Outreach for the Air Quality Heath Index and the 20/20 Way to Clean Air Campaign to First Nations people and Chinese community members with asthma and associated allergies residing in Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)

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Executive Summary

Air pollution affects thousands of Canadians annually and can cause lost productivity, pain and suffering including exacerbations of respiratory diseases, increased respiratory infections, and hospitalizations of respiratory and cardiovascular disease sufferersⁱ,ⁱⁱ. In addition, various studies show that increases in air pollution result in a rapid increase in the number of hospitalizations due to asthmaⁱⁱⁱ, ^v, ^v</sup>. Due to the strong links between air pollution and respiratory disease, the Asthma Society of Canada (ASC) is undertaking this project in partnership with Toronto Public Health (TPH) to raise awareness about air pollution and respiratory health in First Nations people and Chinese community members residing in Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), in particular people affected by asthma and associated allergies.

The ASC incorporated the AQHI and the 20/20 Way to Clean Air Campaign outreach initiatives into its own programming activities, such as the Asthma Ambassadors program, the National Asthma Patient Alliance (NAPA) program, the Asthma and Allergy Education and Support Program, distribution of promotional materials to organizations and individuals in Toronto and the GTA, and attending community outreach events. The ASC distributed information on the AQHI and the 20/20 Way to Clean Air Campaign through the ASC website, the monthly e-newsletter along with other communication means. Asthma Ambassadors were trained on the AQHI and the 20/20 Way to Clean Air campaign to become representatives tasked with delivering asthma information to their networks along with details on these programs. Using social networking tools such as Twitter and Facebook, the ASC posted frequent links and information on these programs to those who follow the ASC's activities. In addition to all of these communication methods, the ASC distributed printed materials through special mailings to organizations in First Nations and Chinese communities. The ASC also distributed materials at community outreach events and spoke with members of the public on the AQHI and the 20/20 campaign. Through all of these initiatives, the ASC was able to reach its project goal of outreaching to a minimum of 500 people residing in First Nations and Chinese communities in Toronto and the GTA.

Additionally, in order to raise awareness of the AQHI and 20/20 Way to Clean Air Campaign, the ASC created and implemented an online survey to determine the overall awareness of these programs in those residing in First Nation communities and the Chinese community in Toronto and the GTA. With this new data, the ASC will be able to collect a number of important results regarding personal behavior change, making responsible environmental choices, and the frequency of the AQHI use.

The AQHI and the 20/20 campaign information has been incorporated into the ASC's regular programming activities which will allow us to foster long-term sustainable information dissemination to additional members of these communities past the completion of this project.

I. Project Background

1. The role of the Asthma Society of Canada in promoting the AQHI and the 20/20 Way to Clean Air Campaign

The Asthma Society of Canada (ASC) is committed to helping asthma patients breathe easier, and therefore recognizes the vital importance of clean air and a healthy environment. Numerous studies from Canada and around the world suggests that air pollution is a key trigger for the exacerbation of asthma and higher levels of air pollution result in a rapid increase in the number of hospitalizations due to asthma.^{vi vii,viii,ix,x,xi,xii,xiii} According to Health Canada, thousands of premature deaths and hospitalizations can be linked to air pollution each year. Those most at risk of health problems from poor air quality include: children, seniors and people with pre-existing respiratory and cardiac conditions. Air pollution worsens asthma, allergies, bronchitis and heart problems. As well, it irritates the eyes, nose and throat, and makes it difficult for even healthy lungs to work well. The public needs an accurate warning system so that they can take action to protect them from air pollution. In response to this, Environment Canada and Health Canada led the development of a health-based air quality index, known as the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI). The AQHI incorporates the most recent scientific information on the health effects of key air pollutants – ground level ozone, particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide. It measures local air pollution and reports the health risk on a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 representing the lowest risk to health. While the AQHI helps protect people from air pollution, Toronto Public Health (TPH) created a social marketing campaign to reduce air pollution. Entitled 20/20 The Way to Clean Air^{xiv}, this campaign is designed to help individuals reduce both home energy use and vehicle use by 20%.

There are a variety of programs and services provided by the ASC geared towards people with asthma and associated allergies and their families through direct outreach as well as working with communitybased healthcare professionals. Specifically, the ASC has identified First Nations and Chinese communities as target groups that should be further reached in providing information on asthma and air quality. The ASC has a special interest in working with Aboriginal communities and helping these communities understand asthma and how to manage it properly. First Nations communities have a noticeably higher prevalence of asthma compared with the general Canadian population which shows an important need for ongoing support and education. This may be because of this groups' exposure to various environmental determinants of respiratory health such as: smoking, poor housing, wood burning, and poor indoor/outdoor air quality. With Chinese being the most prevalent second language spoken in Toronto, this represents a substantial need for asthma and air quality information to be available to this population. The ASC has recognized this need by producing its Asthma Basics Booklet Series (Diagnosis, Triggers, Medication, and Kids booklets) and the Breathe brochure in Chinese in addition to English and French.

2. Project Goals and Objectives

The main goal of the project "Outreach for the Air Quality Health Index and the 20/20 Way to Clean Air Campaign to First Nations people and Chinese community members with asthma and associated allergies residing in Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area" was to increase the number of First Nations and Chinese residents, media, and organizations based in Toronto and the GTA receiving information on the AQHI and the 20/20 Way to Clean Air Campaign. The key objectives of the project were as follows:

- Organize activities and promote the AQHI and the 20/20 campaign between January 2011 to June 2011 using existing ASC resources and outreach programs
- Outreach to a minimum of 500 people including those with asthma and associated allergies from the following target groups using existing ASC communication channels:
 - First Nations people (workshops/presentations)
 - Chinese communities (translated materials/community events)
- Foster longer-term, sustainable information dissemination to people with asthma and associated allergies through the "Asthma Ambassadors" and "NAPA" programs past the completion of this project by recruiting additional Asthma Ambassadors and/or NAPA members within First Nations and Chinese populations

3. Project Activities

In the proposal submitted to Toronto Public Health on December 1st, 2010, the Asthma Society of Canada (ASC) listed a number of project activities related to the promotion of the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) and the 20/20 Way to Clean Air Campaign to First Nations and Chinese communities within Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The final report below outlines the project activities conducted in both First Nations and Chinese communities that have been either confirmed or completed as of June 17th, 2011. New materials have been developed by the ASC for certain activities using both the templates and the text available in the AQHI DVD Toolkit developed by Toronto Public Health. Materials and documents associated with the project can be found in the Appendices at the end of the report.

II. Promoting the AQHI and 20/20 Campaign to Chinese community in Toronto and the GTA

1. National Asthma Patient Alliance

NAPA, the National Asthma Patient Alliance, is the patient advocacy group supported by the Asthma Society of Canada. With just under **267** active NAPA members in the Greater Toronto area, **991** active members nationwide, and over **3700** informational members across the country, this group of self-subscribed asthma individuals receives our monthly newsletter and breaking news e-mail alerts (known as NAPAlerts).

On <u>March 15th</u>, a blog story about the AQHI and 20/20 campaign materials available in Chinese was posted on the NAPA Blog, which is accessible to all the NAPA members and general public (see Appendix 1 for text). The NAPA Blog is linked through the ASC main webpage at <u>www.asthma.ca</u>, and it was mentioned in the April 2011 newsletter.

On <u>April 6th</u>, our April e-Newsletter was released and contained an article about the AQHI and 20/20 campaign materials available in Chinese which was sent nationwide to all subscribers. This story was adapted from the AQHI DVD Toolkit (see Appendix 2 for details).

On June 2^{nd} , our June e-Newsletter was released and contained an article about the AQHI including the ASC report to Environment Canada about people's perspectives on the index (see Appendix 3 for details).

Subscribers were reminded about the AQHI materials available from the ASC including booklets in Chinese.

The newsletters were received by **3701** (3638 online, 63 offline) subscribers across the country. While many of our information members do not give us their postal code or city upon sign-up, **466** (447online, 19 offline) members with GTA postal codes received the newsletters, in addition to people who did not supply addresses.

2. Social Media Presence

The ASC employs a <u>Twitter</u> account and a <u>Facebook</u> account for communication with individuals through social media networks. Both of these networks are regularly updated by the ASC staff to provide the most up-to-date information on asthma, associated allergies, and air quality.

We released 17 'tweets' through Twitter, on <u>March 3rd, 15th, 16th and 29th, April 6th, 13th, 25th and 29th, <u>May 8th, 20th, 28th and 31st, June 3rd, 7th and 16th about the AQHI and the 20/20 campaign (see Appendix 4 for text).</u></u>

The ASC has **1345** Twitter followers who received these messages; however, since Twitter users are not organized by location, it is unclear how many of the ASC's 1345 Twitter followers reside in Toronto and the GTA.

We have updated our Facebook status and group wall twice on <u>March 15th and April 25th</u> with information and links to the AQHI and the 20/20 campaign (see Appendix 5 for text).

Our Facebook group has **610** people who are fans of the group, and consequently receive updates in their news feed with new postings made by the ASC on the AQHI and/or 20/20 campaign. Just like Twitter, Facebook users are generally not organized by location. In addition to the ASC's Facebook group, **three** of our Asthma Ambassadors posted information about the AQHI and 20/20 campaign on their personal Facebook page which reached an undetermined number of users. Approximately, these messages reached over **1000** users; however, this number could not be accurately verified as these users' networks are constantly changing.

3. Asthma Society Websites

There are multiple online formats for the ASC to promote both of these programs such as websites and blog pages.

The ASC has created an AQHI page on our website at <u>http://www.asthma.ca/global/aqhi.php</u>, and has placed the links to the AQHI and 20/20 campaign resources in Chinese on that page (see Appendix 6 for the AQHI page). These links on our AQHI page were made active as of <u>March 15th</u>.

We also maintain the NAPA blogging page. Our NAPA blog is quite popular and frequently updated with general information on asthma and associated allergies. On March 15^{th} , a blog story about the AQHI and

20/20 campaign materials available in Chinese was posted on the NAPA Blog, which is accessible to all the NAPA members and the general public (see Appendix 1 for text).

