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Climate Justice and Engagement Working Group

- Identification of Shared Goals/Objectives with:
 - McMaster Climate Crisis Working Group
 - Climate Justice/Engagement Working Group
 - City of Hamilton's Office of Climate Change Initiatives
 - Other Health Care Organizations



AGENDA:

Land Acknowledgement (SHELLEY)

Introductions and Welcome (Name, employer/expertise, main climate concern)

Overview of Climate Change Advisory Committee and Climate Justice Framework (BEATRICE)

Overview of Climate Justice/Engagement Working Group (SU/SHELLEY)
McMaster University Climate Crisis Working Group (NICK)

Overview Capstone Project - Communication and Misinformation Toolkit (BLESSING)

Facilitated Discussion (Facilitated by Trevor)

Report Back and Next Steps

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Welcome and Introductions

- Name
- Organizations/Entity/Expertise/Interest
- Major Climate Concern



Climate Change Advisory Committee: Overview

- **Purpose:** Provide advice to Council and City staff on the prioritization, implementation and monitoring of Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy
- Reports to the **General Issues Committee** of Council
- **20 voting and 6 non-voting members** from diverse backgrounds and representing both professional and lived experience with climate and social issues. **3 Councillors** participate
- **5 Working Groups:** Buildings, Community Engagement and Climate Justice; Governance & Technical; Nature-Based Solutions, Transportation

Climate Justice Framework: Co- Designed with Community Partners

- **FRAMEWORK GOAL:** will be used by Staff to guide the equitable implementation of **Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy** and other related municipal climate work

Based on 3 equity dimensions of climate justice:

Recognitional Equity Distributive Equity Procedural Equity

- **20+ Community Partners** serving frontline communities engaged for this compensated opportunity. Each Community Partner develops their own engagement activities with support from City Staff
- **15 Applications** received
- Internal, cross-departmental **Technical Advisory Committee** oversees project development

Working Group provided feedback/advise on:

- Climate Change Reserve Funding: Priority criteria and Application template
- Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Subcommittee – options for governance models
- Reviewed LRT Change Tracking Indicators
- Climate Justice Framework Project Charter

Written Delegation to General Issues Committee (Dec. 2024)



McMaster Climate Crisis Working Group:



August 16, 2024

GREENING MENTAL HEALTH CARE, REDUCING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT, AND BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: A PLAN FOR MCMASTER'S DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIOURAL NEUROSCIENCES

Prepared by an **ad-hoc** working group that included: Nick Kates, Karin Neufeld, Marijke Jurriaans, Su Heenan, Kyla Belisario, Katie Mayne, Heather McNeely, Melissa Kimber, Karen Zhang, Victoria Sullivan, Trevor Imhoff, Lynda Lukasik

COMPONENTS / AIMS OF OUR STRATEGY

Our strategy has six goals. These are to:

1. Maintain and strengthen the Department's focus on this area.
2. Increase our knowledge, individually and collectively (Climate Literacy).
3. Incorporate these ideas into our clinical care, education, and research.
4. Advocate for and disseminate knowledge about the specific mental health impacts of the climate crisis to the wider community.
5. Build alliances with local partners and provincial and national leaders.
6. Do things differently in the way we operate as a Department and as individuals.

CAPSTONE Project – Climate Misinformation Response Toolkit

City of Hamilton

Project Goal/Purpose: To create an easy to use climate communications toolkit in order to effectively respond to climate misinformation and overall communicate about climate change

PHASE 1: RESEARCH & PREPARATION (February 25 - April 13, 2025)

- 1.1 Project Setup & Initial Research**
Duration: Feb 25 - Mar 16 (3 weeks)

- 1.2 Priority Themes Identification**
Duration: Mar 17 - Mar 30 (2 weeks)

- 1.3 Research Compilation & Analysis**
Duration: Mar 31 - Apr 13 (2 weeks)

PHASE 2: TOOLKIT DEVELOPMENT (April 14 - June 22, 2025)

- 2.1 Fact Sheet Development**
Duration: Apr 14 - May 11 (4 weeks)

- 2.2 Response Templates & Guidelines**
Duration: May 12 - Jun 1 (3 weeks)

- 2.3 Visual Communication Elements**
Duration: Jun 2 - Jun 22 (3 weeks)

PHASE 3: FEEDBACK & REFINEMENT (June 23 - August 15, 2025)

- 3.1 Stakeholder Feedback Collection**
Duration: Jun 23 - Jul 13 (3 weeks)

- 3.2 Material Refinement**
Duration: Jul 14 - Aug 3 (3 weeks)

- 3.3 Final Documentation & Handover**
Duration: Aug 4 - Aug 15 (2 weeks)

- 3.4 Final Project Review**
Duration: Week of Aug 15 (1 meeting)

Facilitated Discussion Part 1 (Facilitated by Trevor)

- Review below major topics
- Discuss whether these are cross cutting goals
- Discuss interest in collectively working on these goals
- Prioritize top 2 (for now) to go through “Now-Wow-How”

Other: six educational modules for healthcare – idea make broadly available

Conducting environmental scan of existing actions for collaboration/synergy*

1. Development of Mental Health Supports for Climate related discussion (e.x. climate justice engagement, climate impacts etc.) – concern about social work and connection with mental and added to curriculum, finding ways to connect with community and what are the major issues facing them (ongoing MAC and PEACH)

2. Assess and recommend best practices for climate change emergency preparedness/recovery related to physical and mental health supports - concern about when next climate crisis happens

3. Co-create climate engagement campaigns, activities, events within the community *

4. Review Ontario School Curriculum and develop material, tools, programs to embed into future curriculum updates – also important for employers to see climate commitments and gaps (Steel, Healthcare etc.), hospital all do they educate employees of both overall and health

Facilitated Discussion Part 2 (Facilitated by Trevor)

- Now = Current State Analysis
- Wow = Visioning and Ideation
- How = Action Planning

Options for Participation:

- Verbally raise your hand and speak
- Write in Chat

A . Co-create climate engagement campaigns, activities, events within the community

NOW: Identify current challenges and current resources

- Backlash from healthcare orgs to focus on other things
- Making people care
- State of the world/limited bandwidth
- How reach individuals in community with no connections
- Engage Hamilton/City websites
- Key community leaders
- Frontline workers (e.x

WOW: Brainstorm idea, ideal outcomes, what does success look like

- Brief, clear concise messages
- Going out with fire safety officers and equip with messages, and other opportunities
- Communicating misinformation or why healthcare needs to focus on climate action
- Success/Outcome
- Success/Outcome

HOW: Brainstorm idea, ideal outcomes, what does success look like

- Immediate-Term Action Step
- Short-Term Action Step
- Mid-Term Action Step
- Overall Timeline

Facilitated Discussion Part 2 (Facilitated by Trevor)

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ACTION 2:

NOW: Identify current challenges and current resources

- Challenge
- Challenge
- Resource
- Resource

WOW: Brainstorm idea, ideal outcomes, what does success look like

- Idea
- Idea
- Success/Outcome
- Success/Outcome

HOW: Brainstorm idea, ideal outcomes, what does success look like

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