

## **2010-Sept-14 Minutes**

Written by admin on November 14th, 2010

Meeting: Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Trail City Hall – Meeting Room No. 2

7:00 pm

Committee Members in Attendance:

Al Graham, Alternate Chair, City of Trail

Brad McCandlish, BC Ministry of Environment

Steve Hilts, Teck Trail Operations

Clare Dewitt, Community Rep

Graham Kenyon, Community Rep

Dr. Karin Goodison, Community Rep

Jacque Johnson, Interior Health

John Crozier, Councillor, Village of Warfield

Others in Attendance:

Dr. Nelson Ames, former MHO

Mike Patterson, Teck Trail Operations

Andrea McCormick, SNC-Lavalin Environment

Ruth Beck, Circle B Services

MEETING MINUTES: Dated July 6, 2010

Accepted as presented

## REPORTS

Public Consultation: Consultation Working Group Report & Recommendations - Al Graham

Follow up from consultation Phase 1

1. Produce a summary of findings, newsletter, media release, and stakeholder interviews to include as input into developing a 5 Year Plan document

2. Program Implementation Group - Recommend that a program group be established starting now, with volunteers from THEC
3. Move forward to develop the 5 year plan. Phase 2 of the consultation should be deferred pending MoE LRS regulatory change. No timeline for MoE LRS approval at this time. PITG proposed to continue. Interim measure to request that MoE LRS review the Property Development Program and provide written comment. Defer sending for MoE LRS review until 5 Year Plan ready.
4. Propose that Success by 6 make a presentation at the next THEC meeting re. goals, mandate and potential of collaboration with THEC.
5. Two documents to be developed:
  - a. 5 Year Plan to be signed off by THEC members
  - b. 1 year Action/Strategy Plan with budget (annual, starting in 2011). Would include costs that are able to be itemized
6. Update on property issues - City of Trail requested meeting with Minister of Environment at UBCM, inviting Warfield and RDKB Area B to join meeting. Draft briefing note to be sent to CWG, Area B and Warfield for review and comment.
7. Consultation Working Group close to finishing its mandate. Will request closing when all consultation deliverables are complete and approved by THEC.

## Discussion

Short-term: need THEC acceptance that CWG is to finish its mandate soon, and consultation process will conclude with an acceptable 5 Year Plan and recommendations for implementation.

Long-term: need to renew & sustain effective governance and operational leadership structures for THEC, recognizing its unique collaborative structure

THEC continues to recruit members including community members in target client groups

No concerns raised re. continuing to explore collaboration with other community agencies that support early childhood development. This is viewed as a fruitful exploration.

Meeting with the RDKB re. home reno program and property development program

The 1 year action plan offers the Program Group flexibility to operate within the terms of the plan

THEC to consider the need for a Program Manager

Find ways to have ongoing public engagement

## Decisions

Report and recommendations accepted

Program Group established with participation from Steve, Jacquie, Clare, Graham, Al, Dieter (TBC), and Brad (as needed). Consultants to be resources to the Group - Nelson, Ruth, Andrea, other SNC/CPO staff.

Ruth to follow up with Dieter to find out results of his conversation/meeting with the Interior Health local manager with responsibility for decision-making re. the Lead Health Program

Family Health: Interior Health - Jacquie Johnson

New brochures and fridge magnets have been produced (samples circulated). New written resources are under development re. nutrition. Jacquie has been meeting with allied groups including daycares and Success by 6. Blood lead clinics started today and continue on Sept. 17, 23, 24, and 27. This week they're fully booked. During today's clinic, Jacquie obtained an excellent photo and formal permission to use it.

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

A combination Home & Garden and Air Quality written report was provided (attached with these minutes).

Soil Remediation:

SNC is currently working on 8 case management remediations and 6 yards, removing soil to the Teck landfill. Soil testing results (in summary form, not for individual properties) are shared with THEC annually but could be provided more frequently. The soil testing results determine the following year's priorities for remediation and could influence the proposed budget.

