



bulkley valley - lakes district airshed management society

2008 BVLD AMS Community Forum and AGM

Monday, June 16, 2008
The Old Church (First and King) , **Smithers**
2:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Final Program

Time	Presentation
2:00	Opening Remarks – Are we making a difference? <i>Outgoing AMS President, Paul Schwarz, RPF - West Fraser Mills – Smithers,BC</i>
2:15	Annual General Meeting – Members and Potential Members Only <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Finance Report● Vote on new Mission Statement for BVLD AMS● Review of Nominations and Elections
2:45	Clean Air Plan 2007: The Year in Review and a word about air quality and climate change... <i>AMS Facilitator Laurie Gallant Environmental Planner and Principal, Footprint Environmental Strategies</i>
3:00	Vehicle emissions can be reduced by the turn of a key... A BC-wide Idling Reduction campaign hits the road and AMS is sponsoring a summer student to deliver a Skeena region campaign. Learn some little known facts about vehicle idling and how you can beat rising gas prices. <i>Ashley Jacobs, Skeena Idle Free Ambassador</i>
3:30	Wood Burning Appliance Bylaws – Your legal right to clean air. A panel of municipal representatives answer two big questions: 1. Has the bylaw been tested and with what results? 2. Are we ready for 2010 target of no uncertified wood burning appliances? <i>Jim McBride, Fire Chief for Village of Burns Lake Ken Thomson, Fire Chief for District of Houston TBA, Town of Smithers</i>

4:00	<p>2007/08 Skeena-BVLD Woodstove Exchange: Results and Recommendations The Clean Air Plan has a goal of changing out every non-emission certified stove in the valley by 2010. Find out how we plan to do this and our success to date.</p> <p><i>Colin Macleod, Skeena-BVLD Woodstove Exchange Coordinator</i></p>
4:30	<p>The Woodstove Exchange Study (WEST) - the before and after test. Twenty valley households are participating in WEST, a series of linked projects to assess the impacts of the exchange program in the BVLD on community air quality and to investigate the potential improvements in health arising from the change to certified wood stoves. Come learn about study methods and initial results.</p> <p><i>The Study Team is led by Dr. Michael Brauer, who is the director of the School of Environmental Health at UBC. He is an expert in air pollution exposure assessment and health effects and has conducted numerous exposure and epidemiologic studies of air pollution in British Columbia and elsewhere. His current research activities include an investigation of air pollution and birth outcomes in Vancouver, a study of air pollution and health in Vietnam, and an assessment of air pollution exposures and health effects from vegetative fires in BC.</i></p>
5:00	<p>BREAK: networking, refreshments, and pilot booth for Bulkley Valley Fall Fair</p>
5:30	<p>Air Quality by Numbers: The 2007 BC Ministry of Environment Ambient Air Quality Report The success of the Clean Air Plan is measured in part by using data readings from air quality monitoring stations located throughout the valley. Find out what the scientists know and how you can access this information in between annual reports.</p> <p><i>Ben Weinstein, B.Sc., Air Quality Meteorologist, Skeena Region, BC Environment</i></p>
6:00	<p>Disease and Air Quality: Northern Health Report Public health has been a driving force behind new air quality protection strategies in the Skeena-BVLD region for at least two decades. Be prepared to be hit with some hard facts and learn about specific projects Northern Health is undertaking to improve air quality and public health.</p> <p><i>Iqbal Kalsi, Northwest Manager of Public Health Protection, Northern Health</i></p>
6:30	<p>A community perspective: Are we making a difference? Smithers owes much to thoughtful and persistent community activists for pushing the air quality agenda forward. One of our most outstanding activists will provide a historical critique on government, non-profit, and industry efforts to protect air quality and public health and then will invite everyone in the room to share their thoughts as we head into Year 5 of the Clean Air Plan implementation period.</p> <p><i>Dave Stevens, Director for BVLD AMS and self-employed environmental consultant and computer geek.</i></p>
7:15	<p>Closing Remarks, Event feedback, and doorprize draw for a \$250 voucher towards a new clean burning heating appliance.</p> <p><i>Incoming BVLD AMS President, To Be Announced</i></p>