



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, January 4, 2018

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'

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 2:30 pm

2) Election of Committee Chair: The Manager of Invasive Plants called for nominations for the office of Committee Chair for 2018.

Director Goodings nominated Director Hiebert for the office of Committee Chair for 2018. Director Sperling seconded the nomination.

Director Hiebert accepted the nomination.

The Manager of Invasive Plants called a second time for nominations for the office of Committee Chair for 2018.

Hearing none, the Manager of Invasive Plants declared Director Hiebert Chair of the Invasive Plant Committee for 2018.

3) Election of Vice-Chair: The Manager of Invasive Plants called for nominations for the office of Committee Vice-Chair for 2018.

Director Sperling nominated Director Goodings for the office of Committee Vice-Chair for 2018. Director Hiebert seconded the nomination.

Director Goodings accepted the nomination.

The Manager of Invasive Plants called a second time for nominations for the office of Committee Vice-Chair for 2018.

Hearing none, the Manager of Invasive Plants declared Director Goodings Vice-Chair of the Invasive Plant Committee for 2018.

### Adoption of the Agenda:

4) Adoption of the Agenda: MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings, That the Invasive Plant Committee meeting agenda for the January 4, 2018 meeting be adopted.

**Call to Order:**

**Election of Chair/Vice-Chair:**

**Notice of New Business:**

**Adoption of the Agenda:**

4) Adoption of the  
Agenda  
(continued)

**Adoption of the Minutes:**

- M-1 Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2017  
M-2 Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee Meeting  
Minutes of November 28, 2017.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**Reports:**

- R-1 December 29, 2017 report from Kari Bondaroff, Manager of Invasive Plants,  
Environmental Services and Field Services Program regarding  
recommendations from the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant  
Monitoring Committee meeting of November 28, 2017.  
R-2 Report from the Technical Advisory Committee regarding Scentsless  
Chamomile.  
R-3 Invasive Plant Program 2017 Annual Report.

**New Business:**

- NB-1 Follow-up to the November 28, 2017 Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive  
Plant Monitoring Committee meeting.

**Adjournment:**

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

5) M-1 IPC Mtg. MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
Min. of Apr 5, 2017 that the Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2017 be adopted.  
CARRIED.

6) M-2 SPPIPMC MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,  
Mtg Min of Nov 28, that the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee Meeting  
2017 minutes of November 28, 2017 be received.

CARRIED.

**REPORTS:**

7) R-1  
SPPIPMC  
Rec #1

The Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee (SPPIPMC) struck a Technical Advisory Committee to develop a strategy to deal with Scentsless Chamomile. The weed is proliferating and has an economic impact on agriculture in the region. It was noted that there would be little to no support from the Province to elevate treatments on Scentsless Chamomile, there are too many other high priority species that need to be targeted within budgetary constraints.

It was identified that the following strategies could be piloted or implemented that would be within the current budget and staff resources:

- Saddle Hills is preparing to launch a Destroy Daisies campaign in 2018. The PRRD could mimic this campaign by increasing public awareness of Scentsless chamomile and oxeye daisy. This would involve newspaper inserts, mail inserts to PRRD land occupiers, increased social media posts on daisies, public incentives to deliver "daisies" to the local landfills for free dumping, increased community weed pull events, and increased involvement by Municipalities to get involved in the campaign.
- Education and outreach to rural landowners about the implications of "daisies" (adopt Saddle Hills campaign?)

7) R-1 continued

- Work with OGC to ensure C&E on sites they are responsible for, maybe a scoping exercise with a broader group to determine treatment area priorities (similar to the PRRD, FLNRO, AGRI group).
- Education with agriculture producers to educate on effective ways to treat scentless chamomile – from small infestations to larger ones, closing hoppers and tarping empty trucks needs to be improved.
- More rancher contracts to allow more pesticide applicators to get out there and help combat the problem. However, we, wouldn't want to see money taken away from prioritizing our REDRR species.
- Increase cooperative programs with producer, livestock groups to control current infestations especially on crown lands. (The Rancher contract has the ability to do just this, it is run through the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operation and Rural Development).

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,

- a) That the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that Scentless Chamomile remain as a Category B species in the "Strategic Plan and Profile of Plants" recognizing that these plants have established themselves at the landscape level and are still aggressively treated by the agriculture sector to protect crop yields and production of other agriculture products. These plants are expected to be managed where they threaten environmental, social or economic values; and
- b) that the Regional District increase its education and awareness program with respect to Scentless Chamomile.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,

That a letter be forwarded to Arthur Hadland advising that the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee and Invasive Plant Committee are working collaboratively on a solution with respect to Scentless Chamomile.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,

That the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the Regional District opens a dialogue with the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture requesting that the provincial *Weed Control Act* be brought back under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture to return the focus of the Ministry to protecting agricultural lands and offset the current imbalance between the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

CARRIED.

8) R-1  
Rec. #2

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,

That the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to member municipalities, that currently do not have an invasive plant program bylaw, requesting that those Councils consider the establishment of an invasive plant program bylaw.

CARRIED.

9) R-1  
Rec #1                      MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,  
That the following resolution be referred back to the Strategic Plan and Profile of  
Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee:

*“that the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee  
recommends to the Invasive Plant Committee that the Regional District be  
requested to increase the invasive plant budget to enable the hiring of a minimum  
of two additional seasonal invasive plant personnel, one in the North Peace and one  
in the South Peace.”*

CARRIED.

10) R-2  
re: Scentless  
Chamomile                      MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That the report from the Technical Advisory Committee regarding Scentless  
Chamomile be received.

CARRIED.

11) R-3  
re: Annual  
Report                      MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,  
That the 2017 Annual Invasive Plant Program Report be approved and forwarded to  
the Regional Board for information.

CARRIED.

The Committee was advised that the Annual Report will be posted to the website.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

7) NB-1                      Follow-up from the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring  
Committee:  
                                    Rancher contracts – forward to the Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAC)  
                                    – see if there are more groups out there interested in participating.  
  
                                    Pipe yards – cannot enforce without a complaint, forward information on  
                                    “Report a Weed” app to ARC Resources and AAC.

8) Committee  
Report                      MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That the recommendations from the Invasive Plant Committee meeting of January 4,  
2018 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

CARRIED.

9) Adjournment:              The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm

Original signed by

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Leonard Hiebert  
Chair

Original signed by

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Suzanne Garrett  
Corporate Services Coordinator