The soil remediation pilot project is continuing, based on testing a selected city block each year. The blocks are not necessarily adjacent. Test results can vary within the block. The pace of the soil remediation program is based on the # of soil assessments. If the # of assessments increases, this increases the list of properties awaiting remediation. THEC can consider increasing the pace to assess and remediate more. Also, note that a study of recontamination is underway to assess the effectiveness of remediation. A more detailed report can be presented in November.

Home Renovation Support:

The Home Renovation Support Program has provided service to 42 renovators this year to date, up a bit from a previous average of about 4 per month.

Air Quality: Teck - Steve Hilts

Steve presented an update on lead and arsenic in community air, as measured at the Butler Park station. Lead is down to 0.44 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in the 3rd quarter of 2010. This is still above the 2010 goal of 0.30 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for the end of 2010. The lead smelter was shut down for 12 days in August. It was requested that Steve review community air lead levels during the period of lead smelter shutdown to see if any changes took place. Teck is close to its 2010 goal for arsenic in air. The 3rd quarter air arsenic average at Butler Park was 0.015 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Concerns were raised by a THEC member regarding dust, particulate plumes, sulphur dioxide, dust on cars, and e-waste. Steve noted the following in regards to the stated concerns:

there is a particulate plume from the lead plant. It contains sulphur dioxide. Options are being developed to deal with it. This will be weighed into the priorities for emissions reduction. These options may come back to the THEC for input;

regarding e-waste, monitoring was done prior to approval of the e-waste processing system. If THEC is interested, Teck can provide updates on e-waste processing and emissions. Teck will provide more information at a future THEC meeting;

Decision: Teck to include an e-waste emission report and dustfall monitoring report.

In response to the question “is there more dustfall?”, the answer is “no”. And there’s no more lead settling out except in Tadanac. This points to fugitive emissions settling out close to the source as a more probable explanation than finer, lighter stack emissions.

Question: What about THEC having a regular column in the local paper or media?

Answer: This question will be taken up by the new Program Group.

Draft Report for CBT Water Smart Program

Steve reported on the text of the draft water smart document being prepared by consultants to the Columbia Basin Trust. Some of the text reveals a lack of knowledge of THE Program and of Trail’s dust abatement and lead exposure reduction activities. The Mayor and City Councilor de Rosa want THEC and Steve/Teck to review the draft and suggest appropriate/accurate wording.

Decision: Steve to review and make comments by Thursday. Al and Brad to review as well.

Question: What is Trail’s per capita water consumption?

Parks & Wildlands: Teck - Steve Hilts

Parks

Sampling of soil in city parks is completed and the results will soon be available for review. Parks with playgrounds, picnic tables or sports fields/areas were sampled throughout the City of Trail. The last time this was done was 1989.

Wildlands

This program follows up on the Ecological Risk Assessment to develop a Lower Columbia Environmental Management Plan. A Steering Committee has been formed - Steve sits on it. Teck is in discussion with potential project partners. This activity falls under THE Program’s umbrella. Would THEC like to have an additional representative on the Steering Committee?

Decision: Maintain representation as is.

Property Development Program: Teck - Steve Hilts

Recommendations from the Property Issues Task Group

Submit draft Property Development Program Fact Sheet to Ministry of Environment, Land Remediation Section for review and written response;

Decision: Wait til THEC has approved a 5 Year Plan, then send to MoE LRS with the plan.

Set up a meeting with the RDKB to discuss the Home & Garden Program (HRSP/soil remediation) and Property Development Program including the definition of developer and when the different THEP program components apply

Request for SNC Lavalin Environment staff to meet with realtors.

PITG to continue - next meeting will take place after 5 Year Plan drafted and/or when significant progress made by City/Teck in discussions with the Minister of Environment

How THE Program Works:

Included with Consultation Working Group report

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 (including report on blood lead clinics & Success by 6 presentation)