



## PRESS RELEASE

### Invasive Plant Management Available in Select Member Municipalities

**Kamloops, BC – May 13, 2022** – Five municipalities have opted into the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Invasive Plant Management program, and landowners within those communities now have access to the same assistance programs as TNRD Electoral Areas.

The service expansion was offered to TNRD member municipalities in 2019, to support increased invasive plant management efforts. Five member municipalities have now formally joined the service, including the City of Merritt, District of Clearwater, District of Logan Lake, Village of Clinton, and Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality.

Starting in the spring of 2022, residents within these municipalities are eligible to participate in the program services, which are designed to help landowners manage select invasive plants on their private land. Services include:

- Rebates for invasive plant control administered by a certified TNRD contractor
- Free equipment loan-outs, including sprayers, seeders and fertilizer spreaders
- Free private land consultations with an invasive plant specialist
- Free insects for biological control (herbicide-free option)

Invasive plants are any non-native plant species that has the capacity to negatively impact animals, humans and ecosystems. Currently, there are more than 72 priority invasive plants in the TNRD.

The TNRD supports all property owners in managing invasive plants. Disposal is free at TNRD solid waste facilities, and residents can access education and outreach programs through the Thompson-Nicola Invasive Plant Management Committee (TNIPMC).

Residents can visit [tnipmc.com](http://tnipmc.com) to learn about regional invasive plants, upcoming events, how to report invasive species and to find other resources for invasive plant management.

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Kamloops | Logan Lake | Lytton | Merritt | Sun Peaks

ELECTORAL AREAS: "A" "B" "E" "I" "J" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P"