

## **PRINCE GEORGE AIR IMPROVEMENT ROUNDTABLE SOCIETY (PG AIR)**

### **DRAFT MEMBERS MEETING – MINUTES**

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010, 5:35pm

**Location:** Regional District of Fraser-Fort George - Boardroom

**Present:** Dennis Fudge (proxy for MOE), Dean Cherkas (proxy for MOE), Dan Adamson (City of PG), Jocelyn White (City of PG), Martin Meyer (Carrier Lumber), Tim Knoop (Pacific BioEnergy), Sherry MacIntyre (Chamber of Commerce), Wayne Rommerdahl (Columbia Bitulithic), Katja Otting (proxy for Husky Oil), Kenna Lattimer (Regional District), Glenda Waddell (Canfor Pulp Limited Partnership), Dave Sutherland (CN, by phone), Nini Long (Ministry of Transportation), Dr. Robin Lowry (Northern Medical Society),.

**Regrets:** Greg Calpas (Husky Oil), Maureen Bilawchuck (MOE), Julie Orben (MOE), Dr. Marie Hay (PACHA), Andrew Snih (Public Member), Terry Robert (Fraser Basin Council), Greg Thibault (proxy, Barb Oak, N. Health), Ken Wilkening (UNBC).

**Guests:** Kathryn Graham (PG AIR Air Quality Management Coordinator), Karima Fredj (UNBC), Jennifer Hayek (NH Mobile Emissions Monitor) Dave Jewesson (Monitoring Working Group Chair).

#### **1. Call meeting to order (Jocelyn White)**

Meeting called to order by Chair at 5:35 PM.

#### **2. Quorum (Sherry MacIntyre)**

Secretary reported that quorum of members (12) was present. Subsequently, two additional members arrived, for a total attendance of 14 members.

#### **3. Review and adopt minutes of April 27, 2010 member meeting.**

Changes to be made include: Terry Robert was mentioned twice under regrets and Andrew Snih was not mentioned under regrets.

#### **4. Member Information Exchange**

- Permits for Husky Oil Ltd: May 10, 2010 amendment to permit was signed. This was a significant amount of work that took about 3 years to complete in negotiations. The new permit now identifies discharge points from the facility, includes a lower limit of SO<sub>2</sub> from the plant that more accurately reflects plant operations and requires an upgrade to the waste water system to be in place no later than December 20, 2011. This upgrade alone is anticipated to reduce odor from the site with reductions in TRS and VOC's from the operation of upgrades to the oil-water separator. (Dean Cherkas, MOE)
- Pacific BioEnergy amendment was signed May 20, 2010. The permit now requires the use of a Wet Electrostatic Precipitator to be in place no later than December 31, 2010. This is Best Available Technology for particulate control from the dryers. This change

culminates a significant amount of work done to improve plant emissions from this plant over the past 4 years.

- Formaldehyde and other chemical sampling has begun. MOE is currently doing more base samples and then focusing on air quality event days and complaints. (Dean Cherkas, MOE)
- The City has received the Clean Air Day Award for their pilot position of Clean Air Ambassador (CAA). The position of CAA dealt mainly with complaints and education surrounding emissions from residential wood heating. (Dan Adamson, City of Prince George)
- Husky is currently shut down for maintenance and will be back up and running June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 tentatively. (Katja Otting, Husky Oil)
- 2009 air quality data for Prince George has been QA'd. TRS annual averages were one of the highest in the past five years. SO<sub>2</sub> levels increased and PM<sub>10</sub> levels decreased for annual averages. PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual averages were similar to those recorded last year. (Dennis Fudge, MOE)
- The Canfor Pulp Limited Partnership (CPLP) mills have qualified for \$122M in credits that must be used toward environmental improvements by March 31, 2012. CPLP has three projects under development for the Green Transformation Program that will come with significant emission reductions. They are . . .
  - 1. The PG Odour Reduction Project which is predicted to reduce pulpmill odour (TRS) in the city by 60%. Thank you to Kathryn, Jocelyn and George for participating in our sod turning event to mark the beginning of construction.
  - 2. The Northwood Green Transformation Project is a rebuild of the #1 Recovery Boiler. This is the largest point source of particulate emissions from pulpmills and the last direct contact boiler in Prince George. Emissions are predicted to drop by 70% for odour and 50% for particulate.
  - 3. The PGI Mills Green Transformation project includes boiler feedwater treatment and the addition of an Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) on the #1 Power Boiler. This is the last boiler at the PG/Intercon complex without an ESP and one of the largest impacting point sources at pulpmills in terms of fine particulate levels.
  - In order to assess the impact of these emission reductions on ambient levels in the community, CPLP is conducting an ambient study with the help of FPInnovations. Two mobile monitors will be located at Exploration Place and at Foreman Flats to monitor odour and PM<sub>2.5</sub> for one year pre and one year post commissioning of these upgrades. (Glenda Waddell, CPLP)

