



Community Advisory Panel

**DRAFT MINUTES**

September 8, 2011

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit Hall – 316 Beach Blvd.

**Present:** There were 26 people in attendance – the following signed the registration: Christine Averink, Hans-Peters Boergers, Hans Boergers, Josephine Boergers, Mike Brown, Jane Budnork, Dorothy Clapham, David Hart-Dyke, John Hall, Frank Harrison, Sam Hobbs, Karen Logan, Brian McCarry, Ed Nolan, Peter O’Hagan, Michael Oitzel, Mike, Bert, Cassandra and Alexander Raferad, Agnes Santori, Lori Small, Jim Stirling, Pat Thiessen, Terry Thorn, .

**1. Welcome and introductions**

**2. Presentation – Dr. Brian McCarry – Clean Air Hamilton Annual Report update**

Brian McCarry, Chair of Clean Air Hamilton began his presentation with a description and brief history of Clean Air Hamilton including: stakeholders, the initiatives, 3 year strategic plans, programs and activities. He also presented the results from the 2010 CAH annual report including information on many different areas including air quality in Hamilton, the Hamilton Air Monitoring Network, the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI), the mobile monitoring program that received additional funding from ArcelorMittal Dofasco and Urban Planning. He provided information about the 2010 and 2012 Upwind/Downwind Conferences. He ended his presentation with a list of recommended actions for Hamilton and Clean Air Hamilton’s plans for the future. His presentation can be found on the HIEA website.

There were a number of questions for Dr. McCarry relating to specific odours and pollutants. He provided information where possible and indicated that air quality in Canada and Hamilton specifically ranks much better than most other countries. He referenced a local study by Murray M. Finkelstein, Michael Jerrett and Malcolm R. Sears - Traffic Air Pollution and Mortality Rate Advancement Periods - (<http://aje.oxfordjournals.org/content/160/2/173.full>) indicating that people living within 50 – 100 meters of a major road have a 2x risk of cardio vascular disease and heart attacks.

There were some questions that related to water issues in the harbour. John Hall, the Remedial Action Plan Coordinator was able to provide information about the historic issues we are currently facing. He also indicated that modelling shows that a large portion of water pollution is a result of our own lifestyle choices – pollutants are introduced into the watershed which ultimately gets into the harbour.

**3. Community concerns/issues – Roundtable discussion**

There was a brief discussion about monitoring stations including a proposed site on the Beach Strip. There are a number of issues that can delay the installation including the cost and selection of viable locations. When choosing a site vandalism concerns are taken into consideration.

There were a few issues reported over the summer. These were forwarded to member companies and were resolved quickly.

**Next CAP Meeting**

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday November 10, 2011
<b>Place:</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Speaker/Topic:</b>	<b>TBD</b>

*Reported by Karen Logan*