



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Friday, April 21, 2016

PLACE: Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Director Leonard Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'  
Director Brad Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'  
Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'  
Jeff Rahn, General Manager of Environmental Services  
Kari Bondaroff, Invasive Plant Program Manager  
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am

2) Election of Committee Chair: Ms. Bondaroff called for nominations for the office of Committee Chair for 2016.

Director Goodings nominated Director Hiebert.  
Director Hiebert accepted the nomination.

Ms. Bondaroff, Invasive Plant Program Manager declared by Director Hiebert as Chair of the Invasive Plant Committee for 2016.

### Adoption of the Agenda:

3) Adoption of the Agenda: MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings, That the Invasive Plant Committee meeting agenda for the April 29, 2016 meeting, including additional items for the agenda, be adopted as amended:

#### **Election of Chair:**

#### **Notice of New Business:**

#### **Adoption of the Minutes:**

M-1 Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2015.

M-2 Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plants Monitoring Committee Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2016

#### **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

#### **Correspondence:**

C-1 April 11, 2016 letter from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding coordinated planning of invasive plant treatment.

#### **Reports:**

R-1 re: Invasive Plant Program documents

a) 2016 Invasive Plant Program Strategic Plan and Profile

b) 2016 Profile of Invasive Plant Species within the PRRD

c) 2016 Compliance and Enforcement Manual

R-2 2015 Invasive Plant Program – Annual Report

#### **New Business:**

#### **Items for Information**

I-1 Committee Terms of Reference

#### **Adjournment:**

CARRIED.

### MINUTES:

4) M-1 IPC Mtg. Min. of May 14, 2015: MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling, That the Invasive Plant Committee Meeting minutes of May 14, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED.

**Minutes:** (continued)

5) M-2 SPPIPC            MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,  
Mtg. Min. of Apr 5,    That the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee Meeting  
2016                            minutes of April 5, 2016 be received.

CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

6) C-1                      The Regional District has offered its services to the Ministry of Transportation and  
2016 monitoring            the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to follow-up  
                                      with monitoring of contractor treatments for the 2016 growing season. The intent is  
                                      to offer a more cost-effective method of inventorying sites, verify treatments and  
                                      monitor contractor efficiencies to ensure Provincial funds are being used to maximize  
                                      treatment of invasive plants within the Regional District. Both ministries have agreed  
                                      to the proposal, it is anticipated that a plan will be developed with monitoring to  
                                      commence in July.

**REPORTS:**

7) R-1 re:                    MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,  
Hawkweed                    that the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a letter be  
containment                    forwarded to the Honourable Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and  
    Procurement Canada, 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.

Members were advised that a meeting is being arranged with the Department of  
Transportation, Upper Halfway First Nations and Prophet River First Nations to  
discuss the situation.

8) R-1a) re:                The Committee reviewed the 2016 Invasive Plant Program Strategic Plan and  
Strategic                      Profile. Members were advised that the recommended amendments from the April  
Plan and Profile              5, 2016 meeting have been incorporated into the Plan and Invasive Plant Species  
    manuals.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the 2016  
Invasive Plant Program Strategic Plan and Profile be adopted.

CARRIED.

9) R-1b) re:                MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,  
Profile of Invasive            that the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the 2016  
Plants                            Profile of Invasive Plant Species within the PRRD be adopted.

CARRIED.

10) R-1c) re:              MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
Enforcement                    That the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the 2016  
Manual                            Compliance and Enforcement Manual be adopted.

CARRIED.

**Reports:** (continued)

11) R-2 re: Annual Report      MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings, that the Invasive Plant Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the 2015 Invasive Plant Program Annual report be adopted.

CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

12) NB-1 re: Industry Invasive Plant programs      Concern was expressed with regard to ALR/OGC non-farm use applications, specifically borrow pits. Each Director is given an opportunity to review the application. It is felt that applicants do not refer to the Regional District's invasive plant list when describing their invasive plant program management plans, they refer to the provincial weed list, which is not sufficient in agricultural areas.

It was suggested that "outreach activities" - contacting the Regional District should be part of their environmental process – Oil and Gas Commission should be included.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling, That the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to resource companies, Painted Pony, ARC Resources, Tourmaline, with a copy to the BC Oil and Gas Commission requesting that resource companies working within the Peace Region adhere to the Peace River Regional District's Invasive Plant Program.

CARRIED.

13) Committee Report      MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling, that the recommendations from the invasive Plant Committee Meeting of April 29, 2016 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

CARRIED.

14) Adjournment      MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings, that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Original signed by

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Leonard Hiebert  
Chair

Original signed by

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Suzanne Garrett  
Corporate Services Coordinator