

Meeting Summary

HYBRID Meeting: November 28, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Location: City of Trail Committee Room #2 (Spokane St entrance) & City of Trail Committee Room, Spokane St Entrance or Zoom

Committee members in attendance:

Colleen Jones, Chair, City of Trail
Thea Hanson, Alternate Chair, City of Trail
Dr. Karin Goodison, Interior Health MHO
Huan Liu, BC Ministry of Environment
Jasen Nelson, BC Ministry of Environment
Carol Leroose, Community Member (Parent)

Richard Deane, Teck Trail Operations
Clare North, Teck Trail Operations
Sara Ridge, Community Member (Families)
Erika Krest, Community Member (Chamber)
Steve Hilts, Community Member (History)

The Trail Area Health & Environment Committee (THEC) meets five times per year online or in-person. Members, designates and community members are welcome.

Others in attendance:

Cindy Hall, AtkinsRealis
Wendy Goodrich, AtkinsRealis
Cecilee Pitman, Interior Health
Nelson Ames, Community Member
Frances Boreland, Broken Hill, Australia
Michelle Laurie, THEC Lead Facilitator
Tara Bullanoff, Interior Health
Kate Brown, Vista Radio Media

Morgan Sternberg, AtkinsRealis
Donna Haga, BC Ministry of Environment
Matt Parrilla, Teck Trail Operations
Dave Bell, Teck Trail Operations
Jayne Garry, Teck Trail Operations
Keith Klimchuk, Teck Trail Operations
Catherine Ellison, Village of Fruitvale

WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Colleen Jones, THEC Chair, opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement and thanked all the THEC members, especially the volunteer community members, for their ongoing engagement.

MEETING MINUTES

The [THEC meeting summary from September 12](#), 2024 was approved.

PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Lead (Pb) in Canadian Air as compared to Trail

Presenter: Donna Haga (Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy)

- See attached presentation PDF.
- Donna noted that the new name for ENV is Ministry of Environment and Parks. THEP/THEC documents will be updated accordingly.

Blood Lead Clinic Report & Media Release

Presenters: Dr. Karin Goodison (MHO) and Cecilee Pitman, Public Health Nurse (Interior Health)

- See attached presentation PDF.

- DRAFT Media release shared and opportunity for comments:
 - Decision to keep geomean to one decimal point (rather than two decimal points).
 - Final copy attached in PDF.

Program Reports & Updates

Air, Health, and Community Program Office reports are provided in the agenda package for your review prior to the meeting. Please bring your questions and comments for discussion.

Q&A and Comments on Reports All

Q&A on all reports (Air, Health, Community Program Office)

- Air Quality Report Question regarding the recent increasing trend on the 3-month rolling average Pb in air at Butler Park.
 - Matt Parilla (Teck) responded that getting the KIVCET furnace back to stable operation after the recent boiler replacement takes some time.
- Air Quality Working Group update (Steve Hilts)
 - The group met Nov 6th.
 - Communications updates in progress on Pb (website, FAQs, handouts); Fact Sheet for end of year.
 - Discussed (and then followed up) on items that came out of the last THEC meeting related to air quality and SO₂ discussions.
 - Planning for a meeting in March to discuss anything that comes out of the WARP consultation related to AQ.
- Clare North presented on Teck's application for an amendment to the Trail Operations Air Permits
 - This is a request in the pre-application phase to ENV and there is a requirement for public notification process. Trail Operations provided background on the permit amendment application in the attached presentation. Formal notification will follow after which there is a 30 day period to provide comment.

Community & Round Table Check-In - All

Round table contributions & questions

- [Communities in Bloom Award](#)
 - Congratulations to Communities in Bloom for its 5 bloom rating (one of the highest). It includes THEP soil management as part of its reporting.

Program Planning Update - Michelle Laurie, THEC Lead Facilitator (10 min)

- Ongoing support for sharing on THEP to wider audiences
 - [Article by Vista Radio](#) on a THEP walking tour for media and communicators October 10th
 - Presentation on THEP to Australia's Broken Hill Blood Lead Reduction Working Group
 - Michelle Laurie, Clare North, and Meghan Morris on Nov 4th.
- Facilitation and process for THEP team, THEC working groups, Knowledge Sharing & Learning Group for Trail
- Communications (website, AQWG, visual identity THEP/THEC updates)

Partner Meeting Report – Colleen Jones, Chair

- Meeting Nov 21st to review the MHO/PHN blood lead presentation and draft THEC media release.
- Knowledge Sharing & Learning Group for Trail meeting November 7th. Focus was on sharing WARP consultation plans and hearing feedback.
 - We learned about the WARP consultation plans of Teck and the MHO recommendation. This is going to take place in January. It's important to participate, ask your questions, and learn about what is being proposed for this region.
 - The WARP provides regulatory certainty for properties in Trail impacted by soil. It focuses on all lands (including wildlands). It also recognizes work already taking place to reduce children's blood lead levels, (such as this Committee) which is crucial for the overall health of the community.
 - We will help them advertise the meetings using thep.ca and we can email everyone directly as well with information when its available.
- THEP annual review meeting and lessons learned with partners will be planned for the new year.

2025 THEC MEETING DATES

- February 12, 2025
- Additional meetings will be planned for April, June, September and November
- THEC meetings are held from 7:00-9:00pm in person and online.