



Morice District DRAFT Minutes

Date: October 8, 2003

Location: Seniors Centre

Attendance (✓) and Regrets (X):

✓	Christine Rigby
x	Ian Sharpe
✓	Laurie Gallant
✓	Emily Bulmer
✓	Leroy Reitsma
x	Dave Jellett
✓	Garth Ehalt
✓	Bill Bristow
✓	Carlie Kearns
x	Harold Ludditt
x	John Emberley
x	Harry Anaka

Jargon and Acronyms:

Documents distributed or Presentations at meeting:

PM 10, PM 2.5 and winds in Houston during 2002
Draft Workplan and Community Outreach Strategy

Start Time:

7:10pm

Agenda Highlights:

Minutes review, corrections and approval
Review of action list
Review of Planning Status
Goals and Indicators for emission sources
Presentation by Christine on PM 10, PM 2.5 and winds in Houston 2002

Announcements

- Harold is going away on vacation and will miss the meetings until January
- Regional Working Group meeting will happen on Monday October 27, 2003 in the evening at Mountainside Café in Smithers.
- Resource Burning Regional Subcommittee will meet on October 16, 2003. If you can't make it to the meeting, send your notes or concerns to Laurie or Leroy, and they will make sure they are addressed.

Amendments to Minutes

- HFP, Canfor and PIR are Tier 1, the rest are Tier 2
- Opportunity cost is to the developer, not Canfor
- Replace certain percentage with zero percentage in relation to bone dry definition

Decision Points, Sticky Points and Other Important Notes:

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

Carlie has been looking at the AQI index for Vancouver and wanted to know if she can compare their ratings to the ratings in the Bulkley Valley. Christine explained that one can compare the Air Quality Index (AQI) number for overall health related effects. However, if you are just looking to compare particulates, looking at the PM column would be more accurate.

Status of Plan

- Workplan and Community Outreach Strategy Draft on website for comment
- It looks like the plan will be done in a format that follows goals, indicators and strategies for each emission source
- Note that the plan will be relatively easy to follow, without too much technical jargon in the body of the plan. We must strike the balance between making the plan useful, with adequate information and appropriate context, without making the plan too long, too complicated, or unreadable.
- Table of contents will be drafted soon and available for people to comment on
- Remember to check the website for up-to-date information!!
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Resource Mgmt Burning Subcommittee Update

- 1 – change conditions for exemptions (draft letter to District Manager has been produced)
- 2 – Coordinate burning between operators using 3-day forecasts and site maps

Review of Workplan and Community Outreach Strategy

- Went through workplan and highlighted major deliverables and milestones for October
- Approval for writing article series in newspaper, provided that they are positive and from balanced perspectives. Also noted that stories should be forwarded to the newspapers in Houston, Burns Lake and Hazelton; not just the Interior News

Goals and Indicators

- see chart below
- notion of continuous improvement versus a specific number or maybe a combination? A specific number is not needed for modelling purposes, can use many numbers/goals

Goals, Indicators and Strategies Chart

Emission Source	Goal	Indicator	Indicator	Strategies
Woodstoves	0 old woodstoves	# of old stoves in town	PM10 Exceedences of 25 during still air days	Education Changeout 3. Bylaws - on using non approved stoves - using only if it is only source of heat - new construction or sale of home requires new tech
Beehive burners	0 burners	# of burners (from 6 to 0)	PM10 Exceedences of 25 on start up days during still air days	Support cogen plant Support Plan B – other uses, bearing in mind ratio and demand for white and brown wood waste
Other Industrial Sources	<i>N.B. Action: Christine to look into which other industries have permits for burning or other emissions sources.</i>			
Agricultural land clearing burning	0 local smoke out events from agric.	Reduction in # of still air days where PM > 25		Education Reduce piles to be burned
Road dust	0 days > 25 during 3 week road dust season	# days > 25	New control methods in place	1. Road dust forum in January

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 windspeed is low, and PM 2.5 readings are low when windspeed is high

Building momentum and sustainability

- hopefully the AQ story series will grab people's attention and create more interest in the planning process.
- Regional Working Group meeting will be at Mountainside Café – part of the reason for this is to change things up and hopefully inject some extra energy. The meeting of the RWG marks a new stage in the planning process. Congratulations to all who have been involved so far – we *are* getting somewhere!

Minutes from September amended and adopted, action items carried forward.

Today's Meeting Adjourned at: 9:40 pm

Next meeting date (second Wednesday of each month): Wed. Nov 12

Next meeting location: Senior's Centre tbc

Agenda Items for next meeting:

Implementation of Workplan

Chair for next meeting:

Laurie

Scribe for next meeting:

TBA

	ACTION ITEMS	Who	Deadline	Status
1	Organize teleconference call for Resource Mgmt Burning Subcommittee	Ian/Laurie	October 16	
2	Phone Dave Jellett and Harry Anaka instead of e-mailing meeting notices. If someone reminds Bill, he will call them.	Laurie 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	ongoing	
6	Contact Peter Jackson at UNBC re: completed grad student thesis on air quality	Emily		waiting for electronic file
7	Research into impact of various pollen sources on PM levels.	WLAP Harold	Ongoing/ on hold	
8	Get list of permit holders for industrial sources of PM 10, PM 2.5	Christine		