4. Asthma and Allergy Education and Support program

Previously known as the Asthma Help Line, this service provides over the phone and e-mail education and counseling for those who call our toll free phone number or e-mail the ASC asking for information about their condition. It is staffed by Certified Asthma Educators/Certified Respiratory Educators (CAEs/CREs) who provide over the phone or e-mail interactive support and education. Based on area code phone number identification (416, 647, 905 or 289), our CAEs/CREs deliver AQHI and 20/20 campaign information when they are answering inquires from individuals residing in the GTA. They have been given a "starting script" (see Appendix 7) based off the AQHI DVD Toolkit material "Long Toronto AQHI Article" and are trained with the program information in case there are any direct questions about either program. This information has been delivered since <u>August 17th 2010</u>. During the project period, our CAEs/CREs delivered AQHI and 20/20 messaging to **25** people in Toronto and the GTA.

5. "Asthma Today" Widget

Our "Asthma Today" Widget is a desktop tool which can be downloaded, and provides your local weather forecast with a link to the AQHI, and is consistently updated with news from the Asthma Society of Canada and our partners. AQHI information has been consistently available since the launch of the widget in November 2009, and information about the AQHI and 20/20 materials available in Chinese was added as a news story on <u>March 15th</u> (see Appendix 8 for text). The widget is available at <u>www.asthma.ca/widget</u>.

6. Distribution of Printed Materials

Selected healthcare organizations and churches in the Chinese community in Toronto and the GTA (see Appendix 9 for the distribution lists) received a special package of materials, including the DVD, the spinner wall chart (only to healthcare organizations), posters in English and Chinese, postcards in English and Chinese, 4-fold brochures in English and Chinese, and the 20/20 planner supplied by Toronto Public Health. Two special mailings were done on March 16^{th} (**14 packages**) and May 25^{th} (**61 packages**).

An information letter included in the packages was developed based on the AQHI DVD Toolkit material 'Long Toronto AQHI Article' (see appendix 10 and 11 for the letters to healthcare organizations and churches).

7. Health Fairs and Information Sessions

The Asthma Society is often asked to staff a booth at a health fair or related event. We had a number of events in April and May at which we distributed the English AQHI 4-fold pamphlet and 20/20 Planner and Chinese AQHI brochure and 20/20 vehicle use reduction/home energy use reduction tip cards along with the AsthmaToday Widget postcards. We attended **8** events in the GTA over this time period. These events were:

- 4 public health fairs
 - o City of Mississauga 2011 Health , Wellness & Safety Fair March 29, 2011
 - Green Living Show April 13-15, 2011
 - Anaphylaxis Canada Spring Conference "Anaphylaxis Awareness in the community" May 7, 2011
 - The Hospital for Sick Children Information Week, Family Resource Centre May 9-13, 2011
- 2 corporate health fairs
 - Kretschmar Inc. Wellness Event May 11, 2011
 - o CEP Local 6007 union of Bell Canada Health and Safety Week May 2-5, 2011
- 1 information session
 - Rexdale Community Health Centre Information Session May 3, 2011
- 1 community/school event
 - Seja's Run "Make Clean Air Count" at Toronto French School May 14, 2011(the promo card for this event is included with the hard copy of the report)

These events were staffed by NAPA members, Asthma Ambassadors, and ASC staff, while CAEs/CREs provided educational sessions at two locations (Rexdale Community Health Centre and Seja's Run).

8. Outreaching to Organizations Providing Services to Chinese Community Members

The following organizations (please see the list below) have been contacted by the ASC to determine their interest in having a presentation about the AQHI and the 20/20 Campaign delivered to their community members and/or customers. They have also been asked if they would like to display and distribute the AQHI and 20/20 materials. The organizations have been chosen based on their large client base in the specific areas within the Chinese community in Toronto and the GTA.

- Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto
- The Cross-Cultural Community Services Association
- South Riverdale Community Health Centre
- T&T Supermarket
- Centre for Information and Community Services
- Markham South Welcome Centre
- Carefirst Seniors
- Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care

All of the above organizations received the information package and a follow-up phone call to determine their needs in receiving additional information on the AQHI and the 20/20 campaign. The ASC will work further with those organizations to promote the index.

Additionally, we have connected with the Queen West Community Health Centre to promote the AQHI and the 20/20 campaign through the Prenatal Program for Chinese speaking parents. The program has

approximately 200 women in attendance weekly. Due to the program's schedule, the ASC has not been able to secure a presentation date within the project timelines; however, the presentation will be delivered in the nearest future. We have also been in contact with Logos Baptist Church (Milliken) to promote the AQHI and the 20/20 campaign at the community's diabetes clinic.

9. Media Presence

We have promoted the AQHI and the 20/20 Campaign in the following **three** media outlets targeting the Chinese population in Toronto and the GTA :

Newspaper:

- June 4, 2011 Saturday Supplement Lifestyle, Ming Pao Daily Newspaper (available in print and online formats in Chinese communities; one of the largest Chinese newspaper in Toronto with a circulation of **158,000**) (see Appendix 12 for the advertisement)
- June 5, 2011 Sunday Supplement World Journal Magazine, World Journal Daily Newspaper (available in print and online formats in Chinese communities with a circulation of over **45,000**) (see Appendix 13 for the advertisement)

Radio Station:

• June 1 and 3, 2011 at 8:04am, Fairchild Radio FM 88.9/AM 1430 (most listened-to radio station among Chinese Canadians). The radio clip has been posted on our AQHI website along with other Chinese AQHI and the 20/20 campaign information at http://www.asthma.ca/global/aqhi.php#chinese_information

10. Asthma Ambassadors Program

Asthma Ambassadors is a peer-to-peer support program administered by volunteers, who deliver asthma information to their friends, peers, and networks after receiving additional training and educational resources. Each ambassador residing in Chinese community in Toronto and the GTA has received training through our AQHI webpage (<u>http://www.asthma.ca/global/aqhi.php#chinese_information</u>), email communications, and face-to-face discussions with the ASC staff.

Information about the AQHI and the 20/20 campaign in Chinese has been distributed to more than **1255** individuals by **7** Asthma Ambassadors in person as well as using email and social media communication tools (**255** via email/person and **1000** on Facebook).

In addition, the Asthma Ambassadors visited **four** popular neighbourhoods within the Chinese community (e.g., Highway 7, Markham, Pacific Mall, and Sheppard and Leslie) and distributed materials including the AQHI brochure and postcard in Chinese, and the 20/20 vehicle use/home energy use reduction tip card in Chinese to **10** health care organizations and businesses (see Appendix 14 for the distribution list).

11. Feedback Survey

A survey (**see Appendix 15**) was designed for Chinese community members in Toronto and the GTA to assess their main perspectives on the AQHI and their current knowledge about the index. The survey also asks questions about their understanding of health issues related to air pollution as well as their intent to change behaviours based on the information about the AQHI and the 20/20 Campaign. The survey has been available online and in hardcopies to the Chinese community starting on Friday, June 3rd, 2011.

We have received in total of **56** responses as of <u>Friday</u>, June 17th, 2011. Due to the positive response received from the community members, the ASC has decided to continue the survey until the end of June 2011 with the results being submitted to Toronto Public Health in the supplementary report in July 2011.

Additionally, a quick survey (see Attachment 16) was developed to obtain feedback on the AQHI materials in Chinese from healthcare professionals and community organizations working with the Chinese community members. The survey was faxed to **75** organizations which received the AQHI package from the ASC. To ensure that the feedback has been received, the ASC made follow-up phone calls to **10** organizations on the list to confirm the usefulness of the package received. After follow-up phone calls, most of the organizations indicated potential benefits of the information provided to their clients and would like to receive additional AQHI and the 20/20 campaign materials from the ASC.

III. <u>Promoting the AQHI and 20/20 Campaign to First Nations communities in Toronto and the GTA</u>

1. Distribution of Printed Materials

The ASC distributed printed materials to selected First Nations healthcare organizations, friendship and resource centres, housing facilities, and other services (see Appendix 17 for the distribution list). We distributed packages on two separate dates to different First Nations organizations throughout Toronto and the GTA. A total of **49** packages have been sent out to First Nations organizations.

The first set of printed materials was sent to First Nations organizations listed within the original proposal and additional First Nations organizations located within the City of Toronto. Each organization received a package from the ASC, which includes the AQHI DVD Toolkit, the spinner wall chart, the AQHI postcards in English, the AQHI brochure in English, and the 20/20 campaign planner supplied by the Toronto Public Health. Other ASC materials were also included in the package, such as the Asthma Widget postcard (see Appendix 18) and the "Allergies Count Too- ACT Now!" postcard that describes the ASC new Allergy and Asthma Education and Support Program (see Appendix 19). A total of **25** packages were distributed on <u>May 24th, 2011</u>.

The second set of distributed materials was sent to First Nations organizations in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and the Simcoe Muskoka Region. Each organization received the same package received by the first distribution list excluding the AQHI DVD Toolkit. Another **24** packages were distributed to the second set of selected organizations on June 1^{st} , 2011.

An information letter (see Appendix 20) is also included in each package and was developed based on the AQHI DVD Toolkit material, 'Long Toronto AQHI Article'.

2. Follow-Up Feedback Survey (faxes and phone calls)

After sending out the packages to the selected First Nations organizations, the ASC sent follow-up letters (see Appendix 21) through faxes. The follow-up letter includes a small survey asking the organization if they have received a package from the ASC and about their thoughts on its usefulness. They were also asked if they would like to receive more resources from the ASC for their organization. Every First Nations organizations within our distribution list were sent a follow-up letter.

Because we received very few responses from the First Nations organizations by fax, we called each organization on the distribution list to administer the survey over the phone. The organizations were receptive of the information packages. A total of **5** organizations confirmed their need for more resources. These organizations include the Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto, Noojimawin Healthy Authority, Sherbourne Health Centre, the Aboriginal Healing and Wellsness Strategy, and Ontario Early Years Centre - Simcoe North. In addition, we are still conversing with other organizations about sending more resources to them in the near future.

3. Media Presence

To further inform First Nations community members in Toronto and the GTA about the Air Quality Health Index, a list of viable media outlets in area that targets First Nations audience has been developed (see Appendix 22). Three separate types of media were researched: newspaper, radio, and television. We have found a total of three successful methods of broadcasting information within First Nations communities in Toronto and the GTA.

