

# Ontario Invasive Plant Council

Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2012

Conference Call

10:00 am – 11:00

## Summary Notes

### Board Members Attending:

**Diana Mooij**, CFIA  
**Owen Williams**, Chair & Member at Large  
**John Bowen**, Hydro One  
**John Benham**, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association/ Wellington County  
**Ken Towle**, Vice-Chair & Conservation Ontario  
**Dawn Sucee**, OFAH  
**Hayley Anderson**, OIPC  
**Rachel Gagnon**, OIPC

### Regrets

**Lindsay Burtenshaw**, Royal Botanical Gardens  
**Mike Halferty**, Ontario Forestry Association  
**Michael Irvine**, OMNR – Forest Health  
**Jennifer Gibb**, City of Toronto  
**Peter Scholtens**, Landscape Ontario  
**Larry McDermott**, Plenty Canada  
**Tys Theysmeyer**, Royal Botanical Gardens  
**Dan Kraus**, Nature Conservancy of Canada  
**Hugh Berges**, OMAFRA  
**Dr. Robert Simmons**, Ontario Horticultural Association  
**Karen Hartley**, OMNR – Parks  
**Peter Scholtens**, Landscape Ontario

## Meeting Agenda

1. Action items from last meeting
2. Staff Updates
3. Committee Updates
4. Broadening the Mandate discussion and incorporation
5. Sustainability plan update
6. Compendium workshop update
7. Plans for April's face to face meeting

## Agenda Items

### **1. Review action items from the last meeting**

**Item #1** Hayley sent out the Dog-strangling vine best management practices final draft to the Board for review.

**Item #2:** John still has some concerns about to control invasive plants which are not listed on the noxious weed list. This will be a discussion topic at the face to face Board meeting.

**Item #3:** Hugh and Peter sent their contacts for MTO to Rachel. OIPC's new MTO representative is Paula Berketo.

**Item#4:** Still looking for an academic representative to sit on the OIPC board. **ACTION: Rachel to find an academic representative.**

**Item #5:** Colleen sent Bob the email and information for the Grow Me Instead Nursery Recognition program.

**Item #6:** Rachel sent the document “OIPC Broadening our mandate: opening up the discussion” to the Board. This document outlined some of the reasons we should consider if we are to broaden our mandate.

## 2. **Staff Updates**

Coordinator update:

- Finished and submitted the final reports for the 6 Invasive Species Centre projects:
  - GMI expansion
  - Nursery recognition pilot project
  - Clean Equipment protocol – **ACTION: Hayley to send to board for review**
  - BMP for buckthorn
  - BMP for DSV
  - Compendium on invasive plant management
- Look Before You Leave postcards are finished and being printed.
- Finished the communications plan.
- Presented at the Kemptville winter woodlot conference
- Presented at the National Invasive Species Forum in Ottawa
- Monthly update went out.
- AGM planning is underway.
- Will be doing a radio interview this week for the angler and hunter radio about the Grow Me Instead campaign.

Liaison update:

- The Northern Grow Me Instead (NGMI) is finished and 7000 copies have been printed. The NGMI will debut this week at the Thunder Bay Garden Show.
- The Dog-strangling vine Best Management Practices (BMP) document has been designed and we is getting its final revision before it is posted online.
- The Clean Equipment Protocol draft document is being reviewed. This document will be sent to the Board for review.
- Buckthorn BMP is at the graphic designer’s being edited.
- Working on the TIPS conference, sending out letters for sponsorship to various places.
- Waiting for comments on the draft compendium for invasive plant management.
- Compendium workshops were held last week and they went well.
- Translations are being done for the Garden smart brochure, the Landowners guide and the NGMI. These will be posted online soon.
- Attended the meeting with the water soldier control committee.
- Presented at the Grey Bruce woodlot conference.

## 3. **Committee Update**

**Horticulture Outreach Collaborative (HOC) update:** there are now 10 nurseries who have signed on to the Nursery Recognition Program. These nurseries are listed on our OIPC gardeners webpage with links to their websites.

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**AGM planning committee:** The AGM date and location has been finalized: October 16-17 at the Delta Hotel in Guelph.

**Communications Committee:** No update.

Policy committee- no update

Fundraising committee- no update

Research and Control Committee (RCC) – no update

#### **4. Incorporation: / 5. Broadening the OIPC mandate.**

The document “broadening our mandate: opening the discussion” was sent out to the Board before the meeting.

One issue brought up is that the OIPC has a very good brand and is doing some great work, by broadening our mandate is it going to become too much, and will it affect the quality of work.

If we decide to broaden we would take it slow and find the niches where we can be the most effective, through helping with collaboration.

In Ontario there are many organizations doing work on invasive species, we need to make sure we are not duplicating efforts but strengthening where there are gaps.

It is important for the OIPC to become incorporated therefore as an organization should the OIPC incorporate with a broader scope in order to be prepared for the future? We can leave the name as the OIPC, keep a broader scope and in the future if we need to address more than just plants we can do that.

Rachel needs to move ahead with incorporation.

#### **OIPC Incorporation**

- Motion: Proceed with incorporation describing the Ontario Invasive Plant Council as having a broad species mandate and keeping our name unchanged.
- Vote: unanimous approval
- Resolved: The Coordinator will proceed with incorporation describing OIPC as having a broad species mandate and the name unchanged.

#### **5. Sustainability plan**

Rob Tonus is teaming up with Randy French of French Planning Services to develop the plan for the OIPC.

#### **6. Compendium workshop update:**

On March 21 and 22 there were two workshops in Toronto. One on invasive species education and outreach in Ontario and the second was on invasive plant management in Ontario. These workshops presented the results from the surveys sent out earlier in the year, and discussed priorities.

The workshops were very successful and OIPC got some great recognition from the province and other partners.

#### **7. April’s face to face Board meeting in Peterborough**

The Board meeting will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> in Peterborough. Bob Lambe will attend and give us an overview of the role of the Invasive Species Centre. Rachel will send out more details for the meeting.

**ACTION: Rachel to send information about hotels and restaurants in the Peterborough area with the meeting details.**

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- **April 25<sup>th</sup> face to face, in Peterborough.**