



## Morice District Minutes

**Date: June 11, 2003**

**Location: Houston Senior’s Centre**

**Attendance ( ) and Regrets ( X ):**

	Christine Rigby
X	Ian Sharpe
X	Laurie Gallant
	Leroy Reitsma
	Dave Jellett
	Garth Ehalt
X	Bill Bristow
	Carlie Kearns
X	Harold Ludditt
X	John Emberley
X	Harry Anaka

**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:**

- presentation on Goals and Indicators
- new BC Lung brochure “Woodstoves and Your Health”

**Start Time:**

7:15 pm

**Agenda:**

Goals and Indicators presentation and discussion  
Review old action items  
Report from other airshed groups-Advisory Committee and RWG  
Community Inventory  
Outreach Activities

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

- presentation-quality of life indicators
  - coordination and count of air quality complaints
  - school absenteeism and missed work days could be due to a number of reasons
  - # of smoldering piles of debris per year
  - # permits/approvals denied due to air quality (relate also to burn ban days)-this would be one way of doing lost work that could be tied directly to air quality
    - would like something measureable
    - annual survey/questionnaire to residents regarding impacts and perception of air quality
    - street paving/road dust control (ie. # of streets paved per year)
    - woodstove sales
- education on wood burning is important ie. WET BC workshops coming in Fall
  - woodstove education in schools important (could have a “who can burn the best” competition”)
  - what type of woods burns best (has highest heating value)
- need to be careful about cost issues with improving air quality (setting reasonable targets)
- inventory-feel the four main issues are open burning, woodstoves, road dust and beehive burners
- old action items-felt Ian’s letter to municipalities about street cleaning (reminder) should not only remind them to do it but contain suggestions on how to do it better (for reducing dust problems)
- have some problems with logging road dust that is transported into town and onto highway-some improvements have been made on this front
- highway dust is also a problem
- need to really narrow down where this CWG will focus its efforts (on what sources), and where the RWG will focus
- will anyone listen to our recommendations when the plan is complete?
- in past there were BC Hydro incentives for using power in non-peak periods (got lower rate)-if that is still available could it help to reduce woodstove use?
- RWG-Garth is interested but away in near future
  - group thought Bill had said he was interested (is away today though)
  - Carlie interested
- not clear from old minutes if group had decided to not meet in July and August (was only clear that agreed a resource burning committee would meet during that period)-the people present felt that taking summer of in light of that committee working through it would be acceptable

**Today's Meeting Adjourned at:**

8:45pm

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

-will be scheduled via email since likely not until September

**Next meeting location:**

- will be scheduled via email since likely not until September

**Agenda Items for next meeting:**

-narrow down goals, indicators and sources to be focused on with a more complete group

-update on what resource burn committee has done over summer

-PM2.5/PM10 and winds presentation

**Chair for next meeting:**

-To be announced

**Scribe for next meeting:**

-To be announced

	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Gather information on techniques for cleaning roads	Christine		
2	PM2.5/PM10 and winds presentation	Christine	Next meeting	
3	Resource Burn Sub-committee update	Ian Christine	Next meeting	
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