Listed below are the media outlets that we have used to promote information about the AQHI:

Newspaper:

- *mediaINDIGENA*: an online interactive newspaper (see Appendix 7) that focused on current Indigenous events reaching audience spanning over 119 countries; 78% of audience is from Canada with Toronto having one of the largest audience
- *Turtle Island News*: a newspaper distributed in print and online (see Appendix 8); noted as Canada's largest Native newspaper as well as Ontario's favourite Aboriginal newspaper found in every Ontario First Nations university, college, professional office, media outlet, native center, government office, and newsstands.

Television:

• *Talk Durham (episode: June 14th, 2011)*: a television show on Rogers TV in the Durham Region (Channel 10 and 63)

 The ASC has chosen *Talk Durham* because Durham, Ontario has a highly dense population of Aboriginal community members; according to Canada Census data, approximately 4,000 First Nations community members are situated in the Durham Region (see Appendix 9)

A print advertisement (see Appendix 10) has been developed by the ASC with the information based on the AQHI DVD Toolkit for the *Turtle Island News* as well as a simplified version for a web advertisement on *mediaINDIGENA* (see Appendix 11). The ASC was also invited to the talk show, *Talk Durham*, in their special Summer Safety episode on Tuesday, <u>June 14th</u>, 2011 (see Appendix 12). The ASC had a representative introduce the AQHI tool live on television and teaching the audience how to use and access the tool on a daily basis.

The ASC has attempted to get in contact with a few radio stations, such as Aboriginal Voices and CUIT FM on the Indigenous Wave Show. However, the radio stations were unreachable over both telephone and e-mail. Therefore, the ASC have unfortunately been unable to broadcast a radio message within the Toronto and GTA to inform First Nations communities about the AQHI and the 20/20 campaign at this moment.

4. Online Survey

An online survey (see Appendix 13) has been developed by the ASC to distribute to First Nations community members throughout Toronto and the GTA. The survey will also help the ASC get feedback on how First Nations participants would like to receive the AQHI readings each day and how useful they thought the tool is. The survey will also assess the community's perspectives on the AQHI and their knowledge about this tool. The survey includes questions about both the use of the AQHI and the willingness of to contribute to the 20/20 Campaign. The survey was available to the First Nations community online starting on Friday, June 3rd, 2011.

The online survey is currently up and running now. We have received a total of **8** responses as of <u>Friday</u>, <u>June 17th, 2011</u>. The survey will continue to run until the end of June 2011 and the results will be submitted to Toronto Public Health in the ASC's supplementary report in July 2011.

5. Fact Sheet

As mentioned in the proposal, a fact sheet has been developed by the ASC to be given out to the First Nations participants after each workshop/presentation. The information within the fact sheet is based on the information provided within the AQHI DVD Toolkit. The fact sheet has been specifically designed to target First Nations community through its design and images.

The front of the fact sheet (see Appendix 14) introduces the AQHI as a tool and provides information on how users can benefit from the scale. On the back (see Appendix 15), health messages for both the 'at risk population' and the 'general population' is displayed with each associated level of the index. The health messages gives suggestions of how people should plan their outdoor activities based on the level of the scale. Carefully chosen images are used to facilitate the explanations as well. In addition, information has

been simplified to satisfy the reading level found in most First Nations communities for better understandability. The reading level is 7.1. Lastly, the fact sheet introduces the 20/20 The Way to Clean Air Campaign and encourages First Nations community to participate and order their own planner from the Asthma Society of Canada. The ASC will be piloting the fact sheet in the upcoming booth set-up and they will be distributed to the First Nations community.

6. Booth and Presentation

The ASC has contacted Andrea Chrisjohn, the executive Director of Toronto Council Fire Cultural Centre, who has shown great interest in being a part of promoting the Air Quality Health Index. The Toronto Council Fire Cultural Centre (<u>http://www.councilfire.ca/index.html</u>) is committed to providing services, such as counseling, employment services, youth and children workshop, and health support, for the Indigenous population of Toronto. These programs are used to maintain the well-being of First Nations community members.

The ASC has been invited to take part in the Annual General Assembly (AGA) on June 29th, 2011. The ASC will be setting up a booth at the AGA where we will be distributing AQHI resources and ASC resources to First Nations participants. Here, we will be able to inform the First Nations community members one-on-one about the AQHI as well as to collect more information about First Nations community members.

In July, the ASC has been invited again by the Fire Council Cultural Centre to make a group presentation to the First Nations community of Toronto about the AQHI and the 20/20 The Way to Clean Air campaign. This will be a great opportunity to get in touch face-to-face with the community again and educate them personally about these two programs. The date of the presentation has yet to be finalized.

IV. Conclusions

The ASC was able to achieve the main goal of the project by increasing the number of stakeholders in First Nations communities and the Chinese community in Toronto and the GTA who received information on the AQHI and the 20/20 Way to Clean Air Campaign. The target of reaching to a minimum of 500 people with asthma and associated allergies in Toronto and the GTA was met by reaching out to approximately 1,181 people residing in Toronto and the GTA, with an additional over 7,201 people not assigned to a specific geographical location through various ASC programs and events. The ASC was successful in incorporating the AQHI and the 20/20 Way to Clean Air campaign messages into its own programming and initiatives, such as the Asthma Ambassadors program, the NAPA program, distribution of printed materials, and the Asthma and Allergy Education and Support Program. As well, the ASC conducted a number of outreach activities to further promote the AQHI and the 20/20 Way to Clean Air Campaign through attending health fairs, setting up booths, distributing newsletters, providing updates through social networking websites, using the AsthmaToday Widget, and advertising the AQHI in printed/online media (newspapers and magazines), TV and the radio. All of these methods employed by the ASC throughout the duration of the project ensured that many residents of Toronto and the GTA have been reached with AQHI and the 20/20 campaign information. The ASC has already made the AQHI and the 20/20 Way to Clean Air Campaign part of its regular programming activities which will

ensure that longer-term sustainable information is being disseminated to those living with asthma and associated allergies past the completion of this project.

Specifically, the ASC was successful in raising awareness of the AQHI and the 20/20 The Way to Clean Air Campaign among Chinese and First Nations communities in Toronto and the GTA. Both communities have been quite receptive to our efforts in promoting the index and the 20/20 campaign, in particular to receiving related educational and promotional materials. In the Chinese community, the ASC also advertised the AQHI in newspapers and magazines as well as the radio. The outreach to the First Nations community in Toronto and the GTA was equally positive. The ASC was able to promote the AQHI through multiple media outlets: online, print, and television. The ASC has also launched its own survey specifically designed for First Nations communities will continue to increase once the ASC pilots its own fact sheet on the AQHI and the 20/20 Campaign to the First Nations community in Toronto and the GTA.

In conclusion, the ASC has increased awareness of the AQHI and the 20/20 Way to Clean Air Campaign in these two different communities. Our success will continue to grow as the ASC is continuing to collect more data from both communities through our online survey about the AQHI awareness. In addition, the ASC has scheduled booths and presentation in multiple events in the near future. Combined recommendations based on the project activities as well as key findings from the online surveys will be submitted in the supplementary report in July 2011 along with the key online survey results.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – NAPA Blog post

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 New Materials Available in Chinese

The Asthma Society is pleased to expand our offering of materials available in different languages!

Beginning today, you can find a <u>link on our website</u> to access information about the Air Quality Health Index, and 20/20: The Way to Clean Air energy conservation program.

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If you know someone who would prefer to find this information available in a Chinese language format, please direct them to <u>http://www.asthma.ca/global/aqhi.php#chinese_information</u>.

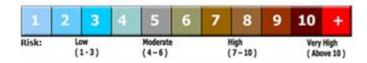
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Appendix 2 – April NAPA/ASC E-newsletter Story

More Asthma Materials available in Chinese

Air Quality Health Index



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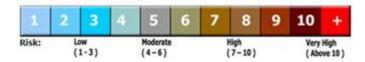
Asthma Basics 3: Medications English, French, Chinese

Asthma Basics 4: Kids English, French, Chinese Our Asthma Patient Bill of Rights is also available in **English** and **French**, and in a bilingual wall-poster. All of these materials can be ordered in hard-copy format as well! If you would like to order some, please contact **info@asthma.ca** to place your order, or call 1-866-787-4050.

Appendix 3 – June NAPA/ASC E-newsletter Story

Thank You for Your Help with our AQHI Report

Air Quality Health Index



The Asthma Society of Canada has completed a report for Environment Canada outlining your opinions and preferences to learn about the <u>Air Quality Health Index</u>.

The AQHI is a guide and forecast which you can use to plan your daily activities based on the amount of air pollution in your area. Using colour-coded numbers from 1 to 10+ and the related health messages, you can modify your outdoor activity schedule if necessary when poor air quality is currently in, or forecast for, you area.

152 of you completed various surveys or feedback sessions. 87.5% of you believe that air pollution affect you and your well-being personally. However only 45.5% of you currently pay attention to air pollution levels in your area. When asked about the AQHI, 93.1% of you found this tool to be easy to understand and use, and that you wished that your local readings were communicated to users through multiple channels (such as the Internet, local media, and applications like the <u>Asthma Society's Desktop Widget</u>).

Our overall recommendations take your feedback into consideration. We suggest a number of things, for example that there be a better focus on helping people identify <u>their personal AQHI</u> <u>number</u> at which they start experiencing difficulties. We also suggest providing optional updates in formats you request, like alerts you can receive when the readings or forecasts are high.

Thank you very much to everyone who participated in this valuable project. We hope you continue to use the index on a regular basis to plan your activities, especially as we inch closer to a forecasted for a long, hot summer in many parts of the country.

For a new, FREE application to get the AQHI on your iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad, you can visit **<u>itunes.apple.com/us/app/aqhi/id426506056?mt=8</u>**. To find AQHI information in Chinese, please <u>click here</u>, and please contact us at <u>info@asthma.ca</u> if you would like a full copy of this report.

