

PG Air Director's Meeting Summary 1 | Page

Date: Tuesday, February 22nd, 2011

Time: 5:30-7:30PM

Location: City Hall Annex

Present: Terry Robert, President Fraser Basin Council, Kathryn Graham, Coordinator PG Air, Nini Long, Secretary Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure, Martin Meyer, Treasurer Carrier Lumber George Stedeford, VP Public Member, Sherry MacIntyre Chamber of Commerce, Barb Oke Northern Health, Dennis Fudge Ministry of Environment, Kelly Giesbrecht Fraser Basin Council, Dave Sutherland CN Rail, Greg Calpas Husky, Kenna Latimer Regional District of Fraser Fort George, Raylene Otto Guest (Min. of Transportation), Marie Hay People's Action Committee for Healthy Air (PACHA) Dan Adamson City of PG, Jocelyn White City of PG, Robin Lowry Northern Medical Society

Absent: Glenda Waddell Canfor Pulp Limited Partnership (CPLP), Ken Wilkening UNBC, Maureen Bilawchuk Ministry of Environment, Wayne Rommerdahl Columbia Bitulithic, Tim Knoop Pacific Bioenergy

1. Administration

a. Achieved Quorum

b. Minutes approved, except some edits from Glenda that Kat will forward to Nini

2. Member Information Exchange

a. KG: Kat accompanied Chelsea Coady (Fraser Basin Council) to UNBC to give a presentation on the Air Quality Health Index to a group of aboriginal youth. The presentation was primarily attended by high school students and 1 university student. The response and level of interest from the youth was very positive and engaging.

b. DS: CN has equipped 23% of its road fleet with GPS technology to reduce idling and intends to increase this number. They have determined that unnecessary idling results in an additional expenditure of \$4 million dollars annually, across company operations.

c. MH: PACHA and MACC met with the Ministry of Environment (MoE) to discuss the ongoing formaldehyde testing. It was decided that the formaldehyde testing would be discontinued, since the sampling tests thus far have consistently found formaldehyde levels to be negligible. However, there are still complaints of a periodic unidentifiable “chemical” smell in the Millar Addition. MoE has passed on 4 canisters to PACHA and MACC to collect air samples during these episodes. The remaining funding from the formaldehyde testing will be used to conduct lab analysis on these samples. Environment Canada will continue to conduct formaldehyde testing until the end of March.

Action: need verification from MoE about this change in plan i.e. what is PG Air’s role, are we obligated to put out press releases with the lab results, do we need to issue a press release outlining the termination of formaldehyde testing etc.

d. JW: distributed three different slides from Peter Jackson’s previous presentation to clarify findings of the various reports

- Pie graph depicting the dispersion modelling
- Bar graph depicting the Sonoma report
- A slide comparing point sources with the dispersion modelling (only for downtown PG)

3. Current Business

a. UNBC received funding from CLEAR (\$38,000) to develop a tool to make it easier to interpret the dispersion modelling. A group from UNBC will be working on this initiative, with support from the Research Working Group.

b. The Wood Stove Exchange (WSE) voucher amount will be increased to \$500 in March. The participating retailers will remain the same as last year. It was suggested that Northern Hardware be approached to solicit participation. The City is considering waiving the permit fee for those that participate in the WSE program.

Action: Kat will contact Northern Hardware to see if they are interested in being one of the participating retailers for the WSE program.

4. Phase III Plan Development

a. Dan provided some feedback on the Phase III matrix and gave a presentation on some ideas that could help us move forward with the matrix. A summary of Dan's presentation is described below.

Some of the primary issues with the existing matrix are:

- It hasn't been effectively filtered (every idea is included)
- It's repetitious
- Not consistently laid out to correspond with research outputs
- Some strategies are not clear or practical and not linked to research
- Unclear as to who does what

It is apparent that the matrix has been a committee effort but it needs refinement. There is a need to take all of the background information and intent and to refine this information, while maintaining the principles.

Some potential steps:

- Refinement (clarify, apply reasonability test, gauge effectiveness – link to research, define lead)
- Defining Sphere of Influence (PG Air lead, Member lead, Non-Member lead)
- Narrowing and Describing (low hanging fruit, required effort, potential, issues)

The summary still needs some additional information: who leads (on actions) and connection to research (effectiveness)

Communications and Outreach:

- Simple key message
- Describe focus and reason
- Show the process and communicate our role
- Describe what we can do – what are the key strategies identified?
- The matrix is a work in progress and requires continuous improvement

b. Dave Sutherland expressed concern that the railway industry has been singled out in the matrix. The Board agreed to include the railway sector with transportation.

c. The Board discussed next steps with respect to the matrix. There was a preference for Dan to continue working on the matrix vs. hiring a consultant. A volunteer committee was struck to work with Dan and with the Executive over the next 2 months. The committee will report back

to the Board at the March meeting and then finalize the matrix in April. The volunteer committee members are: Sherry, Barb, Terry, and Dan.

5. New Business

a. Kat is recruiting volunteers to assist with the PG air booth at the Home Show; a sign-up sheet has been circulated.

b. Bike to Work Week will take place the week of May 30th. The City and the PG Cycling club are co-chairing this event. There will be a kick-off event on Monday, May 30th and celebration stations will be set up each day of the week. PG Air has committed to supporting a celebration station on Wednesday, June 1st which is Clean Air Day.

c. Brief discussion about the possibility of PG Air hosting an all candidates meeting on air quality for next municipal election. Further discussion required.

Next Director's Meeting: Tuesday, March, 29th, 2011