

**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
**Bylaw No. 2121, 2014**

A bylaw to control invasive plants and noxious weeds

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* authorizes the Regional Board to require the owners or occupiers of real property, or their agents, to clear their property of invasive plants;

AND WHEREAS the Peace River Regional District has adopted "Invasive Plant Control Service Establishment Conversion Bylaw No. 2120, 2014;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed advisable and expedient for the protection of the Regional District's economy, environment and social values from invasive plants that such powers be exercised and necessary and sufficient regulatory measures be enacted;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Peace River Regional District, in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

**CITATION**

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Invasive Plant Control Bylaw No. 2121, 2014".

**DEFINITIONS:**

2. In this bylaw:
  - a. **Invasive plants** are plants that are not native to this portion of northeast BC, most having originated from Europe and Asia, which cause negative economic, environmental and/or social impacts.
  - b. **Noxious weeds** are plants that cause damage significant enough that they are placed on a noxious weed list in legislation like the *Weed Control Act* providing for enforced management of infested sites.
  - c. **Invasive plant and/or noxious weed** means any plant specified in Schedule "A" of this bylaw.
  - d. **Occupier** means a person who is in physical possession of land, premises or property or is responsible for and has control over the condition or activities and is allowed to enter or use the land, premises or property.
  - e. **Owner** means the person or persons, including a corporation or company registered in the records of a land title office as owner in fee simple of a Real Property.
  - f. **Real Property** means lands, premises, buildings, structures and other improvements affixed to the land.
  - g. **Manager of Invasive Plants** means the person appointed by the Peace River Regional District Board, or designate, for the purposes of enforcing and administering this bylaw.

**REGULATION:**

3. No person who is an Owner or Occupier of Real Property shall allow any Invasive Plant or Noxious Weed to grow on that Real Property.
4. The Manager of Invasive Plants, or designate, may enter any Real Property for the purposes of enforcing and administering this bylaw.
5. Every person who is found guilty of an offence under this bylaw shall be liable upon summary conviction by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars \$5000.00, plus the cost of prosecution.
6. Each day that a violation of this bylaw continues or is allowed to continue constitutes a separate offence.
7. The actual costs incurred by the Regional District for controlling Invasive Plants, if unpaid on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in any year, shall be added to and form part of the taxes applicable in respect of such Real Property as taxes in arrears.
8. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this bylaw will remain in full force and effect.

**REPEAL:**

9. "Noxious Weed Control By-law No. 992, 1995" is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

READ A SECOND TIME this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

READ A THIRD TIME this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

  
Karen Goodings, Chair

  
Jo-Anne Frank, Corporate Officer

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 2121, 2014 titled, "Invasive Plant Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2121, 2014", as adopted by the Peace River Regional District Board on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE 'A'

<b>Common name(s)</b>	<b>Latin names</b>
Annual bluegrass	<i>Poa Annua</i>
Baby's breath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>
Big headed knapweed	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>
Blueweed	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
Brown knapweed	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>
Burdock	<i>Arctium spp.</i>
Canada thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
Cheat grass	<i>Bromus tectorum</i>
Chicory	<i>Cichorium intybus</i>
Comfrey	<i>Symphytum spp</i>
Common tansy	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>
Common toadflax	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>
Creeping bell flower	<i>Campunaula rapunculoides</i>
Cypress spurge	<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>
Dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>
Dame's Rocket	<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>
Diffuse knapweed	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
Field scabious/Blue button	<i>Knautia arvensis</i>
Goat's-beard or salsify	<i>Tragopogon spp</i>
Green foxtail	<i>Sertaria viridis</i>
Himalayan balsam	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
Hoary alyssum	<i>Bereroa incana</i>
Hoary cress	<i>Cardaria draba</i>
Hound's-tongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>
Jointed goatgrass	<i>Aegilops cylindrical</i>
Knotweed species	<i>Fallopia spp</i>
Kochia	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>
Leafy spurge	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>
Marsh thistle	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>
Mountain bluet	<i>Centaurea Montana</i>
Mustard, dog	<i>Eruscastrum gallicum</i>
Night-flowering catchfly	<i>Silene noctiflora</i>
Nodding thistle	<i>Carduss nutans</i>
Orange hawkweed	<i>Heiracium aurantiacum</i>
Oxeye daisy	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>
Perennial pepperweed	<i>Lepidium latifolium L.</i>
Plumeless thistle	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>
Purple loosestrife	<i>Lythrum spp.</i>

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<b>Common name(s)</b>	<b>Latin names</b>
Rush skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
Russian thistle	<i>Salsola kali</i>
Scentless chamomile	<i>Matricaria perforata</i>
Scotch broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
Shasta daisy	<i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i>
Sow thistles	<i>Sonchus spp.</i>
Spotted knapweed	<i>Centaurea biebersteinii</i>
St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
Stinking mayweed	<i>Anthemis cotula</i>
Sulphur cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>
Tall buttercup	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>
Tansy ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobeeae</i>
Tartary buckwheat	<i>Fagopyrum tataricum</i>
Velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>
White cockle	<i>Lychnis alba</i>
Wild caraway	<i>Carvi commun</i>
Wild mustard	<i>Sinapsis arvensis</i>
Wild parsnip	<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>
Wormwood or Absinthium	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>
Yellow clematis	<i>Clematis tangutica</i>
Yellow hawkweed	<i>Heiracium pratense</i>