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EX23-37 Regulate the Non-essential (Cosmetic) Use of Pesticides

- Jim Elliott, Regina, SK (attached)
- Ingrid Thiessen, Regina, SK

EX23-38 Public Disclosure of Toxic Spills and Leaks

- Aura Lee MacPherson, Calling Lakes Ecomuseum, Regina, SK
- Rick Vigrass, Calling Lakes Ecomuseum, Regina, SK

EX23-42 Accessible Taxicab Program

- Jamie Mckenzie, Regina, SK
- Ranjit Singh and Sarabjit Singh, Co-op Taxi, Regina, SK

Response to EX23-37 Regulate the Non-essential (Cosmetic) Use of Pesticides

Dear members of the Executive Committee,

My name is Jim Elliott. I was on the City of Regina Parks & Recreation Board at the time this issue was previously discussed in 2002. The suitcase of correspondence and reports beside me today is the printed record of what was presented 21 years ago.

Reviewing this material in the context of what is before you today, I come to the conclusions that besides the banning of Glyphosate, we had and still have adequate information to call for a complete ban of cosmetic use of pesticides in Regina.

I want to review what was said at the time back in 2002. At the time, the Ontario College of Family Physicians, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Physicians for the Environment, the World Wildlife Federation Canada plus many other health and environmental organizations have all called for the elimination of pesticides for all cosmetic or ornamental uses.

One citizen put it succinctly, "The issues around impacts of pesticide use are NOT business issues, they are health issues."

Another said, "The town of Hudson, Quebec, banned the cosmetic use of pesticides and herbicides; upholding their responsibility to build a healthier community by reducing the populations' exposure to these chemicals. As any municipal government, your primary concern should be the health and safety of the people who are affected by your decisions."

We had the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses support a ban of cosmetic use of pesticides in Regina. "As we strive to paint a positive image of our community, let's include a move to a healthier community as part of our plan."

In 2002, these were the principles that were used by the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development when writing their report, Making the Right Choice:

1. To make the protection of human health and the environment the absolute priority in management decisions, especially the protection of children and other vulnerable populations.
2. To ensure that a precautionary approach is taken in decision-making.
3. To promote and increase resilience on pollution prevention strategies; and
4. To foster public confidence by actively informing and involving Canadians.

We know the risks and the impact of the use of cosmetic pesticides. This in my mind, and I hope yours, tells me that we should implement a complete ban on the use of cosmetic pesticides in Regina.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Elliott