

Clean Air Sarnia and Area – meeting notes - October 29, 2015

- There were nine participants representing First Nations, industry, municipality and community, and eight MOECC staff at the third meeting of the Clean Air Sarnia Community Advisory Committee.
- Dean Edwardson provided an update on the Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association Trends in Air Quality.
- Donna Shaw and Chris Charron provided a report back on the committee's discussion from the first two meetings, as well as proposed next steps based on the committee's input.
- Dan McDonald provided highlights of the Collaborative Project focusing on fenceline and Leak Detection and Release (LDAR), followed by a facilitated discussion on the vision, mission and terms of reference for the committee.

Questions from the group include the following:

Can stack emissions monitoring data be made available to the public?

For the vision statement – could we add comprehensive, clear and dynamic information?

For the mission – could we add transparency and easily accessible? Could we remove “To operate’ and change from “to oversee” to “to guide”, or “to facilitate”.

From the background statement– should we have the goal ‘to improve air quality’? Group agreed, potentially yes, as a long-term goal. Specifically, data from the air monitoring network will lead to a better understanding of changes in air quality over time.

Could we add community education as a goal, ie the need to be more than an organization that spits out data. Need to do outreach, to communicate that the industry is supportive of this initiative, but are not running it. Find out what HAMN does in terms of outreach/education.

For Roles and Responsibilities – OK to keep “policies that improve local air quality’ realizing that we are focusing on data access in the short-term.

Will meeting minutes be made public? Will names of committee members be removed? Feeling that there should be transparency regarding what the committee is doing. The committee agreed that meeting minutes would be posted online once the website is operational. Before the website is built, where will the meeting minutes reside?

What is the name of the committee? Clean Air Sarnia, Clean Air Sarnia and Area, Bluewater, Clean Air

Next meeting - will be in a couple of months while the Ministry and SLEA assess different types of demo websites, potential web designers.

Other agenda topics: funding, developmental costs, do we need a technical working group, communications plan, how will the technical review of the air monitoring network take place and when?