Appendix 4 - Twitter Updates

March 3rd

Poor air quality can happen at any time of year. Learn about the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) by visiting www.airhealth.ca or asthma.ca

March 15th

Air Quality Health Index and Energy Reduction information now available in Chinese. Click here for the links: <u>http://ow.ly/4f6pG</u>

March 15th (re-tweet of PEI lung association) AQHI is 2 today...great day for a walk! Enjoy your outdoor activities...your lungs will thank-you for it

March 16th

Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City, your AQHI forecasts are 'moderate'. What does that mean? <u>http://ow.ly/4fC5g</u>

March 29th

Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Greater Toronto and Montreal, your AQHI forecasts are for 'moderate risk'. What does that mean? <u>http://ow.ly/4pJLy</u>

April 6th

Winnipeg, your AQHI forecast is 7 - high risk! Toronto, you're at moderate risk right now. Use the AQHI for your lungs -http://ow.ly/4um6R

April 13th

Toronto, Mississauga and Prince George - your AQHI right now is a 4 - moderate risk. Find out more at http://w.ly/4zoC5

April 25th

Some Montreal and Greater Toronto areas have 'Moderate' AQHI readings today. Find out how to protect yourself - www.airhealth.ca

April 29th

Great news: every AQHI monitoring station in Canada has a 'low risk' forecast for today and tomorrow. Happy breathing!

May 8th

The Air Quality Health Index helps you plan outdoor activities based on current and forecast air pollution levels. Visit <u>http://ow.ly/4P3Gv</u>

May 20th

This free iPhone, iPod and iPad app can bring your local AQHI forecast right to your screen on demand: http://bit.ly/m8PtLz #airquality

May 28th

Montreal, Toronto, your AQHI forecast is moderate risk today. Learn how to monitor your air quality at <u>www.airhealth.ca</u>

May 31st

Toronto: along with today's heat and humidity, your AQHI is at 6. Consider reducing strenuous activities outdoors if you're at risk

June 3rd

Are you a member of the Chinese community in the Greater Toronto Area? We would appreciate your help with this survey: <u>http://svy.mk/jamkOb</u>

June 7th

Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Regina, and the corridor from Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal-Quebec City, your AQHI is in the moderate range today.

June 7th

For your AQHI information, make sure to visit www.airhealth.ca. Member of the Chinese community? Please click here: <u>http://ow.ly/5c2pZ</u>

June 16th

Quebec City, Montreal and Toronto, your Air Quality Health Index forecasts are 4 & 5 today. What does this mean? Visit <u>www.airhealth.ca</u>

Appendix 5 - Facebook Updates

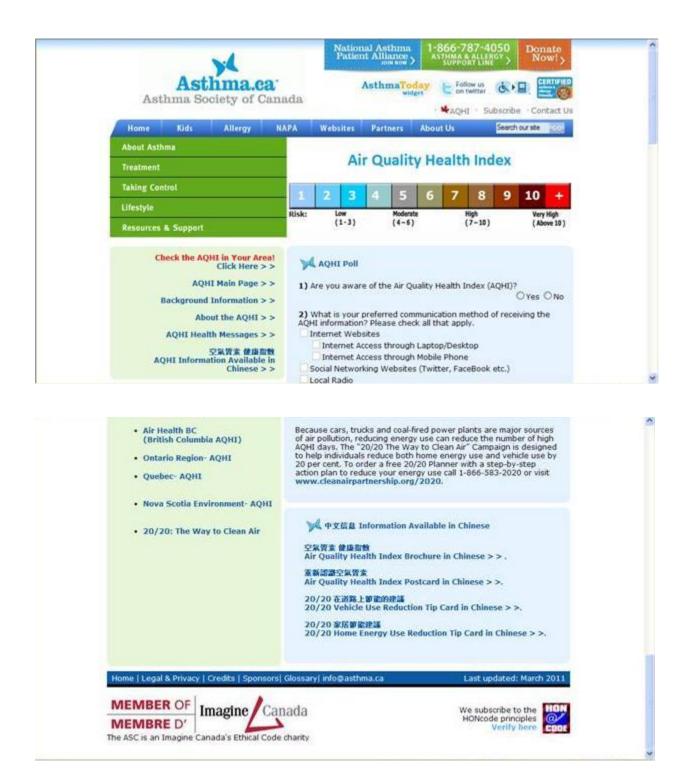
March 15th

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Appendix 6 - Asthma Society AQHI Webpage links



Appendix 7 – Certified Asthma Educator/Certified Respiratory Educator "Script" for Greater Toronto Area Residents

Use the Air Quality Health Index to Protect Yourself from Local Air Pollution

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Appendix 8 – "Asthma Today" Widget Story

AQHI materials and energy conservation materials now available in Chinese! <u>http://www.asthma.ca/global/aqhi.php#chinese_information</u>

Appendix 9 - Printed Materials Distribution Lists (Chinese Community)

March 16th

Category	Department	Organization	Address	City	Provinc e	Postal Code
Health Care Organizations	Health Info Centre	South Riverdale Community Health Centre	955 Queen St. E.	Toronto	ON	M4M 3P3
		Smart Health Medical Clinic	4080 Steeles Ave. E.	Markham	ON	L3R 4C3
		Unionville Family Medical Clinic	1 - 8 Cox Blvd	Markham	ON	L3R 4G1
		Meadow-West Family Practice	22-6855 Meadowvale Town Centre Cir	Mississauga	ON	L5N 2Y1
	Patient Education Centre	Markham- Stouffville Hospital	381 Church Street, PO Box 1800	Markham	ON	L3P 7P3
Churches		Toronto Chinese Baptist Church	78 Beverley Street	Toronto	ON	M5T 1Y1
		North Toronto Chinese Baptist Church	88 Finch Avenue W.	North York	ON	M2N 2H7
		North York Chinese Baptist Church	675 Sheppard Ave E	North York	ON	M2K1B6
		East Toronto Chinese Baptist Church	22 Carnforth Rd.	North York	ON	M4A 2K7
		Toronto Chinese Community Church	100 Acadia Avenue	Markham	ON	L3R 5A2
		Markham Chinese Baptist Church	9580 Woodbine Ave	Markham	ON	L6C 1H8
		Markham Chinese Presbyterian Church	2250 Denison Street	Markham	ON	L3S 1E9
		Richmond Hill Christian Community Church	9670 Bayview Ave.	Richmond Hill	ON	L4C 9X9
		Richmond Hill Chinese Baptist Church	136 Hillsview Drive	Richmond Hill	ON	L4C 1T2

May 25th

Category	Department	Organization	Address	City	Province	Postal Code
			5183			
Community		Chinese Cultural Centre	Sheppard			
Centre		of Greater Toronto	Avenue East	Scarborough	ON	M1B 5Z5
			310 Spadina			
		The Cross-Cultural	Avenue,			
		Community Services	3/F, Suite			
	Toronto Centre	Association	301	Toronto	ON	M5T 2E8
			Metro			
			Square,			
			3636			
			Steeles			
		The Cross-Cultural	Avenue			
		Community Services	East, Unit			
	York Centre	Association	213A	Markham	ON	L3R 1K9
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	Scarborough	Community Services	Circle, Unit A107	Toronto	ON	M1W 3Y1
	Centre	Association	A107	Toronto	UN	311
		South Riverdale				
		Community Health	955 Queen			M4M
		Centre	Street East	Toronto	ON	3P3
	Head Office /					
	Immigrant	Centre for Information	2330			
	Resource	and Community	Midland	Tananta		
	Centre	Services	Avenue	Toronto	ON	M1S 5G5
	Toronto	Centre for Information	3850 Finch			
	Integrated	and Community	Avenue East			
	Service Centre	Services	Suite 403	Toronto	ON	M1T 3T6
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			Street, B3,			
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	Toronto Office	Services	Centre	Toronto	ON	M5T 1N6
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		Centre for Information	Sheppard			
	LINC Contro	and Community Services	Avenue East	Toronto		
	LINC Centre	Services	Suite 501	τοτοπιο	ON	M1S 4R5

Woodside Square LINC Centre	Centre for Information and Community Services	1571 Sandhurst Circle, Unit 202	Toronto	ON	M1V 1V2
North York Office	Centre for Information and Community Services	2975 Don Mills Road West, 2/F, Oriole Community Centre	Toronto	ON	M2J 3B7
York Region Immigrant Youth Centre	Centre for Information and Community Services	5284 Highway 7 East, Unit 2	Markham	ON	L3P 1B9
	Markham South Welcome Centre	7220 Kennedy Road	Markham	ON	L3R 7P2
	Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities	4110 Lawrence Ave., E 1321	Scarborough	ON	M1E 2S1
	Malvern Family Resource Centre	Neilson Road 93	Scarborough	ON	M1B 3C2
	Birchmount Bluffs Neighbourhood Centre	Birchmount Rd.	Scarborough	ON	M1N 3J7
	Cliffcrest-Scarborough Village Family Resource Centre	14 Centre St	Scarborough	ON	M1J 3B5
	Corvette Family Resource Centre	30 Corvette Ave 3485	Scarborough	ON	M1K 3G2
	Warden Woods Community Centre	ST.CLAIR AVE. EAST	Scarborough	ON	M1K 1L3
	West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre	313 Pharmacy Ave.	Scarborough	ON	M1L 3E7
	Church Street Community Centre	519 Church Street	Toronto	ON	M4Y 2C9
	Gerrard Resource Centre Parent Resources (St.	349 Ontario Street 92 Front	Toronto	ON	M5A 2V8
	Lawrence)	Street East	Toronto	ON	M5E 1C4

