

THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 2622

A bylaw to establish the Thompson-Nicola Invasive Plant Management Committee.

WHEREAS the Board of Directors has, by Noxious Weed Control Service Conversion and Establishment Bylaw No 2527, 2016, regulated the administration and operation of the TNRD invasive weed control program;

AND WHEREAS the Local Government Act provides that the Chair may establish standing committees for matters the Chair considers would be better dealt with by committee and may appoint persons to those committees;

AND WHEREAS the Chair of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District deems it appropriate and necessary to establish an invasive plant management committee to provide a coordinated approach to managing invasive plants with other government and industry sectors to minimize the spread and impact of invasive plants within the regional district boundaries;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1. In this bylaw:

Land Manager – A person that manages land on behalf of the following (including but is not limited to): all orders of government (local, provincial, federal, First Nations); private landowners; conservancies; and industry sectors that manage land such as agriculture, forestry, mining, utility companies, tourism, developers and others

Program Manager – TNRD staff or contractors who carry out or cause to be carried out the key functions to achieve the purpose of the committee.

CITATION

2. This bylaw may be cited as "Thompson-Nicola Invasive Plant Management Committee Bylaw No. 2622, 2017".

ESTABLISHMENT

3. The Thompson-Nicola Invasive Plant Management Committee is hereby established.

COMMITTEE ROLE AND MANDATE

4. The Committee is a standing committee of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.
5. The Committee's mandate includes:

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- (a) coordinating consistent treatment of invasive species through the development of an invasive plant strategic plan;
 - (b) collaborating with land managers to responsibly manage invasive plants by setting annual priorities and reporting on works accomplished;
 - (c) working cooperatively to provide education and outreach programs to minimize the spread and impact or to control and eradicate invasive plants;
 - (d) advocating for research in the management and control of invasive plant spread;
 - (e) financial management and accountability of funds contributed by the participating members
6. The Committee will make recommendations to the TNRD for the engagement of contractors to carry out coordination, education or invasive plant control measures.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

7. The Committee will be comprised of the following members:
 - a) Two (2) TNRD electoral area directors;
 - b) One (1) TNRD municipal director;
 - c) One (1) member representing the BC Cattlemen's Association, and one alternate;
 - d) One (1) member representing the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, and one alternate;
 - e) One (1) member representing the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and one alternate;
 - f) One (1) member representing BC Parks (Ministry of Environment) and one alternate;
 - g) One (1) member representing the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council, and one alternate;
 - h) One (1) member representing the Nicola Tribal Association, and one alternate;
 - i) One (1) member representing Grasslands Conservation Council, and one alternate;
 - j) One (1) member representing Thompson Rivers University, and one alternate.
8. Committee members representing the TNRD will be appointed on an annual basis by the Chair of the TNRD Board of Directors.
9. Committee members representing other government or industry sectors will be appointed on an annual basis to the committee by their respective organizations.
10. At the first committee meeting of the calendar year, a chair will be elected (eligible candidates are Electoral Area Directors), and vice chair will be elected by the committee membership.

PROGRAM MANAGER

11. A Program Manager will carry out or cause to be carried out the Services included within the Committee's mandate.
12. The Program Manager will report to the Regional District's Director of Environmental Services and will assist the Committee in carrying out its mandate as set out in this bylaw.

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13. The Program Manager will assist the Committee Chair as the primary spokesperson and will establish and maintain effective working relationships with other Committee members, service contractors, residents, all levels of government and the media.

QUORUM

14. A quorum will consist of five (5) Committee members plus the Chair or Vice Chair if the Chair is absent.

MEETINGS

15. The Committee will hold regular meetings on a semi-annual basis or as otherwise convened at the call of the Committee Chair.
16. The Program Manager will be responsible for keeping and distributing minutes of all Committee meetings.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS

17. The Committee Chair or Program Manager are not permitted to participate in meetings through electronic participation.
18. A Committee member who is unable to attend a Committee meeting may participate in the meeting by electronic or other communication means provided prior arrangements have been made through communication with the Program Manager.
19. The Committee meeting facilities must enable the meeting's participants to hear, or watch and hear each other.
20. Except for any part of the meeting that is closed to the public, the facilities must enable the public to hear, or watch and hear, the meeting at the specified place.
21. At least one member of the Committee and the Manager must be present in the designated meeting location identified in the public notice.
22. Committee members participating by audio means must indicate his or her consent or vote verbally.
23. Nothing in this bylaw may be construed to guarantee any Committee member electronic access to a meeting. Electronic participation will be restricted by equipment and facility capability. Equipment failure or other occurrence that prevents or limits electronic participation will not result in meeting adjournment unless the failure results in loss of quorum.
24. The cost of participating at a meeting by electronic means will be the sole responsibility of the participating Committee member.

FINANCE AND REPORTING

25. The Committee will, through the Program Manager, will submit a detailed annual budget request to TNRD each year, with a four year projection by September 15 of each year or such other later date acceptable to the Regional District's Director Finance for inclusion in the Regional District's annual budget.
26. The Regional District's Director of Finance may, at his/her discretion, establish any financial procedures that may be required.
27. Committee members that are TNRD Directors will be entitled to receive a stipend and reimbursement for expenses as set out in the Board of Directors remuneration bylaw.
28. Committee members from other agencies or organizations will fund their own expenses to participate in the Committee.

READ A FIRST time this 15th day of June, 2017.

READ A SECOND time this 15th day of June, 2017.

READ A THIRD time this 15th day of June, 2017.

ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 2017.

Carolyn Black
CORPORATE OFFICER

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CHAIR