



Kispiox District DRAFT Minutes

Date: Monday April 14, 2003

Location: Northwest Community College - Hazelton

Attendance (✓) and Regrets (X):

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| ✓ | Christine Rigby |
| X | Ian Sharpe |
| ✓ | Laurie Gallant |
| ✓ | Sally Bardossy |
| ✓ | Mike Pringle |
| X | Cam Penfold |
| X | Doug Donaldson |
| ✓ | Alice Maitland |
| ✓ | Mary Moran |

Jargon and Acronyms:

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| 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 |
| RWG | Regional Working Group |
| High Vol station | Non-continuous fine particulate sampler (runs for 1 day in 6) |

Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:

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

Start Time: 7:00 pm

Agenda highlights:

1. Terms of reference for Kispiox CWG
2. Workplan and objectives for Kispiox CWG
3. Community inventory of issues and concerns; identification of emission sources.

Announcements:

Cam Penfold regrets that due to personal circumstances he will no longer be a member of our group and wishes us all the best.

Decision Points, Sticky Points and Other Important Notes:

- Minutes adopted as amended

1. Terms of Reference

- Agreed to use ground rules for consensus groups and follow communications plan as written
- Agreed that Alice can be general spokesperson for Kispiox CWG
- PROPOSAL: each CWG can post a list of current initiatives resulting in improved air quality on the website i.e. Kispiox Forest Products co-gen plan
- Discussion on letter to local governments re: handling air quality or airshed planning questions and comments; agreed this is a good idea; send draft for comment.
- Agreed that posting agendas and minutes on website is a good idea – mark both DRAFT until they are approved; keep notes neutral.
- Would like meetings to be moved to daytime (noted that evening meeting was set to accommodate Cam who has resigned from group)

2. Workplan and objectives

- for now the workplan consists of the project timeline chart included in the Backgrounder
- Regional Working Group may be able to form in June, but may be September
- Agreed it may be best to take a break for the summer but subcommittees can meet on issues that should be dealt with before the fall; may mean having “homework” over the summer;
- good idea to have a status report on where the group is at in their workplans
- Resource burning subcommittee as part of the Regional Working Group is a good idea but not sure if prescription can be regional – noted differences between areas in terms of forest types, forest industry status and climate; like idea of having an inventory of all practices by region and comparing strategies.
- PROPOSAL: For final Airshed Management Plan, each CWG can propose a wishlist of initiatives – may want to rank in order of priority; noted that it would be helpful to have a feasibility study of alternatives to burning to help generate this wishlist.
- Agreed that a presentation on goals and indicators for the Plan would be helpful (eg. A review of Provincial and national objectives and results of modeling can be a good starting point for determining local goals; indicators might include things like can residents open their windows at night for fresh air or is there too much wood smoke in their neighbourhood?)

- Idea: may want to have a sliding scale for goals and consider exceedences versus exposures for this sliding scale.
- Agreed a presentation on the modeling activities would be helpful

3. Community issues inventory: general perception in Hazeltons that air quality is not a problem; noted that Kitwanga experience is different because of landfill fire

- List of local issues and emission sources : available as a separate document on the website
- Discussion on grass burning; myth vs fact i.e. benefits for home fire protection, plant growth, soil quality
- PROPOSAL: organize a talk on fire protection issues around open burning
- Discussion on value of new monitoring stations – noted that volunteers are needed but they are hard to get due to perception that “high vol” station data is not valuable since daily readings are not taken; WLAP can now offer an honourarium of \$50/mth for volunteers and noted that the data is valuable – the national standard is to collect data once every six days
- PROPOSAL: as an interim measure run a high vol station until funding for continuous monitoring is available or a priority
- Noted that dispersion modeling and emissions inventory will also help compensate for lack of continuous data; but data will help confirm reliability of model outputs; also noted that monitoring can be a strategy recommended in the Plan and that the value of this strategy in the context of other strategies and available resources compared to others
- Discussion on Christine’s presentation (posted on website) – noted that data shows poor air quality episodes do occur in the Hazeltons and that fall, spring and winter months experience higher levels of particulates that summer months.
- PROPOSAL: Find out if reserves are eligible for funding of initiatives that would support air quality protection.
- Idea: can we use webcams for weather patterns?

Today’s Meeting Adjourned at: 9: 45 pm

Next meeting date (third Monday of each month): Monday May 12 at 2 pm

Next meeting location: NWCC Chair/Co-chair: Laurie and Sally Scribe: Laurie

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Update on Health research – stats on risk groups in region; idea to have seminar
- Inventory of alternatives to burning (biz opps?)
- Terms of reference focusing on representation of community issues and values
- Modelling presentation
- Brainstorming on goals and indicators

| ACTION ITEMS | Who | Deadline | Status |
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| Membership recruitment: Fred Roisum – Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine | CWG members | Next meeting | |

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| Peter Weiber Band office Others to round out representation of community interests | | | |
| Send draft local government letter out for comment | Laurie | Next meeting | |
| Health research on risk groups in region | Christine | Next meeting | |
| Revise Terms of Reference and post on website | Laurie | Next meeting | |
| Modelling presentation | Christine | Next meeting | |
| Update group list | Laurie | Next meeting | |