		Regent Park Community Health Centre - Parents for Better Beginnings	33 Belshaw Place, 2nd Floor	Toronto	ON	M5A 3H6
		Centre for Information and Community Services	3850 Finch Avenue East Suite 403	Toronto	ON	M1W 3T9
		McGregor Community Centre (Seasonal)	2231 Lawrence Ave E 300	Scarborough	ON	M1P 2P5
		Scarborough Town Centre	Borough Drive Scarboroug	Scarborough	ON	M1P 4P5
		Scarborough Youth	h Town Centre 300 Burough Dr (Upper Level of			
		Resource Centre	Mall)	Scarborough	ON	M1P 4P5
Daycare	Administration Office	Yip's Canada	100 Lee Avenue	Unionville	ON	L3R 8G2
	Leslie Campus	Victoria Education Centre	9901 Leslie Street	Richmond Hill	ON	L4B 3Y3
	Woodbine Campus	Victoria Education Centre	1038 Woodbine Ave.	Toronto	ON	M4C 4C4
		Bayview Elite Learning Centre	9011 Leslie	Thornhill GTA	ON	L3T 6L8
		Trillium School	4277 14th Avenue	Markham	ON	L3R 0J2
Early Years Centre		Scarborough East Ontario Early Years Centre	4218 Lawrence Ave., East Unit 15	Toronto	ON	M1E 4X9
		Galloway Early Years Centre	100 Galloway Rd	Toronto	ON	M1E 1W7
		Mornelle Ontario Early Years Centre	110 Mornelle Court	Toronto	ON	M1E 4R1
		Scarborough Rouge River Ontario Early Years Centre	2041 McCowan Road	Scarborough	ON	M1S 3Y6

			2555 Eglinton			
		Scarborough Southwest Ontario Early Years Centre	Avenue East,Suite 212	Toronto	ON	M1K 5J1
		Toronto Centre Rosedale Ontario Early Years Centre	80 Sackville Street, Room 106	Toronto	ON	M5A 3E5
		Scarborough Agincourt Ontario Early Years Centre	2900 Warden Avenue suite 347a	Toronto	ON	M1W 2S8
		Toronto Scarborough Centre Ontario Early Years Centre	3478 Lawrence Avenue East Unit C-4	Toronto	ON	M1H 1A9
Healthcare Centre	Richmond Hill Centre	Carefirst Family Health Team	420 Highway 7 East, Unity 27	Richmond Hill	ON	L4B 3K2
		The YWCA of Greater Toronto	3090 Kingston Rd. Suite 101	Scarborough	ON	M1M 1P2
Hospital	Community Respiratory Services	North York General Hospital	4001 Leslie Street	Toronto	ON	M2K 1E1
	Family Health Centre	Toronto East General Hospital	840 Coxwell Avenue	Toronto	ON	M4C 5T2
	Asthma Education Centre	Markham-Stouffville Hospital	381 Church Street, PO Box 1800	Markham	ON	L3P 7P3
Library		Port Union Library	5450 Lawrence Ave. East	Scarborough	ON	M1C 3B2
		Highland Creek Library	3550 Ellesmere Rd 4279	Scarborough	ON	M1C 3Z2
		Morningside Library	4279 Lawrence Ave East 1515	Scarborough	ON	M1E 2S8
		Bendale Library	Danforth Rd	Scarborough	ON	M1J 1H5
School		Peter Secor Public School	255 Coronation Dr	Scarborough	ON	M1E 2J3

	Corvette					
	Family					
	Resource		30 Corvette			
	Centre	Corvette Public School	Ave	Toronto	ON	X1X 1X1
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		Sir Samuel B Steele Jr	Huntsmill			M1W
		Public School	Blvd	Toronto	ON	2Y2
			730			
			Scarboroug			
		Golf Road Jr Public	h Golf Club			
		School	Rd	Scarborough	ON	M1G 1H7
			3601			
			Victoria			
Senior Care			Park Ave.,			M1W
Centre		Carefirst Seniors	Suite 501	Scarborough	ON	3Y3
			2311			
		Yee Hong Centre –	McNicoll			
		Scarborough McNicoll	Avenue	Scarborough	ON	M1V 5L3
		Yee Hong Ho Lai Oi				
		Wan Centre –	2780 Bur			
		Markham	Oak Avenue	Markham	ON	L6B 1C9
		Yee Hong Centre –	5510 Mavis			
		Mississauga	Road	Mississauga	ON	L5V 2X5
		Yee Hong Centre –	60 Scottfield			
		Scarborough Finch	Drive	Scarborough	ON	M1S 5T7
			5661			
			Steeles			
Supermarket	Milliken Store	T&T Supermarket	Avenue East	Scarborough	ON	M1V 5P6
			7070			
			Warden			
	Warden Store	T&T Supermarket	Avenue	Markham	ON	L3R 5Y2

Appendix 10 - Information Letter to Healthcare Organizations

Dear Healthcare Professional,

The Asthma Society of Canada (ASC) is pleased to provide you some information materials (in English and Chinese) about the Air Quality Health Index and the Toronto Public Health 20/20 Campaign for your organization. Please help deliver the following message to your community members or patients:

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If you require additional copies of any materials that are enclosed, please feel free to contact me by e-mailing zhen@asthma.ca or calling 1-866-787-4050 ext 105. A Resource Request Form is also attached for educational materials that can be ordered from the ASC.

Thank you,

Zhen Liu Project Coordinator

Appendix 11 – Information Letter to Community Churches

Dear Church Member,

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Thank you,

Zhen Liu Project Coordinator



Appendix 12 – Newspaper advertisement (Ming Pao Daily Newspaper)

Newspaper advertisement text in English:

Air Quality Health Index

Know when to be active. The new Air Quality Health Index relates air quality to your health on a simple scale from 1 to 10. The lower the number, the lower the risk. Protect your health. Know the numbers. For more information, visit <u>www.asthma.ca/global/aqhi.php</u>.

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The AsthmaToday Widget is a useful tool for people living with asthma and associated allergies to stay informed on important issues and information needed to plan your outdoor activities. It can be downloaded free of charge from the ASC's website: <u>http://www.asthma.ca/widget/</u>

Appendix 13 – Newspaper advertisement (World Journal Daily Newspaper)



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Appendix 14 – Organizations visited by Asthma Ambassadors

Organization	Mailing Address	Telephone Number
Gourmet Vegetarian Restaurant	280 West Beaver Creek Drive, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3Z1	(905) 886-0680
Dr. Samuel Cung, Optometrist	Pacific Mall 4300 Steeles Avenue East, Unit E13, Markham, ON L3R 0Y5	(905) 946-2453
Runway (Art Inn)	Pacific Mall Unit F31, 4300 Stelles Avenue East Markham Ontario, L3R 0Y5	(905) 940-9669
Martin, Siu, Bayview Hill Pharmacy	Unit 104, 420 Highway 7 East, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3K2	(905) 882-9588
Dr. Ann Chen D.D.S, Family Dentist	1110 Sheppard Avenue East, Unit 15, G/F North York, ON M2K 2W2	(416) 730-1331
Cindy Cheong-Chan, Main Drug Mart	#105 - 1100 Sheppard Ave. E Toronto, ON M2K 2W1	(416) 221-1700 Ext. 22
York Multi Clinic	280 West Beaver Creek Road, Unit 12, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3Z1	(905) 889-6699
Dr. Raymond Chan, Family Physician	Doncrest Medical Centre 420 Highway 7 East, Unit 101 Richmond Hill ON L4B 3K2	(905) 709-0777
Intervounty Laboratories LTD.	1100 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 108, Willowdale, ON M2K 2W1	(416)221-5500
Sushi on Seven	4568 Hwy 7, Markham, ON L3R 1M5	(905)940-9288

Appendix 15 – GTA AQHI Awareness Survey (Chinese Community)

Greate	er Toronto Ar	ea AQHI Awa	areness Surve	y (Chinese Con	nmunity)		
	Thank you for entering our Greater Toronto Area AQHI and 20/20 Awareness Survey. The entire survey should take you no longer than 5 minutes to complete.						
- One (At the end of the survey, you will have the opportunity to enter into a draw for one of thirty one prizes: - One (1) prize of two (2) SmartSilk pillows, certified Asthma and Allergy Friendly - Thirty (30) prizes of an Asthma Society hygrometer, thermometer, and alarm clock						
	If you wish to be eligible for this draw, you will be asked for your e-mail address. Otherwise, no personal identifying information will be collected.						
Thank	Thank you for your participation.						
1. W	1. Where do you live?						
0	C City of Toronto						
C Markham							
0	Richmond Hill						
0	Scarborough						
O Brampton							
0	Mississauga						
0	Other (please speci	fv)					
2 10	/hat language do ye	nu sneak?					
	mat language up y	Speak	Read	Understand	None		
Eng	lish						
	ndarine						
Car	Itonese						
3. H	low long have you l	been in Canada?					
0	Less than a year						
0	1-5 years						
0	6-10 years						
0	11-15 years						
0	16-20 years						
0	More than 20 years						
1							

1. W	Ihat are the top five health related issues in your community?(Please list them all below)
. w	hat is your connection to asthma? (Please check all that apply).
	Person with asthma
	Person with associated allergies
	Person with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
	Person with Reactive Airway Disease (RAD)
	Parent, Guardian or Caregiver of someone with asthma
	Health care provider
	Relative of someone with asthma
	Teacher of someone with asthma
	Friend/colleague of someone with asthma
	None
5. D	o you think you live in or near a location where there is a problem with air pollution?
	Yes
	No
r.w	/here do you think air pollution comes from? (check all that apply).
	Factory/Industry Gasoline Refinement
	Transportation Exhaust (ie. roads and highways)
	Electricity Generation Plants
	Other (please specify)

	er Toronto Area AQHI Awareness Survey (Chinese Community) re you concerned about air quality in Greater Toronto Area?
	Yes
0	No
0	Do not care
lf vo	our answer is NO to this question, please tell us why.
). Do	o you currently, or have you in the past, paid attention to air pollution levels?
0	Yes - I currently pay attention to them
0	Yes - I paid attention in the past, but not anymore
0	No - I never paid much attention
0. H	lave you heard of the Air Quality Health Index before?
0	Yes
0	No
1. 1	Nhere have you heard about the Air Quality Health Index? (Please check all that apply).
	The Asthma Society of Canada
	News(Chinese newspaper or Chinese radio news broadcast)
	Internet
	Word of Mouth (relatives, friends, neighbours, colleagues)
	Public Location (health fair, bulletin board, community centre, pharmacy, church)
	Health Care Professionals
	Other (please specify)
2. [Do you see benefits about receiving local air pollution levels information?
0	Yes, it is beneficial in maintaining a healthy lifestyle/overall health
0	Yes, it is beneficial in managing chronic respiratory condition
0	No
0	Don't Know/Unsure

