



**Northwest Invasive Plant Council
Fall Meeting 2008**

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, November 25, 2008

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 4:10 p.m.

PLACE: Fort Fraser Community Hall, Fort Fraser, BC

PRESENT: Denise McLean, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Meeting Chair
Ralph Roy, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, NWIPC Director
Marc Schuffert, Ministry of Forests and Range, Smithers
Larry Ward, City of Prince George
Bob Drinkwater, Ministry of Forest and Range, NWIPC Director
Jerry Daoust, Ministry of Environment, Prince George
Matthew Braun, Ministry of Forests and Range, Prince George
Leah Sheffield, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Smithers
Erica Nitchie, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Williams Lake
Crystal Wheeler, Ministry of Forests and Range, CCCIPC rep
Charles Oduro, Ministry of Forests and Range, Prince George
Graeme Johnstone, Graeme's Agricultural Services, Smithers
Shirley Hamblin, contractor, Houston
Ben Haizimsque, Nisga'a Lisims Forest Resources, New Aiyansh
Amy Barnes, NWIPC program assistant, Prince George
Andrea Eastham, NWIPC program manager, Prince George
Merci Hillis, Gitxsan-Midskeena, Kispiox, NWIPC FN assistant
Sean Harris, Gitxsan-Midskeena, Kispiox
Bob Fowler, Ministry of Forests and Range, Burns Lake
Karen Tabe, Ministry of Forests and Range, Vanderhoof
Christine Friedrichsmeier, Ministry of Forests and Range, Vanderhoof
Kaylyn Ketlo, Nadleh Whut'en, Fort Fraser
Darrell Hill, Spectrum Resources Group, Prince George
Peter Mohammed, Spectrum Resources Group, Prince George
Ian Hayes, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, NWIPC Director
Dennis Meier, Peace River Regional District, NEIPC coordinator
Myrtle Muldoe, Gitxsan-Midskeena, NWIPC Director
Art Moraes, Gitxsan-Midskeena, Hazelton
Trevor Tapp, Rancher, NWIPC Director
Rick Heinrichs, Ministry of Environment, BC Parks, Smithers



First Nations Forum: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Facilitated by Merci Hillis; Merci gave an update on all activities for the year; presentations were made by: Merci/Gitxsan Midskeena Watershed; Ben Haizimsque/Nisga'a/Lisims Forest Resources LP; Kaylyn Ketlo/Nadleh Whut'en poster board and brief oral presentation.

The members in attendance at the fall meeting voted for the best presentation and Ben H. received the most votes. NWIPC will sponsor Ben's attendance at the upcoming Invasive Plant Forum, January 20 and 21, 2009, as the NWIPC and Nisga'a representative. Congratulations Ben!

Lunch provided by NWIPC

- **Thanks to Ralph Roy, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Councillor and NWIPC Director, for arranging facilities and lunch!**

Members Meeting: 1:00 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.

1. **Introductions; name and affiliation; 30 members present**
2. **Reviewed April 2nd meeting minutes; accepted minutes**
3. **Reviewed tasks from April 2nd Annual General Meeting**

PROGRESS ON ACTION ITEMS FROM APRIL 2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ACTION ITEM	WHO	WHEN
NWIPC write a letter to the appropriate MOE authority expressing the desire to have Milestone added to provincial regulations for use in wetted areas. Encourage other IP committees to send letters as well.	Denise McLean	Update by Denise McLean, MAL, on progress in getting Ministry of Environment (MOE) to allow use of the herbicide, Milestone, within the 2m to 10m Pesticide Free Zone like Roundup regulations; NWIPC working on a business plan to submit to MOE for specific species and locations as a start in 2009
Update committee members list.	Andrea Eastham	Members list is continually updated by the program manager; if your contact information changes, please send to info@nwipc.org
Create a list of available	Amy Barnes	Not circulated in 2008; do in



