To: Members, Environment Advisory Committee

Re: Pesticide Reduction – Draft Revised Recommendations

Over the past year, the Environment Advisory Committee has been considering the issue of pesticide reduction and in September 2011 a working group was formed to study the subject of "pesticide free".

The working group reviewed the practices of other jurisdictions and prepared a report with their recommendations for submission to the Committee's April meeting. At the April meeting, the Committee received presentations from several delegations in response to the working group's report. At that time the Committee adopted a resolution to table the matter to the May 3 meeting to allow time for members to review a policy paper titled "Protecting Public Health & the Environment: The need for a pesticide reduction bylaw in urban areas". This paper was being prepared by the Saskatchewan Environmental Society for release on April 30.

At the May meeting the Committee received presentations from additional delegations and as the policy paper was not available for review prior to the May meeting, but was expected to be available prior to the June meeting, the Committee adopted a resolution to further table the matter to the June 7 meeting. This would allow time to review the policy paper and to consider the submissions made by delegations at the April and May meetings.

After careful consideration of previous research, submissions by delegations, and the above-mentioned policy paper, the working group has prepared a further report with revised recommendations for consideration by the Committee. The working group's report is attached and should be considered in conjunction with report EAC12-9 which was tabled on May 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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