



Knowledge Sharing & Learning related to Trail: Group Meeting #7

SUMMARY (May 8th, 2026)

Meeting: March 31, 2026, 1:00-2:00pm by Zoom

Co-hosted by: City of Trail and Teck Trail Operations

Purpose

- To share the work completed and in progress since the last meeting in June 2025 and articulate next steps for this group.

Desired outcomes

- Everyone has greater awareness of the key activities and progress since the last meeting.
- To touch base as a group.
- To hear questions from the group based on the content shared as well as ongoing questions for discussion.

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Welcome <i>Jared Miner, City of Trail; Michelle Laurie (Lead Facilitator, Trail Area Health & Environment Committee)</i>	• Jared Miner opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement recognizing the traditional and unceded lands of the indigenous people who call the area home. • Michelle provided a brief orientation to the group's history, noting this is the seventh meeting since the group first came together in June 2023 with the shared purpose of improving the health and environment of Trail. • 20 people participated in the online meeting. • The group represents the Ministry of Environment and Parks, Ministry of Health, Interior Health, the City of Trail, and Teck Trail Operations, and includes ADMs, executive directors, and senior technical staff.
Status Update on the Wide Area Remediation Plan (WARP) <i>Clare North, Teck Trail Operations; Jasen Nelson, Ministry of Environment and Parks</i>	• An update was provided on the status of the Wide Area Remediation Plan (WARP) since its submission to the Ministry of Environment and Parks in June 2025. • The WARP is currently under review by the Ministry. An application for approval in principle was submitted and the timeline toward a final decision was discussed. • The group heard about the steps remaining in the approval process and the status of the review. • Questions from participants included the anticipated timeline for WARP approval and what monitoring data and analysis will be used to support the review.

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Blood Lead Level Reduction Working Group (BLLRWG) <i>Clare North, Teck Trail Operations</i>	• An update was provided on the work and progress of the BLLRWG since the last meeting. • Current discussions within the BLLRWG are focused on the air quality monitoring network. The submission of additional monitoring stations by Teck is under review, and the group discussed the importance of understanding data gaps. • Participants raised questions about how the new monitoring data (especially air quality data) will improve understanding of lead (Pb) exposure pathways, including the relative contribution of drinking water (particularly in older housing stock where tap flushing may be unreliable) and other sources such as lead in paint and historical dust. • As blood lead levels (BLLs) in children continue to decline, participants noted that other contributing factors are becoming proportionally more relevant. There is interest in learnings from other communities (without smelters) and whether those insights could have provincial or federal relevance. • It was noted that understanding what drives elevated BLLs, including what has already been investigated and what mitigation measures have been effective, remains important for the group's ongoing work.
What is next for the KS&L Trail Group? <i>All participants; facilitated by Michelle Laurie</i>	• The group reflected on the original objectives of the KS&L Trail Group, which have largely been met, and discussed what role the group should continue to play going forward. • Participants broke into small groups to discuss three questions: What questions do you still have? What further information do you seek? What are the key actions for Trail? • Key themes from the breakout groups and chat included: • The value of the group in keeping all parties on the same page and informed of each other's work, aligned on priorities, and able to progress collectively toward the shared objective of improving health outcomes (including reducing lead and SO₂ exposures and associated adverse health effects). • The importance of onboarding for new participants. It was noted that materials developed for the WARP consultation process contain useful background information and could be incorporated into onboarding resources. KS&L was identified as having a role in promoting and supporting effective onboarding. • The broad range of stakeholders represented brings multiple perspectives, including municipal leadership, that help inform understanding of how different sources contribute to BLLs and how mitigation measures can be most effective. • Interpretation of legislation in a community/population context is important. For example, ensuring that regulatory responses address the full picture of lead exposure rather than focusing narrowly on soil remediation alone.

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	• Transparency and networking were identified as particularly valuable features of the KS&L format. The shared learning environment, where all participants receive the same messaging at the same time, was highlighted as a strength. • There was discussion about clarifying which meeting forum is intended for which purpose, to help participants navigate across the various groups and processes (THEC, THEP partners, AQWG, BLLRWG, KS&L, etc).
Closing <i>Michelle Laurie</i>	• The meeting closed with a round table. Participants expressed appreciation for the continued transparency and knowledge-sharing that the group enables. • Next steps and the timing of a future meeting are to be confirmed.

Participants

Cara Lachmuth <i>Ministry of Environment and Parks (ENV)</i>	Huan Liu <i>Ministry of Environment and Parks (ENV)</i>
Jasen Nelson <i>Ministry of Environment and Parks (ENV)</i>	Cecilee Pitman <i>Interior Health</i>
Christina Yamada <i>Interior Health</i>	Karin Goodison <i>Interior Health (MHO)</i>
Leanne Bowlby <i>Interior Health</i>	Leanne Cusack <i>Interior Health</i>
Anders Erickson <i>Ministry of Health</i>	Jared Miner <i>City of Trail</i>
Andrea McCormick <i>AtkinsRealis</i>	Michelle Laurie <i>City of Trail / THEC (Facilitator)</i>
Clare North <i>Teck Trail Operations</i>	Dave Bell <i>Teck Trail Operations</i>
Glenda Fratton <i>Teck Trail Operations</i>	Morgan Sternberg <i>Teck Trail Operations / THEP CPO Manager</i>
Lavinia Zanini <i>Ministry of Environment and Parks (ENV)</i>	Alan Gibson <i>Ministry of Environment and Parks (ENV)</i>
Alyson Blackstock <i>Ministry of Environment and Parks (ENV)</i>	Geneen Russo <i>Ministry of Health</i>

Activities and Timeline to Approved WARP – DRAFT for WARP Steering Committee Discussion

