

PRINCE GEORGE AIR IMPROVEMENT ROUNDTABLE SOCIETY (PG AIR)
MEMBERS MEETING Minutes
Tuesday, July 27, 2010
City Hall Annex

Present: Julie Orban (MOE), Dan Adamson (City of PG), Jocelyn White (City of PG), Martin Meyer (Carrier Lumber), Ken Wilkening (UNBC), Terry Robert (Fraser Basin Council), Sherry MacIntyre (Chamber of Commerce), Wayne Rommerdahl (Columbia Bitulithic), Greg Calpas (Husky Oil), Kenna Latimer (Regional District), David Sutherland (CN Rail), Marie Hay (PACHA), Dr. Robin Lowry (Northern Medical Society), Tim Knoop (Pacific Bio-Energy), George Stedeford (Public), Maureen Bilawchuk (MOE)

Regrets: Glenda Waddell (Canfor Pulp Limited Partnership), Dean Cherkas (MOE), Greg Thibault (proxy, Barb Oke, Northern Health), Dennis Fudge (proxy, Maureen Bilawchuk, MOE), Nini Long (Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure.), Andrew Snih (Public), Ron Fujino (proxy, Glenda Waddell, Canfor Pulp).

Guests: Kathryn Graham (PGAIR Air Quality Management Coordinator), Alana Kulchar (Fraser Basin Council), Tiina Watt (City of PG), Dan Milburn (City of PG).

1. Call meeting to order (J. White)

Meeting called to order by Chair at 5:40 PM

2. Quorum (S. MacIntyre)

Secretary reported that quorum of members (12) was present. Subsequently additional 4 members were present, for a total of 16 members.

1. Presentations

- a. City of Prince George Official Community Plan process.
- b. MOE Presentation-Review by Maureen Bilawchuk of particulate emission reductions in the industrial sector.

4. Review and adopt minutes of June 29th members meeting

Minutes of June 29th meeting were adopted as amended by consensus.

5. Member Information Exchange

(Dan Adamson City of PG): An exciting workshop is being held for the first time in northern BC. Dr. McKenzie-Mohr facilitates an excellent 2 day workshop (**November 22-23, 2010**) helping us understand why our current techniques of education and awareness (social marketing) often fail and what we need to know to have more successes in changing people's behavior.

Early bird fees at \$300, includes nutrition breaks, lunches, and a copy of his latest book “Fostering Sustainable Behavior”.

Full registration (with payment options) will be open September 1, 2010. You can go to the link now to submit your name so we can send you additional information.

<http://www.createsurvey.com/c/78570-z693ke/>

(Ken Wilkening, UNBC): The Sustainable Communities Subcommittee of the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) is creating an open call for research applications related to climate change and sustainable communities. At this point, it looks like this call will be for both large (say \$100,000) and small (say \$5000) proposals, funded up to two years. The call will be finalized sometime around mid-August. Organizations at the PGAIR table may be interested in this, and PGAIR itself could submit a co-benefits (air pollution + climate change mitigation) type of proposal.

Action (Ken Wilkening): Will send call for research applications to Coordinator for distribution to members when it has been finalized.

6. Current Business

a. Executive and Working Group reports

- See Report

b. Phase II Work Plan update report

i. R01: Odour

- See Report

iii. R23 & R25: Wood Stove Exchange Program

- See Report

iv. R09: Dispersion Model Study

- See Report

c. FMC Permit Amendment Update

The permit amendment was sent to all members and the Coordinator forwarded members questions about the potential increase/decrease of emissions expected from the change in operations. FMC replied with several detailed answers to the questions. Being that there were no further questions and comments from members an additional letter of response was not sent to FMC.

d. Phase III Plan Development

i. Phase III Planning Session Update and Sub-Committee Meeting Dates

- Mobility Tuesday- 27th 11-2 at the RDFFG
- Commercial- Wed 28th 10-12 Stellako Room, 3rd floor at Plaza 400 (MOE)
- Industry- Wednesday 28th 5pm at Carrier

- Residential- August 24th, 2010 at 5:30pm at the Native Health Friendship Center (4th Ave.)

