

District of Barriere

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> April 19, 2021	<b>File:</b> 530.20/Rpts
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> C. Matthews, Parks & Roads Manager
<b>Re: TNRD Invasive Plant Service Proposal</b>	

**Background:** This resolution is being brought forward at the request of Council for further consideration following the March 22, 2021, presentation by Mr. Jamie Vieira, Manager of Environmental Services, Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the reconsideration at the April 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting once staff were able to inquire as to how many municipalities have signed onto the service.

**Discussion:**

It has been reported to staff that so far, five municipalities that have confirmed opting into the service: Clearwater, Sun Peaks, Merritt, Logan Lake and Clinton.

There have been two municipalities that have declined to sign onto the service: Kamloops and Chase.

Council may opt to:

- 1) Pass the proposed resolution to join the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Invasive Plant Service; or,
- 2) Decline to join the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Invasive Plant Service.

**Financial / Risk Implications:** The initial cost for the District of Barriere to join the program would be \$10,000, this amount would need to be incorporated in the 2022 budget. Future costs would be a maximum annual contribution percentage of 2.5% in relation to the total Invasive Plant Service program budget. Due to the City of Kamloops opting out of this program, future costs to the smaller communities would likely be higher than initially estimated. We can continue with our own in-house eradication program and potentially opt into their service at a later time.

**Recommendation:** THAT Council decline to join the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Invasive Plant Service.

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