



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

To: Regional Board
From: Director Protective Services
Date: April 17, 2025

Subject: Amendment to Noxious Weed Control Bylaw No. 1544

Voting Entitlement: *Stakeholder Weighted Vote – Participating Area Directors Only (LGA s.209)*
Bylaw Adoption requires 2/3 majority (LGA s.228)

Purpose: To consider amendments to the Noxious Weed Control Bylaw No. 1544.

Executive Summary:

A service review of the Noxious Weed Control program was completed this year and presented to the Regional Board on April 3, 2025. General housekeeping amendments were identified out of this service review as well as a necessary amendment to control methods for the Tree of Heaven. These key amendments ensure bylaw compliance and promote the removal of noxious weeds including the Tree of Heaven.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Regional Board give first, second and third readings to Bylaw No. 1567, Amendment No. 1 to RDCO Noxious Weed Control Bylaw No. 1544, 2024;

AND THAT the Regional Board adopt Bylaw No. 1567, Amendment No. 1 to RDCO Noxious Weed Control Bylaw No. 1544, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by: Dan Maja Chief Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Report Approved by: Mike Walroth, Director, Protective Services

Approved for Agenda: Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer

Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Truth and reconciliation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and wellness | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment and climate – Regional priority only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth and development – Electoral Area priority only |
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Background:

The RDCO strives to achieve voluntary bylaw compliance prior to using bylaw enforcement options. Various strategies are used by staff such as creating educational materials, providing guidance to individual residents in response to a complaint, and resolving matters informally. The RDCO uses Direct Enforcement when voluntary compliance fails.

Considerations:

Organizational/External:

Enhanced services to all residents residing with the Regional District of Central Okanagan

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Local Government Act, Sec. 325 (e)

RDCO Weed Control Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 671, 1996:

Participating Areas: Central Okanagan Electoral Area West
Central Okanagan Electoral Area East
District of Peachland
District of Lake Country
City of Kelowna

Considerations not applicable:

- Financial
- Alternate Recommendation

Attachment(s): 1. BL1544-Noxious-Weed-Control-2024-03-28_redlined
2. Bylaw No. 1567, Amendment No. 1 to RDCO Noxious Weed Control Bylaw No. 1544