Sub-committees are to be responsible to do own research and report back to coordinator and will send to all groups.

All Phase III Matrix updates and any additional research are to be submitted to the Coordinator no later than September 15, 2010.

Action (K. Graham): Any updates and minutes from sub-committees can be sent to the Coordinator who will then send them on to all members.

ii. Communication Protocol & Code of Conduct Update

Communication Protocol: Adopted by consensus.

Code of conduct: Changes were made to the Code of Conduct where all mention of Directors was changed to Members to accommodate members role within the Society.

Action (Martin Meyer): Replace Director with Member throughout the Code of Conduct document.

The Code of Conduct document was adopted by consensus with the above changes.

PGAIR is an invited membership and as such all members are directors and have voting rights to ensure everyone is represented.

Members are still looking for clarification between directors insurance and members insurance.

The Bylaw committee is currently working on revising the existing Bylaws and is researching the difference between Members and Directors.

Action (Bylaw Sub Committee): Bylaw group to look at having a lawyer come to PGAIR meeting to discuss PGAIR Society issues.

7. New Business

a. Member Orientation Update

J. White and Coordinator are working on member orientation binders and presentation with binder handouts. Binders will be given to all members for review and to add documents to as they see fit.

d. PGAIR President Update

There was a final call for nominations for PGAIR President. No other members were nominated for President. George Stedeford was nominated as President by acclimation. George currently holds the Public Member position.

e. Gasification Plant (Acquiring project information and PGAIR next steps)

Aboriginal Co-Generation Plant. What would the group like to see in terms of PGAIR gaining information?

The Aboriginal Co-Generation Plant met with local PG business groups and PACHA to discuss the potential of the facility.

Members would like to see more information come to PGAIR from appropriate people (ie MOE, Proponent, etc.).

MOE to date has not received an application or an inquiry from the proponent.

Action: G. Stedeford/K. Graham: seek further information about gasification plant from the proponent.

There was discussion about the role of PGAIR and the role of the Coordinator.

The Coordinator is better served by ensuring that all members have the information (such as permit amendments, changing regulations, and projects) that they need to bring back to their own organizations to provide comment.

Any requests for comment sent to PGAIR will be distributed to all members. A response letter will also be sent in return to describe that all members have been provided the information and can comment if they see fit. As well, it was suggested that the letter also contain PGAIR's mandate and reduction targets.

PGAIR will send a letter saying that the information has been sent to all members and that the individual organizations may provide comment.

In addition there should there be a section in the agenda that allows members to talk about emerging issues. This will be incorporated into member information exchange.

d. Provincial Open Burning and Smoke Control Regulation-Call for Input

This intentions paper is available for review at
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/codes/open_burning/index.htm.

Members are to bring back to their organizations and comment if they see fit.

Comments are due to the Province by September 23, 2010.

Action K. Graham: Send response letter to Province stating PGAIR's mandate and reduction targets.

e. City of Prince George Active Transportation Planning-Call for Input

The Draft Plan can be viewed on the City of Prince George website at http://www.city.pg.bc.ca/city_services/transportation/activetransportation/. Hard copies of the Plan are also available for viewing at City Hall and at the Prince George Public Library.

The Online Survey will remain open until Friday, August 6th, 2010.

Action (All Members): Members are to bring back to their organizations and comment if they see fit. Comments are done through an online survey.

f. PGAIR Coordinator new office space

See Report

Please remember to RSVP your attendance to the meetings so we know if a quorum will be present. We have a member travelling from out of town.

8. Adjournment (J. White) 8: 45PM

Next Regular Meeting Date and Time: August 31st, 2010. 5:30PM. City Hall Annex.