



## Lakes District DRAFT Minutes

**Date: September 24, 2003**

**Location: Community Forest Building**

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

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

### **Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:**

Goals and Indicators from Website  
Extra agendas and minutes  
Workplan and Community Outreach Strategy

**Start Time:** 10:00 am

### **Agenda:**

1. Announcements, objectives for meeting
2. Adoption of previous minutes, review of Action items
3. Confirm Community Emissions Inventory
4. Status of Plan; New Work Plan and Outreach Strategy
5. Goals and Indicators

### Announcements:

1. Ben Weinstein has joined WLAP to assist with micro-emissions inventory and other airshed planning work.

### Meeting objectives:

1. Feedback and approval of draft Workplan and Outreach Strategy
2. Establish Goals and Indicators by Emission Source

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

Minutes adopted, all action items completed or revised as follows:

- ❑ community inventory to be posted on website, fax to Frits and Kay
- ❑ in lieu of meeting on beehive burners, create page on website with notes from all mills
- ❑ Ian provided summary of current burners: 7 in airshed; 3 – Tier 1 PIR, Canfor, HFP, Tier 2 – Decker Lake and of cogen plant status
- ❑ Question raised regarding number of cogen plants in BC and if thought had been given to the overall needs of the province in terms of capacity and sources
- ❑ Idea of writing letter from CWGs in support of moving up BC Hydro date for proposal call for IPPs was endorsed by group in context of Canfor cogen plant
- ❑ Recommend touching base with anyone who has attended CWG meeting and update them on what we are doing; they may have lost sight of process value and we need to show them the concrete actions we are taking and the specific goals we have for the year.

### **Emissions Inventory**

- ❑ revamped April version of this document was reviewed for the benefit of new CWG members and to set the stage for the Goals and Indicators discussion
- ❑ Emission sources are grouped into Primary and Secondary; interpretation of these categories was agreed upon to mean primary focus for the Plan because these sources can be controlled through human activity and also because they are major contributors.
- ❑ Focus emission sources are: open burning in rural areas, forestry-related burning, road dust, industrial waste burning (i.e. boilers, beehives), heating (i.e. wood burning appliances).

### **Status of Plan**

Reports from all Working Groups was provided, including Resource Management Burning Subcommittee (RWG); noted that Lakes CWG is the forerunner because of summer meetings and where they fall in the sequence of meetings

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

### **New Work Plan and Outreach Strategy**

- ❑ Suggestion made to do follow up workshops in Gransisle, Fraser Lake, Southside, Topley – Frits can deliver these workshops
- ❑ Suggestion made to create a video clip for the website showing emission comparisons for certified versus non-certified stoves; Frits will ask Zigi about this.
- ❑ Suggestion that we should have a door to door campaign to help changeout woodstoves and provide operator education; should convince all towns to do changeout together ASAP; noted that manufacturers will participate in non-peak sales season (March); need to start organizing soon and start promoting in January
- ❑ First step is to make contact with woodstove and hearth association, research resources needed especially budget and to contact local governments by end of October if contributions are being requested
- ❑ Need to appoint one person to work on this initiative – a temporary full-time (half-time for someone experienced?) job.
- ❑ Ben will be doing emissions study to support changeout program and overall Plan
- ❑ Table of contents and template for new Plan will be reviewed by CWGs and then RWG
- ❑ Each CWG will want to send a representative to the RWG meeting in October; may want to have rotating community hosts (Smithers, Houston, Burns Lake) to reflect regional scope

- Suggestion to have a chat with Fire Departments regarding education in the schools – agreed important to have a simple, key message – everyone liked “do not burn garbage” backed up by WHY NOT (health and environmental problems) and alternatives.

**Goals and Indicators**

- General goal of Plan is to reduce emissions, to have Zero Episodes over a one year period; the indicator for this goal would be the # of episodes, Strategy is to reduce emissions from all sources.
- Lakes CWG endorsed the following chart; noting that baseline data is needed for goals and indicators – increase in data through modeling and more monitoring stations (mobile station, high vol) necessary
- Also agreed that this type of presentation and breakdown by emission source is a good format for the Plan.
- Agreed that indicators from previous meeting are secondary, and would require a lot of work. May still be useful if strong correlation with primary indicator can be proven.
- Emissions inventory and dispersion modeling will help us to differentiate between sources so that we know when we are making progress using our source specific strategies.

<b>Emission Source</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Strategies</b>
Woodstoves	0 old woodstoves	# of old stoves in town	PM10 Exceedences of 25 during still air days	Education Changeout
Beehive burners	0 burners	# of burners (from 6 to 0)	PM10 Exceedences of 25 on start up days during still air days	Support cogen plant Support Plan B
Forest harvest debris burning	0 days above 25 during 6 week burning season	Reduction in # of still air days where PM > 25	NB: overlap with woodstove season	Reduce # of piles burned Coordinate burning among licensees
Agricultural land clearing burning	0 local smoke out events from agric.	# smokeouts over 5 year period		Education
Road dust	0 days > 25 during 3 week road dust season	# days > 25		Dust control strategies (low tech?) Education (forum in February?)

Meeting Logistics for remainder of 2003

- Like current meeting space (booked for next meeting)
- agreement to move meeting start times to 12:30 pm
- agreement to move December meeting one week forward to Dec.17
- Next meeting date (fourth Wednesday of each month): September 22, 2003 at 12:30 pm

**Agenda Items for next meeting:**

- Follow up on new Work Plan and Community Outreach Strategy
- If new chair needed, approach Roseanne

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

	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Community inventory to be posted on website, fax to Frits and Kay.	Laurie	Oct. 8	
2	In lieu of meeting on beehive burners, create page on website with notes from all mills.	Laurie	Oct.22	
3	If needed, draft letter from CWGs in support of moving up BC Hydro date for proposal call for IPPs.	Laurie	standby	
4	Phone past Lakes CWG meeting attendees or those who have expressed interest and update them on what we are doing; they may have lost sight of process value and we need to show them the concrete actions we are taking and the specific goals we have for the year.	Laurie	Oct 8	
5	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	
6	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	Oct. 22	
7	Add Woodstove Changeout program to Outreach Strategy and follow up on ideas discussed.	Laurie	Sept 30	
8	Contact all BVLD Fire Departments regarding education in the schools; add to Outreach Strategy.	Laurie	Sept 30	