

## PRINCE GEORGE AIR QUALITY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUESDAY, November 29, 2005

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room – City Hall

**In Attendance:** Jim Martin, Sharlene Lively, Dennis Fudge, Gina Layte Liston, Jocelyn White, Patricia Scott, Greg Calpas, Ron Fujino, Dave Sutherland, Glenda Wadell, Mark Fercho, Lawrence Cook, Ken Wilkening, Lila Reynolds

**Absent:** Linda Elder, John Swaan, Eric Rappaport, Ron Blight, Rick Blixrud, Lucy Beck, Brian Pimblett, Mike Waite

### **BVLD AIRSHED MANAGEMENT SOCIETY PRESENTATION**

- Laurie Gallant presented information on how the BVLD Airshed Management Society functions

### **WEBSITE INFORMATION**

- The PGAQIC members are comfortable with the Minutes showing members names when posted on the website. The Communications Group made suggestions regarding contact information. Include sub-committee's. Start posting the Minutes from this meeting forward. What email address should be used? A section should be included for residents to submit comments/complaints. Need to compile the complaints/comments from the various sources – MOE/NHA/City/RDFFG/ etc.
- An objective in the Phase 2 Plan is tracking calls/complaints. This was also identified as a need within the Communications Sub-Committee as well. What is the public perception? Knowledge Level? How to deliver information with a given set of resources. We need to send the right message to the right people.
- The Bulkley Valley website allows for consideration of suggestions or changes to their current plan. The suggestions/comments are reviewed at Board Meetings.

### **SUB-COMMITTEES**

#### Communications Sub-Committee

- have identified that this will be a big job. How will it get done? Local governments have the message, so the general public is the target. The Sub-Committee brainstormed goals and how to achieve. Though we would use Committee Resources as much as possible, there is still a need for a paid position. Air Quality was a big issue during the election. Can this Committee put sufficient funds together to contract someone to do the Communications Program? That person would be the Community Liaison for this Committee. Ask for \$5,000. from each group represented on the PGAQIC, and develop the position into the overall budget.
- How do we communicate the needs of this Committee to Council? We need to draft a letter for the Steering Committee. If the Steering Committee approves the letter, then it could go to Council.

#### Environment Week Committee

- Focus on schools. Exploration Place is interested in participating at no cost. Put out a timeline to achieve this. Gina/Jocelyn would do a program at Exploration Place.
- Commuter Challenge and Anti-Idling Programs could also be a part of the week's campaign.
- There was a Lung Association Conference held in Vancouver – why couldn't we hold something similar in Prince George? The Civic Centre staff should be asked to make some inquiries and determine what would be needed to make it happen.

### **PUBLIC MEMBERS**

- Mandate would have to be someone with an interest in Air Quality.
- Remove BCR from the Committee Membership
- Does Lheidli T'enneh Band know they have a designated spot on this Committee?
- Recommend a two-year term (one year with an option for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year)
- Jocelyn will prepare a recommendation for the Steering Committee

## PHASE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS

- Research Working Group's recommendations for Phase Two Plan – Gina has sent information via email to Jim
- What is permissible in terms of emissions?
- Restrict heavy industrial use – what is the capacity? Needs to be reflected in the Zoning/Rezoning Bylaws
- City Zoning – refine the objective
- Pre-Zoning in the Regional District – refine the objective
- Updating Industrial Land Study – refine the objective
- Open Burning (including land clearing) – more effective if managed regionally
- Let's look at the feasibility of these items as "the Plan". Start an education program.
- Stove Exchange Program – Bylaw doesn't include old/existing stoves.
- Anti-Idling Program
- Projects/studies on issues such as PM<sup>2.5</sup>
- Public Information (website development) with an educational component
- Other high traffic areas in the BCR – dust in the BCR should be included and needs changes/maintenance
- Take all of these suggestions and put into the Phase Two Plan
- Completion of Research Plan Progress Report. – will email out to everyone.

## MONITORING WORKING GROUP

- Funding announcements for new equipment? No new funding.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- What is happening with the Quesnel Group? Where are they in their plan? How did they get funding?

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 31, 2006 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

5:30-7:30pm - PGAQIC Meeting  
2nd Floor Conference Room- City Hall