

PRINCE GEORGE AIR QUALITY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUESDAY, October 24, 2006

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

2nd Floor Conference Room – City Hall

In Attendance: Dennis Fudge, Dave Sutherland, Mark Fercho, Ken Wilkening, Jocelyn White, Sherry McIntyre, Joan Chess, Ron Fujino, Jessica Madrid, Glenda Wadell, Lawrence Cook, Martin Meyer, Kim Frost, Barb Gauss, Ron Beram, Sergio Petrucci

Regrets: John Swaan, Sharlene Lively, Katja Otting, Jim Martin

PHASE TWO COMMENTS

- There is a land study currently underway for Industrial Zoning.
- Modeling is from various sources – crown and private.
- The Regional District sent out the original land use study, but some big industry is using different pieces of land than those suggested in the original study.
- UNBC is doing a research study to set up the boundaries of emission sources. This will establish an airshed boundary and an emissions inventory, from existing sources.
- Working sub-committees should be established after this document goes to the Steering Committee. Keep the issues moving forward.
- This study will also recognize potential new sources of emissions.
- Review Phase Two plan and identify those areas that we can contribute to. **Action: Everyone**

MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

- This group was formed a few months ago.
- A Terms of Reference draft was supplied tonight. Please review and comment. **Action: Everyone**

COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

- Confirm deadlines for the press release with Peter - ongoing. **Action: Dave Sutherland**
- Committee members met with Cam McAlpine (consultant) – he may be leaving his position. Group may work with Kevin Brown. November 1 – Cam will decide which direction he is going, and either he or Kevin will work with this group from that point forward. Together, they will come up with an effective Communications Plan.
- The Ministry operates a Complaints Line, the City also fields calls. This group could address these issues as well. Formalized complaint data should be collected – in the City Calls for Service?
- Joan talked to Charles Jago – a new chair for the Task Force has been selected.
- Funding – Northern Health will “house” the money for us.
- Press release – UNBC is performing studies and our press release was to address concerns – ongoing.
- Mark Fercho would like comments on the 12-point plant Council report as soon as possible. He is accumulating draft suggestions for Council. Sergio would like to see the outline. **Action: Jocelyn White**

CLEAN AIR FORUM

- The planning group is looking for people to work with the group.
- The forum will be February or March of 2007.
- Contact Jocelyn White and she will forward the names.

MONITORING WORKING GROUP

- This group met recently and reviewed equipment problems. There is a 5-year plan for upgrades. This group has agreed to meet every six months.
- Met with FOCUS consulting group.
- There may be an additional monitoring at College Heights, Fraser Bench and North Nechako. Mark Fercho requested costs of putting in and maintaining monitors at the suggested areas. What equipment is available?

- Annual operating costs run at about \$100,000.
- Should North Nechako be monitored? How do we segregate the sources? How do we educate to improve the practices? What are the Best Management Practices for these situations?
- The Ministry has a mobile monitor. It is to be used with continuous monitoring equipment.
- The asphalt plants do not run all year. Can we monitor the air before and after, to see what they contribute for particulate, etc? Stack samples are done irregularly – no permits are used right now. Has there ever been verification of a stack emission source? There is one audit team in the province that travels to perform stack tests. There is not a central data base to compile all of the tests from inspections. The companies keep their own tests for their information.
- Could monitoring be standardized and consistent – municipally and provincially? Who is ultimately responsible? What are the Best Management Practices? Is there a provincial Task Force for Air Quality monitoring?

PACHA

- Meeting tomorrow at the Coast Hotel at 7:00pm. Dave Sutherland and Peter Jackson will be speaking.

RESEARCH PLAN PROGRESS

- Studies are ongoing to get a more precise idea as to what the sources of particulate are. A source dispersion modeling study is one of the studies being used. Stack sources, air sources, residential, traffic, etc. What focused actions can be taken by identifying the sources? The analysis of data that is compiled is to be completed by February 2008. At that time, we will provide recommendations for actions, etc.
- We hope to have an independent party to review the results.
- UNBC, Ministry of Environment, City of Prince George, Northern Health, Canfor – all sit on committee.
- The project manager is Dr. John Spagnol.
- Will create a model of the impact of emissions on the airshed.
- Will apply a cost effective measure. The \$220,000 budget for the plan is jointly funded.
- Glenda supplied minutes of the Research Working Group for September 18.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Jocelyn supplied packages to the new members, including historical documents of the group.
- The two public members are Ron Beram and Barb Gauss. The PACHA representative is Sergio Pettrucci.
- Questions and Answers opportunity tabled to the Agenda for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November __, 2006 - 5:30-7:30pm
Location: TBA