

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: BANNING THE USE AND SALE OF COSMETIC PESTICIDES IN BC

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Mayor Derek R. Corrigan, on behalf of Council, write a letter to the Minister of Environment and Premier supporting ban on the use and sale of cosmetic pesticides in BC.

REPORT

The Environment Committee, at its meeting held on 2011 September 13, received correspondence from Britt Karlstrom, Public Outreach Specialist, Canadian Cancer Society of BC & Yukon Division seeking Council support of a province-wide ban on the use and sale of cosmetic pesticides.

The cosmetic chemical pesticides are typically used in managing weeds, and their application is intended to enhance the appearance of lawns and gardens. In February 2008, Council adopted recommendations of the Environment Committee to authorize staff to draft bylaw to prohibit cosmetic pesticide use for the purpose of maintaining outdoor trees, shrubs, flowers, other ornamental plants and turf on land used for residential purposes, except to control infestations. Council also supported forwarding a request the B.C Minister of Environment to amend applicable sections of the *Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdictions – Environment and Wildlife Regulation* to allow local governments to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to cosmetic pesticides on all private lands. In addition, Council requested the UBCM and LMLGA to request the BC Minister of Environment in supporting the same.

The City's Cosmetic Pesticide Bylaw was subsequently enacted by Council and came into force in 2009. Additionally, a strong public education program on sustainable landscape management was established in the City to assist in raising greater awareness of the requirements of the bylaw and providing alternates to pesticide use.

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To: His Worship, the Mayor and Councillors
From: Environment Committee
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Pesticides in BC
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The Province concluded its public consultation on restricting cosmetic pesticides in early 2010. However, after a period of over a year the Province has yet to state its intentions on review or revision of statutory provisions governing the cosmetic use of pesticides.

Arising from discussion, the Committee recommend that Mayor Derek R. Corrigan, on behalf of Council, write a letter to the Minister of Environment, Honourable Terry Lake, and Premier, Honourable Christy Clark supporting ban on the use and sale of cosmetic chemical pesticides in BC.

Respectfully submitted,

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