

CITY OF HAMILTON
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#	Priority Actions	Department	Objectives	Targets	Proposed Indicators	Timelines	Actions
1	Endeavour to plan for equitable distribution of environmental benefits and burdens preventing the development of pollution "Hot Spots".		To define and address "pollution 'Hot Spots'".				Address air pollution "Hot Spots" - see below
		Planning & Economic Development	Land use planning - Brownfields		# of brownfields		
		Planning & Economic Development	Zoning By-laws ("K-zoning", aka industrial)		# of hectares of K-zoned land; % of people living within 500m of K-zoned land		
		Public Health Services	Create the Hamilton airshed model so as to address air pollution "Hot Spots".	Targets have not been set at this time.		Airshed model expected to be delivered in Q1/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed funding agreement with Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association (HIEA) to procure the airshed model from the vendor - Golder Associates; Work in partnership with Clean Air Hamilton stakeholders as advisory group to Golder Associates, who have been contracted to prepare the airshed model
		Public Health Services	Identify air pollution priority areas (hot spots).	Targets have not been set at this time.		To begin in Q2/2017 after the airshed model has been delivered	Assess the Hamilton airshed model so as to identify priority areas related to air pollution that should be communicated to other City departments
2	Ensure infrastructure and development projects protect the environment including air quality.	Planning & Economic Development, Public Works, Public Health Services	Ensure that the environment (land) is protected	No targets are set	# of EBR postings reviewed and commented on; # of review planning applications	Ongoing	Review land use applications and provide comments related to environmental health impacts to the Planning department

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		Public Health Services	Ensure that the environment (air) is protected	Provincial and Federal air quality standards and guideline values		Ongoing	Utilize city-owned air monitors to assess air quality in various areas across the City.
		Planning & Economic Development, Public Works, Public Health Services	Provide comments to the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change regarding applications for environmental compliance approvals	No targets are set		Ongoing	Review and comment on applicable applications posted to the Ontario Environmental Registry (EBR)
3	Endeavour to reduce climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and implementing adaptation measures	Public Health Services	-Create an Inventory of community GHG emissions and outline strategies to reduce GHG. - To form a group so as to undertake actions on community emissions from other levels of government	Reduce GHG levels by: 20% by 2020; 50% by 2030; 80% by 2050	annual GHG emissions reduction; progress on implementation of the Hamilton Community Climate Change Action Plan;	Starting 7/10/2016	Collect data for the community GHG inventory Report to the Board of Health
4	Responsibly increase density.	Planning & Economic Development	Support higher density development and intensification in appropriate City areas according to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan (UHOP).	Forty percent of new growth is to occur in built up areas. In greenfield areas, the City's target is to achieve 50 persons and jobs per hectare.	progress toward achieving targets established in CoH OP	From 2015 onward	Implement appropriate policies and zoning in place to ensure the responsible increase in density.
5	Prioritize walking, cycling, and public transit as the preferred modes of transportation where appropriate and applicable.	Planning & Economic Development	Support the importance of, and the prioritization of walking, cycling, and public transit as noted in UHOP.	No targets are set only supportive policies.		None	Have policies in place that call for land use planning supporting these modes of transportation.
		Public Works			# of cycling lanes; # of HSR trips; # of cars estimated to be on road; % of modal shift		

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6	Ensure adequate infrastructure for the provision of safe and accessible drinking water;	Public Works	Ensure that clean, safe, and reliable drinking water is supplied to all City of Hamilton residents.	Strive for 100% Ministry Of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) inspection rating	# related to MOECC compliance	Always	MOECC inspections of the City's drinking water systems. MOECC reports produced in 2016 indicate that five of the City's six water systems have a 100% rating and one (Woodward) is at 99.14%.
7	Promote the availability of safe foods;	Public Health Services	Conduct routine inspections of all fixed food premises according to Ontario Public Health Standards (i.e. the following minimum schedule within each calendar year: i) Not less than once every four months for high-risk food premises; ii) Not less than once every six months for moderate-risk food premises.)	Ontario Public Health Standards targets: Complete 98.4% of all routine high risk fixed premises inspections. Complete 93% of all routine moderate risk fixed premises inspections	progress Implementing of the Hamilton Food Strategy: https://www.hamilton.ca/government-information/news-centre/news-releases/hamilton-city-council-endorsed-10-year-food	Annually	Public Health Inspectors conduct routine inspections of all fixed food premises, in accordance with the following minimum schedule within each calendar year: i) Not less than once every four months for high-risk food premises; ii) Not less than once every six months for moderate-risk food premises. Outcomes of food premises inspections are disclosed to the public at the entrance of the fixed premises as well as on the Food Safety Zone website www.foodsafetyzone.ca
8	Reduce solid waste and promote recycling and composting;	Public Works	Divert waste from the landfill.	Divert 65% of regular waste from the active landfill. The current diversion rate is 48%.	% diversion accomplished; any additional indicator aligned with waste management plan; Asked Emil for current waste plan	None - continue until the 65% target rate is achieved. Then work to surpass it.	Inform the public via promotional material; and use various waste diversion programs (i.e. recycling, organics, leaf & yard waste, etc.)
9	Establish and maintain accessible green spaces in all residential neighbourhoods;	Planning & Economic Development			% green space Vs. grey space; amount (hectares) of green space in Hamilton; # of people living within 500m of greenspace		

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10	Continue to protect and restore the biodiversity and ecosystem services of the many unique and varied natural features that define our MUNICIPALITY, from the Niagara Escarpment and its surrounding greenbelt to Lake Ontario, with Cootes Paradise and the Dundas Valley at its heart.	Planning & Economic Development	<p>1) Through the daily use of the Official Plan (OP) policies in section 2.0, the Natural Heritage System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protect and enhance biodiversity and ecological functions; - Achieve a healthy, functional ecosystem; - Conserve the natural beauty and distinctive character of Hamilton's landscape; - Maintain and enhance the contribution made by the Natural Heritage System to the quality of life of Hamilton's residents; - Restore and enhance connection, quality, and amount of natural habitat; and, - Provide opportunities for recreational and tourism uses where they do not impact natural heritage features. <p>2) Monitor trends in plant and</p>	<p>Forest Cover 30% Interior Forest Cover (100 metres inside from edge) 10% Interior Forest Cover (200 metres inside from edge) 5% Riparian Vegetation greater than 30 metres wide 75% of stream length Wetland Cover 10%</p>		There are no timelines associated with the targets in the OP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everyday development applications review and applying OP policies; - Natural Areas inventory of plants and wildlife in Hamilton; - Use the Natural Areas Acquisition Fund to provide money to conservation bodies acquiring natural areas when needed; - An Urban Forest Strategy is planned for 2017-19 to guide the City's efforts to enhance its urban forest; - Collect data in selected natural areas - Use the Wildlife Corridors Working Group to identify wildlife movement corridors.