



**Bulkley District
 DRAFT Minutes**

Date: October 21, 2003

Location: Pacific Inland Resources

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

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

Jargon and Acronyms:

Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:

Community Outreach Strategy and Workplan
 Copy of Goals and Indicators presentation

Start Time: 7:04

Agenda:

Agenda – Bulkley CWG Tuesday, October 21, 2003 from 6:45 pm to 9:15 pm

Time	Agenda Item	Objective	Resources/Tasks
6:45 pm	Arrivals Refreshments available	Informal gathering	Room set up, A/V equipment, last minute issues.
7:00	Welcome and Introductions Announcements Review of Agenda	Review and refine agenda and objectives.	Copy of Agenda. News items relevant to planning process.
7:15	Adopt minutes Review of Action Items	Mark progress on CWG specific action items and provide feedback.	
7:30	Review of Planning Status 1. Reports from other Working Groups 2. Results of Burn It Smart workshops 3. New timelines and strategies – Oct/Nov. milestones	Mark progress on overall airshed planning progress and provide feedback.	
7:50 pm	BREAK		
8:00	Building the Plan: Goals and Indicators <input type="checkbox"/> review of Bulkley Emissions Inventory <input type="checkbox"/> review of Goals and Indicators work completed by all CWGs <input type="checkbox"/> identification of specific indicators by emission source		Read the Clipboard on the website.
8: 45	Appoint RWG representative Review of RWG agenda		Minutes from the last meeting.
9:00	WISDOM CIRCLE Stories form the community on how air quality affects their quality of life.	Hear concerns and ideas from community.	Invite a friend to tell a story.
9:15 pm	Next meeting and agenda	Review New Action Items; Build next agenda.	Nov 18

Decision Points, Sticky Points and Other Important Notes:

RWG resource burn subcommittee per Paul S

- Interpretation of venting data – has provided funding for Ben’s position for custom venting forecasts, Ben explained the process daily done by 9:00 am, may be adjusted earlier, would be better for licensees and crews. PIR paying for spot forecast to get more exact results
- Licensees to brainstorm a letter to DMs, Paul S met with Barrie Smith and reps – there is room for flexibility, Forest Practices Code regulation, “licensees must dispose of debris with 12 months” changing to “assessed within deadline” may allow less burning. Talking to Barrie seems as if there will be room to move, looks positive. After the fires down south – may take up the position that human safety is more important than human health, after the “Wildfire Act” kicks in there may be different options available. Apparently the northwest total of fires is 75 ha.
- Intro to goals and indicators

Emily reports on CWG info from Morice and Lakes.

MORICE MEETING

Road Dust Subcommittee should be struck to do the research and organize a road dust presentation for January.

Indoor air quality: Should be an education issue that is addressed in the plan in some way. Suggestions included adding information on the components of indoor AQ and what people can do in their own homes to monitor. Noted by Christine that many questions in relation to indoor AQ, particulates and human health are not known by scientists, but that we should make an effort to make available information we do have.

Presentation on PM 10 PM 2.5 and winds in Houston 2002

- Christine presented short PowerPoint presentation on the effect of winds on PM
- See presentation for graphs
- A few interesting notes:
- The instances of high PM 10 were in the fall and winter – not in the spring when road dust season happens. This was not expected.
- The PM 2.5 readings are lower when the wind is blowing in the direction from the trailer court, and higher when blowing from the direction of the mill
- PM 2.5 readings are high when wind speed is low, and PM 2.5 readings are low when wind speed is high

LAKES

Idea of writing letter from CWGs in support of moving up BC Hydro date for proposal call for IPPs was endorsed by group in context of Canfor cogen plant

Results of Burn It Smart workshops given – overall was very successful. Attendance estimates as follows: Burns Lake 14, Houston 19, Prince George 90, Smithers 25.

BURN IT SMART MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE.... Ask Emily, Laurie or Christine

Suggestion to have a chat with Fire Departments regarding education in the schools – agreed important to have a simple, key message – everyone liked “do not burn garbage” backed up by WHY NOT (health and environmental problems) and alternatives

Emily – working on article series on plan and process have a template – in 3 parts, present state, goals, anecdotes from real people, close to the end of October,

Finalized goals and indicators

Local gov't initiatives next on the list – will come to CWGs for approval probably by next meeting

Table of Contents and format for plan will be on the agenda for the RWG for next Monday, should have a good handle on the plan outline soon after

By month end the first newspaper article should go to the newspapers in the region

Getting in touch with fire department, Roger Smith can be liaison.

Approach local gov't with respect to woodstove changeout program.

EB will look up UNBC Peter Jackson study, not finished yet, reference to PG process web site, links to be included in these minutes.

