

2010-Nov-9 Minutes

Written by admin on February 8th, 2011

Meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Trail City Hall - Meeting Room No. 2,

7:00 pm

Committee Members in Attendance:

Dieter Bogs, Chair, City of Trail

Brad McCandlish, BC Ministry of Environment

Steve Hilts, Teck Trail Operations

Graham Kenyon, Community Rep

Marylynn Rakuson, Community Rep

Jacque Johnson, Interior Health

John Crozier, Councillor, Village of Warfield

Others in Attendance:

Mike Patterson, Teck Trail Operations

Andrea McCormick, SNC-Lavalin Environment

Sonia Tavares, Success by 6

Ray Masleck, Trail Daily Times

Ruth Beck, Circle B Services

MEETING MINUTES: Dated September 14, 2010

Accepted as presented.

REPORTS

Family Health: Blood Lead Clinic Results: Interior Health - Jacquie Johnson, Teck (air quality) - Steve Hilts

Note: The blood lead clinic presentation is attached to the minutes.

The average blood lead level is 4.9 µg/dL, not significantly different from last year. 88% of participating children tested under 10 µg/dL.

Question: Why 6-36 months?:

Answer: The peak time for elevated blood lead levels is 24 months. We test up to 60 months for case management and people new to the community.

Question: When do kids start going outside so that perhaps soil becomes more important? What factors

influence where they get exposed?

Answer: Under 18 months, indoor dust exposure makes the main

contribution to blood lead levels. For children over 18 months, the correlation with soil is stronger but both outdoor and indoor exposures contribute to blood lead levels. The participation rate was 59% this year compared with 74% last year. 91/153 participated. Reasons for not participating were: not interested (23), no contact/calls not returned (18), no show to clinic (12) lost contact information (9).

When asked why they weren't interested, parents' answers conveyed that that they didn't feel their children were at risk or they don't like testing with a needle. In response to these issues, the option of testing with an instant machine could be investigated. It gives an instant read-out based on a finger-prick sample, and it's portable. The main drawback with the portable device is that blood collected by finger prick is more prone to contamination so it's not as reliable for precise measurements - above a certain level would still require a venous sample for verification. One possibility to consider is to do annual screenings using a portable device and do a survey by "venipuncture" for comparison against goals in 5 years.

ACTION: Request technical input from an expert or experts regarding this option/decision.

The air quality update was presented by Steve Hilts as part of the blood lead clinic results. There has been a request to present and discuss Teck's detailed plans for 2011.

ACTION: Steve to prepare a presentation on Teck's 2011 plans for the February 8 meeting.

Presentation by Success by 6 Coordinator - Sonia Tavares

Sonia Tavares made a presentation about Success by 6 in Trail - it's goals, member groups, and the EDI

school readiness testing instrument and its results for Greater Trail. The presentation is attached.

A discussion took place about collaboration between THEC and Success by 6. Discussion points included:

- Objective of collaboration: make Trail special for young kids

- Brainstorming what would make Trail special - include parents, THEC, Success by 6, FAIR, other interested groups/people in the community, could include experts

- Develop goals, describe gaps and opportunities

- Action Planning Day AND Education (including experts)

- Ideas: should the education and action planning be on the same day?, include PACs - Marylynn has some names, need to include childminding for events

The aim is to have people say/think: "I want to live in Trail because it's great for my kids!"

Comment: The metric, the EDI, shows an average of 30% vulnerable in BC, 25% in the Kootenays and 20% for Trail. Therefore, it's important not to give a negative impression.

Response: Success by 6 communicates in a strengths-based approach focusing on the positive.

Comment: The THEC involvement is not to be the "headliner".

Comment: This kind of activity allow THEC to explore broadening the mandate to health and children.

Program Planning and Operations: Report from Program Group - Graham Kenyon

Graham presented a report from the Program Operations Group (attached).

Recommendations include:

- Appoint a Program Manager
- Appoint Ruth Beck pending arranging funding with Teck
- Maintain THEC leadership for THE Program
- Prepare a draft 1 Year Plan
- Initiate discussions re. an Action Planning Day
- Initiate modifying the website

ACTION: Dieter to talk to Steve about issues re. program manager and funding

ACTION: Ruth, Steve and others to complete the draft 1 Year Plan so THEC can have thorough discussion

on Feb. 8. THEC members requested to forward to Dieter their questions, comments or issues on the current draft 1 Year Plan.

Home & Garden: Community Program Office - Andrea McCormick, SNC Lavalin Environment

A Home & Garden written report was provided (attached with these minutes).

Soil Remediation:

This year, SNC remediated 9 full yards (3 of which were case management), 30 gardens and 12 partial yards (case management).

Soil testing:

This year, there were 54 requests for garden soil testing, 17 of which tested > 1,000 ppm or about 30%.

For families with young children, there were 29 soil assessments, 14 of which tested > 1,000 ppm or about 50%. Regarding the testing of the full block of yards, 14 properties were tested, 0 > 5,000 ppm. FYI, the properties were in East Trail, about two blocks from where we tested in 2008.

Home Renovation Support:

The Home Renovation Support Program has had an increase in requests for support since the public consultation. The number of requests were: 8 in September, 10 in October, and 3 to date in November. Marylynn circulated copies of the Communities in Bloom report on the Trail Lead Program

Comment: THEC should partner with Communities in Bloom.

Public Consultation: Report from Consultation Working Group - Ruth Beck, Steve Hilts

The consultation will close on about December 3, with a community newsletter, news release and updated information on the website. Property stakeholders who we met with last year will receive a personal letter informing of the end of the consultation and updating them on property issues. The final

report will be presented at the February meeting.

A final evaluation of the consultation was completed and is attached to these minutes.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 8, 2011