



**Bulkley District  
 DRAFT Minutes**

**Date: April 15, 2003**

**Location: Pacific Inland Resources Boardroom**

**Attendance (✓) and Regrets (X):**

✓	Christine Rigby
X	Ian Sharpe
✓	Laurie Gallant
✓	David Butt
✓	Dave Stevens
X	Eerik Lilles
X	Harold Kerr
✓	Eugen Wittwer
✓	Brian Northup
✓	Paul Schwarz
✓	Roger Smith
✓	Dave Duncan
X	Lorne Clarke
✓	Steve Doyle
X	Sita Then

**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

**Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:**

1. Issues and Framework for the new BLD Airshed Management Plan: Draft for Bulkley District Community Working Group
2. BVLD Air Quality presentation notes (Christine Rigby, WLAP)
3. 1999 Airshed Plan

4. Operating Framework: Guiding Principles and Project Communications: Draft reference guide for Community Working Groups

**Start Time:**

7:05pm

**Agenda:**

As distributed.

Announcements: none

Regrets: Eerik, Derrick, Harold, Sita

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

- Discussion revolved around presentations; documents amended to include comments.
- Grass burning generated discussion: why burn? Myth vs. fact
  - o Soil impacts for future growth?
  - o Weed suppression?
  - o Fire protection strategy for buildings
  - o Grass grows faster, greener? (Why is this important and why is it true?)
- Question about backgrounder, p.8: 24-hour reference level  $25\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for PM10
- When will inventory and dispersion modeling be running? Answer: half-way done now
- Do we have enough data to make decisions? Answer: model will help us to know – doesn't need to be a stumbling block
- Common sense will also help us – science supports, shouldn't be a stumbling block
- What are other jurisdictions doing?
- Facilitator now drafting letter to local governments (carried over from Coordinating Committee)
  - o Methods
  - o Complaints – share?
  - o Input into plan
  - o Request for more information
  - o Fire departments

**Today's Meeting Adjourned at:**

9:40pm

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

Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

**Next meeting location:**

Tentative: Forest District boardroom (Confirm with Dave Duncan)

**Agenda Items for next meeting:**

- Meeting schedule for summer
- Resource burning sub-committee / RWG
- Health research
- Modeling presentation (CALPUFF?)
- Community inventory / present state of air quality
- Standing items: public input

**Chair for next meeting:** Brian

**Scribe for next meeting:** Laurie

**Action Items Summary:**

	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Look into of Forest District boardroom	Dave Duncan	April 21	
2	Recruit Regional District representation on Advisory Committee	Laurie Gallant, Ian Sharpe		
3	Recruit CN Rail representation on CWG	Paul Schwarz		
4	Recruit Real Estate representatives – Ron & Charlie	Laurie Gallant		
5	Recruit tourism representative	Steve Doyle		
6	Recruit First Nations representative	Dave Stevens		
7	Okay to post group membership on website, with interests & knowledge areas listed	Laurie		
8	Set aside time in agendas for questions that CWG has from other people (for input or to review input from public)	Laurie		
9	Ask library and others (town, etc.) to link to our website	Dave Stevens		
10	Revise and post issues and framework	Laurie		Revised
11	Revise and post Operating Framework	Laurie		Revised
12	Post today's presentation on website	Laurie		
13	Health questions to David Butt	Christine		Done
14	Grass burning study?	Steve Doyle, Eugen Wittwer		
15	Update on regulatory framework	Laurie		
16	Press release: Status report, including list of topics discussed, minutes, membership	Laurie		
17	Burn plans for website – distribute	Laurie		
18	Objectives, goals – presentation in June	Laurie		