



## Trail Area Health & Environment Committee

# Minutes

**Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 7:00 p.m.**  
*City of Trail Committee Room, Spokane St. Entrance*

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### **Committee Members:**

Mike Martin, Chair, City of Trail  
Mark Tinholt, Teck Trail Operations  
Brad McCandlish, BC Ministry of Environment  
Dawn Tomlin, Interior Health  
Jeannine Stefani, Interior Health  
Tiffany Armstrong, Community Rep.  
Sonia Tavares, Community Rep.

Ron Joseph, Community Rep.  
Diane Langman, Councilor, Village of Warfield  
Marylynn Rakuson, Community Rep.  
Craig Adams, Community Rep.  
Steve Como, USWA Local 480  
Brandi Thirsk, Community Rep.

### **Invitees:**

Dale Webb, Teck Trail Operations  
Cindy Hall, SNC-Lavalin Inc.  
Ruth Beck, Program Manager  
Richard Deane, Teck Trail Operations  
Bill Jankola, Teck Trail Operations

Steve Hilts, Teck Resources Ltd.  
Angelique Rosenthal, Teck Trail Operations  
Andrea McCormick, SNC-Lavalin Inc.  
Liz Anderson, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

### **Moment of reflection for Graham Kenyon**

### **Nomination of New THEC Member**

**MOTION:** Ron Joseph moved to have Tiffany Armstrong join the THEC as a Community Representative. Mark Tinholt seconded. Carried.

### **MEETING MINUTES: Dated February 17, 2015**

Approve minutes from February 17, 2015. No discussion, minutes adopted.

### **PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Program Updates & Business Arising:**

##### ***Family Health - Interior Health Report; report attached***

Jeannine provided an update on Family Health Program activities. Two items to add to the report: Jeannine has approval to attend the Motivational Interviewing workshops in May; and there's an additional item to add under Outreach: Ready Set Learn on May 26.

##### ***Air Quality - Air Quality Update (Teck Trail Operations); report attached***

Mark presented the update for Teck. Of note is the lower total suspended particulate lead (TSP) this quarter. Mark also reported that the Xact monitors are both back up and running. Mike commented that the lower TSP is an encouraging trend. Steve provided clarification that the Butler Park station is more representative of the populated areas. This year, the wind has been more to the north, yet we're still not seeing an increase in TSP in the first quarter as in previous years. Mike commented that it is remarkable to see the trend downward and he is looking forward to the Fugitive Dust Reduction Program presentation later in the meeting.

Mark continued the update with the annual average of arsenic in ambient air. Steve pointed out that we use the Alberta objective for arsenic as it is the most relevant one.

Mark noted that the Air Quality Technical Working Group (AQTWG) did not meet and, as such, there is no update. There will be an update at the next THEC meeting.

***Home & Garden - Community Program Office Report (SNC-Lavalin); report attached***  
Andrea presented highlights from recent activities. Of note, the Home & Garden team is now offering Yard Conditioning (aeration, topdressing, fertilizer applications etc.) to rejuvenate ground cover on Healthy Families Healthy Homes properties that are below the threshold for remediation and have poor ground cover (but good enough that it doesn't need replacement). Andrea also highlighted the progress being made in development of the Lead-Safe Home Renovation Program. Cindy spoke about the lead-safe training in Chicago and highlighted the resources and connections she gathered there. Cindy also mentioned she was able to share our program document as a resource with other attendees. Ruth pointed out some upcoming events that the H&G team will be attending, especially our H&G Day at Home Hardware and Columbia Valley Greenhouses on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Cindy added the Trail Outdoor Market as an event this year; we'll attend once a month and have a different theme each time to call attention to a particular aspect of our programs (e.g. garden soil sampling, Home Renovation Support, Healthy Families Healthy Homes, etc).

***Program Planning & Operations - Program Manager Report; report attached***  
Ruth presented the Program Manager's Report and highlighted the upcoming Motivational Interviewing workshop in May. Sonia added that there are 20 people signed up already. Ruth continued her presentation and provided a short presentation on the role and activities of the Program Manager. Mark added that there's a funding agreement between the City and Teck. Dawn and Mike commended Ruth on her excellent work. Ruth provided an update from FAN: the first mobile screening day (like Ages & Stages) in Rossland was a success; 21 children participated. Jeannine explained that mobile refers to the service providers leaving Trail to give the screening in a separate community. FAN has also announced that its Website will launch in September 2015.

