

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MANAGING WITHOUT GROWTH

The Environment Hamilton annual general meeting is on Thursday, April 8 in the auditorium of the Education Centre at the corner of Bay and Main streets in downtown Hamilton, starting at 7 pm.

The guest speaker is ecological economist Peter Victor, a professor at York University and the author of the book "Managing Without Growth: Slower by Design, Not Disaster".

Victor is a Canadian economist in the tradition of EF Schumacher and Herman Daly whose book has been hailed by David Suzuki as "a powerful case for the need to work deliberately towards a steady state economy where the real world of the biosphere should set the limits to our activity."

"Managing without growth seems like a very radical, even crazy idea, yet for all but the tiniest sliver of time since humans evolved, humanity has managed without growth." – Peter Victor

Victor notes the surprising fact that "economic growth has only been an explicit objective of government policy since the middle of the 20th century" with the US and UK adopting the term in 1949 and 1950 respectively. That has subsequently been interchangeable with an rise in Growth Domestic Product (GDP), a measure with huge problems as Victor summarizes in his book.

"It includes many items that grow when things are or might be getting worse: for example, household expenditures on health care, repairs, commuting, pollution control devices, home security measures and government expenditures on police and defence. Equally problematic...is what's left out of GDP: voluntary work, unpaid housework, leisure time, illegal trades, capital depreciation and damage to the environment and the depletion of natural resources."

Growth in cities imposes many additional unpleasant things including sprawl, gridlock and road rage, along with further loss of agricultural lands. Growth on a national and

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WE'RE MOVING!

Environment Hamilton has had to find a bigger home. Anyone who has visited our current office space will understand that, with a staff of 7, our current space is no longer adequate for us. So in the spring of this year we will be moving into a larger office space located in the downtown core. We will be moving into a building located at James and Wilson Streets and owned by Sonic Unyon Records.

We are extremely excited about the move. Stay tuned as we plan to hold an office open house once we are settled in our new downtown digs!

Help Us Make Our New Space Home!

Got a wooden bookshelf or table you don't need? Maybe that coat rack is just collecting dust in the basement? Consider donating one of these items to Environment Hamilton. We're looking for gently used bookshelves, wooden tables and other office furniture for our new space. Give us a call if you've got an item you're willing to part with and that you think we can use!

LEED SCHOOL

Congratulations to the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board on the opening in April of a new LEED (Leading in Energy and Environmental Design) school in Binbrook. St Matthew Catholic elementary is being built with LEED certified materials with a design that allows natural light to permeate most areas of the school. It will include an outdoor green roof classroom where solar energy will be collected and directed into the grid.

In the words of Pat Amos, the board's director of education: "The world is a gift and we must take care of it so that others can continue to enjoy it long into the future."

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because the world
needs to know!

GREENING OUR LOCAL ECONOMY

On January 26th, Environment Hamilton co-sponsored a very successful panel discussion exploring the question of whether the green economy will transform our city. Despite the snowy weather, over 100 people turned out

to listen to the panellists and participate in the discussion that followed.

But the event on the 26th was only a warm-up. Efforts are now being ramped up to engage the broader community in an in-depth conversation about making green economic development and green jobs happen here in Hamilton.

Environment Hamilton believes efforts to transform our current economic systems are a critical component of any conversation about greening our local economy. This is because our planet and its resources are finite, while our current economic system assumes infinite growth is possible. We are therefore extremely pleased that Dr. Peter Victor will be our keynote speaker at the EH Annual

General Meeting on April 8th.

We encourage you to join us on April 8th to learn more from Dr. Victor about how we might take steps towards transforming our current economic system. See the page one article on our AGM and Dr. Victor's talk for more details.

Following on the heels of Dr. Victor's talk, we will be co-sponsoring a day-long workshop on Saturday, April 17th, with Blue Green Canada.

The workshop theme is 'Good Green Jobs – Making it Happen Here', and its aim is to bring together a diverse cross-section of Hamiltonians to develop a plan of action for greening our economy and creating jobs in the process. The event will also encourage reflection on the need for transformative changes in our current economic system to address environmental and social issues.

Please consider joining us for this important event. Send an email to gole@environmenthamilton.org for more details regarding the April 17th workshop.



Panelists participating in the January 26th event included from left to right : Lynda Lukasik (EH), Dr. Ashish Pujari (McMaster University DeGroot School of Business), Tony Verrelli (President, Cleanfield Energy), and Mayor Eisenberger.

