



New Approach to Invasive Plant Management

For Immediate Release (July 5/17): A new Thompson-Nicola Invasive Plant Management Committee (TNIPMC) has been created by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District to administer invasive plant management within the TNRD boundaries.

For the past 20 years, the Southern Interior Weed Management Committee (SIWMC), a non-profit society, has delivered invasive plant management on Crown land throughout the TNRD, operating in conjunction with a TNRD Invasive Plant Committee. The functions and roles of the Southern Interior Weed Management Committee (SIWMC) and TNRD Invasive Plant Committee and their programs have been merged into the new TNIPMC. The SIWMC is in the process of dissolution, and the original TNRD Invasive Plant Committee has been dissolved upon creation of the TNIPMC.

The membership of the TNIPMC includes representatives from major land managers in the TNRD as well as key organizations with invasive plant expertise. Funding for the program delivery of the TNIPMC will primarily come from provincial agencies and the TNRD Invasive Plant Control Service.

The public can inquire about invasive plant management within the TNRD as follows:

- By calling 250.851.1699
- By emailing invasiveplants@tnrd.ca
- By visiting a new website that will be created this summer, merging the content from the existing websites www.siwmc.ca and www.tnrd.ca

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For more information contact invasiveplants@tnrd.ca

The TNRD covers 11 municipalities (Ashcroft, Barriere, Cache Creek, Chase, Clearwater, Clinton, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Lytton, Merritt and Sun Peaks) and 10 Electoral Areas - "A" (Wells Gray Country), "B" (Thompson Headwaters), "E" (Bonaparte Plateau), "I" (Blue Sky Country), "J" (Copper Desert Country), "L" (Grasslands), "M" (Beautiful Nicola Valley - North), "N" (Beautiful Nicola Valley - South), "O" (Lower North Thompson) and "P" (Rivers and the Peaks). The TNRD provides over 120 services including planning and building inspection, solid waste management, emergency preparedness, 9-1-1 services, recreation, utilities, television rebroadcasting, river buoys, transit, tourism, library services and operates a film commission.