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Ville d' **Ottawa**

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Environmental Advisory Committee

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City Wide

- Community Services and Operations Committee / Comité des services communautaires et des opérations
- City Council / Conseil municipal

Action/Exécution

Environment - New Pesticides Report - Recommendations from the Environmental Advisory Committee

Environnement - Nouveau rapport sur les pesticides - Recommandations du Comité consultatif sur l'environnement

Recommendation

The Environmental Advisory Committee requests that time-lines (Spring of 1999) and resource allocations be integrated into the recommendations [of the New Pesticides Report] so that the lifting of the ban on application of pesticides be subject to the completion of standards and criteria and development of an Integrated Pest Management Strategy.

Brenda Emond
for

Gary Ludington
Chairperson

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Financial Comment

This report is administrative in nature. A further report will follow which will outline the costs to implement this recommendation.



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for Mona Monkman
City Treasurer

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Executive Report

Reasons Behind Recommendation

The Environmental Advisory Committee feels that the use of pesticides in all applications, both by the City of Ottawa and on Private Lands within the City, represents a threat to human health and the environment. This threat can be reduced through the development and implementation of an effective pest management strategy. The motion brought forward by Council on July 2, 1998 put in place a prohibition on the application of pesticides on city trees. The Environmental Advisory Committee feels that in order to address the proper management of the City's Urban Forest, the pest management strategy should be in place by the Spring of 1999.

As directed the motion of July 2, 1998, the application of pesticides on City property other than trees be limited to non cosmetic uses where a human health risk has been identified. The restriction to the application of pesticides to city trees applies to the use of all pesticides under all circumstances. These bans should not be lifted until such time as the pest management strategy is fully developed, approved by Council and implemented.

Economic Impact Statement

Staff from the Department of Urban Planning and Public Works will be required to bring forward an estimate for the cost of developing and implementing the Integrated Pest Management Strategy. The estimate will include the consultant cost to develop the strategy, the ongoing operating costs to implement the strategy, including requirement for staff, and any associated costs required to put the program in place.

Environmental Impact

The environmental impacts of this recommendation will have a positive effect on both environmental health and human health within the City of Ottawa as it will put in place standards and guidelines for the use of pesticides on city property. The full environmental benefit of the recommendation will not be realized until such time as legislative authority is created at a higher level to allow for the controlled use of pesticides on both private and public property.

Consultation

This report is brought forward by the Environmental Advisory Committee . The Committee is made up of a wide range of citizens from across the City. No external consultation was conducted.

Options and Analysis of Options

Option : That the ban on the application of pesticides to City trees for the control of non-cosmetic pests be removed.

This option could be put in place by City Council to address the need to manage the City's Urban Forest in the Spring of 1999. This,0 in effect, would leave in place the status quo with regard to the application of pesticides within the City of Ottawa. It is felt that this option is not appropriate as it does not move towards the controlled use of pesticides and the reduction of their impact on the environment and human health.

Disposition

The Department of Urban Planning and Public Work to bring forward a report to Council including the financial implications required to develop and implement a pest management strategy prior to the Spring of 1999.

Document

Document 1 - Letter from Health Dangers of Urban Use of Pesticides Working Group and the Sierra Club of Canada (On file with the City Clerk)