



GTA Clean Air Council Priorities and Activities - What They Do and How They Do It

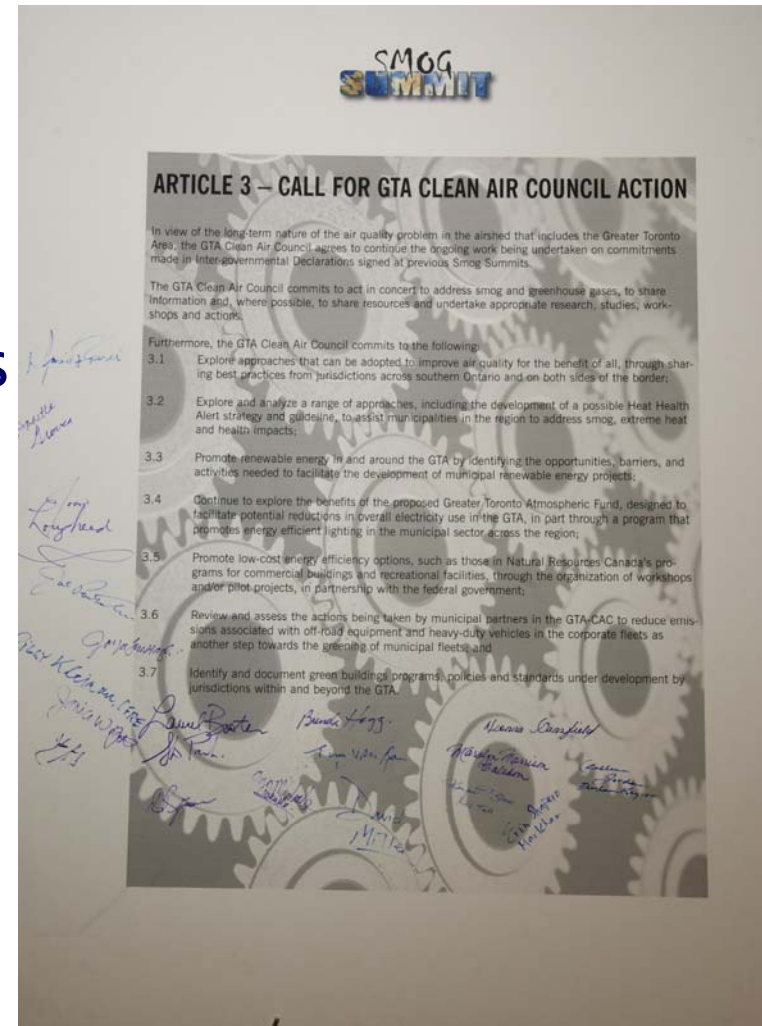
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Clean Air Council Declarations - Background



- Priorities are outlined in annual Inter-governmental Declarations on Clean Air
- Councils endorse Declarations and Political Representatives sign Declaration at annual Summits
- Declaration serves as the upcoming year's workplan outlining priority research needs, issues and actions



Examples of Research Collaboration



- Air Quality Modelling
- Heat Health Alert Programs
- Impacts of Air Pollution and Heat on Health and Mortality - Studies and Heat-Health Alert Systems



Examples of Research Collaboration



- Green Fleet Inventories and Tools
- Clean Air Plan Toolkit
- Trip Reduction Programs
- Community Planning and Public Health Linkages



Examples of 2009 Research Collaboration



- Local Food Promotion: Urban and Suburban Food Production and Local Food Procurement Policies
- Sustainability Index to Rank New Developments
- Disposable Water Bottles in Municipal Facilities
- Open Air Burning Policies and Best Practices



Examples of Action Collaboration



Idling gets you nowhere This is an Idle Free Zone



- Smog Alert Response Plans
- Idle Free By-laws and Education
- Air Quality Health Index Awareness
- Alliance for Resilient Cities



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Examples of Action Collaboration



- 20/20 The Way to Clean Air
- Social marketing energy conservation campaign
- Delivered through schools, businesses and community events
- Outreach is delivered in partnership between CAP, Health Units and Municipalities



Examples of Action Collaboration – Communities of Practice



- Energy Conservation Plans: now being coordinated by the OPA/Conservation Bureau through MECO initiative
- Green Procurement
- Green Energy
- Green Development



