for how funding is distributed to projects
- Key items such as request for policy changes should be discussions
- Where we do need to make key decisions, need to clear on how
- If we take a vote, how is that done? Voting cards were good idea
- Need more detail or information on how decisions are brought to the table. Such as: here is what fits/does not fit. Does it address mandate of Clean Air Hamilton? Yes/No
- We look at funding and research issues
- We make recommendations to people that make decisions based on scientific validated/rational decisions
- Decisions/Voting: Identified in agenda in advance of Clean Air Hamilton meeting
- Any items that require a decisions goes to Chair and coordinator 2 or 3 weeks in advance of meeting Clean Air Hamilton date.
- Any presentation should be brought forward to the group at least one week in advance of meetings
- Need to ask what you are looking for upfront on item from Clean Air Hamilton?
- Does it fall into the Terms of Reference?
- Recommend that 3 or 4 members review the Terms of Reference and identify new wording to capture discussion today and present back to Committee
- Strive for Agreement, not competition amongst members, try and sort things out, discussions are free and open

#### Action items:

- 1) **3 or 4 members to work with Brian M on new working on guidelines for decisions on the Terms of Reference to present back to Committee at a later date.**

*Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm*

#### Next meetings:

**May 11, 2015**  
**June 8, 2015**

**3:00-5:00pm**  
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