

**NOTES OF THE WEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AREA
INTER-MUNICIPAL MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2010**

The R.M. of Lumsden No. 189 hosted a multi-jurisdictional Weed Management Strategy Area meeting in the Council Chambers in Lumsden, on Tuesday, September 7th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Tom Harrison presiding.

Present:	Councillor R.M. of Lumsden No. 189:	Tom Harrison
	Asst. Administrator RM 189:	Darcie Cooper
	Reeve R.M. of McKillop No.220:	Nelson Swanston
	Councillor R.M. of McKillop No.220:	Bill McKenzie
	Councillor R.M. of McKillop No.220:	Murray MacPheat
	Administrator R.M. of McKillop No.220:	Barb Griffin
	Reeve R.M. of Pense No.160:	Tom Lemon
	Reeve R.M. of Longlaketon No.219:	Ken Gellner
	Councillor R.M. of Longlaketon No.219:	Kelly Butz
	Mayor Village of Buena Vista:	Roni Goulelt
	Mayor Town of Lumsden:	Bryan Matheson
	Weed Inspector RM Dufferin No. 190	Doug Patience
	SARM/Ministry of Agriculture:	Harvey Anderson
	Nature Conservancy:	Renny Grilz
	Nature Conservancy:	Leanne Heisler

The R.M. of Lumsden No. 189 authorized Councillor Harrison to meet with other jurisdictions regarding the possibility of developing a Weed Management Strategy Area.

Harvey Anderson, Invasive Alien Plants Group Planning Advisor with SARM provided a presentation to those in attendance regarding the development of other Weed Management Areas that have been developed in the Province. Harvey Anderson touched on the following commitments and expectations the establishment of a Weed Management Area could involve:

- Funding for the program would come from contributions from affected or potentially affected areas/municipalities.
- An Administrator for the Weed Management Area would be required as well as a steering committee. He indicated that the Area could be administered by ADD Boards if they are still functioning.
- It would be beneficial for the Weed Management Area to have their own quad, sprayer and technician to spray affected areas. He also indicated that it would be very beneficial to have someone on staff, even ½ time, to work on public awareness and pay visits to landowners that have infected property, educating them and offering them support.
- The establishment of an Area would require a contract with all participating partners

R.M. of McKillop No. 220 representatives indicated that they have their Leafy Spurge GPS mapped and one employee is busy all summer spraying weeds. They indicated that they will spray private land at no charge to aid in the control of noxious weeds. Their budget is approximately 20,000-25,000 per year for Weed Control. They also indicated that if a municipality sprays Department of Highway and CPR right-of-ways and send them a bill for the service, they will pay the bill. They also said they have a real problem with landowners from out of the area purchasing quarters and leaving them unattended and vacant. They said that the municipality would likely contribute to monitoring and mapping but will still continue with their own program so they don't lose ground on weed control.

R.M. of Pense No. 160 indicated that they have an approximate budget of \$10,000 per year for weed control. They contract Prairie Eco-Systems to go through the municipality and identify and contact producers with infected land. They indicated that they experience problems with Gravel pits and the Moose Jaw River bed.

Harvey Anderson indicated that there are/may be Invasive Plant Species Grants available and inter-municipal cooperation will help in securing future grants. He indicated that there is a new invasive plant found in Findlater called Saltcedar that is way worse than Scentless Chamomile or Leafy Spurge and that having a Weed Management Area established will help in dealing with new Invasive Plant Species.

Councillor Harrison requested the following from representatives in attendance:

- representatives approach their councils to see if they would be willing to enter into a inter-municipal weed management strategy area
- He indicated that the first year, perhaps an individual could be hired to GPS map the infested areas that that would be a good start. He indicated a contribution amount of \$2,000 - \$3,000 for the mapping the first year might be considered
- Recommended council's appoint one councillor and one member from a community interest group to the Weed Management Area Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.