



Air & Waste Management
A S S O C I A T I O N

Vancouver Island Chapter

Tuesday, January 24, 2006

***** Ambrosia Catering *****

638 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

11:30am - 1:30pm

"A New Air Quality Management Plan for Greater Vancouver"

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The Greater Vancouver Regional District's 1994 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) guided efforts to improve air quality in the Lower Fraser Valley over the past decade. A number of initiatives, such as the regional vehicle inspection and maintenance program (AirCare) and improvements in vehicle technology, yielded significant emission reductions. However, some ambient air quality objectives are still being exceeded on occasion. In addition, emissions of primary particulate matter, several secondary particulate matter precursors, and greenhouse gases are predicted to increase significantly over the next 15-20 years as a result of growth in population, international trade and transportation. If the region continues to conduct "business as usual", ambient air quality within the Lower Fraser Valley is expected to deteriorate.

With input from government agencies on both sides of the border, various stakeholders and the public, the GVRD has developed a new AQMP. Adopted on October 28th, 2005, the new Plan is strategic in nature, recognizing sustainability principles, new knowledge and concern about health impacts, visibility and global climate change. It provides a vision, goals, strategies and actions that will foster continuous air quality improvement in the Lower Fraser Valley airshed. New health-based, medium-term ambient air quality objectives contained in the AQMP will also be used as one of several tools to evaluate permits, develop regulations and evaluate the need for local air quality management programs.

As several regulatory agencies have jurisdiction over air emissions within the Lower Fraser Valley, the new AQMP identifies actions that the GVRD and other governments should view as priorities for this international airshed. To this end, the GVRD has committed to continue working with partner agencies on both sides of the United States-Canada border, promoting consistent and complementary actions. Examples of such partnerships include the Georgia Basin/Puget Sound International Airshed Strategy, and various co-funded programs aimed at identifying promising new projects or improving existing initiatives.

Luncheon Details

\$10 - paid up AWMA members (Intl)

\$20 - non-members

\$10 - students

****Cash or cheque only****

Lunch and coffee will be served at noon. Vegetarian lunches are available when arranged at time of RSVP

Parking: Pay parking is available at the City Parkade right across the street or at numerous lots along Fisgard and in the area.

RSVP: Donna Grant @ 360-3256 or E-mail: dgrant@crd.bc.ca before **3:00pm on Friday, January 20, 2006.**

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations will be accepted at no charge up until 3:00pm on the Friday prior to the luncheon by contacting Donna Grant.

Regrettably, cancellations made after this time will be subject to a \$25 service charge, as the Chapter is billed regardless of late cancellations. This will be invoiced and is requested to be paid prior to attending future luncheons.