



## Lakes District Minutes

**Date: June 30, 2003**

**Location: Community Forest Centre**

### Attendance ( ) and Regrets ( X ):

	Christine Rigby
	Ian Sharpe
X	Laurie Gallant
	Mark LeRuez
X	Ray Williams
	Doug Bysouth
	Lonny Miller
X	Susan Stearns
	Rosanne Murray
	John Rempel
	Pam Hext
	Frits Goosen
	Mathieu Charland (Katimavik)

### Jargon and Acronyms:

BVLD	Bulkley Valley-Lakes District
WLAP	Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection
CWG	Community Working Group
CHOKED	Community Health Opposition to Known Emission Dangers-citizen group based out of Smithers focused on air quality in BVLD
RDBN	Regional District of Bulkley Nechako
Licensees	Entities (ie. Sawmill) with a WLAP permit
LRMP	Land Resource Management Plan
MSRM	Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management
RWG	Regional Working Group
Speciation modelling	Use of fine particulate composition (what made of) to model emission sources
WETBC	Wood Engineering Technicians of British Columbia

### Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:

Copy of Goals and Indicators Presentation  
BC Lung Brochure “Wood Stoves and Your Health”  
BC Lung Brochure “Health and Air Quality”

**Start Time:**

10:05am

**Agenda:**

Goals and Indicators Presentation/Discussion  
Review old action items  
Report on Regional Working Group  
Outreach Activities-deferred except mention of Katimavik work  
Next meeting and agenda

**Decision Points, Sticky Points and Other Important Notes:**

- discussion about wood chipping and spreading it on block-Babine Forest Products did a demo project and found this practice actually hindered tree growth (keeps already cool soil even cooler)
- suggestion that Federal Government should restrict the manufacturing of non-EPA approved stoves in Canada
- some communities require that non-EPA or non-CSA approved appliances be removed on sale of building
- recognition of need for education in schools
- Quality of Life Indicators Discussion*
- need for indicators to be credible, to have a solid basis
- need to be careful when making links between indicators and air quality
- need to be careful when releasing information on this to media
- feeling that this type of information would be useful
- similar work done linking days of sunshine with irritability
- need to use quality of life indicators in conjunction with particulate matter data
- if using human health indicators, need to remember that smokers are predisposed to illness
- incidence of asthma
- should keep indicators locally relevant
- interest in investigating what type of carbon sink is lost due to beetle epidemic
- mountain pine beetle burning
- discussion of dust control-different methods, costs
- education targets-ie. presentation to village council, school visits
- suggestion to get superintendents together from area municipalities and highway contractor discuss road dust issues and how being dealt with and possibilities
- emission inventory data available every 5 years
- stressed need to demonstrate that air quality is driven locally not globally or nationally
  - education
  - how does air quality outside BVLVD affect airshed air quality
  - group felt this information would be very useful
- stressed that need for indicators and targets to be completed in September
- John spoke with Jack who seemed interested but did not attend
- Wood Stove workshop and change out:*
- could there be a more substantial discount (than 15%)-where would \$ come from
- who would it need to be approved by
- need to stress efficient use of stoves, lots of education
- Ontario Building Codes is more restrictive than BC
- need to discuss health effects
- city of Calgary does not allow re-use of wood burning appliances (approved or not)
- request for help preparing for WETBC workshop and potential change out program

- many First Nation communities are getting new appliances-could have a WETBC workshop specifically for First Nations and then Frits could follow up from there (he is now certified to give workshops)
- Katimavik will have open house display at mall
- follow up on getting First Nation involvement in CWG-will go by action item #3 here instead of contacting Ray Williams or Gloria George as per minutes of last meeting

**Today's Meeting Adjourned at:**

1:10pm

**Next meeting date (third Tuesday of each month):**

Wednesday July 23, 2003 at 10am

**Next meeting location:**

-will check into having at Community Forest Centre again

**Agenda Items for next meeting:**

- Woodstove presentation by Frits (short version of WETBC workshop)
- Health Effects (what they are, incremental increase in risk etc.)
- Indicators and Targets

**Chair for next meeting:**

Mark LeRuez

**Scribe for next meeting:**

Pam Hext

	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Brainstorm ideas for indicators and targets	All	Next meeting	
2	Add link to WETBC webpage to web site	Christine Laurie	Next meeting	
3	Draft letter to all First Nations in area-invitation to Chiefs to participate on CWG-to be reviewed by CWG members	Ian Laurie		
4	Fax agenda to Frits	Christine	asap	
5	Print BC Lung report for Frits	Christine	Next meeting	
6	Print summary of BC Lung report for Doug and John	Christine	Next meeting	
7	Print copy of local composting study to all CWG members	Christine	Next meeting	
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