



**Lakes District
 DRAFT Minutes**

Date: November 26, 2003

Location: Community Forest Building

Attendance (√) Regrets (X) Guests (G):

X	Christine Rigby	√	Pam Hext
X	Ian Sharpe	√	Frits Goosen
X	Laurie Gallant	X	Kay Makereth
√	Mark LeRuez	√	Emily Bulmer
√	Doug Bysouth	X	Ben Weinstein
X	Lonny Miller		
X	Susan Stearns		
X	Rosanne Murray		
√	John Rempel		

Jargon and Acronyms:

VWG - Virtual Working Group

Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:

Regional Working Group Minutes
 Goals and indicators summary

Start Time: 12:35

Wisdom Circle: There were no new people. Doug shared about piles burning in Vanderhoof and Prince George.

Announcements:

Jim Hofweber is making a presentation on the new BC Environmental Management Act at the January 26th Regional Working Group meeting.

Virtual Working Group

Since everyone is not able to attend all meetings and we are at the review/edit/approve stage of the process, much of our work can also be done online. To help facilitate this, we are starting up a ‘Virtual Working Group’ or VWG, which will include all people who have been involved up to date, but have missed some meetings, or feel they need to withdraw from the process because of other evening commitments. The VWG will operate through email and the website. There are many documents that need input as well as letters and sections of the plan that need to be written. We will send an email update highlighting action items that were identified at the meetings, and attach any documents needed to complete these action items. Work can be done on-line, at your own convenience. If there are a number of people that

want to work together on a task, we encourage you to do so, and even meet if you need to. We are here at the airshed office to support your work, so the Footprint office if you need help with something.

Decision Points, Sticky Points and Other Important Notes:

It has been noticed that even though burn bans are happening in the Skeena region, burning still happens in outside regions. Many piles were burning outside of Vanderhoof and Prince George, causing a lot of smoke.

How do we coordinate or work with the region to the east? Can the two branches of WLAP coordinate so rules are the same between the two regions?

Resource Management Burning – tour/ field trip. The virtual tour idea was discussed and it was agreed that this would be an easier option that more people could benefit from. Doug will ask people to take pictures of piles to add to the presentation.

Reviewed minutes from Regional Working Group meeting Oct 27. Reviewed draft Table of Contents. An issue that was raised was how we do we fit our airshed management plan into the bigger picture of provincial, and national policy. What effect can we have on climate change policy? It would be good to tie this into a bigger picture and hopefully affect change on other levels outside of our region.

A barrier to public acceptance is people feeling that the BVL DAMP might be the flavour of the day. There have been so many changes with regulations and ministries in the last few years, and people are becoming sceptical.

The Regional Working Group should meet in Burns Lake also, so each community hosts the RWG meeting.

Newspaper articles reviewed. The first of 8 articles appears in the Lakes District News today.

A specific goal should be to integrate with outside areas. The sources that affect larger areas, including forest harvesting, beehive burners, and land development should be dealt with at a multi-regional level, and there should be a strategy to coordinate with the region to the east regarding these emission sources. We should also have a specific goal on promoting our plan with other regions. How does our plan fit into provincial and federal programs? We should reach beyond our area and share what we have learned.

Woodstove Changeout – Facilitators have started talks with the municipalities regarding the program. We are at the stage where they seem to agree that it is a good idea, but will only do it if other municipalities will do it.

Reviewed the letter to be sent to the fire chief. Approved.

Reviewed the letter to be sent in support of the northern health study. Approved.

Adopted the minutes.

Woodstove burn it smart video is being sent to Frits.

Next Regional Working Group meeting is on Dec. 1. Mark will go, and hopefully Frits will attend. Mark and Frits will review old CWG minutes.

Community awareness. We need a booth for the Bulkley Valley Lakes Trade Show in the spring (April/May). The Footprint Team will look into this.

Air Quality Science Update from Ben and Christine read by Emily

Minutes Adopted, changes noted

Action Items Report – results noted in table

Goals and Indicators – approved, Footprint Team to add comments

Today's Meeting Adjourned at: 2:15

Next meeting date (third Tuesday of each month): December 17th, only if needed. Footprint Team will be in touch via email.

Next meeting location: Community Forests building

Agenda Items for next meeting: Depends on Regional Working Group meeting

Chair for next meeting: TBA **Scribe for next meeting:** TBA

	ACTION ITEMS	Who	Deadline	Status
2	In lieu of meeting on beehive burners, create page on website with notes from all mills.	Footprint	As completed	In progress
3	If needed, draft letter from CWGs in support of moving up BC Hydro date for proposal call for IPPs.	Footprint Team	standby	
4	If time, research number of co-gen plants in BC and determine if thought has been given to the overall needs of the province in terms of capacity and sources.	Ian/Laurie	standby	
5	Follow up on Burn It Smart workshops: evaluation from Zigi, assess need for workshops in Granisle, Fraser Lake, Southside, Topley, new Woodstove page on website with video clip.	Frits/Zigi	In progress	May be part of woodstove changeout initiative
6	Contact all BVL D Fire Departments regarding education in the schools; add to Outreach Strategy.	Footprint Team	Dec 1	Letter approved, will be sent next week
7	Find out when the tradeshow dates are and arrange table for BVL D AMP table for public education and outreach	Footprint Team	Next meeting	Lakes CWG members to forward dates.
8	Ask contractors doing burning to take pictures to add to the resource burning virtual tour	Doug Bysouth	Ongoing	
9	Follow up with request to have a RWG meeting in Burns Lake as well	Footprint Team	Next meeting	