

PRINCE GEORGE AIR QUALITY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUESDAY, September 27, 2005

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

2nd Floor Conference Room – City Hall

In Attendance: Jim Martin, Sharlene Lively, Dennis Fudge, Gina Layte Liston, Jocelyn White, Patricia Scott, Greg Calpas, Ron Fujino, Linda Elder, John Swaan, Eric Rappaport, Ron Blight, Lila Reynolds

Absent: Dave Sutherland, Rick Blixrud, Glenda Wadell, Lucy Beck, Mark Fercho, Lawrence Cook, Brian Pimblett, Ken Wilkening, Mike Waite

NEW MEMBER – REQUEST FROM THE PUBLIC

- Gina received a call from a resident requesting a seat on the Committee. We have a Terms of Reference outlining the make-up of the membership. What would our selection process be? Could be a public person or public interest group. We could invite them as observers and give them an opportunity to see how we function and what our mandate is. We could have one seat designated (perhaps non-voting). We know we would need to amend our Terms of Reference and send this amendment to our Steering Committee for approval. Each corporation has two representatives, we should allow for two private/public persons. Should we add NGO's? Jocelyn will discuss with Greg Calpas as he has experience with public/private involvement in Alberta. Jocelyn to research what we need to do to entertain the process of receiving submissions from the public. **Action: Jocelyn White**

SUB-COMMITTEES

- Communications Committee - will be represented by Greg Calpas, John Swaan and Sharlene Lively. The first job for the Communications Committee will be to define a strategy. In our Terms of Reference, we have a responsibility to educate the public. We haven't yet accomplished this to our level of satisfaction. Efforts that are being made by the Corporations represented on the PGAQIC, need to be communicated. (ie. City's Anti-Idling Program)
- Environment Week Committee - will be represented by Linda Elder, Dennis Fudge and Eric Rappaport. The Environment Committee will choose one event for the first week of June (June 4th-10th) Some suggestions are the Anti-Idling Campaign, or the Commuter Challenge, etc. Clean Air Day is held on June 7th.
- Jocelyn White or Gina Layte-Liston will serve on both Committees and provide the administrative support and coordinate for both Committees.
- Gina will require all of the Committees budget recommendations by the November, 2005 meeting.

BULKLEY VALLEY AIRSHED MANAGEMENT REPORT – DRAFT

- Jim Martin received a copy of this group's communications strategy report in a draft form. Jim will forward it to all PGAQIC members but asks that you do not share the document, as it is still a draft.
- Jim will invite a speaker from the Bulkley Valley group to our next meeting. **Action: Jim Martin**

MONITORING WORKING GROUP

- AMEC has been working on this project for the last month. Invoices are ready to go out now. **Action: Gina Layte-Liston**

PHASE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS

- Gina presented the first draft of the Phase Two Report. Need your comments and feedback. It will be important to add other components for Phase Two that will carry us through the next two to three years.
- We should have this Phase Two Report ready for November in order to be on the City Council and Regional District Board meetings Agenda for their mid-March meetings.
- Bring your recommendations and comments to the November meeting. We will spend about 45 minutes on this topic. Your recommendations should be measurable and possible to achieve within 3 years. "Big Picture/Long Term" items can be considered as well. **Action: Everyone**

- The three main topics will include: Local Health Issues, Climate Changes and Quality of Life. Don't want to be limited in ideas. Would like to better know the reasons behind what is there now.
- Our Phase three will be based on "full-stop" science and benchmarking.
- Suggest we develop a program for open burning similar to what the City did this summer with the Water Wise Workers Program.
- Focus on communications and education. Make people aware they are part of the problem.
- The Research Working Group will bring the top 2-3 items of concern/priority. The rest could be educational.
- Health and Climate Change topics are complex, but not impossible to address. We could investigate what is the Business Community's reduction plan. Could they plant more trees in the downtown core?
- Large industry emission numbers won't show up in the City's Greenhouse Gas emission inventory.

RESEARCH WORKING GROUP

- Have received the funding required and we are in the process of hiring a person to do the work.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

5:30-7:30pm - PGAQIC Meeting - Phase Two Planning - continued
2nd Floor Conference Room- City Hall