

## **2011-Jun-28 Minutes - draft**

Written by admin on August 22nd, 2011

Meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 2011

Trail City Hall – Meeting Room No. 2

7:00 pm

### Committee Members in Attendance:

Dieter Bogs, Chair, City of Trail Mike Patterson, Teck Trail Operations

Ron Joseph, Community Rep. Graham Kenyon, Community Rep.

Jacque Johnson, Interior Health Authority Karin Goodison, Community Rep.

John Crozier, Councillor, Village of Warfield Marylynn Rakuson, Community Rep.

### Others in Attendance:

Andrea McCormick, SNC-Lavalin Environment Bruce Enns, SNC-Lavalin Environment

Ruth Beck, Circle B Services Christina Pistner, Kootenay Skills Connection

Steve Hilts, Teck Metals Ltd. Sonia Tavares, Success by 6

Dr. Nelson Ames, retired MHO

MEETING MINUTES: Dated April 6, 2011 (approval deferred)

### Premier's Award

Ruth reported on the Premier's award presented to THEC for the partnership category in the interior/north region. We viewed the YouTube video created by the province for the award announcements. The link is: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGBIt2zZydY>

Chris read out a congratulatory letter from the Village of Fruitvale.

ACTION: Contact Brad re: the small certificates to be distributed to THEC members – (Chris)

## **REPORTS**

Air Quality – Mike Patterson, Teck. Report attached.

Air Quality Program - reviewed report

Lead levels in Butler Park in the first two quarters of 2011 were lower than the first two quarters of 2010 but increased from the last quarter of 2010. The last quarter of 2010 had a major maintenance shutdown of the lead and zinc operations.

Arsenic levels continued their significant decrease in the second quarter of 2011.

Fugitive Emissions Reduction Plan 2011 – Teck continues to pursue emissions reduction from stockpiles, buildings, and roads. The committee reviewed details from the reduction plan for balance of 2011 (report page 3). A consultant report is expected in July re. fugitive dust emissions from the Kivcet smelter due to a “chimney effect” inside the building.

### Dust Control:

A community concern was brought to a committee member regarding dust control in Rivervale.

ACTION: Draft a letter for Dieter's signature to Linda Worley, Area B Director, with a formal invitation to attend a meeting to discuss this issue (include asking about what equipment is being used) - (Ruth)  
Discussion of material storage and handling plan – Teck has a multi-business-area task group working to develop a long-term stockpile management strategy.

ACTION: At the September meeting, provide a report on the conceptual plan and identified material storage and handling priorities - (Mike)

Discussion on new technologies of sweepers – Teck was able to do street sweeping much earlier this year due to the weather in February; Teck has tested some new sweeper technology with good results and is waiting for a recommendation from the Technical Support & Property Services Dept. re: pur-

chase.

Question: What is the correlation between dustfall figures and blood lead levels?

ACTION: Report on dustfall monitoring at the September meeting - (Mike)

#### Family Health:

Interior Health – Jacquie Johnson, Report attached

Fall Blood Lead Clinic Results – Preparation is currently underway using 3 IH databases; Jacquie is in final stages of accessing an MSP database that may provide additional names or at least confirm names we already have.

Community Education & Contact – 11 sandboxes have been given out to families. The criteria are: case mgmt. families first, then families with young children 1-3 yrs and 4-5 yrs, in targeted areas, and first come first served. West Kootenay Sand & Gravel provides free clean sand to fill boxes. Met with Building Beautiful Babies in April; displays at Family Action Days forum and Teddy Bear Picnic (this led to new signups for Sept. clinic)

Point of Care: Jacquie is in discussions with Val McKenzie, the IH Point of Care testing coordinator about preparations for the trial. We are finalizing trial details and then will focus on communication for parents.

Continuing Education – Jacquie attended National Healthy Homes & Lead Poisoning Prevention Training Centre in May, receiving information on blood lead data surveillance programs. Jacquie is in discussion with IH's IT Department on how we can improve or replace the current data surveillance program. The City of Trail and SNC may have data that would be useful in a robust, GIS mapping capable surveillance program.

ACTION: Send the link to a 6 minute video on Healthy Homes to committee - (Jacquie)

(Note: Link attached here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZnqfa821eM> )

Jacquie noted that US states have varying intervention levels from 5-15 µg/dL.

Jacquie described the “healthy homes” approach to lead exposure prevention now being promoted in the US. This more holistic approach would mean a shift to a broader home assessment when doing client visits, including checking for signs of molds, pests, dust, radon, injury hazards, other contaminants etc).

#### Park & Wildlands: Verbal report provided by Steve Hilts, Teck

Parks – SNC has done soil testing at city parks and playgrounds. A report has been sent to City of Trail. Only one park has any elevated metals - Tadanac Reg Stone Park soccer field. SNC may want to do more soil investigation to confirm elevated metals. No metals were found in the playground area.

ACTION: Follow up with Larry Abenante at the City - (Andrea & Dieter)

Wildlands – Teck is working with the Ministry of Environment to determine how to assess the ecological value of broad, regional remediation in relation to Teck's specific metal level exceedences within narrower defined areas. The Ministry has asked Teck to propose an approach.

Regarding Teck's management of its own lands, current activities include: working with fire authorities on wildfire risk reduction in urban interface areas; ecological risk assessment work; developing conservation covenants; and conducting restoration in areas where there have been large disturbances.

