



Community Advisory Panel  
**MINUTES**  
May 10, 2007  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Dofasco – First Floor, Conference Room E

**Present:** Jessica Aird, Martha Allan, Dwayne Alexander Brown, Ed Cocchiarella, Debbie Levo, Cindy Mercanti, Lorna Moreau, Linda Pickvance, Andy Sebestyen, Shawn Selway, Pat Thiessen, Steven Toplak, Brian Young

**Guest:** Chris Murray (City of Hamilton)

## 1. Welcome and introductions

## 2. Presentations:

- Chris Murray – City of Hamilton – gave an excellent presentation on the progress of the Red Hill Valley Expressway. He provided slides highlighting the work done. He explained how Hamilton was the first city to ever go through an environmental assessment for this type of project. The road is set to open in the fall this year – probably in November. Chris discussed how the valley and the creek were assessed and the different experts that were brought in to develop the plans. He showed how they have provided for the naturalization of the area and protected plant and animal habitat.

Chris explained that The Red Hill Valley Project is an integrated, environmentally responsible infrastructure project with five parts:

### **Parkway:**

- The north-south leg of the 403 to QEW parkway.
- An eight-kilometer, four-lane 90 km/hour controlled access parkway.
- A truck climbing lane from the Greenhill Avenue interchange to the Mud Street interchange.

### **Stormwater Management Ponds**

- A series of stormwater quality facilities that filter runoff from the roadway and adjacent development.
- A stormwater detention facility to protect the QEW, CN Rail lines, Barton Street and the Parkway from flooding that could be expected from a 100-year storm event.

### **Naturalized, Stabilized Red Hill Creek**

Realignment of 7 kilometers of the Creek using natural channel design techniques that will:

- Increase fish habitat
- Remove existing barriers to fish migration
- Significantly reduce sediment loading to Windermere Basin

### **Combined Sewer Overflow Pipe**

- 2.8 km long
- Reduces number of discharges into creek from 20-27 times per year to 1-3

### **Landscape Management Plan**

- Trails
- Tree Planting (15:1 ratio)
- Parks
- Ecological Restoration
- Cultural Features

The city worked with many partners to ensure that all areas were addressed properly.

- Ed Cocchiarella – presented a review of the HIEA answering service and the proposed fridge magnet for HIEA. We are trying to assist the community and make companies more accessible and this is one way we are considering to reach neighbourhoods. Lorna indicated that from conversation she has had the neighbours are calling all the companies when there is an environmental incident. We went through the attached presentation and discussed options. The 3 ½" x 5" magnet was preferred. CAP members asked that the MOE and city of Hamilton spills numbers be included on the magnet as well as instructions to call as soon as possible after noticing the incident. Distribution – how to get the magnets out was discussed. Lorna offered to deliver the magnets in her neighbourhood. The Beach Strip has their community yard sale on the second Sunday in July – HIEA could set up a display and give out magnets and information. Environment Hamilton and other community groups could be contacted. Is it possible to send a letter with the magnet? The community booth at the Centre Mall could be available for a display. If people have email we could send a pdf of the information. We could also provide the information on card stock and distribute them at all events where HIEA is present.
- Andy gave an update on Earth Day. HIEA presented at 10 workshops – 5 classes from the Catholic Board of Education on the first day and 5 classes from the Public School Board on the second day. We averaged 30 to 40 kids at each workshop. We played the 'do you want to be an environmental "almost" millionaire' game and gave money out to the winners. This event has been very successful and popular. The time slots fill up quickly and many schools have not been able to attend because there is no more room so next year they are considering going to a three day event.

### **3. Next Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday June 14, 2007  
**Place:** Dofasco first floor conference room F  
**Topic:** TBA

*Reported by Karen Logan*