

**Attendees:** Jeff Welch - Surrey  
Rowe, Peter - North Vancouver - City  
Greg Cross - Abbotsford  
Mike Iviney - Coquitlam  
Ted Haight – White Rock  
Brian Carter – Port Moody  
Len Jenson – North Vancouver - District  
Terry – Veer – Langley Township  
Brendan Kurtz – Chilliwack  
Rene Payer – Langley Township  
Russ Carmichael – Maple Ridge

**Chair:** Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm

**Presentation:** Municipal Benchmarking Presentation – Russ Carmichael

**Next Meeting Locations:**

Sept 22, 2005 – City of Vancouver LEEDS Certified Works Yard Building  
Nov 17, 2005 – Langley Township  
Jan 19, 2006 – North Vancouver District

**Discussions:** Brief discussion about benchmarking and performance measures. Suggested that there may be an opportunity to share performance measure data between municipalities as it appears that most municipalities have developed or are developing these types of measures

**Round table:**

- Brendan (Chilliwack) - working on cross connections. Have had the bylaw in place for about a year, have completed 300 surveys, did internal cross connection training (about 30 employees), getting better cooperation. Fixed leaking problems at reservoir and will hope to save 135 million litres.
- Greg (Abbotsford) – Have made some subdivision bylaw changes. Are offering BCIT course of site to ensure it goes ahead. Taking over some of the regional responsibilities (i.e. water). Doing more HR safety training to lower levels in the organization. Adding more satellite works sites (i.e. trailers).
- Len (North Van – District) – lawyers are now involved in January landslide in North Vancouver, may be awhile before it is settled
- Mike (Coquitlam) – Implementation of Asphalt Repair bylaw, applies to extenal as well as internal agencies. Introduction of new attendance management system. The municipality has implemented a 5-5-4 modified work week for all staff Working on slat management plan Working to get Fisheries approval for work in creeks

- Ted (White Rock) – lots of development in White Rock and it will affect service  
Surprised at lack of responses by contractors to municipal capital work
- Brian (Port Moody) – Looking are redevelopment ofcuyrrrent works yard  
Has run water quality course with good success  
Questions about how other municipalities deal with news paper boxes
- Jeff (Surrey) – talked about satellite yard development using 350 Network surplus building (30' X 87' building costs around \$45,000)
- Peter (North Vancouver – City) – issues with property tax appeal reducing tax revenue by about \$400,000 a year (2 tax points), affected the District of North Vancouver also. A totalso of about \$3 million between City and District has to be refunded in past taxes  
Website – a prototype has been developed and has been shared with a couple of MOMG members for comments. The website is seen as a place to exchange and post information (i.e. members lists, minutes,etc) and will be password protected  
Have done transporation of dangeraoud goods training for Operations staff ( 4 hours)  
Looking at training for load securemment – regulations have changed

**ACTIONS:**

- Consider sharing municipal performace information
- Sharing information on training opportunities
- Feedback on MOMG website

**Next Meeting:** Tentative – Sept 22 – City of Vancouver  
Topic – Tour of LEEDS Works Yard Builings

Details on location of meeting will sent prior to meeting

**Thanks:** Brian Gray for providing meeting venue and lunch. Sorry to hear Brian was sick and we hope he is better soon.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:30pm