



Bulkley Valley – Lakes District
Airshed Management Plan
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**Lakes District
DRAFT Minutes**

Date: October 22, 2003

Location: Community Forest Building

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

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

Jargon and Acronyms:

Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:

Community Outreach Strategy and Workplan
Copy of Goals and Indicators presentation

Start Time: 12:35

Agenda – Lakes CWG Wed., October 21, 2003 from 6:45 pm to 9:15 pm

Time	Agenda Item	Objective	Resources/Tasks
12:45 pm	Arrivals Refreshments available	Informal gathering	Room set up, A/V equipment, last minute issues.
12:30	Welcome and Introductions Announcements Review of Agenda	Review and refine agenda and objectives.	Copy of Agenda. News items relevant to planning process.
12:45	Adopt minutes Review of Action Items	Mark progress on CWG specific action items and provide feedback.	
1:00pm	Review of Planning Status 1. Reports from other Working Groups 2. Progress on new Work plan and Outreach Strategy 3. Review of Article template and request for local information 4. Group adoption of a specific task to work on until next meeting.	Mark progress on overall airshed planning progress and provide feedback.	
1:50pm	BREAK		
2:00	Building the Plan: Goals and Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Review of Goals and Indicators work completed by all CWGs □ Refinement of indicators and strategies by emission source 		Presentation by Ben and handout by Emily summarizing all input to date.
2: 45	Appoint RWG representative Review of RWG agenda		RWG rough agenda.
3:00	WISDOM CIRCLE Stories form the community on how air quality affects their quality of life.	Hear concerns and ideas from community.	Invite a friend to tell a story.
3:15 pm	Next meeting and agenda	Review New Action Items; Build next agenda.	

Decision Points, Sticky Points and Other Important Notes:

Letters were faxed to local gov't reps re: inviting them back to participate. Meetings are more structured, and we need administrator/municipal input. This is a logical time to rejoin the group.

Discussed cost of Burn it smart. Video for stoves – Frits has one and may put something together to bring to Topley, Fraser Lake, Vanderhoof and other communities. Needs to know if there is money to offset the cost. Emily to ask. For changeout: look for money that is eligible both for workshops and changeouts. Feedback re: burn it smart workshops has been positive and people are asking when it will be held again.

Discussion on bylaw enforcement. Bylaws are difficult to enforce – depends on resources of the town/village, and these are usually limited. Need to have in town ban on burning grass and garbage... can look into doing this for future. The changes will not happen right away, but it is something for us to work on.

Re: woodstoves, Frits' preference is to use Education and Changeout rather than regulation for motivation. Use regulation after some of the education and changeout has taken place.

Emily reports on CWG info from Morice, Bulkley, Resource Mgmt Burning subcommittee and burn it smart workshops.

MORICE MEETING

Road Dust Subcommittee should be struck to do the research and organize a road dust presentation for January.

Indoor air quality: Should be an education issue that is addressed in the plan in some way. Suggestions included adding information on the components of indoor AQ and what people can do in their own homes to monitor. Noted by Christine that many questions in relation to indoor AQ, particulates and human health are not known by scientists, but that we should make an effort to make available information we do have.

Presentation on PM 10 PM 2.5 and winds in Houston 2002

- Christine presented short PowerPoint presentation on the effect of winds on PM
- See presentation for graphs
- A few interesting notes:
- The instances of high PM 10 were in the fall and winter – not in the spring when road dust season happens. This was not expected.
- The PM 2.5 readings are lower when the wind is blowing in the direction from the trailer court, and higher when blowing from the direction of the mill
- PM 2.5 readings are high when wind speed is low, and PM 2.5 readings are low when wind speed is high

Results of Burn It Smart workshops given – overall was very successful. Attendance estimates as follows: Burns Lake 14, Houston 19, Prince George 90, Smithers 25.

BURN IT SMART MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE.... Ask Emily, Laurie or Christine

Resource Management Burning Subcommittee - Doug

A letter has been sent to the district managers. Suggestion: allow risk assessment of piles, then decide whether to burn or to leave as habitat. Idea is to move away from overly prescriptive measures. In the wake of the forest fires in the south, the Provincial Gov't may be reluctant to leaving potential 'fuel' on cutblocks.

Update on custom forecasting - Ben

- Explained the process daily done by 9:00am, may be adjusted earlier, would be better for licensees and crews. PIR paying for spot forecast to get more exact results

Other industrial sources of emissions:

Check into emissions from mines and from woodstove pellet making plants.

Emily working on article series on plan and process have a template – in 3 parts, present state, goals, anecdotes from real people, close to the end of October. Presented template of worksheet and asked for feedback. Request that people fill them out for an emission source they feel they have expertise on. Send to footprint: emily@footprintbc.com or fax to (250)847-1670

Woodstove Changeout

- Dealer can probably come up with a 5% discount
- Wholesale can probably come up with a 5% discount
- Hoping provincial and federal gov't will give 5% each
- This would be a 20% discount for those with old stoves who want to change over to new, clean tech stoves.

Emissions Inventory Topic of the Month from Ben

- Insurance industry looking at non-EPA stoves or not professionally installed, likely to be expensive to keep a stove in the home, certified stoves often little ones
- Identify pollen as an emission; maybe not include indicators or goals, as we cannot do anything about it. However, it should be identified and somehow explained why it isn't an issue.

Wisdom Circle: Ben retold Dave Duncan's story about North Central burning green wood in EPA stoves this winter.

Frits, Mark and Pam to attend RWG meeting.

Minutes Adopted.

Action Items Report – done results noted in table

Goals and Indicators – updated – Ben will include new additions to presentation

Today's Meeting Adjourned at: 3:15

Next meeting date (third Tuesday of each month): November 26th, 2003

Next meeting location: Community Forests building

Agenda Items for next meeting:

RWG table of contents review

Article – feedback from article 1 that was in the paper

Local gov't and local changeout

Chair for next meeting: Mark **Scribe for next meeting:** Pam

	ACTION ITEMS	Who	Deadline	Status
1	Community inventory to be posted on website, fax to Frits and Kay.	Laurie	Oct. 31	
2	In lieu of meeting on beehive burners, create page on website with notes from all mills.	Laurie	Oct.31	
3	If needed, draft letter from CWGs in support of moving up BC Hydro date for proposal call for IPPs.	Laurie	standby	
4	If time, research number of cogen 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/Laurie/Zigi	In progress/ For next meeting	
6	Contact all BVLD Fire Departments regarding education in the schools; add to Outreach Strategy.	Laurie	In progress/ By next meeting	