



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

DATE: Wednesday, April 4, 2018

PLACE: Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Director Leonard Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D', Committee Chair  
Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'  
Elise Luscombe, Conuma Coal, Tumbler Ridge  
Amanda Wamstecker, Conuma Coal, Tumbler Ridge  
Mike Pangman, MGP Contracting  
Layne Lybbert, Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Dev  
Michael Caulson, District of Taylor  
Brian Stratuliak, Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association  
Ellen McAvany, Parks Manager, District of Chetwynd  
Denise McLean, Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Dev  
Danielle Fisher, Spectrum Resource Group  
Breanne Truman, Spectrum Resource Group  
Ben Rauscher, Oil and Gas Commission  
Ella Head, District of Tumbler Ridge  
Amber Doonan, District of Tumbler Ridge  
Paul Hawkins, Louisiana Pacific  
Jim Collins, North Pine Farmers' Institute  
Alexa Kalina, District of Chetwynd  
Elaine Armagost, Saddle Hills County, Alberta  
Kristine Lamble, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

By teleconference

Craig Simpson, Superintendent, Lone Wolf Golf Club

Staff

Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services  
Kari Bondaroff, Manager of Invasive Plants, Environmental Services  
and Field Services Program  
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda: MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Brian Stratuliak, that the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee meeting agenda for the April 4, 2018 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 November 28, 2017

2) Adoption of  
Agenda  
(continued)

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

BA-1 Item 11 Technical Committee – Scentsless Chamomile strategy results

**Delegation:** cancelled

~~D-1 Jingle contest winners~~

**Correspondence:**

C-1 Establishment of invasive plant program bylaw within municipalities

**Reports:**

R-1 2018 Invasive Plant Program – Strategic Plan and Profile – for review

R-2 2018 Profile of Invasive Plant Species within the PRRD – for review

**New Business:**

NB-1 2018 Destroy Daisy Campaign

**Items for Information**

I-1 IPC Monitoring Committee Terms of Reference

**Adjournment:**

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

3) M-1 SPPIPMC MOVED by Amber Doonan, SECONDED by Jim Collins,  
Mtg. Min. of Nov 28, 2017 that the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee Meeting  
minutes of November 28, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

4) BA-1 re:  
Scentsless  
Chamomile

The Technical Advisory Committee, comprised of the South Peace Stockmen's Association, Jim Collins, Oil and Gas Commission, Regional District, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and Ministry of Agriculture, was formed to develop a strategy to deal with Scentsless Chamomile in the region. The Invasive Plant Committee reviewed the results from the Technical Advisory Committee and agreed that there would be little to no support received from the Province to elevate treatments on Scentsless Chamomile, as there are too many other high priority species that need to be targeted within budgetary constraints.

As such the Regional District will increase its education and awareness program through a variety of strategies i.e. commercial video, jingle, media releases, etc.

The Committee was advised that in 2018 the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations plans on monitoring bio-control sites previously established to target Scentsless Chamomile.

MOVED by Amber Doonan, SECONDED by Brian Stratuliak,  
That the Technical Advisory Committee be dissolved as the Committee has fulfilled its mandate.

CARRIED.

**DELEGATION:**

5) D-1 Daisy Jingle winner  
The winners of the Daisy Jingle contest, due to illness, could not present their jingle. Committee members listened to a recorded version. The Regional District received 10 submissions. The winners name will be kept confidential until after the Regional Board meeting on April 12.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

6) C-1 re: Invasive plant Program bylaw  
As recommended by the Committee a letter was forwarded to each of the municipalities within the region requesting that those local governments consider the establishment of an invasive plant bylaw. The District of Chetwynd has a bylaw in place and the District of Hudson's Hope Bylaw Enforcement Officer is willing to work with the Regional District.

Discussion ensued with respect to rail lines running through municipalities, which are exempt from provincial/municipal regulations. District of Chetwynd has a good working relationship with CN Rail through the Communities in Bloom program – Tony Harder, contact information will be forwarded to the Regional District.

**REPORTS:**

7) R-1 re: 2018 Invasive Plant Program  
Report a Weed "app" – developed as a public awareness tool – report any invasive plant regardless of the size of the infestation. Each complaint is prioritized and dealt with – verify species, plot on map, survey and treat.

Two seasonal staff have been hired for the summer to provide education and outreach.

Bagged, handpicked invasive plants – is there a way to determine from which area the majority of invasive plants are being brought in from? Origin of invasive plants could be included in the program to narrow it down, i.e. not just Electoral Area D, landfill attendants will be requested to note location when accepting this material.

Rancher contracts – worthwhile program but little or no additional groups have indicated they would like to participate. Could be opened up to other land tenure holders. Kari will work with Lyle Lybbert to spread word of the program. Kootenay presentation - obtain a copy - make it available on YouTube, etc.

MOVED by Brian Stratuliak, SECONDED by Amber Doonan,  
That the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee recommends to the Invasive Plant Committee that the 2018 Invasive Plant Program - Strategic Plan and Profile be approved.

CARRIED.

8) R-2 re:  
Profile of  
Invasive Plant  
species

The Committee was advised that Wormwood/Absinthium has been discovered in the Baytree area and along a road right-of-way at Bradens Crossing in Alberta. Both sites have been treated. It was suggested that Saddle Hills County provide an update on the treatment effectiveness on the sites to the Committee at its fall meeting.

MOVED by Amber Doonan, SECONDED by Brian Stratuliak,  
That the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee recommends to the Invasive Plant Committee that the 2018 Profile of Invasive Plant Species within the Peace River Regional District be approved, as amended:

- move Diffuse Knapweed and Wormwood/Absinthium to the Category A list in the Regional EDRR list;
- Knotweed – include second scientific name “*Persicaria wallichii*” to the list; and
- add to the Education and Awareness list - aquatic plant species Flowering rush and Yellow floating heart.

CARRIED.

It was noted that the Regional District will need to confirm if it has jurisdiction to enforce invasive aquatic species in lakes, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

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Leonard Hiebert  
Chair

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Suzanne Garrett  
Corporate Services Coordinator