

**Kamloops Air Quality Roundtable
Meeting Summary as at Sept 26, 2016**

Location: TRU Campus, Kamloops

Meeting Date: May 2, 2016, 9:00AM to 12:00PM

Present

Alex Bursac, City of Kamloops (Environmental Services)

Kristin Dangelmaier, Domtar

James Gordon, TRU - Office of Sustainability and Environment (to 11:40AM)

Ted Howe, TRU - Education (to 10:50AM)

Josephine Howitt, City of Kamloops (Sustainability)

Gina Morris, Kamloops Moms for Clean Air (KMFCFA)

Kate Parsons, KGHM Ajax

Mike Simpson, Fraser Basin Council (FBC)

1. Welcome, Introductions, Review Agenda and Objectives

Mike Simpson welcomed everyone, Secwepemc territory was acknowledged, and introductions were made around the room. The agenda was approved as presented.

Quorum was not reached; there were neither First Nations government nor health authority representatives in attendance. As such, any decisions from today's meeting will require a follow up from Mike Simpson to those representatives for input.

2. February 22, 2016 Meeting Summary

Mike brought forward one correction raised by Allan Michener: item 5, last bullet has been changed to read "bylaw *in place* for prohibition of the sale and/or use of outdoor wood boilers;" it previously incorrectly stated it was being developed. The meeting summary from February 22, 2016 was approved by those present.

3. Financial Status, Budget Update, Clarifying Fraser Basin Council's Role

Fraser Basin Council (FBC) operates on a March 31 fiscal year end. Mike reported that of the \$12 000 in contributions received in 2015/16, \$11 000 was spent and \$1000 would be carried forward to fiscal year 2016/17 for the Kamloops Air Quality Roundtable.

Mike also reported that following the request for \$10 000 in funding contributions from the last meeting to support the roundtable, the following commitments have been made:

- \$1000 from the City of Kamloops
- \$5000 from KGHM Ajax Mines
- \$2000 from Thompson Rivers University

An additional \$2000 is desirable to ensure there is sufficient budget to support the roundtable, but it was agreed to proceed and monitor the expenses.

Mike also highlighted a key decision coming from the February 22 meeting, that FBC's role would be to convene and facilitate the Roundtable up to 4 times per year, provide some support between meetings, and maintain the website but not to deliver "program content." Member organizations and orders of government will implement and carry out the tasks identified; many are things they may be doing anyway.

4. Draft Website

It was confirmed that the low-cost approach is for the domain name for communications purposes be www.kamloopsairquality.ca and FBC hosts it on a subpage of FBC's website. This avoids the expense of developing and hosting a separate site, which can cost thousands.

Draft website pages were circulated in advance of the meeting for members to review; they were reviewed on-screen at a high level, and feedback was sought on the layout, the content, the messaging. The following feedback was received:

- Put an optimistic photo on main page, not the smoke cloud that is not representative of most Kamloops days. Use this photo elsewhere, but not first page.
- Photo credits are needed
- The Air Quality page is too text heavy; incorporate drop-down menus to display the topics beyond "what is it?;" consider graphs to display current levels and guidelines rather than text
- On AQ page, keep focus on PM_{2.5} and that this is the critical health concern
- On main page, on right-hand sidebar, BC Air Quality: suggest to click on Federal building downtown and selecting PM_{2.5}
- On the What Can You Do page, reword them to be a bit more positive, not negative, and add some suggestions around sustainable transportation (transit, bicycles, carpooling), have links to bylaws, building efficiency options. [Josephine to email Mike some suggested improvements to wording, and additional actions which those present endorsed.]

Mike confirmed that on the Resources page, under Kamloops Air Quality Roundtable, that approved meeting summaries would be posted.

It was also discussed whether now is the right time to release a website, given sensitivities of the KGHM proposed mine, its review and focus on air quality impacts. After discussing the pros and cons of waiting to release a website, or releasing it now, it was agreed to proceed.

