



Clean Air Sarnia Area

Co-Chair – Sarnia Lambton Environmental Association

Co-Chair – Ontario Ministry of Environment Conservation & Parks

Meeting Minutes

Date	Time	Location	Frequency
June 18 2020	1400 – 1600	SLEA Boardroom, 1086 Modeland Road	Quarterly (3-4 per year)
Supported Technology	Attendance		
<u>Microsoft Teams</u> Audio or Video Conferencing	D. McDonald, A. Lockridge, C. Schofield, C. Lafrance, J. Macbeth, J. Boothe, L. Orphan, K. Lee, T. Lannin, G. Archambeault, M. McKay, T. Murray, M. Santavy, D. Fusco, M. Gagnon, K. Zimmer, O. Gover, J. Lasowski, B. Prouse, C. Burke, S. Odolphy, J. Gilmore, H. Sharifi, R. Melzer, A. Verhagen, P. Rehbein, G. Heath, A. Salb, S. Johnston, D. Rogers-James, A. Martin, K. Van Sickle, J. Bennett, J. Meharey, S. Morrison, D. Morrison. <u>Support:</u> Vince Gagner, Shaun Bisson & Megan Marsland <u>Guest(s):</u> N/A		

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1400 hrs by Vince Gagner.

2. Confirmation of participants

Vince Gagner called for roundtable to confirm attendance of CASA meeting participants.

3. Confirmation of current agenda and past minutes

Motion carried to approve the agenda as presented and minutes of the February 12, 2020 meeting.

4. Ongoing work

a. Sarnia Area Environmental Health Study

See pre-read: *SAEHP Governance Schematic*

Ontario MECP is looking to develop new approaches to broaden community engagement. First steps include creating a more effective online presence and the formation of an Advisory Committee (AC). Kris Lee and Vince Gagner acknowledged the development of a TOR by MECP and will sit on the AC as co-chairs. Date of first meeting TBA.

Rachel Melzer provided an update on the SAEHP and reviewed all three components of the study in detail. (1) Air exposure – Intrinsic (consultants) developing scoping document; first chapters shared with GAERP (MECP, Aamjiwnaang Health and Environment, Lambton Public Health, Public Health Ontario, and Health Canada) for feedback and recommendations. (2) Environmental stressors – Still in planning stages; to engage AC moving forward. (3) Plant study – Proposal developed with focus on medicinal plants. The pandemic shifted all engagement to digital format and impacted timelines for the air exposure and plant components of the study. Community engagement target set for Summer 2020.

- **Action:** SAEHP team to provide update at next CASA meeting.

b. Website Change Management

SAEHP team is looking to create a forum for sharing health study updates with the community. General discussion around a vision to defining the CASA website as a one-stop shop for all information pertaining to the Sarnia Lambton airshed. Request to approve CASA website as home for SAEHP updates was unanimously accepted.



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- **Action:** SLEA/MECP to bridge SAEHP to website developers (Rotek) to engage in page design and location within the broader CASA site design.

c. SO₂ AAQC Threshold – Update

See pages 1-8 of pre-read: *Summary of Changes to CASA May 2020*

In March 2018, the Ontario MECP updated the AAQC for Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂). This change is intended to reflect current thresholds for SO₂. Crystal Lafrance advised the CASA website is prepared to be updated and explained the changes. No questions or concerns.

- **Action:** MECP to work with website developer to make the update.

d. MECP Airpointer® Data – Update

See page 9-11 of pre-read: *Summary of Changes to CASA May 2020*

Greg Heath discussed the work being done with Rotek to set up near real-time data streaming from airpointers® directly onto the CASA website.

- **Action:** MECP to work with website developer to add AP1 and AP2, to be named Aamjiwnaang North and Vidal Street respectively, to report live on the [CASA](#) website.

e. New SLEA Airpointer® Siting – Update

See pre-read: *Airpointer® Update Ortech Slides*

Mike Santavy provided an update on the progress of installation of three new Airpointers®. All three Airpointers® have been mounted and tested. Technician training was recently completed. Three sites were identified and work is ongoing with property owners to arrange installation. Working to establish link between the new units and the CASA website. Vince Gagner recognized the support provided by Sharilyn Johnston (Aamjiwnaang) and Regional MECP Team to get pointers sited.

Vince Gagner discussed naming conventions and how the “AP” equipment reference was not the clearest way to report/interpret air measurements over time. Instead a location reference could be used to name the station. If appropriate, and agreed to by CASA, some stations could also be named after individuals or groups that have or are working in support of improving our airshed.

- **Action:** SLEA, Aamjiwnaang and MECP to review potential names for the stations and consult with CASA on recommendations at our next meeting.

Ada Lockridge recognized the ongoing work to improve SO₂ monitoring; however, clear concerns were also shared about the need to improve community access to more complete and representative benzene monitoring data.



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5. New business

a. Regulation 530 Flaring Info Links from CASA Website

MECP explained that facilities who exceed the discharge limit outlined in O.Reg.530/18 are required to report the event on their website and the amount of SO₂ released within 60 days. MECP and SLEA proposed to CASA that links to this data be provided on the CASA website in order to address concerns that the public may not be aware the information is on company websites and to further promote CASA as the community's main source for environmental safety updates.

- Motion to approve change to website as presented
 - Unanimously approved by the group
- **Action:** MECP to work with website developer to make the update.

b. SLEA Communications & Engagement

Vince Gagner introduced Shaun Bisson, Communications & Engagement Advisor. He explained that Shaun's hiring should be seen by CASA as a strong indication of the region's commitment to improving connections between industry and our community. Shaun introduced himself and explained the direction of his role, how he saw himself as a resource to help CASA, and that he would welcome the chance to help as appropriate.

6. Other news

- The City of Sarnia recognized SLEA and CAER for funding an upgrade of the Everbridge notification system that powers My CNN. The City used the new system successfully in support of COVID communications. This helped inform the public about restrictions and controls across Sarnia-Lambton because of the pandemic.
- Vince Gagner updated how SLEA, CAER and the IEC contributed \$40,000.00 to purchase equipment and trailers for a new field hospital that was deployed at Lambton College.
- As an indication of regional collaboration, since mid-March, both the IEC 777 Strategy Committee and Sarnia Construction Association (SCA) have held weekly meetings to share best practices related to employee safety across the region in response to the COVID pandemic.

7. Call for roundtable

Vince Gagner called on attendees to share any other business worth noting. The group shared mutual excitement to be back at the table discussing and contributing to CASA initiatives.

8. Adjourn and confirm next meeting (1600 hrs)

Next Meeting: November 2020 – Details to be confirmed