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**20\_\_\_ WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**for**

**“NAME OF MUNICIPALITY/ FIRST NATION”**

**OBJECTIVE**

Write a short description of your short term and long-term goals for weed management in your RM/FN/Weed management area/etc.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND(S) AFFECTED BY THE PLAN:**

Describe your area – Highways, railways, waterways, land designated as organic, cities/towns/hamlets, gravel pits, garbage dumps, community pastures, etc. Anywhere that a specific weed issue may be prevalent.

**WEED MANAGEMENT HISTORY/BACKGROUND**

Describe what your RM or FN community has done in the past for weed control – ditch spraying, biocontrol releases, ratepayer herbicide programs, etc.

**DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES IN THE AREA:**

Weed species of concern in this area are prioritized as follows –

**High Priority\*** – These weeds are the ones that are new to the area and are few. Think of it as “getting them BEFORE they become a problem”.

**Medium Priority** – These weeds are more established but still very invasive. These weeds should be addressed after the high priority ones are managed.

\* Note: According to the principals of ‘Early Detection and Rapid Response’ (EDRR) the weeds listed as the highest priority should be the weeds the municipality has the fewest of and weeds covering a larger area are a lower priority. EDRR assumes that resources are typically limiting and controlling rarer weeds is a more efficient use of time and money. Medium priority weeds can be addressed after high priority weeds are controlled.

Here is where you describe why the weeds listed above are high priority. For each species, describe population numbers, size of infestation, and potential physical and economic impact these weeds could cause if left unchecked.

**BUDGET**

**Proposed budget for 20\_\_\_\_ Invasive Plant Management Activities:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **COST** |  | **BUDGET ($)** |
| **Labour** |  |  |
| **Herbicides** |  |  |
| **Equipment (purchase or rental)** |  |  |
| **Other** |  |  |
| **Total Invasive Plant Control Budget** |  |  |

**DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED CONTROL ACTIVITIES:**

This area describes how you plan to control the weeds you identified above – See section on previous page for definition of high and medium priority weeds.

**Control of High Priority weeds:**

* List measures and strategies you plan to use to control high priority weed infestations.

**Control of Medium Priority Weeds:**

* List measures and strategies you plan to use to control medium priority weeds.

**Plan for controlling or containing all other problems (low priority) noxious and nuisance weeds**

* List measures and strategies for controlling low priority weeds

**Other Control Activities:**

* This area describes other measures you plan to take regarding weed control in your RM. These can be things such as:
  + Ratepayer education
  + Improved mapping of weeds (manually, GPS, etc.)
  + Plans for biocontrol measures
  + Plans for staff training
  + Commitment for annual review of the WMP
  + Plans to adhere to the proper safety measures, environmental and legal requirements, and commitment to the hiring of a licensed applicator (with appropriate license class)

**Municipal Authority:**

This Weed Management Plan is authorized by Resolution #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

Signed:

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| (Type Name here)  Municipal Reeve/First Nation’s Chief |  | (Type Name here)  Administrator |
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| *Signature* |  | *Signature* |
| Date |  |  |