



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, November 28, 2017
PLACE: Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Director Leonard Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D', Committee Chair
Art Seidl, Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association
Mike Pangman, MGP Contracting
Paul Hawkins, Louisiana Pacific
Lori Vickers, Ministry of Agriculture
Dessa Nicholson, Saddle Hills County, Alberta
Elaine Armagost, Saddle Hills County, Alberta
Marika Cameron
Wallace Roach, District of Hudson's Hope
Glen Holmes, ARC Resources
Brian Stratuliak, Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association
Stan Mracek
Jim Collins
Bill Wilson, PRFA, 1:00 p.m.

By teleconference

Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Manny Mariotto, Ministry of Environment
Denise McLean, Min Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Dev.
Katharine Graham, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Kristine Lambie, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Vaughn Leuschen, DOW Chemical

Staff

Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services
Kari Bondaroff, Manager of Invasive Plants, Environmental Services
and Field Services Program
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
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 Director Goodings, SECONDED by Elaine Armagost, that the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee meeting agenda for the November 28, 2017 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 April 5, 2017

2) Adoption of
Agenda
(continued)

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Correspondence:

- C-1 October 10, 2017 letter from Saddle Hills County - Scentless Chamomile
- C-2 November 1, 2017 letter from Arthur Hadland, Area C resident - program

Reports:

- R-1 2017 Contractor Report – Mike Pangman, Area Controller
- R-2 2017 Field Season activities: Compliance and Enforcement; Education and Awareness; Invasive Plant bins; and provincial efficacy monitoring
- R-3 Roundtable 2017 Agency Program reports:
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development; BC Hydro; Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; rancher program; aboriginal groups; oil and gas sectors; other agencies

New Business:

- NB-1 2017 Strategic Plan and Profile – any suggested changes for 2018
- NB-2 2017 Profile of Invasive Plant Species within the PRRD – feedback

Items for Information

- I-1 IPC Monitoring Committee Terms of Reference
- I-2 Northeast Peace Invasive Species Training Program

Adjournment:

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- 3) M-1 SPPIPMC MOVED by Brian Stratuliak, SECONDED by Art Seidl,
Mtg. Min. of Apr 5, that the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee Meeting
2017 minutes of April 5, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 4) BA-1 re: R-1 Committee members were advised that equipment used for the “solarization of
solarization weeds” (composting bagged weeds) is very expensive. The Invasive Species Council
discussed the topic at its forum and will keep it on its radar, it is felt that education,
at this point in time, is the best route.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 5) C-1 re: The County of Saddle Hills has elevated “scentless chamomile” (SH) to its prohibited
Scentless category. The County will be rolling out a campaign over the winter months called
Chamomile Destroy Daisies. As part of the campaign the County is advising its neighbours, with
shared borders, that it is taking a stand against chamomile.

It is felt that SH is an issue for the agricultural community in the Peace Region as well, and should be raised to a different category in the Profile of Invasive Plant Species list.

10) R-3 Agency Program Reports (continued)

Kari Bondaroff, Manager of Invasive Plants

- new cost share program “Good Neighbour” introduced in May
- Weed Warrior Characters big hit on Facebook
- hiring of two seasonal staff
- Outreach activities – school visits, science fairs, Canfor, Peace River Forage Association, Parks Day, local fairs
- Education materials – landfills and transfer stations, pet stores, hunting stores, garden centres, tourist information centres and First Nation weed pulls.
- Increase in invasive plant material disposed of 2016 = 19,940 kg; 2017 = 37,620 kg.

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

- Joint contracts with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
- managed 460 sites
- agriculture zone developed
- REDRR target species included Yellow and Orange Hawkweeds, March Plume Thistle
- Bio-control still active, ongoing monitoring of SH sites, Radar Lake Gravel pit to become active soon so will need to move the bio-control from this site
- actively managing knapweed sites - Peace Canyon and Pouce Coupe bridge areas

Ministry of Transportation and Highways

- 844 sites treated, 136 sites within the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
- redoing Pest Management Plans
- developing maintenance guidebooks for contractors
- huge component of invasives along roadsides, increase education to reduce the spread of plants

ARC Resources

- Sites include Attachie, Parkland, Dawson, Progress – wells and pipelines
 - chemical and mechanical control took place (4 contractors).
 - Spent \$5,000 on Orange Hawkweed on private land, Landowner worked with ARC.
 - New PMP
 - handpicked 2,000 lbs of Scentless Chamomile area
- It was suggested that the orange hawkweed site be added to IAPP as the plant can spread as much as 40% in a year. If the site is in IAPP it can be monitored.

MOVED by Elaine Armagost, 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 Mayor and Council, City of Dawson Creek requesting that Council consider the establishment of an invasive plant program bylaw.

CARRIED.

10) R-3 Agency Program Reports (continued)

Louisiana Pacific

- new PMP
- awareness training for loggers, contractors
- no treatments conducted

Saddle Hills

- Orange Hawkweed infested creek banks
- Enforcement 41 weed notices, 1 through court system
- working with Trans Canada
- outreach 3200 residents

Rancher Program

- Sunset Pasture – successful program – CT, SH and others

NEW BUSINESS:

11) NB-1 and NB-2 It was suggested that the invasive plant program increase educational ads with respect to SH, increase treatment - medium priority, high priority treatment if close to agriculture. Elevate without being forced to “bring down the hammer.”

MOVED by Brian Stratuliak, SECONDED by Jim Collins, that the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee recommends to the Invasive Plant Committee that Scentless Chamomile be raised from the Category B Medium Priority to Category A High Priority list in the “Profile of Invasive Plant Species within the Regional District.”

CARRIED.

MOVED by Elaine Armagost, SECONDED by Art Seidl,

- a) that the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee strike a technical committee to develop a strategy to deal with Scentless Chamomile in the region, with respect to:
- What makes Scentless Chamomile such an invasive plant that it should be escalated from Category B to Category A?
 - If this plant was to be elevated, what would the implications be to residents and users of lands within the PRRD?
 - If this plant were to be escalated, what would the implications be to the PRRD Invasive Plant staff?
 - What changes would have to be made?
 - What strategies could be piloted or implemented that would be within the current budget?
 - What alternative strategies could be implemented that would require increased budgets?
 - How would the program measure the success of change? (how would we know that what we are doing is working or not working?); and

- b) that the technical committee consist of the following members:
Lori Vickers, Ministry of Agriculture
TBD, PRMV (Crop Insurance)
Denise McLean, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations
and Rural Development
Rick Kantz, BC Grain Producers Association
Glyn Evans, BC Regional Cattlemen's Association
Kathryn Graham, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
TBD, Seed Growers Association
Jim Collins; and
- c) report back to the Invasive Plant Committee with its findings.

CARRIED.

12) Strategic Plan and Profile Members were encouraged to review and forward comments and/or suggested changes to the "Strategic Plan and Profile" and the "Profile of Invasive Plant Species within the PRRD" Kari.Bondaroff@prrd.bc.ca by February 28, 2018. Revisions will be compiled into the document for Committee review at the spring meeting.

It was noted that some of the invasive plant pictures will be updated.

Documents can be found at: <http://prrd.bc.ca/services/invasive-plants/plans-reports-invasive-plants/>

A draft of the new carabiner's will be forwarded to members for comments/suggestions by December 1, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm

Leonard Hiebert
Chair

Suzanne Garrett
Corporate Services Coordinator