



**Morice Community Working Group
 DRAFT Minutes**

Date: November 12, 2003

Location: Houston Senior’s Centre

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

√	Ian Sharpe	X	Harold Ludditt
√	Emily Bulmer	X	John Emberley
X	Laurie Gallant		
X	Christine Rigby		
X	Leroy Reitsma		
X	Ben Weinstein		Guests
√	Harry Anaka	√	Alec Clay
√	Dave Jellett	√	Debbie Roe
X	Garth Ehalt	√	John Hols
X	Bill Bristow		
X	Carlie Kearns		

Jargon and Acronyms:

Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:

Community Outreach Strategy and Workplan
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Start Time: 7:07

******NOTE******

Since there were three new members and several regular members missing, a good part of the meeting was spent orienting the new members to the process and background of the BVLDAMP.

WISDOM CIRCLE

Presentation by guests Alec Clay and Debbie Roe

There was a ‘controlled burn’ on Lund Rd – done by the fire dept. for a training exercise. Animals were on the other end of the field, choking and gasping for air. Went to the WLAP office to complain and learned that there was a burn ban on, but the fire department is exempt from the waste management act for training exercises. Were annoyed because maybe they should know better. No consideration for people of Houston and their health concerns – only concern was for the people who were coming from out of town and that they would lose money if they didn’t go ahead. A complaint will be lodged with respect to that burn on strength of letter.

Letter was read and will be signed by the community working group, sent to fire dept and papers if okayed.

Black smoke out of energy system at HFP – what is it? Is there something wrong with it?

POWER BOILER – WLAP to investigate further. – if you call and complain WLAP will have to follow up and keep a record.

When complaints are followed up with, it is very appreciated because it feels like something is being done.

Helicopter enforcement tours are happening this fall– people who know better are getting caught for burning on burn ban days. Tickets are given out for offences.

Decision Points, Sticky Points and Other Important Notes:

Newspaper Story

Concepts of newspaper article series good.

Feedback re: woodstove article – should be done with a person from the north so there is a northern perspective included.

Air-quality index – how do we read it? What does it mean? Maybe we could have a section on how to demystify the AQI. Where is the testing being done? How does this affect the AQI? These are some common questions that might be worth answering in the articles.

John Hol is willing to be the layreader for the newspaper articles for Houston.

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Include AQI explanation as part of the appendices?

Looks good generally. Question re: where do we put the concerns about burning at the landfill? Should this go in the concurrent planning / other jurisdiction section?

Working The Plan at the Regional Level

We are generally on track with the workplan. The Advisory Committee needs to be updated – they will get a copy of the October Update and will be brought back into the process more.

Working the Plan at the Community Level

No updates presently

Virtual Working Group

Since everyone is not able to attend all meetings and we are at the review/edit/approve stage of the process, much of our work can also be done online. To help facilitate this, we are starting up a 'Virtual Working Group' or VWG, which will include all people who have been involved up to date, but have missed some meetings, or feel they need to withdraw from the process because of other evening commitments. The way the VWG will operate is over email and through the website. There are many documents that need input as well as letters and sections of the plan that need to be written. We will send an email update – highlighting action items that were identified at the meetings, and attach any documents needed to complete these action items. Work can be done on-line, at your own convenience. If there are a number of people that want to work together on a task, we encourage you to do so, and even meet if you need to. We are here at the airshed office to support your work, so call us if you need help with something.

Other Ideas

What about the piles at the regional district dumps? There is no point in writing letters until there is funding in place to deal with the piles (tub-chipper?)

Smoke is the cost of doing business... this is a common attitude towards air quality issues

Radio stations should do more updates.

Signs along the highway re: air quality

SCIENCE UPDATE

See separate section on website.

Minutes NOT Adopted – nobody present from last meeting

Action Items Report – done results noted in table

Today's Meeting Adjourned at: 9:09

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

Next meeting location: Houston Seniors' Centre

Agenda Items for next meeting:

Chair for next meeting: TBA Scribe for next meeting: TBA

	ACTION ITEMS	Who	Deadline	Status
1	Update the contact list for the Morice CWG – John and Harry	Footprint Team	December 1	
2	Phone Dave Jellett and Harry Anaka instead of e-mailing meeting notices. If someone reminds Bill, he will call them.	Footprint Team Bill	Ongoing Add to logistics list	
3	Contact Jack with City of Houston regarding a presentation on road dust Will become part of Road Dust SubCommittee Job	Laurie	January	
4	Ask City of Prince George for info on road dust control strategies. Will become part of Road Dust Committee Job	Laurie/WLAP staff	January	
5	Draft up information on emission factors and relative significance of each source for website	Ben	Will be posted as each source is finished	
6	Post document from Peter Jackson/Melanie Noullett	Footprint Team		
7	Research into impact of various pollen sources on PM levels.	WLAP Harold	Ongoing/ on hold	
8	Type letter to fire department and send it to the newspapers and to the fire department if okayed	Footprint Team	Next week	
9	Ian to find out about RDBN burning issue – jurisdiction and legislation – how will we fit this into the plan?	Ian	Next meeting	
10	Contact Bill and Harold re: being contacts for the fire department in Houston for Education letter	Footprint Team	Next week	
11	John Hol is willing to be the layreader for the newspaper articles for Houston.			