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promotional material and circulate to membership.		spring 2009
Review available promotional material list and submit requests for materials and display booths for events.	NWIPC Membership	Done
Order IP ID carabineers.	Andrea	IPC is working on organizing a provincial order of carabineers
Number of 2007 treated sites is much less than the number of 2006 sites. Need to explain this difference.	Andrea Eastham	Main reasons for difference was: sites have been amalgamated; tables in previous annual reports were number of site visits, not number of sites; hectares treated is also important as sites range from 1 m ² to greater than a hectare.
Directors are preparing to retire and certain membership groups are not represented on the Board of Directors.	Bob Drinkwater and Andrea Eastham	Bob has been working on getting provincial gov't representatives to join board so overlap between retiring and new directors; Andrea working on timber industry rep.
Horticultural industry blitz, submit appropriate businesses' contact information (to Andrea Eastham) so that they can be included in the 2008 blitz.	All members.	Done. Andrea has had requests for poster on Himalayan balsam for display in garden centres.
Garden centers in Atlin and Dease Lake have been selling IPs. Need to find a way to contact them to discourage this practice.	IPC members, Andrea Eastham.	Not done. See next item.
Contact Government Agency offices in Atlin and Dease Lake to post IP information.	Andrea Eastham	Some communication this season; NWIPC display in Atlin at Music Festival and IMPA contractor worked in area.
Add Le Poiven (Fraser Lake), BB (Houston), and Alpine (Smithers) greenhouses to awareness list.	Andrea Eastham	Done. See report in 2008 annual report.
Contact Yukon government to explain how IPs are a big issue and	Bob Drinkwater and Merci Hillis	Bob and Merci gave presentations at conference in



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that they are needed to be part of the solution.		Whitehorse; NWIPC is on their member list and vice versa.
Apply to Federal Agencies for increased funding for specific projects, ex. Gitxsan.	Andrea Eastham	Not done. Bob and Merci working on First Nations funding from multiple sources.
Submit expansion ideas to Education and Awareness Committee.	All members.	No submissions.
Communicate IP issue and funding need to provincial MOE staff.	Andrea Eastham	Ground-level working relationships between parks staff and NWIPC contractors was excellent; there is now a MOE representative on the Inter-ministerial IP Working Group; Andrea has discussed with Linda Wilson and is preparing a letter for Denise McLean's signature.
Develop new partners, especially the remaining RDs, municipalities and timber, mining, oil & gas and horticultural industries.	All members.	Andrea has made presentations to regional district councils with mixed results; contractors have been helpful; now have Kinder Morgan, Terasen Gas, and Carrier Lumber Ltd.
Get a new committee member, for Pesticides issues from MOE.	MOE staff	See committee report below.

4. Committee reports

- a) PMP's and Pesticides issues committee did not meet in 2009; **ACTION: need a chair person;**
- b) E&C and MPB committees have been disbanded because not needed right now.



c) Education and awareness: have new website (www.nwipc.org) did take on Weed of the Week in a bi-weekly fashion, expensive! Six newsletters went out. Potted weed display was successful.

ACTION: Get weed display caretaker for 2009.

TO participate in E&A committee contact Ian Hayes!

d) Common tansy containment line, no change since spring report.

ACTION: Have Graeme Johnstone and Marc Shuffert draw out containment line on map.

5. Invasive Plant Management Area Reports

a) Spectrum for Robson Valley, Prince George and Burns Lake: presentation by Peter Mohammed and Darrell Hill that focused on results compared to the IPMA Plan submitted to NWIPC in winter 2008.

b) Andrea read Vanderhoof report from Matt Harder.

c) Shirley Hamblin read report for Houston.

Recommended that Tatacik Reach needs to be inventoried, possible tansy site.

d) Graeme Johnstone read report for Stikine-Skeena

Discussion around making Skeena portion more efficient to serve.

ACTION: Discuss solutions this winter.

e) Haida Gwaii, Andrea Eastham gave a brief update. Marine Toad Enterprises is the new contractor. They did very well with a late start and limited past plans.

6. Appreciation presentations by Andrea Eastham

Framed weed prints were presented to two NWIPC members in appreciation of their commitment to invasive plant management:

Sybille Haeussler in appreciation for weed spotting ability and inclusion of IPs in her other work; see Local Hero in NWIPC newsletter no. 12 for more info on Sybille.

Beryl Hagen, 2008 was her 18th season controlling invasive plants in the Robson Valley; she has worked with NWIPC for the past 4 years and employs a crew of young people from McBride to do the weed work; Beryl has identified new invasive arrivals in the valley and volunteers her time promoting NWIPC and educating the public on the problems and issues.