J.	Will (have) you adjust(ed) your lifestyle due to air pollution?
0	Yes
0	No
4.	Please specify how you adjusted, or will adjust, your lifestyle. (Please check all that apply).
	Adjust outdoor exercise activities
	Exercise indoors instead of going outdoors
	Adjust outdoor work activities
	Adjust outdoor leisure activities
	Minimize outdoor exposure to air pollution by avoiding certain areas
	Become more environmentally friendly
	Other (please specify)
ho O	Do you feel that knowing more information about local air quality would encourage you to make ices which help reduce air pollution? Yes No
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eater Toronto Area AQHI Awareness Survey (Chinese Community) 18. 20/20: The Way to Clean Air is a program designed by Toronto Public Health to give you practical ways to cut your home energy use by 20%, and your automobile energy use by 20%. And not only does i help the environment, cutting your energy consumption also saves you money! Would you be more likely to cut your energy consumption if it reduced the number of poor air quality days in the Greater Toronto Area?			
0	No		
19. V appl	What actions will you take or have you taken to reduce your home energy use? (Please check all t y).		
	Turn off the lights when you leave a room		
	Replacing frequently-used outdoor lights with motion detector lights, or putting outdoor lights on a timer		
	In the winter, set your thermostat (for heating) at a lower temperature		
□ the	In the winter, open your window coverings during the daytime to let heat in, and close them after dark to tra heat		
	In the summer, set your thermostat (for air conditioning) at a higher temperature		
	In the summer, close your window coverings during daylight hours to keep the cool air in		
	Closing the doors to unused rooms when your furnace or air conditioner are running		
	Use cold water when washing your clothes		
	Hanging your clothes to dry		
	Clean your furnace filters every 2 months		
	Clean the coils on the back of your refrigerator		
	Using the dishwasher only when full, and using the energy-saving cycle		
	Unplug your second fridge or stand-alone freezer		
⊡ "sta	Plugging your electronics into a power bar, and turning off the power bar directly to reduce "phantom" or nd by" power use		
	None of the above		
	Other (please specify)		
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	Page		

w would you prefer to receive information about programs such as the AQHI and 20/20: The Way Air? (Please select all that apply). sthma Society of Canada communications (website, newsletter, blogs) op-up windows or buttons on websites sthmaToday Widget or other computer gadgets (eg. toolbars) ocial Networking (Facebook, Twitter, Linkedin) ther websites searching on my own
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lectronic Device "Applications"
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formation available at public transit locations
ommunity Centres
ommunity Churches
ther (please specify)
at language would you prefer to receive inforation about programs such as the AQHI and 20/20: ay to Clean Air? (Please check all that apply)
nglish - Written and Oral Information
hinese (Simplified) - Written Information
hinese (Traditional) - Written Information
landarine - Oral Information
antonese - Oral Information
nat is the best way to inform people in your community about programs such as the AQHI and 20/ ay to Clean Air?
u for completing our survey!

Greater Toronto A	Area AQHL	Awareness Survey	(Chinese (Community
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provide will be held in confidence and used only as described. We do not rent or trade names, and your information does not pass outside the Asthma Society of Canada.

- The grand prize is one (1) prize of two (2) SmartSilk pillows, certified Asthma and Allergy Friendly - The second prizes are thrity (30) prizes of one (1) Asthma Society of Canada hygrometer, thermometer and alarm clock

If you do not wish to enter the draw, please leave the box blank. Otherwise, please enter an e-mail address where we will be able to contact you if you win, to arrange delivery of your prize.

25. If you wish to enter the draw for a chance to win one of our prizes, please enter your e-mail address below:



Congratulations! You have completed the survey. Thank you very much for your participation. Your input is valuable for the development of programs to benefit Canadians with asthma. For more information about the programs listed, please visit www.airhealth.ca and www.toronto.ca/health/2020. For additional ways to comment on the AQHI, please visit http://airqualityhealthindex.blogspot.com/.

Appendix 16 – Follow-up survey

A Follow-up Letter from the Asthma Society of Canada

Dear Health Care Professional:

Recently, the Asthma Society of Canada (ASC)¹ sent your office an information package including a letter outlining the Air Quality Health Index and 20/20 The Way to Clean Air Campaign and materials available to your clients/organization in Chinese community.

As a follow-up to receiving the ASC letter and materials, we ask that you please take a minute to answer the following questions, and return this letter to our office via fax. Your feedback will provide us with the opportunity to evaluate our outreach strategies. Please answer the following questions:

1.	Did yo	ou receive our information package?	Yes	No
2.	If you	received the package, did you:		
	a.	Have the opportunity to read the material?	Yes	No
	b.	Feel that the material is a good resource for your clients	Yes	No

3. Would you consider ordering the educational material for your office/community?

Yes No

Feel free to contact us at 1-866-787-4050 with any further questions or comments. Please fax this form back at 416-787-5807.

Best regards,

Zhen Liu

Project Coordinator

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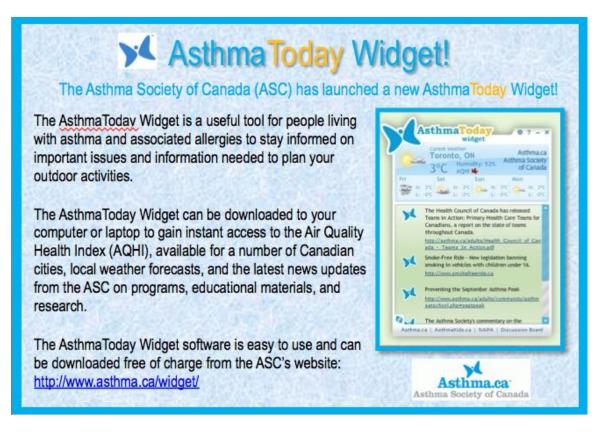
Organization Name	Address	City	Postal Code
Or	ganizations listed within	the original proposal	
The Native Canadian Centre of Toronto	16 Spadina Road	Toronto, ON	M5R 2S7
Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre	439 Dundas Street East	Toronto, ON	M5A 2B1
Wigwamen Inc.	25 Imperial Street, Suite 310	Toronto, ON	M5P 1B1
Wigwamen Terrace (Senior Housing)	14 Spadina Road	Toronto, ON	M5R 3M4
Native Child and Family Services of Toronto	30 College Street	Toronto, ON	M5G 1K2
Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto	191 Gerard Street East	Toronto, ON	M5A 2E5
First Nations Junior and Senior School of Toronto (First Nations Elementary School)	935 Dundas Street East	Toronto, ON	M4M 1R4
First Nations House – University of Toronto	Borden Building North 563 Spadina Avenue, 3 rd floor	Toronto, ON	M5S 2J7
York University Aboriginal Services	HNES Building (Mail to Room 109) 4700 Keele Street	Toronto, ON	M3J 1P3
Ryerson Polytechnic University Aboriginal Student Services	Kerr Hall West Building (KHW), Third Floor 379 Victoria Street	Toronto, Ontario	M5B 2K3
Seneca College Aboriginal Student Services	1750 Finch Avenue East	Toronto, ON	M2J 2X5
George Brown College Native Student Services	200 King Street East - Room 542A P.O. Box 1015 Station B	Toronto, ON	M5T 2T9
Noojimawin Healthy Authority	25 Wood Street Suite 101	Toronto, ON	M4Y 2P9

Anishnawbe Health Toronto	225 Queen Street East	Toronto, ON	M5A 1S4
Sherbourne Health Centre	333 Sherbourne Street	Toronto, ON	M5A 285
Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy	2 nd Floor, 330 Bay Street	Toronto, ON	M7A 2B6
Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business	250 The Esplanade, Suite 204	Toronto, ON	M5A 1J2
Inroads Toronto	4711 Yonge Street	Toronto, ON	M2N6K8
Add	litional First Nations Org	anizations in Toronto	-
Aboriginal Housing Support Centre	20 Sewells Road	Toronto, ON	M1B 3G5
Native Men's Residence	Na-Me-Res 14 Vaughan Road	Toronto, ON	M6G 2N1
Oolagen Community Services	65 Wellesley Street, Suite 500	Toronto, ON	M4Y 1G7
Toronto Aboriginal Care Team	30 College Street	Toronto, ON	M5G 1K2
Anduhyaun (Native Women's Shelter)	106 Spadina Road	Toronto, ON	M5R 2T8
Gizhaadaawgamlik Daycare	935 Dundas Street East	Toronto, ON	M4M 1R
Nishnawbe Homes Inc.	360 Bloor St West, Suite 405	Toronto, ON	M5S 1X1
Add	itional First Nations Org	anizations in the GTA	
Georgian Bay Friendship Centre	175 Yonge Street	Midland, ON	L4R 2A7
Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres	219 Front Street East	Toronto, ON	M5A 1E8
Barrie Native Friendship Centre	175 Bayfield Street	Barrie, ON	L4M 3B4
Mississaugas Of Scugog Island First Nation	22521 Island Road	Port Perry, ON	L9L 1B6
Peel Aboriginal Network	375 Howden Boulevard, Unit #8	Brampton, ON	L6S 4L6
Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle	64 Cedar Pointe Drive, Unit 1405	Barrie, ON	L4N 5R7
Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle:	562 King Street	Midland, ON	L4R 4P3

