



Community Advisory Panel

MINUTES

February 8, 2007

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dofasco – First Floor, Conference Room E

Present: Martha Allan, Dale Brown, Ed Cocchiarella, Sandra Rogers, Andy Sebestyen, Pat Thiessen, Anne Turner, Brian Young
Guest: Anthony Ciccone (Golder Associates)

2. Welcome and introductions

3. Presentation – Anthony Ciccone (Golder Associates)

Anthony has been working on air quality studies in the Toronto area utilizing meteorological data and is developing models that may be useful in the Hamilton area to identify potential solutions for fugitive dust issues. They used MM5 (developed by Penn State) meteorological data to set up the model. The study focuses on CO, NO_x, PM_{2.5}, SO₂ and VOC and looks at area, mobile and point source emissions. He explained that they used Environment Canada's 2000 Residual Discharge Information Systems (RDIS) without adjustments for date, time or season.

They looked at the Hamilton Air Shed to assess the cumulative impact of PM₁₀ emissions. Anthony indicated there may be an urban air quality meeting in May hosted by the Air & Waste Management Association www.awma.on.ca. He suggested we should watch for further information.

Anthony discussed why smog days occur. Normally the ozone layer travels over Hamilton at very high altitudes but when certain weather conditions are present this layer is forced down to ground level resulting in heavy smog. Golder Associates is looking at ways to obtain funding to do the next step in this study which helps to focus on public health.

4. Future Meeting Plans – Karen provided an update on some of the issues raised at the January meeting including communications and marketing of HIEA and the CAP. She has contacted McMaster's MACGreen group who will advertise CAP meetings in their newsletter to the students and other organizations to confirm that the HIEA logo and a link to our website is located on other websites.

4. **CAP Co-chair** – Ann Buckle has stepped down as co-chair. There was a general discussion regarding how and why we should find a replacement. The co-chair is the community connection to HIEA. The duties generally included presenting at the annual meeting, working with the staff assistant to develop agendas and to coordinate events. There will be an election at the April meeting and Karen is to send out a call for nominations.

5. **HIEA Conference**

- CAP members were reminded about the conference on March 22 at the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce with a workshop from 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m followed by a reception and our annual meeting. The MIEH speaker will present at 6:30. Everyone is invited. We will apply to have the conference count as maintenance points for industrial hygiene - Andy will send the appropriate paperwork to Karen to apply to the American and Canadian associations.

6. **Next Meeting**

Date: Thursday April 12, 2007
Place: Dofasco first floor conference room F
Topic: Sanimax/ABP presentation and possibly a Naturally Hamilton presentation

Karen to post information about future CAP meetings with the Spectator and on the city web site – events page.

Reported by Karen Logan