



bulkley valley - lakes district airshed management society

Draft **Minutes** **BVLDAMS Board of Directors**

Monday, April 16, 2007
11:30 am – 2:00 pm
Wood Skillet Restaurant, Houston

Attendance: Paul Schwarz (chair), Doug Bysouth, Ian Sharpe, Ben Weinstein, Dave Stevens, Joanne Dickenson, Laurie Gallant (secretary), Frits Goossen

Guests: Armel Castellan, MOE

Regrets: Aurnir Nelson (alternate for Leroy Reitsma)

Agenda

1. Announcements
2. Minutes from previous meeting and AGM
3. Woodstove Exchange Program update
4. Financial report and funding update
5. Planning for AGM and Elections

Announcements

- CANFOR burner closed April 5 – ACTION: send out announcement similar to PIR burner announcement– Decker Lake next (preliminary not for public). Send draft to mill contacts first. Note to media on our pleasure with this news.
- Village of Burns Lake bylaw has been passed – 2012 goal; 2008 mandatory changeout with property transfer ACTION: announcement and update of Bylaw Basics Fact Sheet (for Ben)
- Burn Operators Forum – need to start planning; early September for event. Coordinate with small sawmill forum to support new MOE code of practice
- NEWPRO phase 1 report now ready for internal review – could present at AGM.
- Ben and Armel gave conference at Monitoring Conference in Smithers – nice overview of AMS/MOE initiatives.

Review of Minutes – July 21/06

- ACTION: post on website.
- ACTION: special letter or certificate to acknowledge initiatives; add KUDOS section to Website
- ACTION: newspaper ad citing efforts as part of AGM announcement

- ACTION: official update on new AQHI for website? Rationale for new system based on research showing that ozone short-term health impacts more severe versus long-term impacts of PM. Federal initiative being done in BC as pilot. Local applications for education – voluntary actions during AQ Advisory as per workplan. Comparison of not being able to better BC Building Codes locally – how we can advocate for better standards if provincial or federal standards are not appropriate for our airshed.
- ACTION: minutes from last AQHI meeting – Ben to obtain and brief Board.
- Clean Air Plan Review – do we need a similar process this year? What sources should we focus on? Are we ready for transportation emissions? Lots of momentum on transportation and anti-idling bylaws. CN emissions are a growing concern – can we scope this out?
- ACTION: Ian and Dave to scope out and see if we want a presentation on this topic at our Forum.
- ACTION: gather up information on anti-idling and community readiness. Can we take this to schools and retailers. Pilot project? Can we be a catalyst? There are some options now – Dave Stevens to be our point person.
- ACTION: LG to send Dave e-mail reminder and deadline.
- New sources workshop idea – due to staffing changes at BC Lung, this idea was dropped but we can revisit. AMS can advocate for approval process for new industrial development at RD and municipalities to include airshed impacts – can be done through AQ mets.
- ACTION: Dave and Ben to follow through on distributing SENES report on planning process for new industrial developments
- On dispersion modelling – this has fallen off the table as Stephanie has left the Province to work as a consultant. Issue of having modelling referred to in our Clean Air Plan.
- ACTION: MOE to bring back proposal. Decision around updated emissions inventory versus dispersion modelling? Or other work? Can do an update now on resource management burns using data to be provided by burn operators as agreed to at 2006 Operators Forum. With burners closing, dates for emissions update should consider recent and imminent burner closures.
- Poultry processing plant and slaughterhouse still being looked at. Biodiesel plant also being considered. Heat pump heating system for new development in Willowvale – Bill Goodacre has details.

Woodstove Exchange Program

- \$1K funding available to post WSEP toolkit on cleanairkit.ca
- ACTION: confirm we will provide this service.
- Consensus – copyright artwork but share freely for airshed planning purposes.
- As of April 16 – 65 exchanges.
- funding for WSEP in place, including Colin for 0.5 FTE until September
- Colin can go to tradeshows – Smithers, Terrace, Burns Lake.
- health study on neighbourhood air quality before and after 2010 through UBC and UNBC
- Frits offering discounts to Burns Lake Band if they buy 10 stoves at once; CMHC now requiring stoves to be emission certified to qualify for loans;
- ACTION: confirm new EnerGuide woodstove rebate
- ACTION: Contributions by partners – Ben will provide written breakdown and send thank you letters.

- ACTION: Evaluation framework to be developed by Laurie and Ben; to be completed by August in time for municipal budgeting process. Contact Frits for retailer input into process.
- Burn It Smart – 6 people in Houston, 7 in Smithers poor attendance. Content good.

4. Financial report

- Current balance \$46K
- New books and ledgers set up for special programs, advertising, administrative.
- Have applied to MOE for \$20K, Northern Health for \$20K outside of WSEP.
- ACTION: verify that GST forms are filed.
- ACTION: hire accountant to assist with filing Charity Information return (max \$300)

5. AGM

- Wednesday June 20 in Smithers (evening); Burns Lake 2008

Other

- Elections officer – Dave Stevens.
- Contract renewed with Laurie as facilitator
- Hoping that all Board members will stand again; need to consider how to increase organization capacity- add to Board or recruit volunteers on as needed basis i.e. Ministry of Forests, Northern Health, community activists (see Laurie's March 07 memo to Ben)

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.