

# Final Minutes



## Clean Air Strategy Straw Dog Subgroup (SDSG) Meeting 3

August 28, 2008

Enmax Offices, Calgary

### In attendance:

Name	Organization
Jennifer Allan	CASA
Christine Byrne	Imperial Oil, CAPP
Lawrence Cheng	Alberta Environment
Debra Gardiner	Enmax
Tony Hudson	The Lung Association
Myles Kitagawa	Prairie Acid Rain Coalition (for Nashina Shariff)
Kim Sanderson	CASA
Mike Zemanek	Alberta Health and Wellness

### With regrets:

Name	Organization
Randy Angle	Alberta Environment
Nashina Shariff	Toxics Watch Society

Debra Gardiner convened the meeting at 10:10 am.

### Action items::

Task	Who	When
3.1: Jennifer will circulate minutes of the meeting 2 teleconference and the subgroup will approve by email.	Jennifer Allan	August 29
3.2: Jennifer will revise the draft terms of reference and circulate to SDSG members.	Jennifer Allan	August 29
3.3: Lawrence Cheng will retrieve new text on Air Quality Index parameters and guidelines and forward to Kim.	Lawrence Cheng	ASAP
3.4: Jennifer will poll for dates for the next face to face meeting.	Jennifer Allan	Sept 2

## 1 Administrative Items

- a) **Approve agenda and meeting objectives:** The agenda was approved by consensus.
- b) **Approve minutes of meeting 2.** Not everyone had seen the draft minutes from meeting 2.

**Action 3.1: Jennifer will circulate minutes of the meeting 2 teleconference and the subgroup will approve by email.**

All action items from meeting 1 are complete or in progress.

## **2 Terms of Reference**

The SDSG discussed the revised draft terms of reference. Members view their role as providing service to the larger group, and thus feel that the SDSG should disband after December and the team should be responsible for the final draft. SDSG members can still provide comments on draft documents through their participation on the team.

A sentence should be added under Membership to indicate alternates are welcome as needed.

**Action 3.2: Jennifer will revise the draft terms of reference and circulate to SDSG members.**

## **3 Review and Provide Direction on Part One**

The SDSG discussed the current draft of Part One and provided comments and further direction to the writer. Much of the discussion focused on the section comparing Alberta's air quality with other jurisdictions. An earlier draft of the discussion guide may contain helpful information. Members agreed that if text could not be ready in time to include in the next draft, or if more information is needed, placeholders should be used to indicate that additional work will be done. Specific changes were noted directly in the draft text.

The subgroup also discussed the level of detail appropriate for the Air Quality Index (AQI). There was a concern that the categories good, fair and poor were subjective and would mean different things to different people. The subgroup agreed to keeping the description of the AQI in the text, but using charts to show the levels of the five pollutants measured in the AQI instead of good, fair and poor assessments.

**Action 3.3: Lawrence Cheng will retrieve new text on Air Quality Index parameters and guidelines and forward to Kim.**

## **4 Review Input from Team on Part Two**

Members reviewed input from the CAS team on part two and provided additional guidance. Specific changes were noted in the document.

## **5 Pollution Prevention and Control and Part Two**

Members reviewed the input from the team on the Pollution Prevention and Control section and provided additional comments. While discussing the four focus areas for goals, it was proposed that the goals not be labeled according to these focus areas. The draft table showing strategic direction, goals and actions is a good idea to summarize the CAS, and changes were suggested that will be reflected in the next draft.

## 6 Knowledge and Information (or possibly Awareness and Behavioural Change)

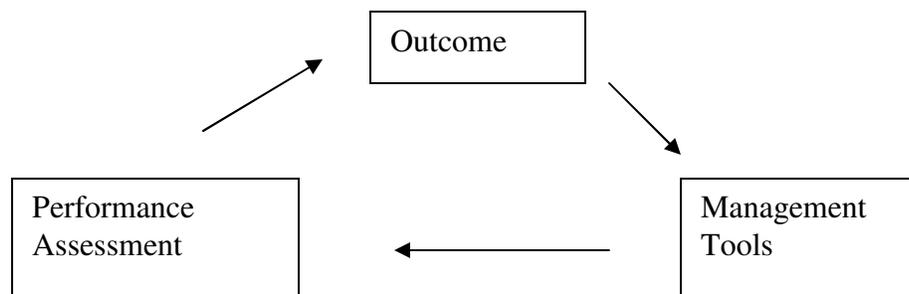
While discussing the strategic direction on Knowledge and Information, members agreed that it should be changed to Awareness and Behavioural Change. Goals and potential actions were brainstormed by the SDSG and are noted below.

**Goal 1: Alberta has a reliable, concise, coherent, objective base of knowledge and information on emissions, air quality, impacts, and potential management and mitigation mechanisms.**

### Potential Actions:

- Identify gaps in information
- Identify potential impacts [of air quality]
- Test and continually improve upon the effectiveness of mitigation measures
- Compile a comprehensive air emissions inventory

The group discussed the need for an action related to ensuring a source of reliable information for sensitive subpopulations; that is, those who experience symptoms at levels below ambient air quality guidelines. In principle, we need data and information to identify problems, monitoring to assess them, and knowledge to manage them. It was noted that it would be good to have all the information in one place (e.g., a portal) but not such a large collection that it is unmanageable. See the diagram below.



**Goal 2: All Albertans have access to the information to make responsible air-related choices [as consumers and to protect health].**

### Potential Actions:

- Make information on energy efficiency programs widely available
- [Establish air quality objectives to protect sensitive populations]
- Host a world summit on industrial ecology
- Create a centre to assemble and disseminate information on air-related consumer choices

**Goal 3: Mechanisms are in place to deliver knowledge and information to help Albertans take action to improve air quality.**

### Potential Actions:

- Support demand side management to assist consumers to change consumption patterns (e.g., power use)
- Establish a multi-disciplinary research and training centre to train professionals in disciplines and areas related to air quality management

## **7 Regional Planning**

The SDSG agreed that it needed to review the original ideas on this topic from the team, and it needs the following additional information to begin developing material under the Regional Planning Strategic Direction:

- Information on the Land Use Framework
- Information on cumulative effects management (see presentation from Dave Belyea)
- Map of Alberta's airsheds

## **8 Reporting back to the team**

The SDSG agreed to take the following materials to the team for discussion at the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Revised part one
- Pollution Prevention strategic direction
- First draft of the Awareness and Behavioural Change goals and potential actions

Part one and Pollution Prevention will be circulated to the team on Tuesday September 2. Awareness and Behavioural Change section will be sent to the SDSG on Tuesday, to be followed by a teleconference on Wednesday Sept 3 at 10:00 am.

## **9 Next Meeting**

The next face to face meeting will be either September 26 or October 1.

**Action 3.4: Jennifer will poll for dates for the next face to face meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3.10 pm.