PASSPORT FUNDED

EH's innovative program to promote the HSR family pass is continuing in 2010 despite the conclusion of Transport Canada funding under their Moving on Sustainable Transportation (MOST) program. The city of Hamilton has stepped up to provide \$25,000 in funding plus in-kind services, and EH staff have collected over \$6000 in advertising revenue for the 2010 edition of the Passport map.

The \$9 a day pass lets groups of up to six people ride the HSR all day with the extra bonus of receiving discounts from 140 participating businesses and institutions across the city. Without a day pass, just one bus trip for six passengers would cost over \$15, and you may need to take several bus trips in just one day. The 2010 map will be available soon.

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international scale bumps up against all the limitations of our planet. As Victor notes, "economies are open systems but they exist within and depend upon planet Earth which is a closed system."

But his work doesn't stop at what's wrong with continuous growth. He also lays out practical policies to move to a no-growth situation in Canada and elsewhere, and backs them up with models acceptable to mainstream economists.

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BYLAW CHANGE

The board of directors will present a motion at the AGM to amend our governing bylaw to allow the board to be expanded to nine members, from its current complement of eight and to raise the quorum to five. We are already following the higher quorum requirement, and the addition of one more member will make it easier to achieve the required quorum.

POSTCARDS AGAINST POLLUTION!

EH has started a Good Neighbor Campaign within the North Hamilton area to open lines of communication between industry and the community in order to create better working relations and create positive change.

Our efforts are modeled after the approach used by Ohio Citizen Action, the organization that not only developed the Good Neighbor Campaign concept, but used it to produce substantial and beneficial changes within their community. These changes have included persuading companies such as the Sunoco Oil Refinery to commit to investing over \$100 million in new pollution control equipment and implement new programs to reduce emissions by 75%.

Our campaign is focused on Arcelor-Mittal Dofasco and seeks to address multiple problems – from black fallout, to odours, to health effects. The campaign is currently collecting signed postcards asking for company action.

The postcard campaign provides a way for individuals, groups, and organizations across the city to send a strong message to Mr. Juergen Schachler, CEO of ArcelorMittal-Dofasco. By signing a postcard and encouraging others to do so, you are:

1. Showing the company that you care about the quality of Hamilton's air.
2. Helping to raise awareness about the emissions of cancer-causing agents.
3. Taking initiative to help make your neighbourhood a healthier, and safer place to live by encouraging the company to become a good neighbour.

These postcards will be gathered and presented to the company collectively (in addition to the letters!). Thus, all postcards should be returned to the Environment Hamilton office (1130 Barton St, Suite 207).

If you would like a postcard pick-up, please contact us at 905-549-0900 or email kstiel@environmenthamilton.org. They can also be printed from our website.

Why Postcards? Why Dofasco?

In 2005 Ontario passed a new local air quality regulation - Regulation 419. This regulation was put in place to protect our health and environment. It sets standards for various pollutants that industry must meet. New standards are phased in, giving industries 5 years to comply.

It's now 2010, and for some standards, those 5 years are up. The result: Arcelor

Mittal-Dofasco failed to meet the new standards for 2 pollutants - total suspended par-ticulate (TSP) and total reduced sulphur (TRS).

So what does this mean? When a facility anticipates that it cannot meet a new standard, it can apply under the regulation for an "alternative standard". An 'alternative standard' is a more lenient standard which allows a company to continue to emit at higher levels than the set standard for up to 5 past the phase-in deadline.

ArcelorMittal-Dofasco will soon be granted a 5-year alternative standard for TSP and TRS. The company also has emission problems with benzene and benzo(a)pyrene (B(a)P) – two cancer-causing compounds for which no standards currently exist!

As part of applying for the alternative standard for TSP and TRS, the company had to create a 5 year action plan outlining what it would do to reduce its emissions of these pollutants. Plans to reduce benzene and B(a)P are also included in the action plan because the company knows it will soon need to take action by law to reduce emissions of these compounds. Although the action plan aims to achieve significant reductions in benzene levels over the next five years (80% reduction) and we certainly applaud this effort, proposed B(a)P emission reductions are too low at a mere 27%. TSP is even lower at only 4%.

In a worst-case scenario, even with the 27% reduction, ArcelorMittal-Dofasco could still exceed the proposed B(a)P standard by 1768 times! This is frightening considering the potential health effects of this compound (see side bar). Our community deserves better than this and that's why we are pushing ArcelorMittal-Dofasco to reduce levels of this cancer-causing chemical as swiftly as possible. We are not willing to sit quietly as the company continues to emit these levels of B(a)P. Our community deserves better. Our community deserves good neighbours!



