



MEDIA BRIEFING PGAIR PROGRESS REPORT

February 23, 2011

The Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable (PGAIR) is pleased to report on matters discussed at its February 22, 2011 meeting.

1. Phase III Plan Development

The primary goal of the Phase III Plan will be to achieve the fine PM emission reduction targets adopted by PG AIR in January 2009, namely to meet the new provincial ambient PM_{2.5} objectives, and to have a reduction on all significant emission sources.

“Further progress was made at the February 22, 2011 meeting as PGAIR continues the development of the Phase III Plan including stakeholder consultation and further refinement of the draft Phase III recommendations. PGAIR would like to remind everyone that public input on the Draft Plan is welcome and to visit the PGAIR website (www.pgairquality.com) for a copy of the Draft Plan and to provide comment.” (Kathryn Graham-PGAIR Coordinator)

2. 2011 Wood Stove Exchange Program

The 2011 Wood Stove Exchange (WSE) program will be starting again March 1st. “This year’s program will be offering a 500.00 rebate to qualifying residents who wish to exchange their old non-certified wood burning appliance to a new EPA/CSA low emission appliance including gas, pellet, and clean burning wood stoves or inserts”. (Kathryn Graham-PGAIR Coordinator)

The City of Prince George will be waiving the permit fee for the month of March and April and additional in-store discounts will be offered at participating retailers. The program is run on a first come first serve basis and there are a limited number of rebates. For more information about the program and to determine if you qualify contact a participating retailer or call the PGAIR Coordinator at (250) 561-9114.

2011 WSE Participating Retailers:

- Dale’s Wood and Gas Heating
- Furnaceland
- Fraser Plumbing and Heating
- Mainline Plumbing and Heating

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PGAIR Society is a group of volunteers representing a broad spectrum of the community; including the public, government, industry, Northern Health, UNBC, PACHA, commercial and transportation sectors. PGAIR is working towards continuous improvement of the air quality within the Prince George air shed, and coordinates various programs and communication initiatives in support of this effort. PGAIR also coordinates research and provides science-based recommendations reached by consensus to various stakeholders and decision-making bodies to help improve air quality.