



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, April 16, 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 9:35 am

Adoption of the Agenda:

2) Adoption of the Agenda MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Invasive Plant Committee meeting agenda for the April 16, 2018 meeting
be adopted.

Call to Order:

Notice of New Business:

Adoption of the Agenda:

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)

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Reports:

R-1 April 4, 2018 report from Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of
Environmental Services regarding recommendations from the Strategic Plan
and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee meeting of April 4, 2018.

New Business:

NB-1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive
Plant Monitoring Committee meeting. (Pursuant to Item 4 in the SPPIPMC
Terms of Reference.)

Adjournment:

CARRIED.

Adoption of the Minutes:

3) M-1 IPC Mtg. MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
Min. of Jan 4, 2018 that the Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2018 be adopted.
CARRIED.

4) M-2 SPPIPMC MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,
Mtg Min of Apr 4, that the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee Meeting
2018 minutes of April 4, 2018 be received.

CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

5) Item 6, M-2
re: invasive plant
program bylaw

Discussion ensued regarding the request to all municipalities to give consideration to the establishment of an invasive plant program bylaw within their jurisdiction. In most instances agriculture operations are in close proximity to most municipal boundaries. Invasive plant management within municipal boundaries is crucial to managing the spread of invasive plants into agricultural areas. The City of Dawson Creek has advised that it will not establish such a bylaw as it would result in additional staffing expenditures. Suggestions for a non-monetary solution included a training session for bylaw enforcement officers, use of existing municipal public works personnel (Parks) to hand out door knockers or weed warrior kits, delegation to Council.

It was noted that the District of Chetwynd and City of Fort St. John have bylaws in place. The District of Hudson's Hope has advised they are willing to work with the Regional District. The District of Taylor will be adding invasive plants to their unsightly premises bylaw.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling, That the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services; Kari Bondaroff, Manager of Invasive Plants, Environmental Services and Field Services Program and Committee Chair Director Hiebert, be authorized to attend a City of Dawson Creek council meeting to provide information and resources on a collaborative approach to invasive plant compliance and enforcement to reduce the number of invasive plant infestations that pose a threat to the social, economic and environmental well-being of the region.

CARRIED.

6) Rail lines

Concern was expressed with respect to rail lines running through municipalities, which are exempt from provincial/municipal regulations such as invasive plants. It was suggested that this topic be placed on the list of items to be discussed at the next meeting with Mike Bernier, MLA.

REPORTS:

7) R-1
SPPIPMC
Invasive Plant
Program

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings, that the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the 2018 Invasive Plant Program Strategic Plan and Profile be approved.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

8) NB-1
SPPIPMC
Chair and Vice

Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plants Monitoring Committee (SPPIPMC) Terms of Reference, Section 4 Committee Organization, a) A Chair and Vice-Chair will be appointed by the Invasive Plant Committee.

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

Director Hiebert accepted the nomination.

8) NB-1 (cont'd)

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

Director Goodings accepted the nomination.

9) Committee Report

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the recommendations from the Invasive Plant Committee meeting of April 16, 2018 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

CARRIED.

10) Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am

Original signed by

Leonard Hiebert
Chair

Original signed by

Suzanne Garrett
Corporate Services Coordinator