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MINUTES

Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Trail City Hall – Meeting Room No. 2

7:00 pm

Committee Members Present:

Dieter Bogs, Chair, City of Trail Alternate: Councillor Al Graham

Dr. Nelson Ames, Interior Health Authority

Brad McCandlish, BC Ministry of Environment

Steve Hilts, Teck Trail Operations

Valerie Pitman, Interior Health Authority

Graham Kenyon, Community Rep.

John Crozier, Councillor, Village of Warfield

Ron Joseph, Community Rep.

Marylynn Rakuson, Community Rep.

Clare Dewitt, Community Rep.

Craig Adams, Community Rep.

Others in Attendance:

Gurinder Saini, Interior Health

Andrea McCormick, SNC Lavalin Environment

Darin Cooper, Mike Martin – Teck Trail Operations

Bill Leith – Community member

MEETING MINUTES: Dated January 20, 2009 – accepted as presented.

REPORTS

Interior Health

Winter blood testing clinic (Valerie Pitman - attached)

Valerie was pleased and somewhat surprised at the declines observed in children's blood lead levels in the winter clinic. Participation was also good. All 16 children who were identified as 'case management' in the fall clinic were re-tested and all of them experienced declines in their blood lead levels. Declines ranged from 2 to 8 µg/dL. One child at 6 months of age was found to have blood lead level greater than 10 µg/dL – family had done renovations – this emphasizes the importance of the WPAP, and is consistent with past years. That is, unexpected lead exposure in past years was also often associated with recent home renovations.

New home visit form used by Valerie (attached)

The form pad creates a carbon copy, so Valerie is able to leave one copy with the family.

Radio Ads

Since goals for blood lead have been reached, and we're in the process of setting new goals, the ad script is changed to say "We've made great progress in reducing children's blood lead levels in Trail.... Help us stay on track by..."

Work Project Assistance Program (WPAP)

Now accessed through new location – SNC Lavalin Environment office on Bay Avenue.

As of March 3, had received one phone call and a few people had dropped in after seeing the signage in the window.

Will be starting to use a more proactive approach to increase uptake of the program.

Can look at using some stats and photos to illustrate the need to follow the program.

John Crozier reported that a relative had heard about the WPAP from neighbours right away on moving to town a few years ago.

Ron Joseph will provide copies of the WPAP CD at the next meeting.

Consultation Working Group

(Steve Hilts)

Steve reported that discussions with the BC Ministry of Environment in Victoria on February 25th revealed that potential overlap between the public consultation and the provincial election on May 12 is an issue.

Also, both the Ministry and THEC could benefit from more time to ensure that key questions are anticipated and addressed in the communication plan and materials.

The sub-committee recommended the following revised schedule for the public communication/consultation program:

Pre-launch planning - February-May

THEC meeting - May

Real property issues - early June

Health and program issues - early October

Evaluation - October

Reporting - November

Moved by Nelson Ames and seconded by Ron Joseph that a THEC Task Group be established to research and address land development/property issues for the public consultation – carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

May 20 – Wednesday – 7:00 pm

Trail Health and Environment Committee

Health Report

March 3, 2009

1. Winter 2009 Blood Lead Clinic

39 children were tested in February

1 new child identified with a blood lead over 10ug/dL (6 months old)

2 additional children with a blood lead over 10 ug/dL (case management children)

16 case management children from Fall '08 were retested and all have a decrease in blood lead level

3 case management children were unable to attend the clinic.

2. Storefront on Bay Avenue

SNC Lavalin's store front office is now open and the Work Project Assistance Program (WPAP) is now available through there.

(WPAP activities will include intake calls, equipment loans, safety supply authorization, and expertise referrals)

This spring SNC Lavalin is expected to take over providing soil remediation for families that qualify for soil removal/replacement or assistance with ground barrier supplies (topsoil, gravel, sod)

They will also be increasing community awareness (connecting with building inspectors and realtors) and offering information to residents doing outdoor renovations.

The store front office would also be an additional place for people to find out more information about the Public Consultation (now planned for Fall'09)

3. Lead Exposure Reduction Plan Document – This home visit evaluation tool has been updated and revised (copy attached). This form is completed during the home visit with families and a copy is left with the family for future reference.

4. Radio Scripts Updated

The scripts for the 6 -30 second radio ads that will be playing on KBS Radio starting in April have been updated and will be sent to KBS for recording in early April. Changes include removing the wording about "almost reached our blood lead goals" and replacing it with "We've made great progress in reducing children's blood lead levels in Trail."