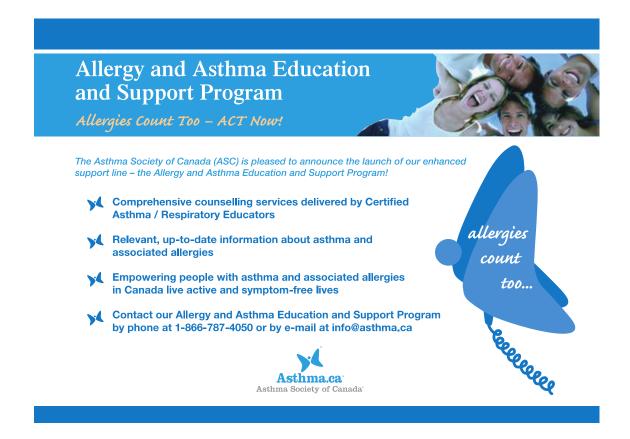
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Aboriginal Child			
Care Centre			
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Barrie Area Native	110 Matchedash Street	Orillia, ON	L3V 4T8
Advisory Circle:	North		
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Aboriginal Child			
Care Centre (Orillia)			
Georgian Bay Native	562 King Street	Midland, ON	L4R 4P3
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Association			
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	67 Kate Kegwin Street	Christian Island, ON	LUK ICU
Elementary School			WOW ONO
Anishnaabe Kwewag	P.O. Box 39	Roseneath, ON	K0K 2X0
Gamig			
Alderville First	P.O. Box 46	Alderville, ON	K0K 2X0
Nations	11696 2 nd Line Road		
The Biminaawzogin	110 Matchedash Street	Orillia, ON	L3V 4V2
Regional Aboriginal	North, 2nd Floor		
Women's Circle			
Wahta Mohawk	Muskoka Rd 38	Bala, ON	POC 1A0
Resource Center			
Seventh Generation	9 O-Gema	Christian Island, ON	L0K 1C0
Resource			
Management Inc.			
Chippewas of Rama	5884 Rama Road	Orillia, ON	L3V 6H6
First Nations			20 1 0110
First Nations	81 Curlew Drive	North York, ON	M3A 2P8
Missions Fellows		Hora Fork, Or	101571 21 0
Frontiers Foundation	419 Coxwell Avenue	Toronto, ON	M4L 3B9
Fiontiers Foundation	419 Coxwell Avenue		M4L JD9
Georgina Island First	P.O. Box 12	Sutton West, Ontario	LOE 1R0
0		Sutton west, Olitario	LUE IKU
Nation Band Office	R.R. #2	Osillis ON	I 211 51/0
Orillia Native	105 Douglas Street	Orillia, ON	L3V 5Y8
Women's Group			
Simcoe Community	356 King Street	Midland, ON	L4R 3M8
Services: Ontario			
Early Years			
Aboriginal			

Simcoe Community	80 Colborne Street	Orillia, ON	L3V 2Y7
Services: Ontario	West		
Early Years			
Aboriginal (Orillia)			

Appendix 18 – "Asthma Today" Widget Postcard



Appendix 19 – Allergies and Asthma Education and Support Program Postcard



Appendix 20 – Letter to First Nations organizations accompanying packages of printed materials

June 1st, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

The Asthma Society of Canada (ASC) is pleased to provide you some information materials (in English) about the Air Quality Health Index and the Toronto Public Health 20/20 Campaign for your organization. Please help deliver the following message to your members or clients:

Use the Air Quality Health Index to Protect Yourself from Local Air Pollution

In Toronto, it is estimated that every year 1,700 early deaths and 6,000 hospitalizations are associated with poor air quality. Air pollution worsens heart problems and aggravates lung conditions, such as asthma and bronchitis. In healthy people, air pollution reduces lung function and irritates the eyes, nose and throat.

The **Air Quality Health Index** (AQHI) is a national tool available to help individuals protect themselves and the people they care for. The Air Quality Health Index reports air quality in relation to health on a scale from 1 to 10. The higher the reading, the greater the health risk and need to take precaution. When the Air Quality Health Index reaches seven or above, people with heart or breathing problems should reduce or reschedule strenuous outdoor activities. The AQHI provides health messages for both the at-risk and the general population. The at-risk group includes children, the elderly, and people with pre-existing heart and breathing problems. The current air quality reading and forecast can be found by visiting <u>www.airhealth.ca</u>.

The AQHI helps to protect our health, and also serves as a reminder of the need to protect our environment. Because cars and trucks, and our reliance on coal-fired power plants to generate electricity are major sources of air pollution in Toronto, reducing energy use can reduce the number of high AQHI days. Toronto Public Health's "20/20 The Way to Clean Air" Campaign is designed to help individuals reduce both home energy use and vehicle use by 20 per cent. To order a free 20/20 Planner with a step-by-step action plan to reduce your energy use, call 1-866-583-2020 or visit www.cleanairpartnership.org/2020.

If you require additional copies of any of the enclosed materials, please feel free to contact me by emailing mary@asthma.ca or calling 1-866-787-4050 ext 105. A Resource Request Form is also enclosed for additional educational materials that can be ordered from the ASC.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Mary Wong Project Coordinator

Appendix 21 – Follow-Up Letter to First Nations Organizations

June 6th, 2011

A Follow-up Letter from the Asthma Society of Canada

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Recently, the Asthma Society of Canada $(ASC)^2$ sent your organization an information package including a letter describing the Air Quality Health Index and the 20/20 The Way to Clean Air Campaign and materials available to your clients/members.

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4.	Did yo	u receive our information package?	Yes	No
5.	If you a	received the package, did you:		
	a.	Have the opportunity to read the material?	Yes	No
	b.	Feel that the material is a good resource for your clients	Yes	No

6. Would you consider ordering the educational material for your office/community from the Asthma Society of Canada?

Yes No

Feel free to contact us at 1-866-787-4050 with any further questions or comments. Please fax this form back at 416-787-5807.

Best regards,

Mary Wong Project Coordinator

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Organization Name	Address	City	Postal Code	Website
	R	adio Station	s	
Aboriginal Voices Radio (AVR) Network (CKAV-FM)	P.O. Box 87, Station E	Toronto, ON	M6H 4E1	http://www.aboriginalv oices.com/
Wawatay News (Radio and News Online)	P.O. Box 1180 16 Fifth Avenue	Sioux Lookout, ON	P8T 1B7	http://www.wawatayne ws.ca/
CFWP-FM – Whata Communications Society	2350 Muskoka Road 38	Bala, ON	POC 1A0	http://www.mohawknat ionradio.ca
Spirit Winds Show on Rock 95	400 Bayfield ST, Suite 205	Barrie, ON	L4M 5A1	http://www.rock95.com /Announcers/spiritwind <u>s.aspx</u>
Indigenous Waves Show on CUIT 89.5 FM	89.5 Tower Road	Toronto, ON	M5S 0A2	http://www.ciut.fm/ind ex.php/shows- 2/indigenous-waves/
	Newspape	er (Print and	l Online)	
Turtle Island Newspaper	P.O. Box 329	Ohsweken , ON	N0A 1M0	http://www.theturtleisla ndnews.com/
Windspeaker Newspaper – Canada's National Aboriginal News Source	The Aboriginal Multi-media Society (AMMSA) 13245 – 146 Street	Edmonton , Alberta	T5L 4S8	http://www.ammsa.co <u>m/</u>
First Nations Drum				http://firstnationsdrum. com/
Nation Talk	34 King Street East, 9th Floor	Toronto, ON	M5C 2X8	http://www.nationtalk.c <u>a/</u>
Media Indigena				http://www.mediaindig ena.com/
First Perspective – Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario				http://www.firstperspec tive.ca/

Appendix 22 – List of First Nations Media Outlets in or received in Toronto and the GTA

		Television		
Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN)	339 Portage Avenue	Winnipeg, Manitoba	R3B 2C3	http://www.aptn.ca/
Talk Durham	301 Marwood Drive	Oshawa, ON	L1H 1J4	http://www.rogerstv.co m/page.aspx?sid=3618 &rid=2&lid=12

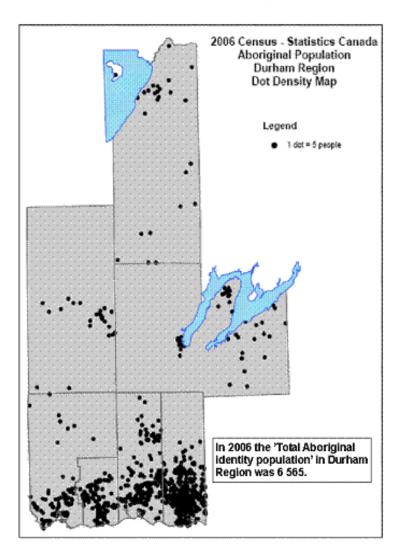
Appendix 23 – Screenshot of *MediaINDIGENA* (Online Newspaper)





Appendix 24 – Screenshot of *Turtle Island News* (Online Newspaper)

Appendix 25 – Census Canada Data of the Aboriginal Population Density in the Durham Region



PROVINCIAL - Aproximately 240,000 Aboriginal People live in Ontario

- First Nations = 160,000
- Métis = 74,000
- Inuit = 2,000

REGIONAL - Over 6,000 Aboriginal People live in Durham (6,565)

- First Nations = 4,000
- Métis = 2,200
- Inuit = 140



Appendix 26 – Print Advertisement for the Turtle Island News

Appendix 27 – Online Advertisement for the mediaINDIGENA





Appendix 28 – The Asthma Society of Canada's participation in Talk Durham

Guest links for Tuesday June 14, 2011

Al Storie, Area Manager Running Room www.runningroom.com

Mary Wong Project Coordinator from the Asthma Society

Sandy Black, City of Oshawa, Program Supervisor Recreation, Culture and Community Services www.oshawa.ca

Wayne Atkins, Boating Safety Officer www.boatingsafety.gc.ca

Sgt. Nancy Van Rooy Media Relations Officer, DRPS

Constable Alex McMillan, Traffic Services Enforcement Officer www.drps.ca

Appendix 29 – Greater Toronto Area AQHI Survey (First Nations Community)

Greater Toronto Area AQHI Awareness Survey (First Nations Community)
Thank you for entering our Greater Toronto Area AQHI and 20/20 Awareness Survey. The entire survey should take you no longer than 5 minutes to complete.
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If you wish to be eligible for this draw, you will be asked for your e-mail address. Otherwise, no personal identifying information will be collected.
Thank you for your participation.
1. What is your sex?
C Male
C Female
2. How old are you?
C 18 and under
O 19 - 29
ි 30 - 45
C 46 - 60
C 60+
3. Where do you live? (Please specify city)
City of Toronto
York Region
Peel Region
Durham Region
Halton Region
Simcoe Muskoka
4. Where do you reside?
C On Reserve
C Off Reserve

