



## MEDIA BRIEFING PGAIR PROGRESS REPORT

June 30, 2010

The Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable (PG AIR) is pleased to report on matters discussed at its June 29, 2010 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 PGAIR in January 2009. Facilitated sessions were held on May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>, where significant progress was made in the development of Phase III. PG AIR will continue towards development of the Phase III Plan over the next months. Phase III is scheduled to be finalized by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### 2. PGAIR New Public Member Update

PGAIR is pleased to announce that the Public Member position has been filled by candidate George Stedeford. PGAIR received three applications for the position of Public Member. In terms of the review process, the applications were reviewed by a PGAIR sub-committee consisting of representatives from Northern Health, the Ministry of Environment, the City of Prince George and the PGAIR Coordinator. The applicant with the most relevant experience was chosen to fill the position.

### 3. District Energy System Presentation to PGAIR

The City of Prince George provided a presentation on the proposed District Energy System (DES) to members of PGAIR. The DES project is estimated to remove 30 tonnes of total particulate matter from the local airshed by increasing the efficiencies at the Lakeland Mill and the addition of an electrostatic precipitator. In addition, it should be noted that due to the District Energy System project, Lakeland Mills will no longer need to haul a substantial portion of its biomass from its River Road location to offsite locations. As a result, truck traffic will be reduced by approximately 300 trucks per year. This results in a further regional total PM reduction in the order of 70 tonnes per year. Thus, according to the City of Prince George, this project would result in an estimated net reduction of 70 + 30 tonnes = 100 tonnes Total Particulate Matter. During and after the presentation there was a lot of discussion between members and presenters on the proposed plan and PGAIR was pleased with the information presented by the City.

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

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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.***