

# CONCEPTS FOR THE REVISED BYLAW

Board 1

## What does the bylaw say now?

“ Every owner of real property in the Municipality of Saanich shall clear such real property of all brush, noxious weeds or other vegetation which because of their condition are likely to spread to or become a nuisance to other real property in the vicinity or which are so unkempt as to be unsightly to nearby residents.”

### PLANTS LISTED UNDER THE CURRENT BYLAW:

Wild Mustard  
Canada Thistle  
Ox-eye Daisy  
Bindweed/Morning Glory  
Wild Carrot  
Couchgrass/Quackgrass  
Purple Loosestrife  
Giant Hogweed  
Poison Hemlock  
Garlic Mustard  
Blessed Milk Thistle  
Knotweeds



*Milk Thistle*

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**NOTE** that new clauses are proposed for the Unsightly Premises Bylaw to address:

- ❖ Specific limits to overgrown lawns in urban Saanich
- ❖ Exemptions for Naturescape Gardens
- ❖ Allowance for mowed fire breaks in Rural Saanich

These concepts would no longer fall under the Noxious Weeds Bylaw, if adopted by Council

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Board 2

## What do you think of these concepts under discussion?

- ❖ All properties manage the spread of listed invasive plants from their **property boundaries** including via seeds, vegetative growth, soil removal, and during disposal/vehicular transportation according to Saanich Best Management Practices
- ❖ **Ivy** to be managed when growing up trees
- ❖ All properties permanently remove **Prevent and Eradicate Species** from their properties according to Saanich Best Management Practices as well as any other listed plants which are hazardous to human and animal health
- ❖ All properties manage **Contain and Control species** where Environmentally Significant Areas occur
- ❖ Properties subject to **development** applications could be subject to all sections of this bylaw and would require a management and restoration plan in order to prevent the spread and return of *Prevent* and *Eradicate* plants
- ❖ All properties manage weeds that are a detriment to livestock, crops, or **agricultural** soils
- ❖ Ban the **sale** of listed invasive plants in Saanich
- ❖ Owners of **large properties** or with complicated circumstances would have the option of filling out a management plan to show how they will address the problem over a period of time
- ❖ **Enforcement** would occur when a bylaw complaint is lodged. Education would be the first response



*Climbing ivy - C. Richman*



Please tell us your thoughts about these concepts by filling out a feedback form.