



Meeting Minutes July 8th 2009

Environment Yukon Main Boardroom #10 Burns Road

Attendees: Bruce Bennett ENV, Lloyd Freese PC, Jim Dillabough YTAGass, Clara Sharp, Matt Ball EMR Ag, Kirstie Simpson EMR Cpp, Chris Toleman HPW, Nathan Millar ENV, Toos Omtzigt HPW, Emily Snow ENV

Regrets: Denis Lacroix, Al Von Finster, Debbie van de Wetering, Sonja Leverkus, Chris Belanger, Andrea Altherr, Boyd Pyper, Randy Lamb

Agenda:

Review May minutes:

EDRR

The colour EDRR Highways Brochure of the 6 early detection species were produced, see: <http://environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/wildlifebiodiversity/invasivepublications.php>

Oxeye Daisy Infestations in Southeast Yukon

Kim McNally in Fort Nelson with KAM Ventures Ltd. Does highway pesticide application for NE BC and has offered to do work around Watson Lake if needed. She checked and her Applicator license is valid in Yukon.

Bruce suggested exploring the idea of spraying the oxeye daisy infestations in the gravel pits near Rancheria. No decisions had been made at this time.

Bruce checked the known sites in late May and found the site at Morley (thanks to the numbered post that had been placed there). Also found the sites at the gravel pits.

Reclamation and Revegetation Guidelines

Bruce worked with Randy Lamb to have a test of scanning the document. The scanning test failed. Randy has arranged to get the text retyped. Wendy Avison with ENV found the original images.

Action: There is a need to sort how who will be involved with the Reclamation Guide – Kirstie and Randy will work together? Keep Matt in the loop?

ISAPP funding

50K applied for 35K received.

The goal of the funding includes –

1. developing a framework and step by step plan set up a local invasive species council
2. second half hire a coordinator for YISC

Proposal to split the contracts – Environmental Dynamics and Andrea Altherr

Exploring Andrea working as coordinator and Toos through EDI to develop the framework

Toos is leaving Highways & Public Works and will be working now with EDI
As Toos had applied for the funding on behalf of YISC when at HPW she explored getting another government agency to manage the money. When no one stepped forward to offer to or declined to manage the contract, Toos suggested moving the transfer to EDI.

There was a motion to transfer the IASPP funding directly to EDI
Moved by Bruce Bennett and seconded by Matt Ball all were in favour, no one opposed.

Action: Toos to continue to manage the contract

Over-view of National Meeting on Invasive Species
Bruce provided update of National Meeting in Ottawa

Action: Bruce to provide a 1 page summary of success of IASPP funding in Yukon

Weed pulls and education update

Dempster

There was a successful weed pull on the Dempster Highway organized by Friends of the Dempster and carried out by YISC members and the Y2C2 Crew. All the white sweetclover in the first 34 km of the highway was pulled. Last year's pull resulted in the apparent elimination of plants from km 46 to km 34 and a decrease in plants on much of the remainder of the highway.

Carcross

Last year Y2C2 and Environment teamed up to remove Altai Wild Rye from Carcross. ~1/8 of the population was removed and the pull appears to have been a success with no regrowth. July 10th an education event is planned followed by a pull. Community members, Environment Yukon and Y2C2 are involved this year. CBC and CKRW radio stations will provide media promotion.

Dawson

Sebastian provided the following update"

Just quick note to let you know I am continuing to pluck Leafy Spurge at Henderson's Corner. I paid my first visit in early June; there was barely a handful of sprouts then. I next went on the 25th of June and got close to 1/3 of a large garbage bag. The infestation seemed smaller in extent than last year and fewer stems. This was not what I expected as my research told me to expect a more vigorous growth subsequent to picking. I went again today and the growth was more similar to last year, both in extent and quantity. I plan to continue to visit about every ten days until the growing season ends. There have been no successful flowers yet.

Haines Junction

An public education event and weed pull is scheduled for Monday July 13th. Community members, Environment Yukon, Parks Canada and Y2C2 are involved. The boat launch area will be cleaned and the Y2C2 will work with Lloyd to try to remove the creeping thistle infestation by Kathleen Lake.

Round table

Toos leaving government moving to EDI taking a month off

Emily – working on advertising and promoting weed pulls

Chris – identifying areas that need mowing – let Chris know of specific areas

Williscroft Creek, Carcross Cutoff

Kirstie – nothing

Matt – Bob Drinkwater is coming to Atlin, working on invasives in Northern BC

Lloyd – Haines Junction weed pull next week

Clara – nothing – pulling lots of hawksbeard

Jim – nothing

Nathan – IASPP pathways of aquatic invasive species INAC proposal for funding

- felt soled waders, New Zealand is banning – SE Alaska is following suit – particularly rock snot – fungus that kills frogs could be transported – felt soled waders reduce slippage

Bruce - new oxeye daisy growth in Valley View

- mentioned that Sonja is working with TransCanada Pipeline in IS issues - wondered if anyone is working with them here? – Wendy Donnithorne

Are there areas of Highway that have not been mowed that could be used as a control?

- one area is Marshall Creek, the old highway would be a good control.

Next meeting August 10th 1:30-3:00 Environment Yukon Main Boardroom