



REPORT

To: Invasive Plant Committee

Report Number: ENV-IPC-019

From: Environmental Services

Date: February 13, 2025

Subject: 2025 Invasive Plant Program Strategic Plan and Profile

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Invasive Plant Committee receive and forward the '2025 Invasive Plant Program Strategic Plan', which outlines the 2025 detailed workplan for the regional invasive plant program, to the Regional Board.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Invasive Plant Strategic Plan and Profile outlines a detailed work plan for PRRD invasive plant management and program activities that align with the PRRD's strategic focus areas as well as the overarching invasive plant program goal, which is to:

- Protect the region's economy, environment, and social values from invasive plants; and
- Ensure that existing infestations are managed using an integrated pest management approach.

The Strategic Plan and Profile of Invasive Plants Monitoring Committee (SPPIPMC) reviewed the draft 2025 Invasive Strategic Plan and Profile document at their meeting on December 2, 2024. Committee members provided feedback, and the document was revised to reflect the comments. The 2025 strategic plan is relatively unchanged from the 2024 plan, except for an additional work task to support 'Coordination and Partnership Building'. If the PRRD is successful in receiving provincial funding, the Invasive Plant program will utilize the additional funds to provide invasive plant control and awareness grants to regional First Nations interested in the prevention and control of invasive plant infestations in their communities.

Included in the strategic plan is the invasive plant categorization list. The list is reviewed and revised every three years. The last revision was completed in 2022. The list is set to be reviewed this fall for implementation in 2026.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Invasive Plant Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Organizational Effectiveness

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The draft 2025 Invasive Plants budget is reflective of the outlined work within the 2025 Invasive Plant Strategic Plan and Profile. The draft budget is included in this February 13, 2025 agenda as '2025 Function 520 Invasive Plants Draft Budget ENV-IPC-017'.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Once presented to the Regional Board, the '2025 Invasive Plant Program Strategic Plan' will be published for public information on the Regional District website.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. 2025 Invasive Plant Program Strategic Plan