



Biannual Briefing Note

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Agency: City of Prince George

Description

Each member of PGAIR is requested to provide a biannual update on implementation activities related to the Phase III Plan. Please identify your agency's relevant activities (existing and planned) in the template provided. The information from these reports will be posted on the PGAIR website. Briefing note due dates:

- November 12, 2013
- May 13, 2014

2016 PM 2.5 Goal

- A 40% reduction from all significant sources;
- A daily average not to exceed 25 micrograms per cubic meter of air; and
- An annual Average of 5 micrograms per cubic meter of air.

Questions

What have you done in the last 6 months?

- Secured winter 2013-2014 supply for fracture to utilize in snow and ice control to in the downtown.
- Free fare for Clean Air – Free Transit on Air Advisory days
- Bike laning one leg of Northwood Pulpmill Road, and a section of Foothills Boulevard (Implementation of Active Transportation Plan)
- Media Release to remind everyone of wood burning practices and to consider what aggregate is applied to driveways, sidewalks and parking lots in the winter.

Does the action address a goal and/or strategy from the Phase III Plan?

- YES

If yes, please list the goal and/or strategy.

- Goal: Reduce Dust – Strategy: Mitigate dust in paved areas.
- Goal: Transportation: Encourage alternative transportation
- Goal: Reduce Wood Smoke – Strategies: Encourage clean-burning practices for backyard recreational fires, reduce incidences of illegal burning, and reduce open-burning emissions within the Prince George airshed.

What are you planning to do in the next 6 months?

- Test and review varied applications and locations of fracture, sand, and salt solution with snow and ice control through the winter of 2013-2014.
- Prepare for the sweeping season by sending out reminder notices February 2014
- Ensure sweepers mechanically prepared and ready to go as soon as weather permits for Spring Cleanup.
- Work in partnership with DBIA and the Downtown Clean Team to align downtown cleaning efforts and timing with street sweepers in the Downtown.

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- Goal: Research, Education & Coordination – Strategies: Improve awareness of air quality issues and potential solutions, and Focus research on improving source and distribution of emissions within the airshed.

What is your long-term plan to meet the 2016 goal?

- Continue to increase km’s of bike lanes added as per Active Transportation Plan and Capital Budget approvals.
- Once approved by Council (Goal is to request Council approval by year end) -Initiate the short term implementation strategies within the upcoming Draft Prince George Future Transit Plan to encourage alternative modes of transportation.
- Review and analyze our Operations (Transportation, Fleet (E3), Civic Facilities, etc.)
- Continue research, education & awareness in community.

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- Goal: Transportation: Encourage alternative transportation, reduce vehicle idling, encourage vehicle efficiency program such as E3 fleet,
- Goal: Reduce Dust – Strategy: Mitigate dust in paved areas and mitigate causes of dust in unpaved areas.
- Goal: Research, Education & Coordination – Strategies: Improve awareness of air quality issues and potential solutions, and Focus research on improving source and distribution of emissions within the airshed.

Please indicate your self-assessed progress during the past 6 months:

Low

Medium

High