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**VIA EMAIL: [kmyers@crd.bc.ca](mailto:kmyers@crd.bc.ca)**

Colin Plant, Chair  
Capital Regional District Board  
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Dear Colin Plant:

Thank you for your letter of July 25, 2019, to Minister Donaldson, requesting the addition of several invasive plant species to Parts I and II of Schedule A of the Weed Control Regulation. I have been asked to respond.

You have requested Shiny Geranium, Policeman's Helmet and Black Knapweed be added under Part 1 as provincial noxious weeds and Orange Hawkweed, Scotch Thistle and Wild Chervil be added under Part II as regional noxious weeds within the Capital Regional District (CRD). For this request to be considered, the ministry will require further information on how these species are impacting specific values within your region and how regulating these species will support local governments' noxious weed control actions.

I can confirm that proposed species additions to the Weed Control Regulation have been under consideration for awhile. If a decision is made to move forward with the process of adding species, our staff will need to follow through, engaging with the Inter-Ministry Invasive Species Working Group and with applicable stakeholders. This work will not occur until 2020.

In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this matter further or provide additional information for your request, please contact Val Miller, Provincial Invasive Plant Officer, by email at [Val.Miller@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Val.Miller@gov.bc.ca) or by phone at 250 825-1166.

Colin Plant, Chair

Thank you for your continued work on invasive species management in the CRD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul Rasmussen  
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource  
Operations and Rural Development  
Val Miller, Provincial Invasive Plant Officer, South Area Regional Operations  
Glenn Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection Division, Capital Regional  
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