***Executive Committee Report; verbal report***

Ruth delivered the report from the Executive meeting that occurred earlier in the day:

1. *Next THEC meeting dates proposed by the Executive*  
- July 7<sup>th</sup>; September 8<sup>th</sup>; November 24<sup>th</sup>

The THEC members agreed and these dates were accepted.

**ACTION:** Liz to send out Outlook Meeting reminders to the members and invited guests.

2. *Draft Abridgement and the letter entitled "Perspective on the Program from a Community Member of the Committee"*

Ruth explained that while Graham Kenyon wrote the original draft of the Abridgement document, we were unable to keep all of his writing as it didn't exactly correspond to the THEP document. Consequently, Ruth Beck and Ruth Hull have compiled a two-pager of Graham's writing that offers his perspective on the program and retains the heart of his writing. The letter would be placed at the beginning of the Abridgement as a sort of 'preamble'. Ruth would like to share the drafts with the THEC and specifically asks member's opinion on the ordering of the sections in the Abridgement. Ruth needs feedback soon as Mike would like to hand the completed Abridgement out to the LCDDT

in June (June 18<sup>th</sup>). Ruth added that currently the Abridgement is in draft form, but will include many photos once complete.

3. *Spring Newsletter*

Ruth provided an overview of the proposed contents of our upcoming Spring Newsletter:

- a. H&G Days Event May 30
- b. Relevant tips – spring cleaning, check your furnace filter, vacuum filters and bag replacements at the CPO (Community Program Office)
- c. Home Renovation Support Program (HRSP) tips, encourage connection with the CPO so we can further engage during renovations, can even to on-site to set up
- d. Fall Blood Lead Level clinic planning message to parents
- e. Specific messaging for expectant parents
- f. A tribute to Graham Kenyon
- g. Many photos of families and children

Ruth also mentioned that she'd like to post the newsletter to the City's Facebook page.

4. *Thank you letter to the US CDC for tuition funding at the Chicago training*

**MOTION:** Mark moved that the THEC write a letter thanking Jack Anderson for organizing the US CDC Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Training in Chicago that Cindy and Bruce attended. Craig seconded. Carried.

**ACTION:** Ruth to draft a thank-you letter for Mike to sign and the City to send out.

5. *Program Team report*

Ruth relayed two requests from the community: one from incrEDIBLE Trail and one from FAN. It was decided that the THEP will sponsor a garden box for incrEDIBLE Trail. The box will have the THEP logo on it. Mike commented that a nice aspect of the garden box project is that the produce grown in the box will be donated to Kate's Kitchen and the other two food banks in town. Andrea clarified that the edible route is happening again this year. Regarding FAN's request, the Community Program Office has been approved to install a change table in the front bathroom and offer it as a Comfort Station through FAN. The Program Team is going to continue discussing further changes to create a welcoming atmosphere to our client families.

**Community Check-in**

Ron Joseph brought up recent street sweeping activities around Trail and commented that the street sweepers are failing to adequately wet the road before sweeping. He also noted the unpaved alleys in east Trail and mentioned they are dust generators. There is a dust suppression program, but it's only done once a year and isn't always effective. Ron would like the City to take a look at the alleys and see what they can do about it (he specified the alleys between Columbia Ave and Second Ave, as well as Victoria to Gyro and Victoria to near the Safeway parking lot). Mike can raise the question at Council. Mark commented that Teck funds the dust suppression spraying, while the City provides the physical work. Also, Teck is testing for safe antifreeze that they can spray during the colder months without creating an ice hazard. Ruth asked if it would be dog-safe. Mark said that this would be one of the questions and Brad added that the Ministry of Environment is also involved. The issue of street sweeping will be added to the AQTWG agenda and Mike will follow up with City staff. Ron invited Mike to attend the next AQTWG.

Steve mentioned that street sweeping was also discussed at the Program Team meeting and suggested that it would be a good idea to bring city workers on board and educate them to be proactive and stop sweeping if they notice they're generating excessive dust.

**Presentations:**

***Fugitive Dust Reduction Program Update***

Bill Jankola presented and encouraged questions. Mike offered kudos to the efforts being made by Teck. Ruth thanked Bill on the excellent presentation.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm