March 5, 2008

Alexandra Rawlings  
City Clerks  
Economic Development and Planning Committee  
City of Hamilton  
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Re: Upwind Downwind 2008 Conference Presentation

Dear Alexandra:

On February 25th and 26th, 2008 Clean Air Hamilton and the City of Hamilton hosted the 2008 Upwind Downwind Conference: Climate Change & Healthy Cities at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

The 2008 Upwind Downwind Conference: Climate Change & Healthy Cities is an important information-sharing forum on air quality and climate change improvement and research that draws hundreds of participants from Canada and the United States. The four theme areas for the two-day conference were: (1) Air Quality, Climate Change and Public Health, (2) Urban and Transportation Planning, (3) The Science of Climate Change, and (4) Climate Change and Local Partnerships.

A free public lecture was held on the Monday evening and a free Clean Air Fair Trade Show was held. The Trade Show featured 44 exhibitors ranging from businesses selling products that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality to government agencies and environmental organizations dealing with Climate Change and Air Quality.

The 2008 Conference was a success with approximately 300 planners, health promoters, students, environmental consultants, citizens, students participated in the Conference and attending the Clean Air Fair.

We wish to present to the Economic Development and Planning Committee the outcomes of the Conference for a meeting in April.

Sincerely,

Brian McCarr
Chair, Upwind Downwind Planning Committee
Chair, Clean Air Hamilton