“Benzo[a]pyrene is carcinogenic in a variety of species and by a number of routes. Tumours have been produced in mice, rats, hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, ducks and monkeys following intragastric, subcutaneous, dermal or intratracheal administration of BaP. The induced primary tumours may be at the site of administration or remote from it. Other effects induced in animals following generally acute exposure to high concentrations of BaP include inflammation of the skin, hyperplasia, hyperkeratosis, pneumonitis, modifications of the lymph nodes, ulceration, reduction in growth and fertility rates and the induction of immunosuppressive effects. ”
– Health Canada
(taken from www.hc-sc.gc.ca)

FAITH GROUPS HONOURED



Sue Carson of St James Anglican Church (right) accepts award from EH project manager Beatrice Ekoko (left)

In early March, EH project leader Beatrice Ekoko was part of the Greening Our Faith Communities annual leader's forum in Toronto where she presented awards to two Hamilton faith groups – St James Anglican

in Dundas, and Laidlaw Memorial United Church on Ottawa Street. Beatrice is the manager of Greening Sacred Spaces, a joint project of EH and Faith and the Common Good.

St James has had a walk-through audit and as a result, has taken many practical energy conservation measures. They have held 2 celebration feasts of delicious locally produced food.

They have installed a bike rack to encourage getting to worship by active transportation instead of driving. They offer regular recycling/composting/green bin education to the community at large.

Groups using the church are being given the Blue box talk to encourage correct use. They have helped develop a green cleaning products guide.

St James is also a very active member of the newly formed Eco-Churches of West Hamilton who are heavily involved with climate change activism. The world wide 350 events in October, leading up to the Copenhagen Conference saw St James members taking to the streets in Hamilton, writing letters to the government and educating people about the need to take action on climate change.

Laidlaw's story began with a budget deficit. Some thought that turning down the heat in the Sanctuary during the week might help, but there was the pipe organ to consider. They'd been told that the pipe organ had to be at 65 degrees all winter to be preserved.

After much talk they came to the decision to invest a little over a hundred dollars in a 7-day electronic set back thermostat. They set it up to be warm when people were going to be there, and cool when people

were not going to be there. By the time a year had passed, the heat bill was \$1000 less. The organ was fine. And six years later, the organ is still fine, better, perhaps, for the leathers not getting all dried out from the heat in the winter.

More ways to save money started coming up. The pilot lights on the kitchen stove could be turned off until someone needed to use the stove (that saves \$250 in gas each year), and the water heater turned down for the summer. Changing the furnace filters helps make the furnaces more efficient.

Breakfast and Brooms was another deficit-fighting innovation – gathering members for a communal Saturday morning breakfast who then worked together to clean and maintain the Church. Compact fluorescent lighting cut another \$50 a month from the church hydro bill.

Someone else heard about free upgrades to the existing florescent lighting in the Church to T-8's (high efficiency fluorescent lights), and the Utility Company did \$1000 worth of free upgrades.

At Thanksgiving the church school avoided driving and went instead to the nearby Ottawa Street farmers' market for vegetable decorations for the sanctuary. The church office has cut back on photocopies and other paper use. Cleaning now involves fewer chemicals, and more elbow grease.

"It just made sense for us to start thinking, all of us, together, about how to save money," explains Reverend Doug Moore, "and being green was saving us money, and time, and increasing the cooperation and affection we had for each other."

"The more we got to know each other, the more our worship became a deeper celebration. Helping each other be respectful of God's creation, and enjoying each other's company, gave us a sense of friendship that allowed us to celebrate God's provision for us, and believe our little world might be saved, after all."

Laidlaw United has recently received funding to install solar panels this spring and generate green energy that they will feed into the grid. They are providing a public tour of their church on March 17th.

And on Sunday April 25 Greening Sacred Spaces will be hosting a public solar forum at the church from 1 to 4 pm for faith groups, businesses and home owners.



SPECIAL EH MEMBER EVENTS

Here's another reason to join, donate or volunteer for Environment Hamilton - you get invited to fun and interesting events!

As part of a new series of events offered to our members and supporters, we organized a guided nature hike through Conservation land in the Waterdown area.

Our guide was John Hall, co-ordinator with the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan who is very knowledgeable about the ecology of the area, and he guided about 20 of us through the woods, pointing out how lucky we are to live in an area that boasts such a high diversity of tree species.