EB will ask Biz to talk to the CWG about recent info on health [biz missed some positive stuff in the RWG meeting – get update from minutes]

Emissions Inventory Topic of the Month from Ben

- Input from this meeting will be incorporated to the web site version
- PP presented and explained Ben will specify data source for “acute degraded” RANKING
- Send Emily the Morice EDAP with value added stuff
- DB questioned forest harvesting debris being flowed into value added uses, likewise agricultural waste, EW said closest market for aspen is 100 mile house, RWG BB agreed, PS said residue disposal is already such a big problem that dealing with bush waste not feasible. EW points out that cogen may create a method of dealing with chips from agricultural waste
- With respect to backyard burning, it is reported to fire department every year, has no authority to enforce, is a bylaw issue – Roger Smith
- RS - Insurance industry looking at non-EPA stoves or not professionally installed, likely to be expensive to keep a stove in the home, certified stoves often little ones
- DB road dust > PM10 therefore not part of the equation, should this be dropped? Particle sizes and concerns based on health effects,
- Request for absolute numbers for potential versus actual pm10 exceedences
- EW discussed municipal heating from a European point of view
- DB discussed the concept of “free” wood for heating, it appeals to people paying close attention to cost , especially if one's time is not valued
- EW reported a logging truck load of 40 metres cost \$1300, a lot of other costs involved, too – saw gas time truck cutting and splitting
- RS user inertia overcome by gov't incentives
- PS mill families can burn mill waste – may be an opportunity for behaviour analysis or mods
- Geothermal costs so high that even sharing is difficult. – EW

Wisdom Circle: Dave Duncan talked about North Central burning green wood in EPA stoves this winter. Great PR.

Dave S will talk to Gina about regional participation, Paul S and Brian N will share attendance for PIR

Minutes Adopted. Done with corrections

Action Items Report – done results noted in table

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

Today’s Meeting Adjourned at: 9:06

Next meeting date (third Tuesday of each month): November 18th, 2003

Next meeting location:

Agenda Items for next meeting:

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

	ACTION ITEMS	Who	Deadline	Status
1	Link to Environmental Appeal Board report 99-WAS-06/08	Laurie	Oct 15	done
2	Work on Goals and Indicators to continue. a) Develop about six indicators for each season by emission source working with other AQ scientists in the province. b) CWG members to help develop indicators and review website info. c) Laurie to develop new chart for website. d) Track down research and reports on indicators done in other jurisdictions.	CWG members to send ideas to Laurie. Ian to coordinate work with other scientists.	Oct 15	Ben to present
3	Request results from quality of life survey.	Dave	Oct 15	Done
4	Emission inventory update onto web site?	Ben/Christine /Laurie	Oct 15	To come
5	NewPro Contribution to Community presentation and post it to web site. (carried forward – Richard Norton out of town)	Roger / Laurie	Oct 15	To come
7	Bring copy of PG Bylaw on woodstove burning – post link on web?	Ian / Laurie	Oct 15	Have but not posted
8	Jim Hofweber to present new Environmental Management Act as it affects our plan	Ian	When reg is finalized	
9	Follow up on gathering medical visit data from hospital and clinics	Dave Butt/Biz	Oct 15	Letter from Viera
10	Read <i>Health and Air Quality 2002 – Phase 1</i> report	all	July 22	

	and comment on approach/findings/recommendations			
11	Letter in support of doing a local study as a follow up to Health and Air Quality recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - include ideas on scope of project and communities to include - send draft to CWG for review before meeting 	Ian/Biz	Oct 15	Interest from NHA in this David will discuss with Lorna Medd, Chief MHO
12	Press Release – Funding promotes Clean Air (WLAP) summary – put on web page – <i>Airshed Planning Around the province</i>	Laurie	Oct 15	To come
13	Interim report on cost analysis of home heating options.	Dave Stevens / Eugene/Ian	Oct 15	Some work done not ready yet
14	Consider a recommendation regarding shutdowns during Health advisory if a positive difference would be made.	CWG	Oct 15	To come Different process for burner and resource burns Ask Brian Northup
15	Dave to track down article that profiled Vanderhoof's solution	Dave Stevens	Oct 15	Done distributed
16	a) Follow up on idea to have licensees contact Flight Services as part of Smoke Management Plan b) Follow up on idea to use ceiling height variable for TSA.	Refer to RMBSC of RWG		1 already done – put in writing 2 to be done
17	Send Emily the Morice EDAP with value added stuff	Dave Stevens	Oct 31	
	Article to Newspapers	Emily/Laurie	Oct 31	
	Add Prince George airshed plan as link to website			
	Contact local gov'ts re changeout and survey...	Laurie/Emily	Oct 31	
	Contact Biz re: doing a presentation on health effects	Emily	Oct 31	