



**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes**

DATE: February 20, 2020

PLACE: Regional District Committee room, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'

Staff

Kari Bondaroff, Environmental Services Manager
Naomi Donat, Recorder

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m.
- 2) Election of Chair
- The Environmental Services Manager called for nominations for the office Committee Chair for 2020.
- Director Goodings nominated Director Hiebert for the office of Committee Chair for 2020.
Director Sperling seconded the nomination.
- Director Hiebert accepted the nomination.
- MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,
That nominations for the office of Committee Chair for 2020 be closed.
- CARRIED.
- The Environmental Services Manager declared Director Hiebert Chair of the Invasive Plant Committee for 2020.
- 3) Election of Vice-Chair
- The Environmental Services Manager called for nominations for the office Committee Vice-Chair for 2020.
- Director Sperling nominated Director Goodings for the office of Committee Vice-Chair for 2020. Director Hiebert seconded the nomination.
- Director Goodings accepted the nomination.
- MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That nominations for the office of Committee Vice-Chair for 2020 be closed.
- CARRIED.
- The Environmental Services Manager declared Director Goodings Vice-Chair of the Invasive Plant Committee for 2020.

NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Sperling Use of fertilizer and pesticides within watershed areas

4) Adoption of the
Agenda

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Invasive Plant Committee meeting agenda for the February 20, 2020 meeting be
adopted.

Call to Order:

Election of Chair/Vice-Chair:

Notice of New Business:

Adoption of the Agenda:

Adoption of the Minutes:

M-1 Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2019

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Reports:

R-1 February 3, 2020 – Kari Bondaroff, Environmental Services Manager – Strategic
Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee meeting recommendations
from November 26, 2019.

R-2 February 4, 2020 – Kari Bondaroff, Environmental Services Manager – 2020 Annual
Report and Draft 2020 Strategic Plan.

R-3 February 4, 2020 – Kari Bondaroff, Environmental Services Manager – 2020 Budget
for Function 520 – Invasive Plants.

New Business:

NB-1 Use of fertilizer and pesticide within watershed areas

Adjournment:

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

5) M-1 IPC Mtg Min
of Feb 21, 2019

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,
That the Invasive Plant Committee Meeting minutes of February 21, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

6) R-1 re: SPPIPMC
meeting
recommendation

Discussion at the November 26, 2019 Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring
Committee noted that the BC Oil and Gas Commission (BCOGC) has no jurisdiction over
abandoned sites until after the site has been official declared “abandoned.” The BCOGC is
working on a process to deal with these types of sites. It was felt that the BCOGC may not
be aware of the location of invasive plant infestations on these sites. It was suggested that,
in the interim, the BCOGC be encouraged to focus on controlling invasive plant infestations
on abandoned sites to keep them from spreading to neighbouring properties.

Patrick Smook, BC Oil and Gas Commission, has advised that the Commission will continue
to review concerns received from the Regional District, on a case by case basis.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a letter be
forwarded to the BC Oil and Gas Commission requesting information on current weed
control strategies being implemented on “abandoned” well sites by the BC Oil and Gas
Commission.

CARRIED.

Discussion ensued regarding responsibility for abandoned wells. It was noted that the
Delegation Agreement specifies maintenance and reclamation is required. It was suggested
that a legal opinion be obtained on who is responsible for control of noxious weeds on
abandoned versus orphaned well sites.

- 6) R-1 continued Should the Regional District incur costs to protect landowners, how would those costs be recouped?
- MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,
That the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a legal opinion be obtained to determine which agency has jurisdiction and responsibility for control of noxious weeds on abandoned well sites.
- CARRIED.
- 7) R-2 Annual Report and draft 2020 Strategic Plan MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,
That the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the 2019 Annual Invasive Plant Program Report be approved for publication to the Regional District's website.
- CARRIED.
- MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,
That the Invasive Plant Committee review and provide edits to the draft of the Invasive Plant Strategic Plan and Profile 2020; further that the Plan and Profile be approved by the Committee; and further,
- That the Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the 2020 Invasive Plant Strategic Plan and Profile be approved for publication to the Regional District's website.
- CARRIED.
- Discussion ensued regarding meetings of the Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee.
- MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,
That a Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plant Monitoring Committee meeting be scheduled for the fall of 2020, including a delegation of noteworthy interest to participants, and provide time on the agenda to allow stakeholders an opportunity to discuss strategies tried and successes; and
- further, that stakeholders be contacted soliciting ideas for planned activities for the upcoming weed season.
- CARRIED.
- MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,
That the Invasive Plant Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the draft 2020 budget for Function 520 – Invasive Plants be included in the 2020 Annual Financial Plan.
- CARRIED.
- It was noted that complaints related to weeds on roads will be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI). It was felt that the Regional District should be more visible during the weed season.

NEW BUSINESS:

8) NB-1 re: fertilizer and pesticide use around watersheds Concern was expressed regarding the use of cosmetic fertilizers and pesticides within watershed areas. It was noted that this is strictly enforced by the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Agriculture. It was felt that this use should be prohibited, by bylaw, on residential properties within 1 kilometre of Charlie Lake. Director Sperling will review with landowners, staff and elected officials.

9) Committee Report MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling, That the recommendations from the Invasive Plant Committee meeting of February 20, 2020 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

CARRIED.

10) Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Leonard Hiebert
Chair

Naomi Donat
Recorder