



# REPORT

To: Invasive Plant Committee

Report Number: ENV-IPC-003

From: Kari Bondaroff, Environmental Services Manager

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**Subject: 2020 Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Committee Meeting**

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## **RECOMMENDATION #1:**

That the Invasive Plant Committee cancel the face-to-face Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee Fall 2020 meeting; further,

That the DRAFT 2021 Strategic Plan and Profile of the Invasive Plant Committee be shared with the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee members via mail, for members requesting hardcopies of documents, and email, for remaining members; further,

That a partner and stakeholder survey be constructed to accompany the Draft to request feedback from members by no later than December 31, 2020, regarding 2020 invasive plant activities, strategies, newly reported invaders, and successes as well as recommendations for 2021 activities for consideration.

## **RECOMMENDATION #2:**

That the Invasive Plant Committee authorize that the Strategic Plan and Profile of the Invasive Plant Committee delegation, Invasive Species Council of British Columbia, intended to be a presentation at the fall 2020 meeting, be presented as a pre-recorded video to be shared via the PRRD website, the PRRD Facebook page, and as an email link to be sent to all Strategic Plan and Profile of the Invasive Plant Committee members.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

On February 20, 2020, the Invasive Plant Committee passed the following resolution:

*MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED*

That a Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee meeting be scheduled for the fall, with staff arranging a noteworthy delegation to attend, and provide time on the agenda to allow stakeholders an opportunity to talk about strategies tried and successes; and further, that stakeholders be contacted soliciting ideas for planned activities for the upcoming weed season.

As a result of the high numbers of attendees that participate in the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee (SPIPMC) and the current COVID-19 restrictions for meeting sizes a face-to-face meeting is not possible at this time. The following plans are obtainable options for meeting the intentions of the carried resolution:

1. The Invasive Species Council of BC (ISCBC) is scheduled to be a delegation for this coming 2020 fall meeting. This presentation is focused on the BC Hydro, Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program funding they have received to support First Nation community members as well as agriculture and industry members to access training, resources, and signage to support invasive species management. All of these opportunities are within the COVID-19 restriction guidelines. ISCBC staff are willing to pre-record their presentation to share on our website, Facebook page, and via email of a link to the presentation. This allows us to share the opportunity with a wide range of individuals within the PRRD.
2. In order to provide time to allow for increased input towards the Draft 2021 Strategic Plan and Profile, the document would be emailed out to the SPPIPMC membership for comment by December 31, 2020. This would allow time for edits to be made for approval at the Invasive Plant Committee budget meeting in January/February 2021.
3. In order to obtain feedback from partners and stakeholders, a survey can be created which solicits information regarding 2020 activities that were conducted by various groups. The survey would include an opportunity for individuals and partnering groups to share any new strategies to managing invasive plants. The survey would also include notifications an opportunity to report any new invader species found within our region and within our surrounding neighbours region. The survey would be requested to be completed by December 31, 2020 with results to be shared with SPPIPMC members following the approval of the 2021 Strategic Plan and Profile.
4. Alternatively, the meeting could be attempted to be conducted via Zoom. All documents would need to be printed and mailed prior to the meeting as well as sent out via email. Support would be required from the communications, IT, and administrative departments in order to ensure that the meeting ran smoothly.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Invasive Plant Committee recommend that staff hold the 2020 Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee meeting via Zoom.
2. That the Invasive Plant Committee provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- ☒ Partnerships
  - ☒ Collaboration with Local and First Nations governments
  - ☒ Inter-provincial collaboration with Alberta local governments

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

Should the IPC support the digital platform of sharing information via the website, Facebook, email, and surveys, there would be no financial considerations at this time.

Should the IPC support the compilation of a zoom meeting, additional staff time to prepare the documents for printing and mailing and support for the meeting itself would be required.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

In order to reach as many of the active SPPIPMC membership as possible, information will have to be shared electronically as well as hard copied. Time will need to be given to allow for valuable feedback to be received.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

There are no legislated requirements to hold a SPPIPMC meeting. The purpose of the SPPIPMC is to act as a forum to network and provide feedback to the Invasive Plant Committee (IPC) regarding the Strategic Plan and Profile, the effects of noxious plants in the region, offer advice regarding best practices for industries operating within the region, report noxious plant occurrences, give information on matters referred by the IPC, and offer advice and input on any other matters related to noxious plants.

**Attachments:**

1. 2021 Strategic Plan and Profile Draft