



Kispiox District DRAFT Minutes

Date: Monday May 12, 2003 **2:00 pm**

Location: Northwest Community College - Hazelton

Attendance (✓) and Regrets (X):

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

Jargon and Acronyms:

CALPUF	Name of computer program used to model the dispersion of emissions in an airshed
NHA	Northern Health Authority

Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:

1. Modeling presentation notes
2. Operating Framework/Terms of reference
3. Community Inventory (Bulkley CWG)

Agenda highlights:

1. Terms of Reference
2. Filling in gaps of monitoring data
3. Community inventory of issues and concerns; profile of steps forward and backward.

Decision Points, Sticky Points and Other Important Notes:

1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda

Doug Donaldson – has background with EACH doing air quality/woodsmoke education in the early nineties; community development background and now a councilor for the Village of New Hazelton; Alice Maitland's alternate.

2. Terms of Reference

- Agenda fits in with items identified at last meeting and keeps the Kispiox meetings at basically the same level of awareness and progress and the other working groups
- when a new person join the group an orientation is needed before the meeting begins
- Time is passing by and membership is still low; should we consider changing this model?
- Membership is low because air quality is not in your face in some areas; people that do suffer aren't empowered to go to meetings.
- Maybe an education blitz, maybe a weekend workshop, maybe invite Kispiox folks who are committed and interested to join the Bulkley Working Group or other creative means i.e. presentation to Council

3. Applications and Limitation of Dispersion Modelling: Presentation by Ian Sharpe

Consider this modeling information as applying to your specific area; will be posted on website, and as always hard copies are available; see notes and website for presentation details.

Questions and discussion:

- Reviewed history of monitoring here, options for filling in data gaps (i.e. modeling, anecdotes)
- Proposal of compiling community historical profile based on emission sources
- Where would we put a new monitor for best data? Close to where kids play? John Field School? Fit this into siting criteria used by WLAP. What are objectives of monitoring data? Can we get INAC to put money forward for some monitoring? First Nations are located in most vulnerable parts of landscape.
- Fog in this area can mask visual identification of poor air quality.
- Is CALPUF able to model in steep valleys?
- Big concern is whether or not cheap method of heating homes will be available.
- Health questions – can we get hard data on sensitivities for the Kispiox area? Need data from doctors.
- Note: NHA is being asked to take lead on scoping out questions and approaching appropriate sources for information; our job is to define our requests: we need REAL information that can be presented in a COMPELLING way so that we can influence air quality contributors.
- Need to stop cherry-picking information to match a personal view of the world.
- Grass burning issue: media reports on fires out of control; Bulkley CWG members have volunteered to do research to help build public education campaign.
- Targets: set knowing there is no legal obligation. Set days at zero for surpassing acceptable standards. May take a decade to know if we are meeting that target. Approach could be implement a strategy in reaction to exceedances.
- Build a community profile of little steps already taken to improve local air quality.
- Seventh Day church burns garbage and smoke blows into neighbouring windows

4. Workplan and objectives

- RWG membership: will meeting happen within a month?
- Need people that feel personally affected to be on CWGs

5. Community issues inventory:

- garbage burning
- demolition waste burning
- agriculture
- seasonal nature of exceedences

Today’s Meeting Adjourned at: 4:00 pm

Next meeting date (third Monday of each month):

Monday June 9/03 4pm – 6pm: NOTE: THIS IS THE SECOND MONDAY

Next meeting location: NWCC

Chair/Co-chair: Laurie and Sally Scribe: Laurie

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Community inventory and profile (air quality story)
- Targets and context. Existing targets, indicators, regional versus community targets, justifications for setting targets, strategies for setting targets i.e. averages, maximums
- Plan structure – community profile, present state, issues to focus on, other questions/issues to be addressed in the future.

ACTION ITEMS	Who	Deadline	Status
Membership recruitment and decision to either merge with Bulkley or maintain separate group; either way Kispiox will be represented on Regional Working Group	CWG members	Next meeting	
Send e-mail to Doug Donaldson on background info.	Laurie	Next meeting	
Health research on risk groups in region	Christine	Next meeting	
Honest Community Air Quality Profile	Sally and Kispiox community	Next meeting	
Goals presentation	Christine	Next meeting	
Pursue monitoring possibilities.	Ian	Next meeting	