

## Environment Hamilton's Annual General Meeting

In the corporate world, an annual general meeting is a chance for shareholders to get a sense of what their profits will be in the year ahead.

For Environment Hamilton, it's anything but.

We use our AGM – to be held 7 p.m. March 8 at the FRWY Café (333 King St. E.) – to share news of our latest projects, and to hear from you, our true shareholders.

This is six years for Environment Hamilton, a group founded in 2001 to improve the land, air and water quality of the city we live in. We do this in many different ways, and would love for you to get involved.

At this AGM, we are welcoming a guest speaker who brings expertise at a time when Hamilton is planning to build two waste incinerators. **John Jackson**, a leading environmental activist who has lectured at Trent University, will address the question: "Is it wise for Hamilton to burn waste?"

The SWARU incinerator was shut down four years ago, amid serious environmental concerns. Now Hamilton is weighing proposals to build two plants: one that would burn sewage sludge; another that would burn waste from Hamilton and Niagara.

Another reason to drop by our AGM is to learn more about our work. Did you know **Environment Hamilton has a full-time staff member dedicated to North Hamilton**? We are in your neighbourhood, working with your neighbours to improve this community.

With this North Hamilton project, we have already helped secure compensation for damage to homes resulting from Biox's demolition work.

We have challenged companies like Colombian Chemicals, Stelco and Dofasco to take responsibility for ongoing black soot fallout.

We conducted a transit survey in your neighbourhood and distributed thousands of energy savings kits. We have asked you and your neighbours about environmental concerns. Our work depends on this kind of input – your voice matters to us, and shapes the work we do.

And if you have not yet received your energy conservation kit, you can get one at our AGM on March 8th.

We are also proud of our **Eat Local Project**, which puts locally-grown food on Hamilton tables. We harvested tonnes of fruit from city trees, we created an on-line directory of where to find local food, and are helping preserve farms and the rural jobs they sustain.

Also this past year, we launched a **Climate Change project**. We created, and presented to the city, a 10-point plan for how to address climate change through municipal action. And if you're surfing the Internet, be sure to check out our online carbon calculator – you'll see how easy it is to change your habits and spare the air. Visit [www.environmenthamilton.org](http://www.environmenthamilton.org)

And what is an AGM without a chance to meet new people? Please be sure to introduce yourself to our energetic and dedicated staff. Tell us about *your* environmental concerns. And consider applying your skills to one of our exciting, and meaningful, programs.

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