



# Annual Briefing Note

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## 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 12 months?

- Supported the UNBC student-led initiative to offer free public transit during the 2015 Canada Winter Games. PGAIR sponsored two days of free transit, disseminated news releases, advertised on the Facebook page, and encouraged Board members to promote the initiative through their organizations.
- Provided staff services to PGAIR to support delivery of local air quality programs including the Wood Stove Exchange Program, the Master Burner Program, Community Toolkit for Clean Air, Prince George Air Quality Monitoring Network, Prince George Volatile Organic Compound Source Study, and the Radon Study.
- Provided staff services to develop and implement an Air Quality Reduction program with the small-business sector to prep for the 2015 Winter Games
- Supported development of air quality emission pie videos
- Coordinated the Outdoor Physical Health Study (OPAH)
- Managed the largest community-wide Indoor Radon Study ever conducted in Canada in partnership with BC Lung
- The Fraser Basin Council E3 Fleet program has completed an Emissions Baseline Evaluation and Asset Management profile for the Regional District of Fraser Fort George
- Carbon is calculated on all employee flights and mileage
- FBC is carbon neutral and has policies and procedures in place regarding this.
- *Goals Addressed: Reduce emissions from vehicles, supporting a cleaner airshed and more stable climate, informed community, reduce emissions from space heating, encourage clean-burning practices for backyard and recreational fires, facilitate forums and events that promote and encourage clean air practices.*

### What are you planning to do in the next 12 months?

- Continue work with PGAIR to disseminate the education and awareness videos

- Partner with PGAIR on the Wood Stove Exchange program and online Master Burner program
- Be available as media contact
- Host the Emotive campaign in Prince George
- Partner with the UNBC Ash study to research optimal uses for waste ash
- Work with RDFFG to fuel efficiency and reductions
- *Goals Addressed: Informed community, reduce dust, reduce emissions from vehicles, recognize best practices with in the commercial and industrial sector.*

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

- Work with local, provincial, and national agencies to encourage capacity building, best practices, and awareness of the airshed and potential actions for improvement
- Continue to be a source of information on air quality for the media, public, and other agencies
- *Goals Addressed: Informed community, PM2.5 reduction from all significant sources, continual improvement in the daily average of PM2.5, continual improvement in the annual average of PM2.5*

**Please indicate your self-assessed progress during the past 12 months:**

Low

Medium

High