



City of Hamilton
CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 004
Date: April 29, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Room 264, 2nd Floor, City Hall (hybrid) (RM)
71 Main Street West

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7.3.a Buildings Working Group

7.3.b Community Engagement and Climate Justice Working Group

7.3.c Nature-Based Solutions Working Group

7.3.d Technical and Governance Working Group

7.3.e Transportation Working Group

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

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CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES CCAC 25-003

6:00 p.m.

March 25, 2025

Room 264

2nd Floor, City Hall

Present: Councillors C. Cassar (virtually), C. Kroetsch (virtually), and A. Wilson (virtually)
G. Kalapos (Co-Chair), I. Borsuk (Co-Chair) (virtually), B. Akomolafe (virtually), G. Casimirri (virtually), J. Harti, S. Heenan, J. Hudecki (virtually), L. Iannantuono, A. Khetan (virtually), Z. Kuszczak (virtually), F. Lenarduzzi, T. Maclaurin (virtually), S. Rempel, and M. Velasco (virtually)

Absent with

Regrets: J. Boyer, G. Henry, M. Scanlon, M. Sergeant, and M. Tutty

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair G. Kalapos called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

2.1 Land Acknowledgement

Co-Chair G. Kalapos read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Heenan/Rempel)

That the agenda for the March 25, 2025 Climate Change Advisory Committee meeting, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 February 25, 2025

Councillor Kroetsch commented on the procedures for filling vacancies on sub-committees and advisory committees.

(Borsuk/Rempel)

That the Minutes of the February 25, 2025, Climate Change Advisory Committee, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Biodiversity Action Plan Update

Shauna Hasselman, Senior Program Coordinator, Environmental Services, Planner, Jennifer Allen, Planner I, and Lauren Vraets, Senior Project Manager, Community Engagement, addressed Committee respecting a Biodiversity Action Plan Update, with the aid of a presentation.

7.2 Office of Climate Change Initiatives Updates

7.2(a) Climate Change Reserve Update

Lynda Lukasik, Director, Climate Change Initiatives, provided an update and sought further feedback from the Committee regarding the Climate Change Reserve priority lists.

7.2(b) Office of Climate Change Initiatives Annual Update Report

Lynda Lukasik, Director, Climate Change Initiatives, provided an update and sought advice from the Committee regarding the Office of Climate Change Initiatives Annual Update Report that will be presented to the General Issues Committee.

7.3 Climate Change Advisory Committee Working Group Updates

Co-Chair Kalapos relinquished the chair to Co-Chair Borsuk to provide the following update.

7.3(a) Buildings Working Group

G. Kalapos provided an update.

Co-Chair Kalapos assumed the Chair.

7.3(b) Community Engagement and Climate Justice Working Group

S. Rempel provided an update.

7.3(c) Technical and Governance Working Group

L. Iannantuono provided an update.

7.3(d) Nature-Based Solutions Working Group

G. Casimirri provided an update.

7.3(e) Transportation Working Group

I. Borsuk provided an update.

(Borsuk/Heenan)

That the following Items for Information, be received:

- 7.1 Biodiversity Action Plan Update
- 7.2 Office of Climate Change Initiatives Updates
 - 7.2(a) Climate Change Reserve Update
 - 7.2(b) Office of Climate Change Initiatives Annual Update Report
- 7.3 Climate Change Advisory Committee Working Group Updates
 - 7.3(a) Buildings Working Group
 - 7.3(b) Community Engagement and Climate Justice Working Group
 - 7.3(c) Technical and Governance Working Group
 - 7.3(d) Nature-Based Solutions Working Group
 - 7.3(e) Transportation Working Group

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no Items for Consideration.

9. MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Voluntary Advisory Committees Review Update

The Committee discussed the transition of the Climate Change Advisory Committee to the new civic engagement model of resident-led, staff-facilitated Community Liaison Groups of volunteers.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Climate Change Advisory Committee adjourned at 7.35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice Ekoko
Staff Liaison
Climate Change Advisory
Committee

