

## 2025 Invasive Plant Program Work Plan Priorities and Results

Priorities	Results
<b>Planning</b>	
 Update the list of PRRD owned/occupied properties and cross-reference the properties for historical invasive plant infestation using the Report Invasives data.	There were no changes to the properties thus no changes were made to the Area Controller contract in 2025 for treatment of PRRD lands.
 Create a schedule of treatment months to ensure proper timing of treatment.	Treatments occurred from June to September 2025 by MGP Contracting.
 Inventory current outreach materials and update/purchase as required.	No new materials were required in 2025. Existing items were shared with community groups and events as requested.
 Amend all accompanying legislation and ancillary documentation consistent with the current strategic plan direction.	There were no changes to legislation or ancillary documents that required updates in 2025.
<b>Inventory and Surveys</b>	
 Site visits required for 1/3 of PRRD owned/occupied lands.	Area Contractor visited all PRRD sites as per the contractual obligations. 63 sites were treated, and all parks and Solid Waste and wastewater sites were monitored for efficacy.
<b>Treatment</b>	
 Treat all invasive species surveyed/inventoried on PRRD owned/occupied lands using the designated three pass system.	All PRRD sites were visited and infested sites were treated an average 1-4 times as necessary. 13.31 hectares were treated.
<b>Treatment Monitoring</b>	
 This is the first year of the Area Controllers contract, 30% of the PRRD sites will be monitored for treatment in 2025.	PRRD Field Services staff visually inspected sites for treatment efficacy throughout the season during scheduled or routine facility and property inspections.

<p><b>Data Entry</b></p>	
<p> Enter 100% of inventory, survey, or treatment documentation into the InvasivesBC database.</p>	<p>100% of the collected inventory, survey and treatment documentation was entered into the InvasivesBC database by the area controller.</p>
<p><b>Education and Awareness</b></p>	
<p> Continue to offer Regional support to stakeholders through invasive plant ID, outreach materials, integrated pest management planning information, and best management practices.</p>	<p>Provided inserts for the Peace River Forage Association summer newsletter, provided invasive plant identification and treatment documentation as requested by landowners and oil and gas operators.</p>
<p> Update educational materials to reflect the 2022 changes in the PRRD Invasive Plant Prioritization lists.</p>	<p>In 2025, there were 30 posts, 50 likes, and 66 shares with 38 posts having comments.</p>
<p> Purchase and/or share new educational materials as they come available and if they are applicable within the PRRD.</p>	<p>Materials were provided during a Peace River Forage Association.</p>
<p> PRRD staff will continue to attend professional development activities as per their work plans.</p>	<p>Staff attended professional development outlined in their annual workplans.</p>
<p> PRRD staff will continue to develop new and useful materials to deliver to PRRD residents.</p>	<p>No new materials were created this year.</p>
<p><b>Coordination and Partnership Building</b></p>	
<p> Provide invasive plant control and awareness grants to regional First Nations interested in the prevention and control of invasive plant infestations in their communities.</p>	<p>A grant was provided to Sauteau First Nations for invasive plant management activities conducted in the community.</p>
<p> Hold one SPPIP and a minimum of two IPCPRRD meetings.</p>	<p>An IPCPRRD budget meeting was held in January of 2025 and a planning meeting is scheduled for December 2025.</p>
<p> Continue to support Invasive Species Council of BC programs.</p>	<p>“Plantwise,” “Don’t let it loose,” “Clean Drain Dry,” “PlayCleanGo” are all communicated through the PRRD.</p>

 Participate in provincial coordination meetings and interprovincial meetings as requested and applicable.	<p>Provincial coordination meetings are scheduled for December 2025.</p>
 Continue to partner with industry to promote Best Management practices by offering plant identification resources, offering free commercial dumping at the three local landfills, and partnering in outreach events.	<p>Free dumping was offered at the three landfills this season (North Peace, Bessborough, and Chetwynd) for both residential and commercial users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bessborough received 15,540 kg (2,360 kg residential, 13,180 kg commercial),</li> <li>• Chetwynd received 33,940 kg (0 residential, 33,940 kg commercial),</li> <li>• North Peace received 21,260 kg (19,750 kg residential, 1,510 kg commercial).</li> </ul> <p>Manned transfer sites including the following received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dawson Creek 1,110 kg (1,110 kg residential, 0 kg commercial),</li> <li>• Prespatou 1,640 kg (1,640 kg residential, 0 kg commercial),</li> <li>• Cecil Lake 38 bags,</li> <li>• Rose Prairie 11 bags,</li> <li>• Wonowon 26 bags,</li> <li>• Buick Creek 12 bags,</li> <li>• Goodlow 24 bags,</li> <li>• Pink Mountain 271 bags,</li> <li>• Rolla 1 bag.</li> </ul>
 Continue to work with local governments and municipalities increase residents' awareness of invasive plant species through joint inspections and sharing of outreach materials.	<p>No support was requested from other local governments in 2025.</p>
<p><b>Provincial EDRR Support</b></p>	
 When requested, invasive plant program staff will support the efforts of the Provincial EDRR staff in verifying reported infestations and coordinating any further actions required.	<p>No EDRR support was requested in 2025.</p>

<b>Report Invasives BC Verification</b>	
 Staff will continue to promote the Report Invasives BC app through PRRD communication.	Staff continued to promote the Report Invasives BC app when in contact with residents discussing invasive plants.
 Follow-up within five working days of receipt of all invasive plant reports received by the PRRD.	30 weed reports were received via phone call, and email. Invasive plant occurrences outside PRRD jurisdiction or bylaw parameters were forwarded to the Ministry for action.
<b>Reporting and Data Management</b>	
 Provide updates to the Regional Board on operational activities conducted through the program as requested.	As per requests.
 Write a 2025 annual report	The deadline is January 31, 2026.
 Maintain the Strategic Plan and Profile to reflect current operations will be approved by the IPCPRRD committee and referred to the Regional Board for final approval.	Suggestions for improvements and updates will be presented at the December 2025 meeting.
 Post all operational plans on the PRRD website for shareholders to utilize.	Completed April 2025.
<b>Special Projects</b>	
 Continue to promote the Destroy Daisy Campaign to increase public awareness of invasive daisies such as scentless chamomile and oxeye daisy.	The campaign was not run in 2025, due to a reduced amount of communication staffing capacity based on other priorities.
 Free invasive plant dumping for all users (residential and commercial) will continue at the three local landfills (Bessborough, Chetwynd, and North Peace) and expand to include manned transfer stations with a compactor bin.	In 2025, a total of 73,490 kg of invasive plants were received at the local landfills and transfer stations. A total of 48,630 kg were from commercial/industrial sources, and 24,860 kg from residential. These numbers indicate an increase of 30,911 kg and an additional 205 bags from 2024.
 Hire two seasonal staff for the field season from May 1 – September 1 cost shared with Parks.	Two seasonal staff were hired to support the Invasive Plant Program. They handed out materials and visited weed complaint sites to verify complaint details.