



**Lakes District
 DRAFT Minutes**

Date: April 23, 2003

Location: Community Forest Office, Burns Lake

Attendance (✓) and Regrets (X):

✓	Christine Rigby
X	Ian Sharpe
✓	Laurie Gallant
✓	Mark LeRuez
X	Ray Williams
✓	Doug Bysouth
X	Lonny Miller
X (regrets sent)	Susan Stearns
✓	Rosanne Murray
X (regrets sent)	John Rempel
✓	Pam Hext
✓	Raymond Chipeniuk-Associate Professor at UNBC (visiting guest)

Jargon and Acronyms:

BVLD	Bulkley Valley-Lakes District
WLAP	Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection
CWG	Community Working Group
RDBN	Regional District of Bulkley Nechako
RWG	Regional Working Group
CNC	College of New Caledonia
WETBC	Wood Energy Technicians of British Columbia
RDCO	Regional District of Central Okanagan

Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Air Quality in the BVLD and Lakes District - Presentation notes
3. Draft Operating framework and Communications Plan for Lakes District CWG
4. Draft Community Issues and Framework (Bulkley District)
5. 1999 Air Quality Plan

Start Time:

6:00 pm

Agenda:

Order changed to discuss work plan and objectives first.

Decision Points, Sticky Points and Other Important Notes:

- Will the final Plan legally binding?
- Where does funding come from?
- More of a strategy?
- Buy in won't happen without knowing where funding or membership is coming from.
- Important that decisions are impartial – e.g. not funded by an environmental group – concern over appearance of CHOKED in acronyms.
- Wondering about boundary issues – airsheds can be affected by emissions from outside their defined boundaries
- Sticky point of air quality vs. pay cheque?
- Is it worthwhile to address issues handled by other ministries? i.e. MOF Forestry Smoke Management Plans, Wildfire Protection Act
- Need to supply reports, minutes, presentations etc. to public other than via Internet and email. Would like to see them at local library and RDBN office
- It's ok to post names and interests of CWG members on web, but not their contact information
- If CWG member moves away they should be replaced if possible to help ensure the balance of interests is maintained-1) could have the person leaving suggest a replacement; 2) could have someone from another CWG step in as needed (ie. Do a presentation), or ensure there is someone from another CWG to still cover that interest at the regional level
- Group would like to continue to meet through July and August (ie. No summer break)
- It's acceptable to have alternate come to meeting if CWG member unavailable
- Want to see regular media releases go out (ie. After each meeting), and send the release to ie. town offices, government offices and ministries

Presentation on Air Quality by Christine:

- Why only one monitoring station here?
- What is the cost of a monitor? Cost of maintaining station?
- Might we want to suggest more monitoring stations in the Plan?
- Common sense and local knowledge boost confidence in modelling?
- Can we have a mobile station? – Yes but we want continuous monitoring; may want to have a mobile station for our airshed and place based on priorities.
- Solicit fire protection staff for advice and membership
- How is funding determined for airshed planning? Many factors including community support not just air quality.
- Are there other groups like this in the province? Yes, Prince George, Quesnel, Williams Lake etc. all have some form of airshed management planning ongoing
- How many airsheds in province? 52 but the table shown includes only 22 because it's limited to those that meet the criteria outlined in the presentation
- Burns Lake is worst of four communities so why lump it in with other three? For planning purposes.
- Boundaries are political not just geographic (Skeena region) but also reflect the fact that air quality in one community could affect air quality in others, and at the least the communities in BVLD tend to have similar air quality; most efficient way of identifying and implementing solutions
- Can we find a masters student to do some research?
- Proposal: define research questions and send them to Ray via Laurie
- Would like to put our airshed issues into larger context ie. Climate change.
- Presentation on goals and indicators for desired state: pros and cons of different approaches ie. exceedances, time spent in each air quality category etc.

- Support idea of AQ myth vs. fact series such as visibility vs. air quality in winter during inversions, grass burning (note Bulkley group member is taking on grass burning issue)
- Comparison of emissions from different energy sources i.e. oil and coal (apparently there are a significant number of homes heated with oil and coal (the latter specifically on coal mine road)
- Important to have meteorology data to back up air quality data to help interpret trends
- What is the difference between PM2.5 and PM10? Particulate matter 2.5 micrometers and 10 micrometers respectively in diameter (note PM10 includes PM10)-it's helpful to monitor both at the same location to see how much of the PM10 is PM2.5-typically (although this is not exclusive and there is overlap) combustion sources tend to emit the smaller particles and crustal (non-combustion) sources (ie. Road dust) tend to emit larger particles

Today's Meeting Adjourned at: 9:30 pm

Next meeting date: Wednesday May 28 at 7pm

Next meeting location: Community forest building

Agenda Items for next meeting:

1. Presentation on modelling
2. Community inventory
3. Terms of reference and membership
4. Standing item: communications
5. Standing item: public input
6. Standing item: report on CWGs
7. Woodstove change-out and education program: models from Quesnel and RDCO

Chair for next meeting: Mark

Scribe for next meeting: Pam

	ACTION ITEMS	Who	Deadline	Status
1	Contact Lonnie re: membership	Roseanne		
2	Define research questions that might be done by university students and send to Laurie to send to Dr. Chipeniuk at UNBC	All		
3	Set up binder of meeting proceedings at library and RDBN office	Christine		
4	Burns Lake Trade show May 9 and 10 information; can WLAP supply display and handouts?	Doug and Mark; Christine		

5	Community Inventory of air quality issues, concerns, and emission sources (use common sense and science)	All		
6	New recruits: standing action item	All		
7	Press release: more members, purposes, presentation highlights, what we did tonight.	Laurie		
8	Update Terms of Reference	Laurie		
9	Expand communications plan to include announcements of upcoming events i.e. WETT woodstove workshops (can use website, press releases, posters at community events, word of mouth)	Laurie		
10	Contact Lynn Synotte CNC re: holding woodstove workshop ph. 692-1700 (do this early to ensure promotion through college course calendar)	Christine		
11	Collect information on how a woodstove changeout program works – model programs in BC (Quesnel, Kelowna)	Christine and Laurie		