We also learned that Waterdown was named because of its abundance of waterfalls.

After our two-hour outing – and with blooms on our cheeks – we were invited back to John's home nearby to enjoy a hot chocolate and an opportunity for everyone to get to know one another.

Join us for our next event on Sunday March 28th at 4pm when we meet members



John Hall (centre) pauses to explain the landscape on the EH special event hike.

of Hamilton's Congolese community and enjoy a supper of traditional African foods – and music! This will be at the Centenary United Church, 24 Main St West in downtown Hamilton (on the corner of Main & MacNab).

If you're currently a donor, member or volunteer and would like to be on our Special Events Mailing list, contact Julia Kollek, our Volunteer & Membership Co-ordinator at volunteer@environmenthamilton.org or call 905-627-5410.

SCHOOLS SHARE GREEN EXPERIENCES

Hamilton schools are adopting a community approach to environmental education – thanks in large part to on-going educational work by Environment Hamilton in collaboration with the Conserver Society. Last month that resulted in a gathering of over 100 educators and school staff to learn from the collaborative work of the Halton public and Catholic school boards – work that has put them in the forefront of environmental education in the province.

The February 24 meeting was titled "A Tale of Two Boards: A Community Approach to Environmental Education" and was held at in the Education Centre auditorium at Main and Bay Streets in Hamilton. Presentors Sue Paradiso and Ron Ballentine explained how their two Halton boards work collaboratively

on multiple initiatives and partner with community agencies to achieve more effective environmental education programs.

Other speakers included John Malloy and Pat Amos, the respective directors of education for the public and Catholic boards in Hamilton, as well as Pat Daly and Jessica Brennan, the respective chairs of the two boards of trustees.

The attendees heard that the two Halton boards have a shared recycling contract with their local government. In Hamilton, that's also true of the Catholic Board, but not the public board which contracts with a private company that limits what can be recycled. That puts students in the latter board in the awkward position of having two different sets of recycling rules – one at school and a different one at home – and has left some of their staff asking 'why can't we do the same thing at school as we do at home'.

The joint meeting hopefully will be a step towards more collaborative environmental education work in Hamilton. The event was organized by "Schools Going Green", a grassroots initiative that includes Environment Hamilton, Green Venture, Earth Day Hamilton and staff from both local school boards.

EOY AWARDS

Nominations have also opened for the Environmentalist of the Year (EOY) awards. The nomination package and background information are at www.eoyawards.org. Nomination forms can be requested by contacting John Struger at (905) 547-5116 (home); 336-4966 (office) john.struger@sympatico.ca.

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The Hamilton Community Foundation supports EH's ongoing work in local schools and in North Hamilton as well as the Passport to Hamilton project.

THE TRANSITION INITIATIVE

This is the second in a 3 part series by former EH board member Jack Santa-Barbara looking at the unsustainability of modern human settlements.



The Transition Town initiative began a few years ago in a small Irish community and has spread to 100's of communities around the world (www.transitiontowns.org). It evolved out of concern for the impacts of climate change and energy descent on where people live and work. It is a grass roots

initiative that recognizes the challenges ahead, and takes responsibility for preparing one's community. There is also recognition that governments are missing the boat addressing these challenges and that people have to take the initiative to provide security for their families' future.

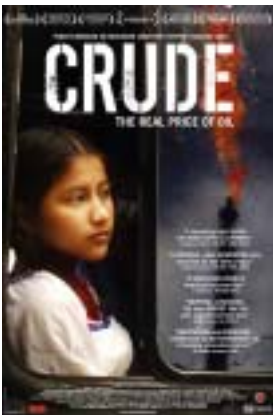
Part of the Transition Initiative involves public education about climate change and energy descent. But the most personal energy and enthusiasm is generated by people taking on projects to actually begin the transition to a low carbon, energy conserving future in their community. Despite the serious challenges being addressed most Transition Initiatives have a very positive, upbeat flair about them. The taking action in doable bites moves beyond the gloom and doom of many climate and peak oil groups, and makes for an engaged community. In many ways, the initiative is about building community links as part of creating the local resilience needed to make the transition. Building a positive vision for the future is an integral and energizing part of this process.

In addition to the website mentioned above the Transition Initiative provides a variety of resources to assist local groups to get going. An excellent handbook is available online, various videos of other groups, and start up training is available if desired. The handbook provides a well thought out approach to starting a group, and has many practical suggestions and examples. Recognizing the uniqueness of each community there is considerable encouragement to use the suggested

approach in any way that suits a particular group. Since the movement is all about relocalization of essential goods and services, it is only appropriate that site specific approaches are adapted.

