



## MEDIA BRIEFING PGAIR PROGRESS REPORT

April 07, 2010

The Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable (PG AIR) is pleased to report on matters discussed at its April 6 meeting:

- 1. Formaldehyde Update** – PG AIR and the People’s Action Committee for Healthy Air (PACHA) co-hosted a public meeting on March 10 to discuss the formaldehyde levels discovered under the 2008 Community Odour Study, and the Ministry of Environment’s plans to carry out additional formaldehyde sampling in the near future. PG AIR continues to work with the Ministry on this matter.
- 2. Clean Air Bylaw Amendments** –On March 22, PG AIR attended the City of Prince George’s public hearing on the proposed amendments to the *Clean Air Bylaw* and made a presentation to City Council on those proposed amendments supported by PG AIR and additional amendments recommended by PG AIR for future action by the City. The amended Bylaw passed fourth reading and was adopted on March 29, 2010.
- 3. Idle Reduction & Eco-Driving Program Update** –The 2009-10 Idle Reduction & Eco-Driving Program ended on March 31. As of the end of March, 260 idle free signs had been installed throughout the City, including the CN Center, Masich Place Stadium, Aquatic Center, Civic Plaza, Library, Airport, Northern Health, and various on street parking locations. Remaining signs continue to be available for free to interested organizations.
- 4. Wood Stove Exchange Program** -The final year of the provincial Wood Stove Exchange program was launched March 1. This year’s program features up to \$740 in discounts and rebates to change out old smoky non-certified wood burning stoves to new EPA/CSA certified low emission gas, pellet, or EPA certified clean burning wood stoves or inserts.
- 5. Burn It Smart Workshop** – In conjunction with the Wood Stove Exchange program, PG AIR is hosting a Burn it Smart workshop at the Northern CHBA Home Show on Saturday, May 1. The indoor presentation will take place from 5:30PM to 6:15PM in Kin 1 at the presenter stage. A FREE outdoor demonstration will be held 6:30PM to 7:15PM in the CN parking lot. Door prizes will be available, and the first 50 registrants for the workshop will receive a \$3.00 rebate towards the entrance fee (for the indoor presentation). To register, contact Kathryn Graham at [kgpgair@gmail.com](mailto:kgpgair@gmail.com).

For more information, please visit the PG AIR website at [www.pgairquality.com](http://www.pgairquality.com).

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