5. Clean Air Day

Post-meeting, it was confirmed that Clean Air Day will be Wednesday June 8 (not June 1 as originally suggested).

Clean Air Day plans and possibilities were discussed. Josephine noted that while the City has hosted events in the past, resources for this year were put into the Green Living Expo held April 30 instead. She noted that while the City does not have existing plans for Clean Air Day 2016, but that they would be willing to pay for and help coordinate an Air Quality booth at the Wednesday Farmers' Market downtown, as well as printing materials, promotion and signage. No other members present had existing Clean Air Day plans.

While the offer from the City was appreciated, those present felt that it would be too rushed to pull together content, and that the Roundtable is still in its infancy and doesn't have enough content to support an information booth this year.

It was agreed to do a media release on Clean Air Day, with the following key messages:

- The Kamloops Air Quality Roundtable has formed in June 2015, it involves local and provincial governments, health authorities, First Nations, industry, academia and interest groups and its purpose is to enable communication, information sharing and collaboration that is science-based and recognizes environmental, social/health and economic perspectives
- A website has been created to compile relevant information for the lay-person about what air quality contaminants are measured, what the health risks are, current levels in Kamloops, and existing education resources

6. Information Sharing Roundtable

Those present were invited to share anything relevant to the purpose of the roundtable. A very brief highlight is captured below:

- Ted noted that the B.Ed. program for secondary school teachers has an increasing science and tech focus, and that they could partner with SD73. Social justice and sustainability issues are also embedded in the B.Ed. program. Students doing their teaching practicums could also incorporate air quality content into their lesson plans
- Alex noted that global positioning systems (GPS) are in city vehicles; this will reduce fuel consumption by up to 25% through adjusting driving habits. City purchased Owl Road landfill, will address dust through a filling and closure plan, access changes
- Josephine noted that the transportation master plan is underway, to be finalized in 2017; KAMPLAN is being updated; idling reduction strategies are underway with City staff, and community based social marketing approach for idling is being explored
- James noted analysis of staff regional travel resulted in purchasing 2 hybrid and 1 electric vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; Trades and Technology program is starting an electric vehicle maintenance program; Bike to Work week is May 30 to June 3; Casual Shirt Days is three days the week of June 13
- Kristin noted that Domtar is working towards elimination of one of the lower valley boiler stacks; all emissions from the recovery boiler will now only discharge through the upper valley stack.
- Kate noted that there will be a positive media campaign soon for KGHM
- Gina noted that Kamloops Moms for Clean Air hired Dr. Douw Steyn of UBC to help review the air quality assessment section of KGHM's application, and it was submitted to the environmental assessment process; they sought input from park users in early April; and they are looking at finding an idle-free spokesman from a car dealership to help bust myths; looking at TD Bank for funding

7. Work Plan and Budget for 2016

A draft work plan and budget, which was distributed by email in advance of the meeting, was discussed briefly. Mike noted that this is a compilation of possible actions that have been raised at previous roundtable meetings in 2015, associated with the four objectives.

8. Next Steps

ACTIONS:

- Member organizations to consider funding the Roundtable through FBC - \$2000 needed
- Mike to have website content and layout revised based on today's feedback, and re-circulate to Roundtable members by end of May
- Mike to prepare a media release for Clean Air Day June 8
- Mike to follow up with Jim Gudjonson re: presentation next meeting (see below)
- Mike to explore other possible presentations for future meetings: Domtar operations; Lafarge operations and biosolids

Next Meeting Date

- Tentatively scheduled for **September 2016**. Mike to seek date with a doodle poll in late summer.

Next Meeting Agenda

- Meeting summary approvals - Feb 22, May 2
- Website - feedback, assessment of its release, utility
- Possible presentation on TRU/City district energy system using pellets, including technical specifications, air quality impacts, economic considerations cost/benefit compared to natural gas heating
- Information sharing roundtable (minimum 30min)