When groups come together to create their vision of a low carbon, low energy future, they typically focus on a variety of areas, with the emphasis on those the group feels are most important. Three basic questions are asked of one's community: 1. What are the most important local impacts of climate change and energy descent likely to be? 2. What is already in place to prepare for the changes that are coming? And 3. What do we need to do to ensure we have a resilient community to deal with any unmet needs?

Typical areas that people become engaged in include: local food production; local renewable energy projects; transportation; relocalization of basic industries; local currencies; education; health care; learning from the elders (who generally have a lot more knowledge about frugal living); and housing. The idea is to come up with an "Energy Descent Plan" for your community, and then get to it.



The Conservator Society annual general meeting is on Friday, April 16 at 6 pm at Westdale High School.

All new and renewing members will get a ticket to the Eco Film & Arts Festival featuring showing of "Crude: The Real Price of Oil" at 8 pm in the same location.

BETTY BLASHILL PRIZE

Betty Blashill was a passionate advocate for a better environment. However, she preferred to protect nature in her own quiet and steady way, far from the limelight and never seeking recognition.

Betty was especially important to all of us at Environment Hamilton because of her role as cofounder and huge source of organizational support. She lived according to her favourite saying of Mahatma Gandhi: "Live simply so that others may simply live".

While Betty and her passionate and tireless environmental work are missed sorely since her death in 2006, we know others are taking up the torch to improve Hamilton.

Consider nominating one of those individuals for the Betty Blashill Prize. Visit the Environment Hamilton website for nomination forms or give us a call at (905) 549-0900 and we will send you a nomination package.

THE SAGA OF TRIPLE M METALS

Hamilton has serious problems with levels of dust and other airborne particulate matter in the industrial core. Particulate levels are unacceptably high, as has been so clearly demonstrated through the mobile monitoring work undertaken by Dr. Dennis Corr and reported in Clean Air Hamilton's 2008 progress report (www.cleanair.hamilton.ca). Researchers have also demonstrated that airborne particulate matter can impact on respiratory and cardiopulmonary health in a community. Asthma, heart attacks and other health issues are being linked to exposures to particulate matter – especially fine particulate matter.

Given this problematic reality, one would think that swift corrective action would be taken to eliminate all sources of particulate matter in the industrial core that could be readily managed or eliminated. The ongoing saga of Triple M Metals highlights some of the challenges and frustrations Environment Hamilton has experienced in attempting to require just one industrial player – a local scrap processor/recycler - to address sources of particulate emissions that could be readily addressed. We have been working over a 2+ year period to see particulate problems at Triple M (formerly Poscor Metals) rectified and we are experiencing frustratingly slow change.

Triple M Metal has three scrap metal recycling & processing locations near each other in northeast Hamilton:

- o The Parkdale Avenue North site - which abuts Windermere Basin, includes an auto shredder and is the location where extensive outdoor metal cutting occurs using oxypropane torches
- o The Brampton Street site - west of Parkdale which also includes a shredder
- o The Strathearne site - north of Burlington Street where a building with proper pollution control is available for indoor metal cutting.

It was back in 2007 that EH staff began to notice problems with orange-brown emissions wafting up from Triple M's Parkdale Avenue North site. This was the start of a series of actions taken by EH to attempt to see problems at this and the other 3 Triple M locations rectified. The following is a chronology of our efforts to date:

- o February 2008 – Environment Hamilton submits an application for review under

the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights, asking the Ministry of Environment to review the air permit for the Parkdale location.

The request zeroes in on open air

metal cutting using oxypropane torches – a practice which causes emissions of clouds of iron oxide. EH asks that the MOE eliminate the approval to cut metal in open air and instead require the company to do this indoors at its Strathearne location where pollution control equipment will be installed.

- o May 2008 – MOE agrees to undertake the review requested by EH.
- o April/ May 2008 – Environment Hamilton submits comments on Triple M's application to amend its provincial air permit for its Strathearne facility. EH requests that steps be taken to control particulate emissions from the site, including proper truck washing and paving of the site where possible.
- o October 2009 – MOE posts decision on air permit for Strathearne facility, requiring the company to develop best management practices plan for fugitive dust. That plan must be submitted to MOE by the end of March 2010 and implementation must begin as soon as the plan is accepted by the MOE.
- o January 2010 – Environment Hamilton submits comments on Triple M's application to amend its air permit for its Brampton Street facility. EH requests that the company be required to take steps similar to those imposed at the Strathearne Street location, and underscores fact that the company is the cause of a severe, chronic problem with dust/dirt drag-out on to Brampton Street from its facility.
- o March 2, 2010 – EH executive director Lynda Lukasik raises concerns with MOE District Manager and West Central Region Director regarding emissions and particulate problems at Triple M's facilities.