5. What language do you	Speak	Read	Understand	None
English				
French				
Aboriginal Language				
If you chose Aboriginal La	nguage, which one?	?		
6. What are the top five	health related top	ics/issues in your co	mmunity?(Please list the	em all below)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
7. What is your connecti apply).	on to asthma and	or any chronic respi	ratory disease? (Please	check all that
Person with asthma				
Person with associate	ed allergies			
Person with Chronic	-	any Disease (COPD)		
 Person with Reactive 				
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 Health care provider 				
Relative of someone	with asthma			
Teacher of someone	with asthma			
Friend/colleague of se	omeone with asthm	а		
None				
8. Do you think you live	in or near a locat	ion where there is a	problem with air polluti	on?
○ Yes				
O No				
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	lease specify what you think the air pollution problem is due to (check all that apply).
	Factory/Industry
	Gasoline Refinement
	Residential Uses (ie. heating)
	Transportation Exhaust (ie. roads and highways)
	Electricity Generation Plants
	Other (please specify)
40	Are you concerned chart air quality in Grader Terente Area?
	Are you concerned about air quality in Greater Toronto Area?
0	Yes
0	No
0	Do not care
If ye	pur answer is NO to this questions, please tell us why.
n yu	Jui answer is NO to this questions, please ten us why.
	V
	Do you currently, or have you in the past, paid attention to air pollution levels?
0	Yes - I currently pay attention to them
0	Yes - I paid attention in the past, but not anymore
0	No - I never paid much attention
12.	Have you heard of the Air Quality Health Index before?
	Have you heard of the Air Quality Health Index before? Yes
0	
0	Yes

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13.	Where have you heard about the Air Quality Health Index? (Please check all that apply).
	The Asthma Society of Canada
	Television
	Radio
	Internet
	Word of Mouth (relatives, friends, neighbours, colleagues)
	Public Location (health fair, bulletin board, community centre, church)
	Health Care Professionals
	Other (please specify)
14.	Do you see benefits about receiving local air pollution levels information?
0	Yes, it is beneficial in maintaining a healthy lifestyle/overall health
0	Yes, it is beneficial in managing chronic respiratory condition
0	No
0	Don't Know/Unsure
15.	Will (have) you adjust(ed) your lifestyle due to air pollution?
0	Yes
0	No
16.	Please specify how you adjusted, or will adjust, your lifestyle. (Please check all that apply).
	Adjust outdoor exercise regime
	Exercise indoors instead of going outdoors
	Adjust outdoor work activities
	Adjust outdoor leisure activities
	Minimize outdoor exposure to contaminants by avoiding certain areas
	Become more environmentally friendly
	Other (please specify)

	Do you feel that knowing more information about local air quality would encourage you to make ices which help reduce air pollution?
0	Yes
0	No
18.	Have you heard of 20/20: The Way to Clean Air program before?
0	Yes
0	No
19.	How often do you have access to a computer?
0	One time per week
0	2-3 times per week
0	4-5 times per week
0	Daily
0	Less than one time per week
20.	Do you have a personal cellular device?
0	Yes
0	No
21.	If an Air Quality Health Index application is made, how would you like to access it?
0	Computer/Internet
0	Cellphone
0	Both
0	I would not use this application
0	Other (please specify)
22.	In your opinion, what is the program 20/20: The Way to Clean Air designed to do?
0	Reduce the number of poor air quality days 20% by the year 2020
~	Donating \$20 to plant 20 new trees in Toronto parks
0	
0	Telling people how to reduce home and automobile energy use by 20% each

ways	20/20: The Way to Clean Air is a program designed by Toronto Public Health to give you prast s to cut your home energy use by 20%, and your automobile energy use by 20%. And not of the environment, cutting your energy consumption also saves you money!	
	ld you be more likely to cut your energy consumption if it reduced the number of poor air s in the Greater Toronto Area?	quality
0	Yes	
0	No	
24. V appl	What actions will you take/have you taken to reduce your home energy use? (Please check y).	k all that
	Turn off the lights when you leave a room	
	Replacing frequently-used outdoor lights with motion detector lights, or putting outdoor lights on a	timer
	In the winter, set your thermostat (for heating) at a lower temperature	
∏ the I	In the winter, open your window coverings during the daytime to let heat in, and close them after d heat	ark to tra
	In the summer, set your thermostat (for air conditioning) at a higher temperature	
	In the summer, close your window coverings during daylight hours to keep the cool air in	
	Closing the doors to unused rooms when your furnace or air conditioner are running	
	Use cold water when washing your clothes	
	Hanging your clothes to dry	
	Clean your furnace filters every 2 months	
	Clean the coils on the back of your refrigerator	
	Using the dishwasher only when full, and using the energy-saving cycle	
	Unplug your second fridge or stand-alone freezer	
⊡ "stai	Plugging your electronics into a power bar, and turning off the power bar directly to reduce "phanto nd by" power use	m" or
	None of the above	
	Other (please specify)	

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	Nhat actions will you take/have you taken to reduce your automobile energy use? (Please check all apply).
	Keep your tires properly inflated
	Keep your engine properly tuned
	Take your time speeding up and slowing down
	Turn off the car instead of idling for more than 10 seconds
	Choose an energy efficient vehicle
	Carpooling
]	Using public transit
	Walking or biking
	Telecommuting – working from home
	Trip-chaining – combining errands into one journey
	Joining a car-share program
	None of the above
	Other (please specify)
	Are you more likely to take steps to reduce your energy use when air quality is poor? Yes
0	No, I (will) take steps to reduce energy use all the time
0	No, I will not reduce my energy use, even when air quality is poor

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	How would you prefer to receive information about programs such as the AQHI and 20/20: The Way to an Air? (Please select all that apply).
	Asthma Society of Canada communications (website, newsletter, blogs)
	Pop-up windows or buttons on websites
	AsthmaToday Widget or other computer gadgets (eg. toolbars)
	Social Networking (Facebook, Twitter, Linkedin)
	Other websites searching on my own
	Local Radio
	Local Television
	Local Newspaper
	Electronic Device "Applications"
	Automated telephone information lines
	Information available at public transit locations
	Community Centres
	Community Churches
	Other (please specify)
	What language would you prefer to receive inforation about programs such as the AQHI and 20/20: Way to Clean Air? (Please check all that apply)
	English - Written Information
	English - Written Information English - Oral Information
	English - Oral Information
	English - Oral Information
	English - Oral Information French - Written Information
	English - Oral Information French - Written Information French - Oral Information Aboriginal Language - Written Information
	English - Oral Information French - Written Information French - Oral Information Aboriginal Language - Written Information
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If you would like the chance to win one of our 21 draw prizes, please enter your e-mail address in the box below. The Asthma Society of Canada respects your privacy. The personal information you provide will be held in confidence and used only as described. We do not rent or trade names, and your information does not pass outside the Asthma Society of Canada.

- The grand prize is one (1) prize of two (2) SmartSilk pillows, certified Asthma and Allergy Friendly - The second prizes are twenty (20) prizes of one (1) Asthma Society of Canada hygrometer, thermometer and alarm clock

If you do not wish to enter the draw, please leave the box blank. Otherwise, please enter an e-mail address where we will be able to contact you if you win, to arrange delivery of your prize.

30. If you wish to enter the draw for a chance to win one of our prizes, please enter your e-mail address below:



Congratulations! You have completed the survey. Thank you very much for your participation. Your input is valuable for the development of programs to benefit Canadians with asthma. For more information about the programs listed, please visit www.airhealth.ca and www.toronto.ca/health/2020. For additional ways to comment on the AQHI, please visit http://airqualityhealthindex.blogspot.com/.

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AIR QUALITY HEALTH INDEX (AQHI) Protect your health. Know the numbers.

Indtroducing the Air Quality Health Index

The average person takes about 20,000 breaths a day. That's an amazing 10,000 litres of air that pass through your lungs every day! Wouldn't it be helpful to know how all that air affects your health and when it's the best to be active? Now, you can.

The Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) is a new tool that measures air quality in terms of your health.

From 1 to 10

The Air Quality Health Index is simple. It measures air quality in relation to your health on a scale from 1 to 10. A reading of 1 represents a low risk to your health and 7 or greater represents a high risk. (On rare occasions, the Air Quality Health Index may be 10+, which means a very high risk.)

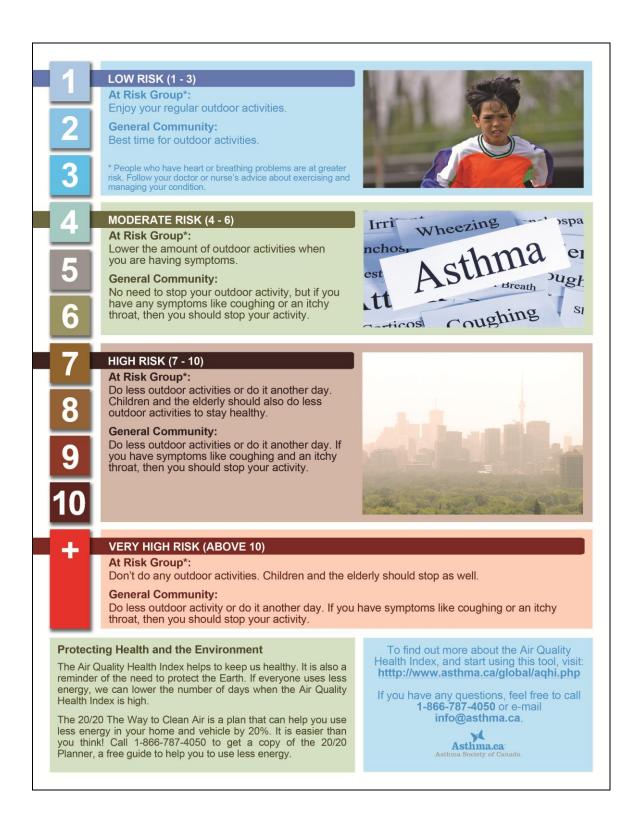
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	+
Risk:	Low (1-3)		Moderate (4-5)			High (7-10)			Very High (10+)	

More than a Number

The Air Quality Health Index is more than just a number - it's a tool that helps you plan a healthy day. Since strenuous activities increase the amount of air you breathe, the Air Quality Health Index can help you decide when yo enjoy the benefits of physical activity and when to reduce or reschedule your activity.

Make a habit of it! Check the Air Quality Health Index every day!

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