



Lakes District Minutes

Date: August 27, 2003

Location: Community Forest Building

Attendance () and Regrets (X):

X	Christine Rigby
X	Ian Sharpe
	Laurie Gallant
	Mark LeRuez
	Doug Bysouth
X	Lonny Miller
X	Susan Stearns
X	Rosanne Murray
X	John Rempel
	Pam Hext
	Frits Goosen
	Kay Makereth

Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:

None.

Start Time:

10:10 am

Agenda:

1. **Announcements, objectives for meeting**
2. **Adoption of previous minutes, review of Action items**
3. **Feedback for facilitator, status of Plan**
4. **Communication and Education activities (gearing up for March 31)**
5. **Goals and Indicators**

Announcements:

1. Community Futures Development Corporation of Nadina has put in a proposal for a “green, alternate energy” demonstration building to use as a training center for builders. Greg Tamblyn is coordinating the project and is keen to integrate air quality issues into the project.

2. Susan Stearns has indicated that she has a regular conflict with our meeting schedule and also feels she is so far behind now that coming to regular meetings might not be useful. However, she appreciates being kept on the CWG mailing list.

Meeting objectives:

1. Brainstorm ideas for involving public in developing and/or endorsing goals and indicators
2. Brainstorm ideas for Goals and Indicators, and criteria for evaluating usefulness of indicators

Decision Points, Sticky Points and Other Important Notes:

- by the end of September each group should have a clear set of air quality goals and indicators that can be incorporated into the final plan; this means conducting research on the usefulness of each indicator and having criteria for determining usefulness
- question of doing this exercise in a regular CWG meeting, a special meeting, or as a public meeting
- no other airshed planning process in the province has done goals and indicators
- group did not feel there was going to be much interest from the general public at this point but may be better to offer the possibility and to explore ways for increasing interest and meaningful participation in this exercise
- it could be introduced and associated with the Burn It Smart workshop– September 15
- learning curve is a concern for new people; we should start a series of newspaper articles working backwards from March 31/release of Plan and consider having a Plan Release event
- this meeting would have to be very structured; small groups to work together, and each group could have a facilitator

Recommendations for revamping Communications and Education Plan

- have community forum to present air quality plan and get input (later in process)
- goals and indicators- approach other community working groups with our ideas and ask for comment
- action list: provide Frits and Kay inventory of emissions that was done earlier by the group
- send various groups in communities (outside of AMP) progress report on our work with questionnaire regarding their priorities and support of plan components
- regular blurb in newspaper to get information out - more credible if comes from MWLAP
- is there a way of conveying goals and indicators through the articles?
- include info on who to contact with questions and input and how to do that (i.e. Wisdom Circles)
- use of related stores to distribute information
- use of Village of Burns Lakes as information center
- use of colleges for education – interest courses
 - Frits is planning on contacting colleges to put on burn it smart workshop
- need more formal plan for education and communication
- use of a regional coordinator for education, suggestion of use of Regional District to host a coordinator – maybe a summer or co-op student on a rotating basis

Goals and Indicators

General Goals of Lakes CWG (to include in Plan)

1. Maintain or improve air quality
2. Educate the Public and increase awareness
 - Visit all schools in the Lakes District
 - Tradeshow booth
3. Get more data on air quality in area
 - 2.5 monitor

- roving monitor
 - calpuf
 - consider natural sources of pollution ie. pollen
4. Woodstove changeout program
 5. Forum on road dust control

Indicators for further investigation

- Policies and Bylaws are an indicator of social acceptance and outline the scope of the problem
- Number of air quality complaints
- School and work absenteeism on daily basis
- Acceptable burn days
- Warnings per year as recorded in compliance audit results
- Burn bans
- Lost tourism days and number of charter flights affected
- Visibility
- Smell
- Eye irritation
- Number of days forest companies have crews not working because of air quality issues
- Stoves operating operated/sold

Criteria for determining acceptable goals and indicators

- 1) measurable
- 2) ease of acquiring impact on health, environment, economy
- 3) time effective
- 4) cost effective
- 5) endorsement by peers inside and outside of our airshed

Today's Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Next meeting date (third Tuesday of each month): September 24, 2003 at 10:00 am

Next meeting location: Community Forest Building (already booked)

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- more work on Goals and Indicators
- Community inventory issue
- Follow up to action items
- Report on woodstove workshops

Chair/Scribe for next meeting: Mark/Pam

	ACTION ITEMS	Who	Deadline	Status
1	Forward recommendation to hold a forum as a way to present the Draft plan rather than the goals and indicators.	Laurie		
2	Forward recommendation to send progress report and survey of 5 questions in October to Media Outreach/ Web. Hard Copies in Library.	Laurie		
3	Supply copy of Community Inventory to Fritz and Ka (note Kay does not have e-mail).	Laurie		
4	Update and revise C & E plan for final plan.	Laurie		
5	Forward recommendation for Regional Educator and approach Regional District for Co-op Student funding and explore other funding partners	Laurie		
6	Update website to add page on Goals and Indicators.	Laurie		
7	Record website hits as indicator of growing interest in process.	Laurie		
8	Organize future meeting regarding beehive burners.	Laurie		