



# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members Board Of Health
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	February 22, 2018
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Bay Area Climate Change Partnership (BOH18009) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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## **Council Direction:**

Council at its meeting of June 22, 2016 approved the following:

- (a) That staff be directed to develop a governance model similar to the Bay Area Restoration Council and the Bay Area Implementation Team, in collaboration with staff from the Federal and Provincial offices of the Ministries of Environment and Climate Change, and report back to the Board of Health.
- (b) That upon the formation of the governance structure for the Community Climate Change Action Plan Implementation Team, the City of Hamilton seek a partnership with the City of Burlington to coordinate efforts, with respect to the implementation of the Plan.
- (c) That staff be directed to report to the Board of Health annually, respecting the progress of the Community Climate Change Action Plan.

## **Information:**

In December 2017, the Province announced funding of the Mohawk Centre for Climate Change Management (CCCM) and the Bay Area Climate Change Partnership. The Bay Area Climate Change Partnership (BACCP) is an outcome of the June 22, 2016 Council motion and the 2017 Hamilton Economic Summit. Since that time, Hamilton Public

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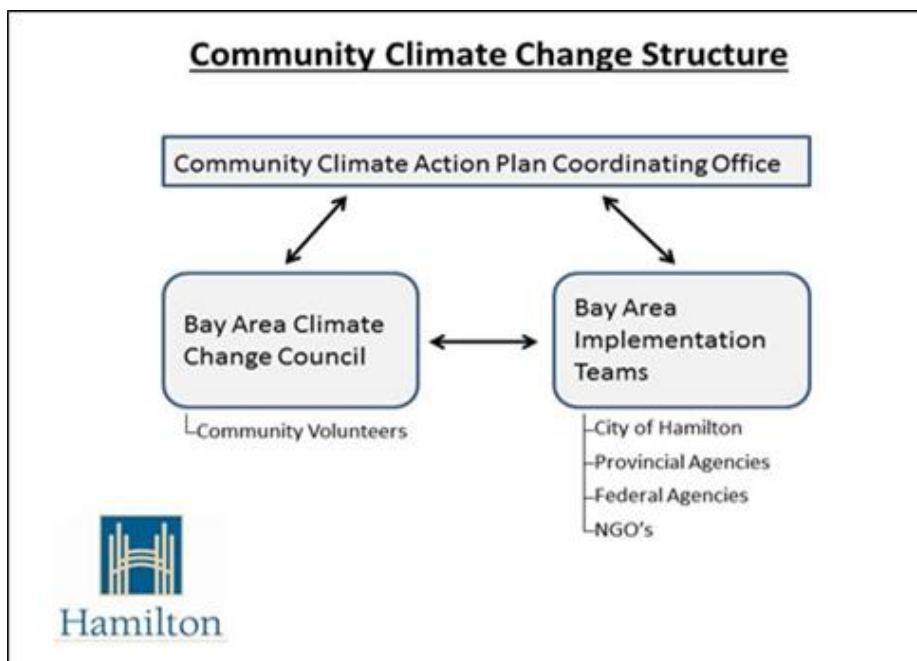
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Health Services staff have been working with staff from the City of Burlington and Mohawk College to develop plans and negotiate a funding agreement that will be used to further goals and objectives of the BACCP. Funding for the CCCM and the BACCP are coming from Ontario's Cap and Trade program.

The CCCM supports the Bay Area Climate Change Partnership (BACCP) framework which will replicate the existing structure for the Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) and Bay Area Implementation Team (BAIT), which were set up to support the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan. A Coordinating Office with staff for the BACCP will reside at Mohawk College.

BACCP Framework and Objectives:



The framework for the Bay Area Climate Change Partnership will consist of:

i) **The Bay Area Climate Change Council (BACCC)**

**Objectives:** To act as a voluntary community reporting group that will provide governance and oversight of climate actions across Hamilton and Burlington. It will provide annual reports to the community and policy direction to the implementation teams (BACCIT). BACCC will be made up of community representation from Hamilton and Burlington.

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**ii) The Bay Area Climate Change Implementation Team (BACCIT)**

**Objectives:** To implement climate change actions across Hamilton and Burlington as outlined in Hamilton's Community Climate Action Plan and Burlington's Community Energy Plan. Implementation team members will be subject matter experts in the designated areas of action and may form working groups to take on specifications.

**iii) The Bay Area Climate Change Coordinating Office (BACCO)**

**Objectives:** The Coordinating Office will consist of three to four staff is located at Mohawk College. This office will provide secretariat functions to both the council and the implementation teams, as well as help to coordinate climate actions, funding sources and annual events.

The BACCP brings together leading stakeholders such as academia, utilities, Indigenous populations, non-government organizations and industry to work collaboratively on climate change to ensure Hamilton and Burlington remain prosperous in a low carbon economy. The Council and Implementation Team membership will be made up of equal representation and subject experts from Hamilton and Burlington including but not limited to stakeholders identified here:

**Bay Area Climate Change Council**

- Non-profits
- Academia
- Business/Industrial Representation
- Utility Companies
- Indigenous Population/First Nations
- Conservation Authorities
- Agriculture
- Public Health
- Citizens

**Bay Area Climate Change Implementation Team**

- Municipal staff
- Provincial staff
- Federal staff
- Academia
- Business/Industrial representation
- Utility companies
- Conservation Authorities
- Public Health
- Indigenous Population/First Nations
- Agriculture

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The BACCP will work to implement climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives that make sense on a regional basis across both communities.

First Bay Area Climate Change Forum:

On March 8, 2018, the first Bay Area Climate Change Forum “Taking Action Together Today, for a Better Tomorrow” will be held at the Royal Botanical Gardens from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to launch the BACCP initiative, highlighting local, regional and national action on climate change and providing participants and stakeholders with opportunities to provide input into the BACCP climate action planning and actions.

On the evening of March 7, 2018, there will be a free public talk between 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Royal Botanical Gardens to help kick off the Climate Change Forum.

The development and establishment of the Bay Area Climate Change Partnership fulfils the priority action identified by the Hamilton Community Climate Change Action Plan to “Establish an ongoing oversight and coordination body to guide implementation of the Hamilton Climate Change Action Plan and report back on community progress and success.”

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