Regarding groundwater, Teck has produced a conceptual remediation plan regarding the ammonium sulphate plume. The plan is currently being reviewed by the Ministry of Environment. Once the MoE review is complete, Teck will share the plan with THEC.

Question: What is the plan for remediation of barren slopes along the river along Casino Road in Trail?

Answer: Teck is aware of this area and is assessing what action might be needed.

Home & Garden: Community Program Office – Andrea McCormick, SNC Lavalin Environment Report reviewed (see attached).

Bruce Enns will be taking over for Andrea when she goes on maternity leave in Sept.

Work is continuing on soil testing and remediation. With the wet spring, no dust suppression has been needed.

New banners have been purchased for outreach.

ACTION: Bring banners to the September meeting (Bruce)

Home & Garden Days were a big success. Home Hardware's reopening on May 14 was particularly successful, with 160 people getting information on the Home Reno Support Program. The number of HRSP requests is almost at the 2010 total, and we're just half way through the year.

Starting in September, the Program Office will be acting as an access point in Trail regarding the distribution of radon test kits. This fits with the Healthy Homes approach previously discussed. Gary Barrett of Golder Associates gave a presentation on radon in the Kootenays to the Program Team today.

ACTION: Send a copy of Gary's presentation to the Committee, including Healthy Homes slides (Andrea)

It was noted that it would be interesting to track numbers of radon kits given out next year and see if requests for home reno support and/or soil testing & remediation increase due to increased office traffic.

ACTION: Prepare public communications on radon and why THEC is facilitating access to testing kits (Ruth & Andrea)

Property Development: Ruth Beck, Program Manager

Copies of City of Trail letter to Ministry of Environment and Ministry response were included in agenda package.

ACTION: City of Trail is setting up a meeting with MoE at the UBCM in September, including Warfield and Area B reps (Dieter)

Program Planning and Operations: Ruth Beck, Program Manager

Reviewed report (attached)

Family Action Days: Approximately 50-60 people attended the public forum and over 30 people participated in the action planning session. A Family Action Day "leadership group" is forming under the umbrella of Success by 6. THEC still has an important role to play in making sure that the actions move ahead. A survey of parents re. what would make Greater Trail better for their family had 30 responses prior to forum and another 80-90 were filled out at Teddy Bear Picnic in June.

Some actions being taken as follow up to Family Action Days are:

- Pursue creation of a social development function for Greater Trail

Question: Who is heading up the movement to get a Social Development Coordinator?

Answer: Jan Morton at Skills Centre is working on a Social Planning Council

- Create a central hub for families in downtown Trail

- Invite a representative from Revelstoke give a presentation on their community successes at the September meeting of Success by 6

The Columbia Basin Trust is interested in supporting projects that might come from this initiative. This is part of their wider mandate to support "health" rather than health care services per se.

The SD20 leadership wasn't involved in Family Action Days. After hearing from Clyde about the importance of this, and with a new superintendent coming on board this fall, it may be a good time to reach out and involve them in this initiative.

AKBM will be hosted in Trail in 2012 and Dieter has approached Clyde Hertzman to speak;

Question: What is the BC government's Family First program going to look like?

ACTION: draft a memo from THEC and City of Trail on the Family Action Days initiative and ECD info to Premier Christy Clark (Ruth, Sonia)

Dieter expressed thanks on behalf of City of Trail for all the work that went into Family Action Days.

Community Newsletter: the next issue will be distributed after Labour Day weekend and will include the fall blood lead clinic, family health & nutrition, home & garden and reno news, info on radon test kits

(using BC Health File info on radon), a link to Premier's award video, and a community question from public consultation.

ACTION: send the BC Health File link to Ruth (Jacquie)

ACTION: include Health File link on radon in fall newsletter (Ruth)

ACTION: Ask Mike Hopher to increase the size of the words "Health & Environment Committee" in the THEP logo, to be used in future communications. (Ruth)

Website revamp: new timeline sees this going live in mid Feb 2012

Executive Committee: Ruth provided a verbal report.

THEC terms of reference: Ruth brought a draft version of document for discussion. The new draft includes Electoral Area B added to Committee member list and removal of Chamber of Commerce and JL Crowe students. The words "of the interests" will be added to "...broadly reflective of the interests of the community" in the sentence about Committee members. The quorum was increased to 6. It was requested that Cominco be removed from Teck's name. Confidentiality clauses approved.

Recruitment of new members on THEC

Karin Goodison is moving out of the community. We currently have 4 community representatives.

ACTION: contact Jennica Chantal as a potential new community rep on committee. Find out about her childcare needs and let her know that THEC will cover the costs of the childcare that she approves (Chris)

ACTION: contact several families as potential new community reps for committee (Dieter)

ACTION: if the above actions don't succeed in recruitment of new public representation (parents with young children), advertise for new members in the newsletter – let Ruth know by mid August (Committee)

Public Consultation Report: Ruth Beck

Binders of the consultation Final Report were distributed as follows: City of Trail-2; Area B-1; Warfield-1; IH-1; Teck-2; Brad, MoE-2; Ruth-1; Trail Public Library-1; SNC Program office-1.

5 year Plan: Current status is that Brad is checking with MoE re. a presentation Steve made on a proposed "remediation plan" outline in 2008.

ACTION: send information on that 2008 presentation to Brad (Steve)

ACTION: Teck to meet with the Steering Committee (MoE, Nelson & Victoria) re. the public consultation results, 5 yr plan, and ecological risk reports (Steve)

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 (to be confirmed)

