

2011-Apr-6 Minutes

Written by admin on June 2nd, 2011

Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2011

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
Jacquie Johnson, Interior Health Authority
John Crozier, Councillor, Village of Warfield
Craig Adams, Community Rep.
Marylynn Rakuson, Community Rep.
Diane Gagnon, Interior Health Authority

Others in Attendance:

Mike Patterson, Teck Trail Operations
Greg Belland, Teck Trail Operations
Andrea McCormick, SNC-Lavalin Environment
Ruth Beck, Circle B Services
Christina Pistner, Kootenay Skills Connection

MEETING MINUTES: Dated February 8, 2011

MOTION: Moved: John Crozier, seconded: Andrea McCormick. Accepted as presented

REPORTS

Family Health:

Interior Health – Jacquie Johnson, Report attached

Winter Blood Lead Clinic Results – only 1 result came back greater than 10 micrograms per deciliter. As this child was already in case management, no new case management children were identified.

Case Management – soil testing on properties of current case management families has led to 6 properties that will have remediation

Community Education & Contact – the hand washing station was used by Andrea at the beginning of April; also used at the Strong Start program featured in the video shoot for the Premier's Award

Portable Finger Prick Blood Lead Testing Machine: An application has been made to IHA to purchase this machine and there is a complex and rigorous testing procedure that has to be undertaken for approval, don't expect to have any answer on this until late 2011, early 2012

Continuing Education – Jacquie has received a scholarship from the UD CDC to attend a Data Management training session in May in Chicago hosted by National Healthy Homes & Lead Poisoning Prevention Training Centre

ACTION: THEC to send a thank you letter to the US CDC for their support of Jacquie's training. (Ruth to draft, Dieter to sign, with information supplied by Jacquie)

Welcomed Diane Gagnon from Interior Health to be a member of the Committee. Diane outlined the roles and involvement of IHA professionals. Specifically, Diane will sit as a member of the THEC, attending regular meetings and providing IHA decision-making authority. Diane will link with Ann Clarotto in Public Health and Dr. Andrew Larder, Senior MHO, as needed. Dr. Larder is available to provide clinical MHO support to the THEC on an as needed basis. Diane confirmed that Valerie Pitman and Maggie Haley should be copied on THEC agendas & minutes.

ACTION: IHA to provide an organizational chart to the THEC (Diane)

Air Quality – Steve Hilts, Teck. Report attached.

Air Quality Program - reviewed report

Lead levels in Butler Park – we have seen a decrease in levels for first quarter of 2011

Arsenic levels – a significant decrease in levels for first quarter of 2011

Question: Why is the arsenic level so much lower?

Answer: We are cautiously optimistic that will be a continuing trend but we speculate the reason is due to improvements in the Continuous Drossing Furnace made during the Nov. 2009 shutdown and to improvements in arsenic filtration related to the Refinery Scrubber Stack.

Fugitive Emissions Reduction Plan 2011 – reviewed plan included in attached report

Follow up to question re. Feb. 8 Teck report – Mike Patterson corrected his response from last meeting, stating that there is biological monitoring in place for cadmium, in one plant with about 20 employees.

Dust Control:

Dieter is having on-going conversations with the Watersmart Committee re: street flushing.

Information (1995 letter and a recent memo from Emcon) on sweeping in Rivervale has been passed on to Linda Worley, Area B rep; Craig noted the disposal system from the sweeping trucks involves dumping the collected material over the bank onto the side of the highway.

Question: Does Emcon have the expertise to effectively deal with dust and dirt collected, do they need training or a more comprehensive plan?

Answer: none given

ACTION: Dieter to follow up with Linda Worley and the Trail City Manager, then approach Emcon about frequency of sweeping and dust disposal

Discussion on new technologies of sweepers – Teck is planning to test a number of different types on site in the next year to determine the best method to use

Park & Wildlands: No Report

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

Report reviewed (see attached).

Upcoming events- Open house at Community Program Office, May 7; Building Centre days – Home Hardware, May 14; Maglios and Columbia Valley Greenhouses, May 21

Planning to meet with RDKB and provide them with HRSP brochures for distribution by building inspectors and staff who process building permits.

Question: What is the scope of the RBKB's involvement?

Answer: just education and awareness, and having them promote our brochures and information through building inspectors and permit dept.

In response to last meeting's question on providing radon test kits – Andrea outlined her conversations with Golder Assoc. in Castlegar. Golder is pleased to have us make the kits available at the Community Program Office and they will look after the testing of the used kits. People taking kits are encouraged to make a \$15 donation and to provide their test results to Golder, which is compiling regional results.

ACTION: Invite Gary Barrett from Golder to our next meeting to do a presentation (Andrea)

Property Development: Ruth Beck, Program Manager

The new Minister of Environment is Dr. Terry Lake

ACTION: THEC to send letter outlining history of legislative amendment discussions (Dieter, Ruth)

Program Planning and Operations: Ruth Beck, Program Manager's Report attached.

Reviewed report

Family Action Day: Reviewed upcoming events May 19/20, 2011. THEC members are encouraged to attend.

Newsletter: next issue will be distributed May 9/10 and will include focus on new changes to program, family health & nutrition, home & garden and reno news, Family Action Days poster. The fall newsletter is planned for late August.

Premier's Award: Valerie, Brad, Dieter and Ruth participated in filming of the video; we will hear in April when the award will be announced and when video will be available

One Year Plan: Craig commented it would be good to let community know how much financial support is being put into the work of this committee, what Teck's investment is, and how that benefits the community as a whole.

Comment: Mike noted that the 1 Year Plan document is not suitable for public communications e.g. posting to the website in its current form

ACTION: Teck to look at the plan and determine what's appropriate regarding the suggestion of informing the community about the level of investment made in THE Program (Steve, Mike)

DECISION: Consensus of group is to accept draft plan as the working operational plan for 2011, with the potential modifications as noted in the Action Item above.

5 Year Plan, Working Group:

ACTION: THEC to strike a working group with participation of committee members

- Steve will be the project lead for the 5 Year Plan
- Brad will confirm proposed govt. legislation and regulation changes
- Working Group to include Steve, Brad, Jacquie, likely Graham Kenyon (Need to confirm)
- Working Group needs to discuss role of THEC in developing remediation plan noting that Teck has the ultimate responsibility to develop and deliver on the plan
- THEC will endorse the plan
- Ruth to incorporate THEC comments into revised Working Group Terms of Reference

Public Consultation Report: Ruth brought copies of 4 pages of report that have been rewritten in table format listing the public consultation methodologies employed. It shows how thorough the process was.

Executive Committee: Ruth provided a verbal report.

THEC terms of reference: Brief review of Terms of Reference including comments.

ACTION: Ruth to revise the draft ToR for review and discussion at the next THEC meeting.

Need to have representatives from Area B RDKB in attendance (Dieter, Chris)

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Values Exercise

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 28, 2011 – note date has been changed