REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the AIR QUALITY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE held in the Board Room at the Regional District of North Okanagan Office on TUESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2007.

Stakeholder Committee Members:
- Deb Leroux, Chair
- Lorna Bissell
- Cliff Kanester
- Roger Parsonage
- Dan Kaneda
- Kim Young
- Wendy Aasen
- Lori Borchert
- Tom Ouchi
- Russ Collins
- Johnny Lysholm
- Deb Leroux, Chair
- Village of Lumby
- Township of Spallumcheen
- Electoral Area ‘B’ Director
- Interior Health Authority
- Tolko Industries Ltd. (absent)
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- Interested Public
- Interested Public
- Agricultural Representative
- Sustainable Environment Network Society
- City of Vernon (absent)

Resource:
- Ralph Adams
- Gerard Duff-Tytler
- Ministry of Environment (absent)
- Ministry of Forests (absent)

Staff:
- Nicole Kohnert
- Dale Danallanko
- Karmen Peace
- Christy Malden
- Manager of Environmental Services
- Recycling and Disposal Facilities Coordinator
- Waste Reduction Coordinator
- Recording Secretary

Others Present: Brigitt Johnson

PART 1 – CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chair Leroux called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

PART 2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Moved by Lorna Bissell           Seconded by Lori Borchert

“THAT the agenda of the December 11, 2007, regular meeting of the Air Quality Stakeholder Committee BE APPROVED as presented”

CARRIED
PART 3 – INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Moved by Wendy Aasen  Seconded by Lori Borchert

“THAT the following item **BE ADDED** to the agenda of the December 11, 2007 regular meeting of the Air Quality Stakeholder Committee:

7.A.4.n - information on **RideShare Week**.

CARRIED

PART 4 – ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Air Quality Stakeholder Committee – Regular Meeting – November 13, 2007

Moved by Lori Borchert  Seconded by Wendy Aasen

“**THAT** the minutes of the November 13, 2007, regular meeting **BE ADOPTED** as amended.”

CARRIED

PART 5 - PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

PART 6 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

PART 7 – SUB-REGIONAL and STAKEHOLDER MATTERS

7.A  Air Quality

7.A.1  Reports

7.A.2  Correspondence

7.A.3  Bylaws and Resolutions

7.A.4  New and Unfinished Business

a. Revision of AQSC Committee Goals for 2007 / 2008

Update from Dale Danallanko, Recycling and Disposal Facilities Coordinator
- presenting the revised AQSC Goals for 2007/2008

Tom Ouchi, Agricultural Representative arrived at 9:13

Discussion ensued regarding amendments to the committee goals, such as date and phrasing changes, as well as confirmation of numbers. Concerns were expressed over whether some of the timelines were achievable and it was agreed that the goals were valid as written and timelines were realistic.

Moved by Lorna Bissell  Seconded by Lori Borchert

“**THAT** the AQSC Goals for 2007/2008 **BE APPROVED** as amended

CARRIED
Air Quality Stakeholder Committee
- Minutes of a Regular Meeting 3 December 11, 2007

b. 2008 Budget Approval

Report from Nicole Kohnert, Manager, Environmental Services – December 4, 2007 – 2008 Budget Approval

Discussion regarding the reduction in amount of conference budget for Committee members ensued and it was agreed that the level should be increased to the same as 2007 at $1,000

Moved by Roger Parsonage    Seconded by Lori Borchert

“THAT the Air Quality Stakeholder Committee REFER the attached 2008 Air Quality Function Five Year Financial Plan as amended to the Regional Services Committee for review and subsequent referral to the Regional Board for approval”

CARRIED

c. B.C. Conservation Corps Application

Verbal Report from Deb Leroux, Chair, Air Quality Stakeholder Committee – December 11, 2007 – B.C. Conservation Corps Application

This issue is to be revisited once staffing levels are confirmed.

Nicole Kohnert, Manager of Environment Services exited the meeting at 10:00

d. Issues Tracking Form

Issues Tracking Form – Karmen Peace, Air Quality Coordinator – December 11, 2007

Moved by Russ Collins    Seconded by Lori Borchert

“THAT the Issues Tracking Form dated December 11, 2007, from the Waste Reduction Coordinator BE RECEIVED for information.”

CARRIED

e. Fall Burning Period


Karmen Peace, Waste Reduction Coordinator provided the statistical information for the Fall Burning Period

- 238 permits issued in Areas “B” & “C”
- 1 full and 6 half days of burning within designated period
- BX-Swan Lake Fire Chief issued 6 verbal warnings which resulted in compliance, and three violations tickets issued to one individual resident
- 3 emails and 7 phone calls received from the public regarding smoke
- unconfirmed amount of complaints received at the reception desk.
1 call received in support of the burning period

Director Kanester indicated that he received no complaints regarding smoke or burning in Area “B”

Earlier in the meeting Nicole Kohnert, Manager of Environmental Services, advised the committee of a meeting scheduled for January 30, 2008, which will discuss issues surrounding open burning, and illegal dumping. All related agencies as well as developers are to be invited to attend.

f. City of Vernon – Air Curtain Burning Facility

Letter from the City of Vernon requesting the AQSC review and consider aspects of implementing an Air Curtain Burner Facility including the related costs and potential benefits

Discussion occurred regarding whether the committee should direct staff to compile information on use and costs, or whether Chair Leroux should meet with the City of Vernon staff to seek clarification as to what they are requesting and what role exactly the committee would be expected to fulfill.