Emissions on March 3, 2010

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Environment Hamilton is always looking for volunteers. We have a variety of ways you can get involved.

- o At public events
- o Research
- o Design flyers
- o Write articles
- o Web support
- o Make phone calls
- o Conduct surveys
- o Fund-raise

So if you're looking for work, have some spare time or need student volunteer hours, we'd be happy to hear from you. We'll match you with a project that suits both your needs and ours.

Give Julia Kollek, our Volunteer Co-ordinator, a call at 905-627-5410.

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ENVIRONMENT RULES GUTTED

This month's Harper government budget eliminates environmental assessments of new oil, gas and nuclear projects and hands their review over to other agencies such as the National Energy Board, whose primary mandate is to develop the oil, gas and electric sectors. Assessments of nuclear projects will go to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

It's just the latest in an on-going gutting of federal environmental rules that earlier saw the exemption of stimulus projects that would automatically be required to undergo an assessment because of federal funding. The Sierra Club sees the moves as steps in dismantling the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)

A government document leaked in mid-March indicates much more dramatic cuts may be on the way as environment minister Jim Prentice seeks to "overhaul" the nation's assessment legislation. The document says CEAA would only examine 200-300 projects a year under the new system, instead of the 6000 now done annually by the agency.

EAT LOCAL MAP 4TH EDITION

Finding local sources of food will still be easy this year thanks to funding from Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation that will allow for a 2010 edition of the Hamilton Farm Map and Directory. The city of Hamilton is also helping fund the popular map that lists markets, farmgate sale outlets.

This year's edition welcomes two new farmers markets – in Ancaster and Binbrook – joining the ones already in operation in downtown Hamilton, on Ottawa Street, Concession Street and downtown Dundas.

Another new feature is a partnership with Local Food Plus, an organization that certifies farmers and processors as local sustainable food producers. These farmers and processors are reducing or eliminating pesticide use, treat their animals well, conserve soil and water, protect wildlife habitat, provide safe and fair working conditions, reduce energy use and sell locally wherever possible. The print run for this edition is being nearly doubled so the map can serve for both 2010 and 2011.

Triple M from page 7

- o March 3, 2010 – EH board member Don McLean photographs orange-brown emissions discharging from the Parkdale site – the result of open-air cutting of scrap metal with oxypropane torches – the problem originally reported by EH as part of our February 2008 application for review.
- o March 4, 2010 - March 3 photos forwarded to MOE staff with a request that action be taken to eliminate the on-going emission problems at the Parkdale site.

Here we are well over 2 years later and many of the problems documented in the above chronology persist at Triple M's operations. On a positive note, the MOE has required the company to take action to resolve particulate problems at its Strathearne site. It remains to be seen how the best management practices plan will look for this site and how swiftly the plan will be implemented.

But the Brampton and Parkdale sites continue to cause problems. Parkdale's metal cutting emissions continue apparently unabated. Brampton Street is a dust bowl with no apparent efforts by anyone to require changes at the site to resolve this problem. In the meantime, the air quality of east Hamilton suffers as a result, something that is hard to accept when solutions to these problems certainly do not constitute rocket science!

Environment Hamilton will continue to push to see these issues resolved. We encourage members to consider giving the Hamilton District Office of the MOE a call to request that the Ministry require Triple M to address its particulate problems. The District Office main number is 905-521-7650.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Our annual general meeting will include elections for the EH Board of Directors. Four of the eight positions are automatically up for election at each AGM. Members in good standing may nominate individuals to stand for election to the Board. These nominations should be forwarded to the chair of the Nominating Committee at the EH mailing address (1130 Barton Street East, Suite 207, Hamilton ON L8H 7P9) no later than April 1, and should be accompanied by the supporting signatures of three EH members. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the AGM on April 8.



because the world
needs to know!

*Why 350? We
must return to
the earth's
natural balance!
– David Suzuki*



*This will be the fourth
edition of the map put
out by EH and the
Conservator Society
with the help of
Friends of the
Greenbelt Foundation.*