



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, April 5, 2016

PLACE: Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Director Leonard Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D', Meeting Chair
Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Brad Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Art Seidl, Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association
Mike Pangman, MGP Contracting
Fernie May Garbitt, Sauleau First Nations, 10:25 am
Sandra Coutoreille, Sauleau First Nations, 10:25 am
Lori Vickers, Ministry of Agriculture
Matt Edgar, Progress Energy
Erik Swanson, BC Hydro
Brian Peterson, Hemmera Wind
Art Seidl, Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association
Brian Stratuliak, Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association
Mike Pangman, MGP Contracting
Denise McLean, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Ella Head, District of Tumbler Ridge
Eric Weetman, Caribou Road Services
Paul Hawkins, Louisiana Pacific
Ben Rauscher, BC Oil and Gas Commission
Elizabeth Hunt, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

By teleconference

Darryl Nolan, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Manny Mariotto, Ministry of Environment
Katharine Capot-Blanc, Northern Rockies IPC
Vicki Burt, BC Hydro

Staff

Jeff Rahn, General Manager of Environmental Services
Kari Bondaroff, Manager of Invasive Plant Program
Denise Booy, Invasive Plant Coordinator
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
MOVED by Brian Stratuliak, SECONDED by Ella Head,
that the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee meeting
agenda for the April 5, 2016 meeting, including additional items for the agenda, be
adopted as amended:
Notice of New Business:
Adoption of the Minutes:
M-1 Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plants Monitoring Committee Meeting
Minutes of December 2, 2015
Business Arising from the Minutes:
BA-1 Item NB-3 (pg 5) Hawkweed Containment Line
BA-2 Item NB-4 (pg 5) Scentless Chamomile bio-control and treatment strategy

- 2) Adoption of the Agenda (cont'd)
- Correspondence:**
C-1 February 22, 2016 letter from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding partnering with the Regional District to conduct post-treatment efficacy monitoring for the Ministry.
- Reports:**
R-1 2016 Invasive Plant Program – Strategic Plan and Profile – for review
R-2 2016 Profile of Invasive Plant Species within the PRRD – for review
- New Business:**
NB-1 Update on the Compliance and Enforcement Manual – Denise Booy
- Items for Information**
I-1 IPC Monitoring Committee Terms of Reference
- Adjournment:**

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- 3) M-1 SPPIPMC Mtg. Min. of Dec 2, 2015
- MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Elizabeth Hunt, that the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee Meeting minutes of December 2, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 4) BA-1 re: NB-3 Hawkweed Containment Line
- Members were advised that the working group met to prioritize containment areas for Hawkweed. It was determined that control will take place at the highest point adjacent to agricultural land or a watercourse. These priority areas will be incorporated into the work contracts. It was noted that Monkman Park has received funding to control the hawkweed within its boundaries. Discussion ensued regarding the site located in the Pink Mountain area that was not treated in 2015. The infestation can be found along a 10 kilometre stretch of the highway right-of-way. Several calls and emails have been forwarded to the Department of Transportation (DoT) regarding this matter, no response has been received. It was noted that the DoT is exempt from the *Weed Control Act*.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Art Seidl, That the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee recommends to the Invasive Plant Committee that a letter be forwarded to the Honourable Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, with a copy to Mr. Bob Zimmer, MP for Prince George-Peace River-Northern Rockies, outlining concerns with regard to the non-treatment of the yellow hawkweed situated on a 10 kilometre stretch of the Alaska Highway in proximity to Pink Mountain and how the continued non-treatment impacts adjacent landowners.

CARRIED.

- 5) BA-2 Item NB-4 Scentsless Chamomile
- Scentsless Chamomile – Rolla, Milligan Creek Road and spur roads within agricultural areas – these were identified as priority areas which will be controlled. It was suggested that areas with bio-control in place should have signage erected to educate members of the public. And to ensure that these areas are not sprayed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 6) C-1 re: partner with MoTI
- Members were advised that the Regional District and Ministry are currently working on a partnership agreement.

REPORTS:

- 7) R-1 re: Strategic Plan and Profile
- Members reviewed the 2016 Invasive Plant Program – Strategic Plan and Profile.
- MOVED by Brian Stratuliak, SECONDED by Art Seidl,
That the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee recommend to the Invasive Plant Committee that the 2016 Strategic Plan and Profile be approved, with the following amendments:
- Page 6 Bylaw 2121 bullet, should read “real property”;
 - Page 19 Table 4
 - Big head knapweed – remove “is a provincial EDRR species
 - Blueweed – change to couple of sites
 - Chicory – change to few sites have been documented
 - Plumeless Thistle – remove not found in the north
 - Kari was requested to check to see if this plant is in Alberta, compare Alberta’s list to ours (use the GP Field Centre data)
 - Page 24 Appendix 1 Stakeholders list
 - under Agriculture groups – add other producer groups from email list
 - under Oil and Gas – add Pembina pipeline, Progress Energy, Painted Pony,
 - under Transportation – missing YRB
- CARRIED.

- 8) R-2 re: 2016 Profile of Invasive Plant species
- Committee members reviewed the 2016 Profile of Invasive Plant Species within the Peace River Regional District.
- For clarity, Ms. McLean will forward pictures of Meadow Goats-beard.
- Ms. Bondaroff reiterated that any invasive species found on the Alberta list will be included in the Regional District list.
- MOVED by Brian Stratuliak, SECONDED by Denise McLean,
That the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee recommend to the Invasive Plant Committee that the 2016 Profile of Invasive Plant Species be approved.
- CARRIED.

- 9) Recess
10) Reconvene
- The meeting recessed at 12:10 pm
The meeting reconvened at 1:00 pm

NEW BUSINESS;

- 11) NB-1 re: C & E update
- Denise Booy, Invasive Plant Coordinator updated members on the Compliance and Enforcement Manual. It was noted that once the document is approved it will be posted on the Regional District’s website.

MOVED by Brian Stratuliak, SECONDED by Art Seidl,
That the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee recommend to the Invasive Plant Committee that the Compliance and Enforcement Manual be approved.

CARRIED.

New Business: (continued)

12) NB-2 re: disposal of weeds Ms. Bondaroff advised members that the disposal of hand pulled invasive plant program has been expanded to include industry as well as residential users. The plants must be contained in clear plastic bags.

13) NB-3 re: organic producers Discussion ensued regarding organic producers versus regular growers. Organic producers should be identified to ensure no spraying takes place within their proximity. It was noted that it is up to the organic producer to ensure they have a sufficient buffer zone.

14) Committee report MOVED by Art Seidl, SECONDED by Brian Stratuliak, that the recommendations from the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee meeting of April 5, 2016 be recommended to the Invasive Plant Committee for approval.

CARRIED.

15) Adjournment MOVED by Art Seidl, SECONDED by Lori Vickers, that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

Leonard Hiebert
Chair

Suzanne Garrett
Corporate Services Coordinator