7. Contractor Awards by Andrea Eastham

Tokens of appreciation to IPMA contractors for all their good work!

- Peter Mohammed: instrumental in getting Kinder Morgan and Carrier Lumber as members and partners with NWIPC. But...his award was a giant Gant Chart for a day in the life of Peter Mohammed.
- Daryl Hill: thanks for help with Corrections Crew and its many, many changes as well as taking care of NWIPC display and promotion for Communities in Bloom event. But...for near perfect tracking sheets, Daryl got a gold star!
- Matt Harder: thanks for the initiative you took over the season in terms of novel treatments, discussing treatment options on the ground with Jerry Daoust (MOE) and help with First Nations. But....Matt loves using heavy equipment as evident in his annual report, so he gets a Bob the Builder earth mover for his ingenuity.



- Graeme Johnstone: for his spectacular weed eradication and his support at the regional district meeting. But...Graeme earned a GAS Auto Racing ball cap for his death-defying driving skills that included driving in reverse at the speed limit over a bridge!

8. NWIPC Season Summary and Plan and Profile

a) Funded Projects: Andrea Eastham

a) FREP Cards sponsored with MFR: funded by MFR, we produced invasive plant identification cards for the 42 species on the FERPA weed list; the cards are part of the information that ministry's stewardship staff must report on as part of their regular duties.

ACTION: Forward to MFR the request by Spectrum contractors to get copies of cards and or books.

b) Targeted Grazing: results presented in poster form at the IPC Research Forum in October 2008 and again at the Fall Meeting.

c) Buck Flats Field Day, pulling day in riparian area done by 4H kids and families.

d) Fort Fraser 50/50 did not use all funds in 2008, expect the program to grow in future.

e) Assisted travel by Merci Hillis to present at the "Weeds Across Borders" conference in Banff, AB

f) MAL Student photo contest, images used in publications, prizes to top three.

e) Potted weed display, very good public awareness tool. Caretaker Lyndsey sent letter to NWIPC.

g) Weed of the Week: used to be organized by District C Farmers' Institute and implemented by NWIPC; new for NWIPC this year and we ran the contest over a broader geographical area; big cost but we received lots of calls from new areas.

NWIPC 50:50 Program

- Marc Shuffert, from local rancher, suggested an increase in 50/50 rebate to \$1000 from \$500 in order to entice more landowners to treat IPs.
- Denise McLean explained that the 50/50 program was originally designed to help landowners with smaller properties and those whose adjacent properties have IPs but theirs don't meet the matrix.

b) Strategic Plan and Profile Species Updates: Bob Drinkwater

1. Species

- Members received handout of IP species they reported during 2008
- The species were discussed in terms of observations made on new arrivals and possible spread of ones that have been in our area for decades
- Crystal Wheeler (CCCIPC) provided good information on species on the increase just south of us
- Outcomes will be included in the draft 2009 Strategic Plan and Profile to be distributed to members prior to 2009 Annual General Meeting

2. Budget

- Membership approved proposal to offer 2009 contracts to program manager and First Nations assistant in order to provide continuity to programs.



- Membership approved proposed NWIPC budget format that would remove the split between operations and program, and change to organizing our funds by total income and total expenditures.

ACTION ITEMS FROM NOVEMBER 25TH 2008 FALL MEETING

ACTION ITEM	WHO	WHEN
Create a list of available promotional material and circulate to membership.	Amy Barnes	do in spring 2009
Continue to work on expanding use of Milestone within the label.	Denise McLean	Report status at annual general meeting.
Secure funding for IP work with First Nations.	Bob Drinkwater and Merci Hillis	Report progress at annual general meeting.
Need a chair person from MOE for Pesticide issues committee	Andrea	ASAP
Need potted weed caretaker for 2009	Education & Awareness comm..	Spring 2009
Complete polygon on a map for common tansy containment line	Marc Schuffert and Graeme Johnson	ASAP
Discussion and decisions around making Stikine portion of Kitimat-Stikine IPMA more efficient to serve	Contractors and directors	Late winter 2009