Gaby Kalapos
Co-Chair,
Climate Change Advisory Committee



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PRIVATE TREE BY-LAW REVIEW

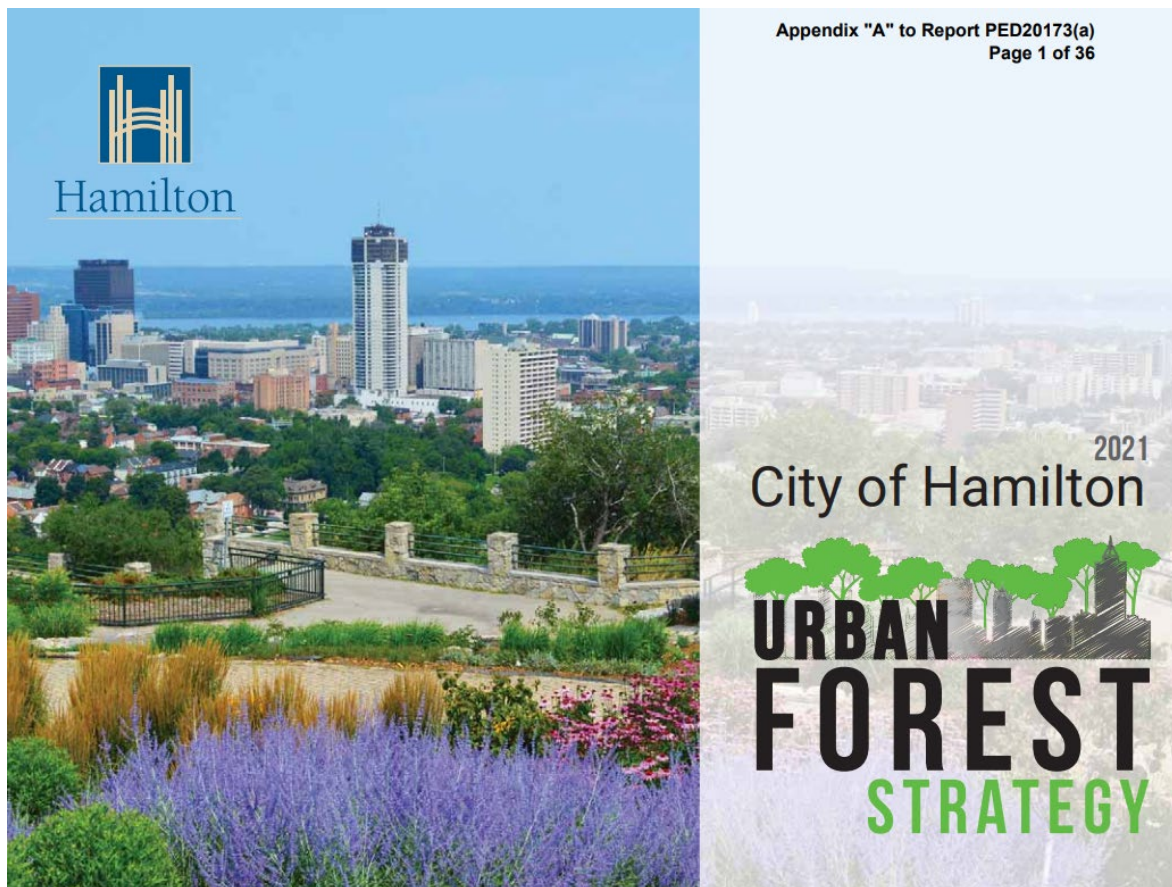
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Today, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers

BACKGROUND



- Mandate received from the Urban Forest Strategy (PED20173(a)) (City Wide Urban Area)
- Approved by Council in June 2023
- Overall goal: increase canopy cover to 40% for the **urban boundary** by 2050 (2017 canopy cover: 21%*)
- Themes: Inspire, Act, Protect, Grow, Adapt

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Public Consultation occurred in 2021
- Received 430 responses
- Online survey completed for private tree bylaw

Do you think Hamilton should update its private tree by-laws to have consistent regulations across the urban area?

Yes



No



Total Votes : 143

DEFINITIONS

What is the Urban Forest?

- The Urban Forest includes all publicly and privately-owned trees and supporting vegetation in the **urban boundary**.

What is Tree Canopy Cover?

