



**Bulkley District Community Working Group
 DRAFT Minutes**

Date: November 18, 2003

Location: Pacific Inland Resources

Attendance () Regrets (X) Guests (G) Alternate (A):

	Biz Bastian		Harold Kerr
X	Brian Northup		Ian Sharpe
X	Charlie Northrup		Laurie Gallant
	Christine Rigby		Lorne Clarke
	Dave Duncan		Paul Schwarz
	Dave Evans	X	Roger Smith
	Dave Stevens		Sita Then
	David Butt		Gary Quanstrom
	Eugene Wittwer		Ben Weinstein
	Gina LaHaye		Rick Taylor
			Emily Bulmer

Jargon and Acronyms:

Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:

Minutes from Regional working group
 Goals and Indicators summary

Start Time: 7:04

Announcements

David Butt moving, this will be his last CWG meeting, moving to Interior Health Unit, position will be replaced, not known when. Group should request replacement on committee from Terrace office.

Jim Hofweber will present to RWG on Jan 26 about the new Act.

Decision Points, Sticky Points and Other Important Notes:

Wisdom Circle: what to do? People have been invited but don't show; perhaps in Out and About? Include in articles? Add an announcement at BVL D, and use other community announcement systems. Emily to do.

Minutes Adopted. Done with corrections.

What about a bush tour of actual operations as per RWG minutes – woodlots, major licensees, perhaps a tour with a photographic record? Will research on when and with whom – end of January? The Interior News article on forest resource burning will appear Jan 14th. Perhaps it would suffice to do a photo report without needing to get members of the public in the bush and back alive. Paul and Eugene to look into this.

Issues around public acceptance – DB suggests there may be increased pressure to do preventive burning without necessarily worrying about AQ concerns. This in consequence of the Okanagan fires. There is a concern about legal force of this plan. No reliable information about its final effect. More than one jurisdiction involved. Public buy-in depends on visible results. Smoke events discussed. WLAP burn bans widely advertised. Coordination with Omineca-Peace wrt burn bans being arranged.

Newspaper articles reviewed.

Review of CWG goals and indicators – accepted with minor additions – Emily to add (esp. agricultural burning and curing trees by species)

Debris burning needs to be material-specific: what is being burned? How dry is it over time (EW)?

Discussion of monitors, pm10 vs 2.5, pollen question – more info to come from Harold Luddit in January.

Health effects measurement perhaps to come from phase 2 of “Health and Air Quality,” Health Authority supportive of project – WLAP support not known.

Activity review – possibility for insurance company involvement in wood stove change-out?

Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec activities reviewed – all on track

Discussion of NewPro emissions around type and amount, chemistry, and possibility of doing a group tour.

To do: Dave S. will talk to Roger about a tour.

PG bylaw says that no wood stoves to be used during episodes unless sole heat source (BW). The PG municipal web site gives access to text of burn by-law. <http://www.city.pg.bc.ca>. EMA is at third reading. Our AQ advisories stipulate burn ban under OBSCR but wood stove restrictions are requests only.

Dave S. to report on wood stoves wrt cost of wood heat.

Info to come from BN about burner shutdowns during AQ episodes. Christine, Ben provided info. Tier 2 burner operators were contacted during episode recently about a shutdown, said they would be diligent about their operations; not clear about whether they did shut down. Everyone please advise CR about shutdown criteria concerns. Will describe criteria more precisely. Dave will talk to Mike Smilowski about attending a meeting to discuss health effects.

Piling methods and effects on burn efficiency discussed. What about using diesel in cans for burn pile accelerators? Roundup ready burn piles with aspen windrows?

Ben's report given, to be posted on web. Christine reports on CALPUFF modeling progress. Training upcoming, a consultant will develop input files and work with Christine later.

Dave Duncan suggests personal notification of households burning during health advisories. Volunteers needed. Concerns about wording raised. [Check with DD to get wording right]

Next meeting December 16, 2003.

Adjourned 9:07 p.m.

Action Items Report – done, results noted in table

Goals and Indicators – updated – Ben will include new additions to presentation

Today's Meeting Adjourned at: 9:07 PM

Next meeting date (third Tuesday of each month): December 16, 2003

Next meeting location: PIR

Agenda Items for next meeting:

Chair for next meeting: Paul Schwartz Scribe for next meeting: Dave Stevens

	ACTION ITEMS	Who	Deadline	Status
1	Emission inventory update onto web site?	Ben/Christine / Laurie	As completed	To come
2	NewPro Contribution to Community presentation and post it to web site. (carried forward – Richard Norton out of town)	Roger / Laurie	Oct 15	To come
3	Bring copy of PG Bylaw on woodstove burning – post link on web?	Ian / Laurie	Oct 15	Have it but not posted
4	Jim Hofweber to present new Environmental Management Act as it affects our plan	Ian	When reg is finalized	
5	Follow up on gathering medical visit data from hospital and clinics	Dave Butt/Biz	Oct 15	Letter from Viera
6	Read <i>Health and Air Quality 2002 – Phase 1</i> report and comment on approach/findings/recommendations	all	July 22	
7	Press Release – Funding promotes Clean Air (WLAP) summary – put on web page – <i>Airshed Planning Around the province</i>	Laurie	Dec 16	To come
8	Interim report on cost analysis of home heating options.	Dave Stevens / Eugene/Ian	Oct 15	Some work done not ready yet
9	a) Follow up on idea to have licensees contact Flight Services as part of Smoke Management Plan – put this in writing b) Follow up on idea to use ceiling height variable for TSA.	Refer to RMBSC of RWG		Both to be done
10	Send Emily the Morice EDAP with value-added stuff	Dave Stevens	Dec 16	
11	Add Prince George airshed plan as link to website		Next week	
12	Contact local gov'ts re: change-out and survey...	Laurie/Emily	Dec 16	
13	Contact Mike Smilowski re: doing a presentation on health effects	Dave S	Dec 16	