## 5. Current Business

### a. Executive and Working Group reports (Kathryn Graham)

- See written report. No Questions arising.
  - Monitoring Working Group: Dave Jewesson provided a brief update on the MWG meeting held June 01, 2010. The majority of the permittees have paid their invoice.

b. Phase II Work Plan update report (Jocelyn White)

- See written report. No questions arising.
  - It was decided that an Idle Free Committee would be formed to help with deciding what capacity the Idle Free program will be running this year. The Idle Free committee currently consists of the following members:
    - Nini Long
    - Jocelyn White
    - Julie Orban
    - Kathryn Graham
    - Kenna Lattimer

c. Phase III Plan Development (K. Graham)

i. *Facilitated Sessions Update and Review of Report*

Kathryn Graham provided a brief PowerPoint presentation highlighting the report and the outcomes of the facilitated sessions.

- The next steps for the Phase III Plan was discussed in detail and the following comments were made:
  - What are the things that are going to focus on? What is the most effective?
  - New Members need to be briefed on reports and past research before we move forward with the Plan
  - **Action (J. White):** Organize appropriate person to do review of past air quality studies for new members.
  - **Action (K. Graham):** Send Sonoma/Stantec reports to new members and David Sutherland.
  - **Action (All Members):** At the next PGAIR members meeting PGAIR will discuss the feasibility of forming sub groups for Phase III Planning.

ii. Communication Protocol & Code of Conduct (Martin Meyer; See Report)

- The City would like to take the document back to senior staff to get their input before the members who are representing the City approve it.
- All members agree to follow the draft communication protocol until it is approved by PGAIR

**Action (All Members):** Send comments to Martin (mmeyer@carrierlumber.bc.ca) by the end of next week (June 11).

- In terms of the Code of Conduct there was extensive discussion surrounding Section 1 part A. "Every individual person who holds a position as a director has a responsibility to understand the mandate of the PGAIR Society and to carry out his or her duties in a manner that effectively supports that mandate."
- Several comments and suggestions were made and will be incorporated to the document.

- **Action (Martin Meyer):** Put appropriate wording surrounding Working Groups to accommodate the fact that the Working Groups do not fall under the same society Bylaws as the members.
- Suggestion made to have section 2 g include 4 a.
- 2 g: “All participants will speak openly, confident that what is said at the table will stay at the table as part of the process of arriving at solutions, decisions and informed actions. Information shared as part of this process belongs to PGAIR’s table and must stay there, as no one group has the right to supersede the collective need for clarity.”
- 4a: “Individual directors representing member organizations are responsible to keep respective organizations informed of the Society’s activities on an “as needed” basis. This must be done in an appropriate manner that does not breach the Society’s constitution, bylaws, policies, procedures or rules.”
- It was requested by several members that the following paragraph be changed to better reflect the Society.
- 1a: “...and to carry out his or her duties in a manner that effectively supports that mandate.” Be replaced with: “and conduct themselves in a manner that does not discredit the overall mandate of PGAIR.”

## 6. New Business

### a. PG AIR President Update

It was decided that the public member position be advertised through a media release and possibly a paid advertisement as soon as possible.

It was suggested that there be a membership group re-created within PGAIR to review applicants from potential members. It was decided that this group will include the following members:

- Dennis Fudge (MOE)
- Jocelyn White (City of PG)
- Kathryn Graham (PGAIR)

**Action (K. Graham):** Advertise for the public member position as soon as possible.

### b. Bike to Work Week

PGAIR participated in Bike to Work Week by providing volunteers to man the Celebration Stations throughout the week. Thanks to those volunteers who were able to set aside time to participate in the event.

**Adjournment (J. White)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.

**Next Regular Meeting Date and Time:** Tuesday June 29, 2010 at City Hall Annex.