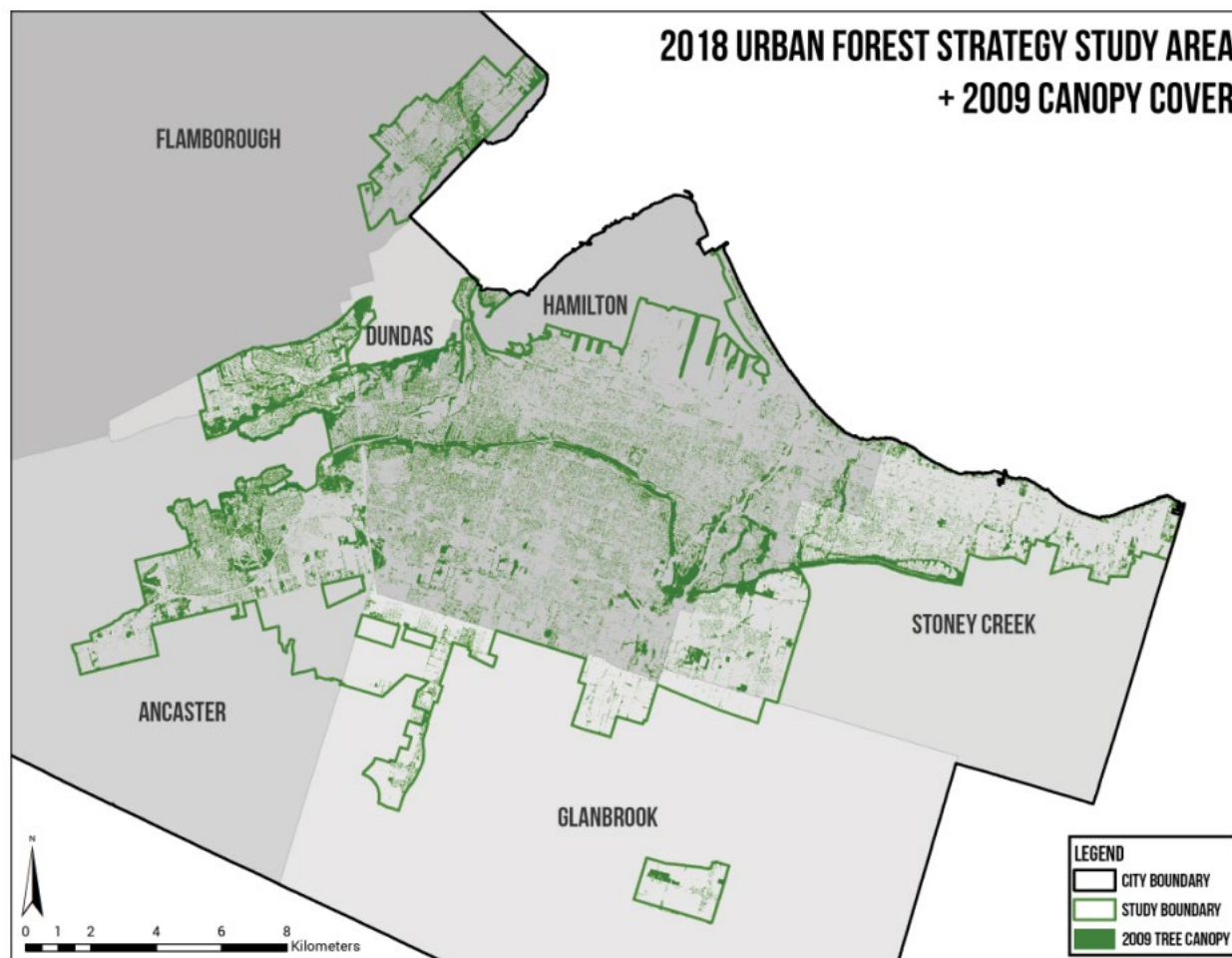
- Canopy cover represents the amount of land area covered by individual trees and woodlands as seen from above.

LAND USE CATEGORY	HAMILTON	OAKVILLE (2015 Study)	LONDON (2012 UFSMP)	MISSISSAUGA (2011 Technical Report)	NEWMARKET (2016 Study)	TORONTO (2018 Study)
Commercial	5.6	6.3	10	6	11	8
Industrial	2.3	N/A	12	5	11	8.7
Low Density Residential	18.6	44.2	27	20	27	33.2
Medium/High Density Residential	15.5	22.1	19	19	27	23.8
Parks/Open Space	54	64.6	55	44	53	58.3
Institutional	10.9	N/A	18	14	n/a	22

DEFINITIONS

What is the Urban Boundary?

- The urban boundary defines the area where all urban development occurs
- Some areas within the urban boundary are not currently urbanized



PRIVATE TREE BY-LAW REVIEW PROCESS

Goal:

- Harmonize and consolidate current private tree by-laws and protect urban canopy

Phase 1

- Background review
- Municipal review
- **Initial engagement** ←
- Prepare draft bylaws and revised tree protection guidelines
- Submit draft report to Council

Phase 2

- Public consultation
- Public meetings
- Draft final report
- Seek Council approval

**Scope also includes the review and update of the City's existing woodland bylaws, and tree protection guidelines

CURRENT STATE

Existing Private Tree By-laws (Pre-Amalgamation)

- Stoney Creek Tree Bylaw
- Dundas Tree Bylaw
- Ancaster Heritage Tree Bylaw

Existing Woodland Bylaws

- Regional (rural) Woodland Bylaw and Urban Woodland Bylaw

Existing Tree Protection Guidelines



SEEKING FEEDBACK

Current State	Strengths	Opportunities
Future State	Aspirations	Results

THANK YOU

About the Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations and Results (SOAR) Analysis:

- **Strengths** are internal attributes that set the City apart.
 - **Opportunities** are factors that the City can leverage to their advantage.
- **Aspirations** are visions and ambitions that can guide the City towards future success.
 - **Results** focus on the positives and measurable outcomes.

Current State	<div>Strengths</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is currently working with the City’s tree protection by-law (i.e. woodland by-laws and the private tree by-laws)?• What does the City of Hamilton do well to protect to protect their trees and woodlands on private property?	<div>Opportunities</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How could the City’s current guidelines and tree protection by-laws be improved (i.e. woodland and private tree by-law)?• What resources can be provided to you to help navigate the woodland and private tree protection by-laws?
Future State	<div>Aspirations</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is your vision for how the tree protection guidelines and City by-laws could influence Hamilton’s tree canopy coverage and tree preservation?• From your experience and your knowledge, how can the City increase canopy coverage to achieve the City’s target?• What does the future of tree protection need to include to promote the vision of your group?• What are other municipalities doing well that Hamilton can aspire to?	<div>Results</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can we measure and track our progress towards our goals and support the mandate/vision of your group?• How can we adapt to changing industry trends?

How would you like to be notified and informed about the project moving forward?

