

Kamloops and Area Air Quality Roundtable Meeting Summary as at Aug 28, 2015

Location: TRU Campus, Kamloops

Meeting Date: Aug 25, 2015, 9:00AM to 12:00PM

Present

Ralph Adams, Ministry of Environment (MOE)
Brian Arquilla, Tkemlups te Secwepemc
Greg Baytalan, Interior Health Authority (IHA)
Kristin Dangelmaier, Domtar
Scott Davidson, New Gold
Tom Dickinson, Thompson Rivers University (TRU)
John Dunford, Tolko Industries
Emily Lomas, City of Kamloops
Travis Marr, Stk'emlupsemc te Secwepemc
Allan Michener, City of Kamloops
Gina Morris, Kamloops Moms for Clean Air (KMFCA)
Casey Neathway, First Nations Health Authority
Emily O'Hara, New Gold
Kate Parsons, KGHM Ajax
Mike Simpson, Fraser Basin Council (FBC)
Marc Solomon, City of Kamloops
Tracy Thomas, FBC
Stephanie Voysey, Lafarge Canada

1. Welcome, Introductions, Review Agenda and Objectives

Mike Simpson welcomed everyone, Travis Marr gave a prayer and welcomed everyone to Secwepemc territory. Introductions were made around the room. Tom Dickinson and TRU were thanked for providing meeting space. Organizations who have contributed funding to date were acknowledged: New Gold, Lafarge and KGHM.

2. Summary of June 8 Meeting, FBC Activities Since Then

A summary of the June 8 meeting was distributed in paper copy. The key decision at that meeting was agreement that there would be value in creating a multi-stakeholder Kamloops Air Quality Roundtable. It was also agreed that a primary objective would be education and awareness of air quality issues amongst the public and various audiences, but that the other objectives needed to be explored further.

Since June 8, FBC staff have completed the following work on the air quality file:

- Circulated meeting summary of June 8 for comment, and finalized it in late June
- Circulated funding requests and followed up
- Liaised with individuals and organizations who did not attend June 8
- Liaised with FBC staff in other regions, regarding woodstove exchange education initiatives, and communication with MOE provincially and Environment Canada
- Sought date and prepared material for today's meeting
- Supervised South Korean TRU intern who did research into air quality

The following organizations have committed funds to enable continued meetings of this roundtable: New Gold, Lafarge and KGHM. MOE has made a commitment in principle to support the roundtable with funding, but no firm amount to date.

3. Information Sharing: Understanding Proposed Objectives of This Roundtable

Short presentations on the original three draft objectives were provided, and then discussion focused on what can only be done, or is best done through this collaborative roundtable, as opposed to individual organizations.

a. [City of Kamloops Airshed Management Plan](#)

Marc Solomon presented a high-level overview of the plan and the seven strategies. The following decisions were made around roundtable objectives:

- City of Kamloops will monitor the implementation of the plan, not this roundtable
- This roundtable will support the implementation of the airshed management plan, including sharing of resources and supporting education
- This roundtable will, upon request, review, advise and provide feedback to the City of Kamloops on its airshed management plan

b. *Air Quality Monitoring Network and Data*

Ralph Adams gave an overview of the current air quality monitoring network, including existing partnerships, and his perspective on what future monitoring would look like. The following decisions were made around roundtable objectives:

- Continue to support existing monitoring partnerships
- Identify air quality data gaps (spatial, temporal)
- Address air quality data gaps, which could include but not be limited to siting future monitoring locations, acquisition of monitoring equipment, training and coordination of volunteers, and sharing of data
- Support post-secondary students doing air quality research by supporting funding applications and connecting them with this roundtable

c. *Air Quality Action Initiatives*

Marc Solomon noted that the City of Kamloops has developed a new anti-idling program that will be launched soon. Marc and Mike have both received information about an upcoming woodstove exchange program funding invitation from MOE, and the City will be preparing a funding application. The following decisions were made around roundtable objectives:

- Support implementation of actions identified in City of Kamloops Airshed Management Plan (reinforces above objective)
- Land use, densification and growth is included in the City of Kamloops Airshed Management Plan; no specific role for this roundtable
- Focus of this roundtable is Kamloops airshed; agreed not to get into smoking, zoning for anti-smoking, or healthy built environment content
- City of Kamloops will take the lead on woodstove exchange program
- Industry will implement their own initiatives, as they always have done, with the ability to measure impacts
- Share existing resources, ideas, information, and cost-share for future air quality action initiatives
- Review and improve open burning bylaws (including non-regulated backyard burning) in TNRD, TtS and surrounding jurisdictions
- Initiate a behavior-change program connected to air quality education initiatives

4. Draft Terms of Reference

See document named *Kamloops Air Quality draft TOR 28aug15.doc* that is circulated with this meeting summary for the latest draft terms of reference.

5. New and Emerging Information

Ralph highlighted the key findings in the [Southern Interior Air Zone Report \(2011-2013\)](#) for the federal Comprehensive Air Management System (CAMS).

6. Next Steps

The following are next steps arising from this meeting:

- Continue to meet at TRU, but determine whether parking passes can be distributed in advance, and clarify appropriate parking lots
- FBC to follow up with organizations not represented here today
- FBC to seek date on next meeting in an emailed poll – aim for mid-October

Next meeting agenda:

- Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable presentation – how they are structured, what they do, what can we learn from them
- Draft terms of reference – finalize
- Education objective – what resources exist; who's doing what already; what gaps exist; what does this roundtable want to do; key audiences; key messages and consistency; education methodologies (web, print, behavior-change programs)