



**Bulkely Community Working Group  
 DRAFT Minutes**

**Date: January 20, 2004**

**Location: PIR Boardroom**

**Attendance Guests (G) Alternate (A):**

	Biz Bastian		Harold Kerr
Y	Brian Northup	R	Ian Sharpe
R	Charlie Northrup	Y	Laurie Gallant
Y	Christine Rigby		
Y	Dave Duncan	R	Paul Schwarz
	Dave Evans	Y	Roger Smith
Y	Dave Stevens		Ben Weinstein
			Emily Bulmer
	Eugene Wittwer		Guests:
	Gina LaHaye		Lissie Krutina
			Chenelle Ferguson

**Jargon and Acronyms:**

**Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:**

Draft Plan Outline

**Announcements: Regrets – Sally, Paul**

**WISDOM CIRCLE**

Lissie moved from Telkwa to Smithers recently and wants to get involved in a community issue. Chenelle has to pass by NEWPRO to get home, is wondering about smell and wonders what comes out of chimney. Roger offered a tour for Chenelle and her classmates. He explained that it is mostly steam coming out of chimneys when wood is dried. Note that November minutes indicated tours at NewPro were possible. Laurie noted that a presentation on NewPro’s contributions to the local economy is also available and that a special presentation could be set up if there was interest.

### The Plan at the Regional Level

- Report on Dec. 1 RWG meeting was made – noted writing team, timelines and Plan outline were decided on.
- Report on Jan. 12 Road Dust meeting was made – noted highlights; summary will be posted on website once draft is approved. Outcomes: Regular regional forum on road dust and road maintenance; Best Management Practices for Min. of Transportation currently being drafted will address air quality – WLAP staff will provide input.
- Workplan is serving us well – all action items are being completed.
- Woodstove Changeout Workplan is ready – will be circulated shortly. Noted that commitment to 15% rebate is next step to making program a reality. A Woodstove Changeout Working Group will be established next week.
- Newspaper articles are going over well; all are posted on website. Articles are excellent reference materials for Plan writing team.

### Working the Plan at the Community Level

Bulkley representation on all Regional initiatives has been solid; Plan writing and Woodstove Changeout will need more intense efforts outside of monthly CWG meetings.

### Review of Draft Plan and Delivery Strategy

Really like having each chapter be stand alone, especially for emission sources; looks good. Noted that some suggestions for new things to include in Plan may have to be listed as a recommendation for implementation phase given timelines and resources available to complete priority research and writing in Plan.

### Suggestions to bring forward to RWG:

- address pollutants other than PM10.
- add in short description in each emission chapter on particulate impacts and refer back to Ch.2.
- Chapter 2: Health section can include known effects of PM10 on general public health and individual health impacts – have Northern Health Authority and Biz Bastian review. Medical visit data is too hard to get now because of existing tracking system – include this idea in the Plan. Reference BC Lung Study **\*\*make sure letter to support recommendations from study gets approved at RWG meeting.**
- Ch. 2 Add subheading for Climate Change.
- Chapter 4: Change Beehive Burners to Major Industrial Sources with two subheadings: beehive burners and stack emissions (Newpro and LB Paving in Bulkley); Roger will work with Leroy to expand this scope. Refer to Morice EDAP. Important to expand on Plan B and to include references to feasibility studies on alternatives to Burners (check with FORINTEC and other sources) noted that BioFuels may be a good Plan B. Laurie and Leroy to include Brian N. on Plan B for Beehive Burners.
- Chapter 5: Appendices.

- Scrap Regulations and Polices and include in each chapter instead.
- Keep Educational Materials as a summary of Resources and Tools for each source (cut and paste from each chapter).
- Would like to see a 5 yr Communication Plan and stats for website.
- Integrated Planning approach noted as a tangent to links to other AMPs. Summary of other Airshed Mgmt Plans in BC can be cut and pasted from State of Knowledge Report. Noted that GVRD has a “Citizens’ Guide to Airshed Management Planning” and this should be listed as a resource.
  - Technical Summary – include location of Monitoring Stations and example of a Custom Venting Index forecast.
  - Don’t need Health Impacts as appendix since this is covered in Ch.2; should have a section for health under each emission source and address anything that might be specific and refer readers to Ch. 2 for details.
- Acknowledgements section: purpose is to establish credibility and acknowledgement; agreed that simple list of contributors/sponsors/personal contributions/financial contributions would be good – don’t focus on organizations as much as individuals to keep in spirit of recruiting process and membership profiles.

### Writing Team

Brian Northup will work on Road Dust – send minutes ASAP.

Roger Smith and Brian Northup will work with Leroy on Major Emission Sources.

Dave Duncan and Paul Schwarz on working on Open Burning – will incorporate comments from Nov. meeting.

Contact Eugen about Agricultural burning.

### Delivery Strategy

Check into possibility of an inter-municipal meeting instead of Open Houses and Council Delegations.

### Transition Strategy after March 31

- Will consider Morice CWG idea of having emission source specific working groups.
- Requested that facilitator to send detailed questionnaire on different approaches including possibility and benefits of 1/ formal integration with other AMPs (but also other BVLDD environmental management plans) 2/ formal integration with other monitoring groups 3/new non-profit BVLDD Airshed Management Partnership
- Will continue to consider future use of website and listserv
- Would like to see a 5 yr Communication Plan and stats for website.

### Air Quality Science Update

Ben has been doing a lot of work concerning woodstoves and residential heating emissions. By combining last summer's residential heating survey with EPA emission factors and census data he has come up with interesting results showing just how much wood smoke is emitted in urban and rural areas. After some basic modelling data is created Ben will pick up where he left off with the forest harvesting/resource burning component of his work and plug away at that.

Christine has now let a contract with Levelton Engineering to complete CALMET input files for the remainder of 2002 (it was not all available at the time of the last contract). We will now have all of 2001 and 2002 ready. Levelton is also making some improvements to the modelling that was done last fiscal for this project. Christine is also in the process of letting a contract to develop CALPUFF input files using data from Ben's work as well as from the provincial emission inventory. Christine has also been made the provincial "guinea pig" for a new software application (part of the CALPUFF suite) that will be needed later on for post-modelling analysis-called CALPUFF VIEW. She will be reporting to the province on its advantages and disadvantages once this project is completed.

**Minutes**– December Minutes were adopted with following clarifications:

- PIR burner has been shut down since Oct 17 because Eurocan needs all the waste
- Newpro going as far as Fraser Lake for fibre
- Tier 1 shut down, Tier 2 did not (don't have to) see minutes

### **Action Items Report**

Medical visit data is too hard to get now because of existing tracking system – include this idea in the Plan.

Cost analysis of home heating options – this will be part of Woodstove Changeout Working Group mandate; consult with local retailers; Christine will look into Provincial Woodstove Survey Questions to see if questions can be used locally. Follow up with Brian Northup about this topic. Noted that insurance companies require wood burning appliances to be professionally installed; no inspectors in Smithers only Burns Lake; big push to have homeowners reduce fire risk.

- **double check on Roger's new e-mail.**

**Next meeting date (third Tuesday of each month): February 17, 2004**

**Next meeting location: PIR Boardroom**

**Agenda Items for next meeting:** Draft Plan, Delivery Strategy, and Transition Strategy.

**Chair for next meeting: TBA Scribe for next meeting: TBA**

Today's Meeting Started at 7:15 pm, adjourned at 9:15 pm and was chaired by Dave Stevens. Laurie Gallant was the scribe.