Green Procurement COP Activities



- Development of outreach tools: generic presentations and fact sheets for awareness building
- Focus on third party certified systems
- Working in collaboration to develop guidelines and specs for non-certified products
- Sharing of Tools ex. Peel Lifecycle Calculator
- Generic Green Procurement Toolkit
- Green Procurement Training Program
- Support group sharing tools, experiences, frustrations and lessons learned



Green Energy COP Activities



- So many new technologies
- So much to learn and impossible to be an expert
- Share the burden of testing out technologies and applications
- Share experiences and lessons learned



Green Development Community of Practice



- Green Roof Policies/Incentives
- Municipal Green Development Standards
- Community Green Development Standards/Incentives
- Idea and Reality of Green Communities
- Policy tools for encouraging green developments as a standard



GTA Targets for Implementation



Energy Conservation

- **20 members** have approved **Corporate Action Plans** that outline actions to reduce energy use and mitigate air pollution and climate change by 2010.
- **15 members** have approved **Community Action Plans** that outline actions to reduce energy use and mitigate air pollution and climate change by 2010.

Green Procurement

- **15 members** have approved **Green Procurement Policies** that increase the implementation of energy efficiency criteria into purchase, lease and contract decisions by 2010.

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Active Transportation

- **15 members** have approved **Bicycle/Pedestrian Plans** aimed at increasing a modal shift from single occupancy vehicle use to active transportation by 2010.
- **20 members** operating or supporting **Trip Reduction Programs** for their own employees by 2010.

Renewable Energy

- **15 members** are **producing or purchasing renewable** power by 2010

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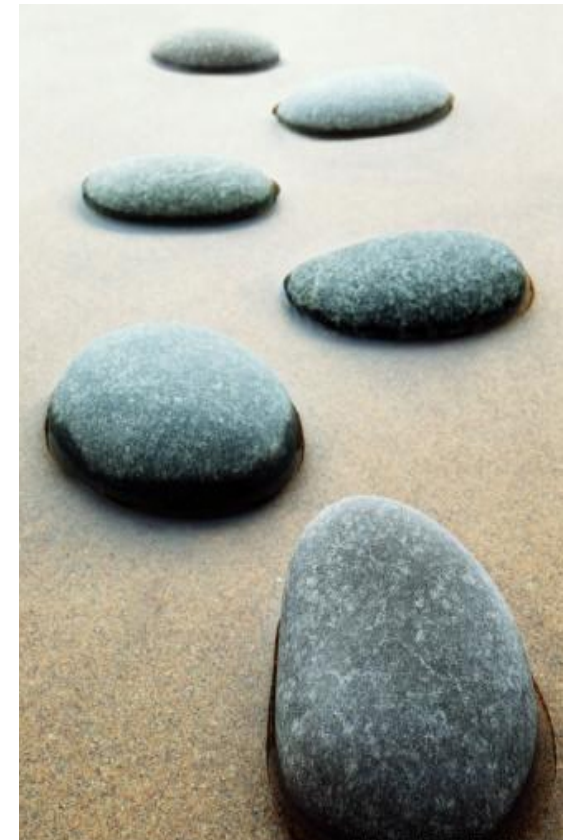
Green Development

- **15 members have Corporate Green Development Policies/Standards/Incentives in place by 2010.**
- **10 members have Community Green Development Policies/Standards/Incentives in place by 2010.**
- **10 members have Green Roof Policies/Standards/Incentives in place by 2010.**

Collaborative Path Building



- There is much to do
- Limited time and resources
- Share the burden of leadership
- Benefit from each other's research, tools, experiences and lessons learned
- Group problem solving
- We can achieve a lot more with a lot less resources by working together
- Reducing the need to recreate the wheel
- Working collaboratively to build the path for more livable communities



Southwestern Ontario Priorities



Questions for a Southwestern Ontario Clean Air Council Workplan

- What activities are being undertaken?
- What are the research gaps?
- What are the priorities?
- Where are the easy early wins?
- How best to collaborate – face to face meetings, webinar, sharing of actions?
- Other suggestions and feedback





THANK YOU!

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