Moved by Roger Parsonage Seconded by Lori Borchert
“THAT the committee DIRECT STAFF to gather technical information on the Air Curtain Burner, and further

“THAT Chair Leroux MEET WITH City of Vernon staff to clarify the level of involvement expected of the committee.”

CARRIED

g. The Clean Air Bylaws Guide

The Clean Air Bylaws Guide is provided for information

Moved by Lorna Bissell Seconded by Russ Collins
“THAT The Clean Air Bylaws Guide BE RECEIVED for information.”

CARRIED

h. Email – Solar Power

Email from David Knowles of November 16, 2007, which was distributed to the extended Air Quality Committee — “Toronto Municipal Buildings To Draw on Solar Power”

i. Email – Vehicle Emissions

Email from David Knowles of November 17, 2007 which was distributed to the extended Air Quality Committee — “Toronto Vehicle Emissions Costly”
Moved by Lorna Bissell  
Seconded by Russ Collins

"THAT the Email from David Knowles of November 16, 2007, distributed to the Air Quality Committee — “Toronto Municipal Buildings To Draw on Solar Power” BE RECEIVED for information; and further,

“THAT the Email from David Knowles of November 17, 2007, distributed to the Air Quality Committee — “Toronto Vehicle Emissions Costly” BE RECEIVED for information.”

CARRIED

j. Draft Air Quality Action Plan

Regional District of North Okanagan Air Quality Action Plan – Review

Discussion occurred regarding the undertaking to review the Air Quality Action Plan with one or two sections being reviewed by members between each scheduled meeting and comments forwarded for compilation before the date of the next meeting. All comments on Sections 1 and 2 are to be forwarded to Karmen Peace, Waste Reduction Coordinator by January 11, 2008, for compilation and discussion at January 15, 2008 meeting. Karmen Peace, Waste Reduction Coordinator is to advise all absent committee members of the January 11, 2008 deadline.

All relevant parties, municipalities, committees, etc are to be notified that the Committee is currently reviewing the existing action plan with a completion goal and Regional Board approval by December 2008.

An addendum to the existing Air Quality Action Plan was considered to be the most effective and logical method of incorporating amendments.

Moved by Russ Collins  
Seconded by Roger Parsonage

“THAT the Draft Air Quality Action Plan BE ATTACHED to the December 11, 2007, Agenda in preparations for discussion and revision in 2008”

CARRIED

k. 2008 Great Okanagan Wood Stove Exchange Program


Request for Funding from the RDCO of $2000 toward promotion of this program in the North Okanagan in 2008, and provision of a staff member to act as a liaison between North Okanagan and Central Okanagan.

Moved by Russ Collins  
Seconded by Wendy Aasen

“THAT the Letter from RDCO – November 16, 2007 – 2008 Great Okanagan Wood Stove Exchange Program BE RECEIVED for information; and further

“THAT the request for $2000 BE SUPPORTED”

CARRIED
I. Anti-Idling Campaign


Brigitt Johnson, Anti Idling Project consultant provided an update to the committee on her findings within the region.

- School District 83 Fleet Manager has been instrumental in many initiatives to date, and is currently considering the retrofit of all busses in that District. The Fleet Manager is available to conduct workshops or presentations on Anti Idling Initiatives and it was felt to be beneficial to gather fleet managers together for an awareness raising workshop.

- Information on this project is to be provided to each school for inclusion in their newsletters to all parents.

- City of Vernon, City of Armstrong, and Argo Road Maintenance have adopted procedures this fall.

- Vernon Transit currently has no policy, and this is considered an area of focus for information distribution.

- There was only a limited amount of signs available through IdleFree BC and local quotes were found to be very costly. A more cost effective supplier was located in the Lower Mainland and 57 signs are being produced.

- Each municipality will receive one sign to be posted at the municipal parking lot and one sign for a noted idling hotspot. As well, one will be provided to each municipal works manager.

- Summary is to be provided at January meeting

m. Smart Burning Program Funding


To date, funding of $2000 was confirmed with the expectation that other sources of funding are still to be received. Final numbers will be available soon. The Waste Reduction Coordinator is to confirm if this funding is the same as funding from the Burn it Smart Program.
RideSmart Initiative

Verbal update from Wendy Aasen, Interested Public - December 11, 2007 – Ride Smart Program

Ms. Aasen presented an email regarding the RideSmart Initiative. The participants are seeking partners or representative from this committee to assist with promoting this challenge. Due to limited resources, the committee chose not to take part.

PART 8 – REGIONAL MATTERS

PART 9 – CORPORATE MATTERS

PART 10 – IN CAMERA

PART 11 – MATTERS ARISING FROM IN CAMERA MEETING

PART 12 - ADJOURNMENT

The next Air Quality Stakeholder Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Regional District of North Okanagan Board Room.

Moved by Tom Ouchi

“THAT there being no further business, the meeting BE ADJOURNED.”

CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer