



## PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

### INVASIVE PLANT COMMITTEE MEETING A G E N D A

for the meeting to be held on Monday, April 16, 2018  
at the Regional District offices, **1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC**  
commencing at 9:30 am

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1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Notice of New Business:**
3. **Adoption of the Agenda:**
4. **Adoption of the Minutes:**
  - M-1 Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2018
  - M-2 Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2018. (for reference)
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
6. **Correspondence:**
7. **Delegation:**
8. **Reports:**
  - R-1 April 4, 2018 report from Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding recommendations from the April 4, 2018 Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee meeting.
9. **New Business:**
  - NB-1 Elect a Chair for the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee (Pursuant to Item 4 in the SPPIPMC Terms of Reference)
10. **Items for Information**
  - Invasive Plant Committee Terms of Reference
11. **Adjournment:**



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

M-1

## 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: Scentsless  
Chamomile
- MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That the report from the Technical Advisory Committee regarding Scentsless  
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

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Leonard Hiebert  
Chair

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Suzanne Garrett  
Corporate Services Coordinator



**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: The Technical Advisory Committee, comprised of the South Peace Stockmen's  
Scentsless Association, Jim Collins, Oil and Gas Commission, Regional District, Ministry of  
Chamomile 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



# REPORT

To: IPCPRRD Committee Members Date: April 10, 2018

From: Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services

Subject: Recommendation from the April 4, 2018 Invasive Plant Committee

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## RECOMMENDATION No. 1:

That the Invasive Plant Program Strategic Plan and Profile 2018 be approved.

## BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Invasive Plant Program Strategic Plan and Profile 2018 is updated and reviewed annually.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: None

## STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Ensure that the Solid Waste Management Plan is operating on a fiscally defensible basis.
- Ensure effective execution of Public Safety and Emergency Services initiatives.
- Foster Collaboration on services with municipalities and electoral areas.
- Establish a strategy for coordinated advocacy on identified issues.
- Manage parks and trails in the region.
- Support the agricultural industry within the regional district.
- Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S): None

## COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Once approved by the Regional Board, the Invasive Plant Program Strategic Plan and Profile 2018 will be posted on the PRRD website.

## OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

These recommendations were passed at the April 4, 2018 Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee meeting for approval by the Invasive Plant Committee.

Staff Initials: *PE*

Dept. Head: *PA Eichelberger*

CAO:



## Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plants Monitoring Committee of the Peace River Regional District Terms of Reference

### 1. Goal

To complement the **Mission, Vision and Goals** of the Regional District by: *“protecting our economy, environment and social values from invasive plants and ensuring that existing infestations are managed with integrated pest management.”*

### 2. Purpose

To act as a forum to network and provide feedback to the Invasive Plant Committee of the Peace River Regional District (IPCPRRD) regarding:

- a. the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plants
- b. the effects of noxious/invasive plants in the region
- c. advice regarding best practices for industries operating within the Region
- d. noxious/invasive plant occurrences
- e. information on matters referred by the IPCPRRD
- f. any other matters related to noxious/invasive plants

### 3. Accountability

- a. Roberts Rules of Order apply
- b. Recommendations will be made to the IPCPRRD as required

### 4. Committee Organization

- a. A Chair and Vice Chair will be appointed by the IPC PRRD \*
- b. Secretarial services will be provided by the Peace River Regional District
- c. Members may be chosen to form an Advisory Committee and provide technical advice

### 5. Membership

- a. Membership is open to all who are interested in noxious/invasive plant management
- b. Membership will be continuous

Adopted by the Regional Board: February 27, 2014



## **Invasive Plant Committee of the Peace River Regional District Terms of Reference**

### **1. Goal**

To complement the **Mission, Vision and Goals** of the Regional District by: *“protecting our economy, environment and social values from invasive plants and ensuring that existing infestations are managed with integrated pest management.”*

### **2. Purpose**

The general purpose of the Invasive Plant Committee of the Peace River Regional District (IPCPRRD) will include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. To act as the conduit between the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plants Monitoring Committee (SPIP) and the Peace River Regional District Board regarding matters relating to noxious/invasive plants in the region.

### **3. Accountability and Committee Organization**

The Committee will be comprised of:

- i. A minimum of three directors appointed by the Chair of the Regional Board
- ii. The General Manager of Environmental Services
- iii. The Manager of Invasive Plants

Provisions for a Standing Committee are provided for in Board Procedure Bylaw No. 2200, 2015

### **4. Roles and Responsibilities**

To ensure regulatory provisions are appropriate to program delivery and recommend amendments to the Board and staff.

- a. Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plants
- b. Program delivery
- c. Compliance and Enforcement Policy
- d. Budget

The above are intended to be reviewed annually.