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## Councillor pushes pesticide ban

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City council's most environmentally outspoken councillor Donovan Cavers gave notice of motion Tuesday to ban all cosmetic pesticides in Kamloops.

His notice came at the end of a meeting that early on, heard from a resident who has a sensitivity to such chemicals.

Diane Czyzewski told council she has to carry an epipen in case she's exposed to pesticides or other chemicals — her reactions are that severe.

She said with all the environmental awareness in Kamloops heightened by the Ajax mine, this would be a time to ask companies to change the products they use.

Coun. Nancy Bepple told her the province is looking at legislation for all of B.C.

Discussing Cavers's notice of motion, City parks, culture and recreation director Byron McCorkell said the City revamped its pesticide bylaw a few years ago, so that only certified technicians can spray pesticides.

The problem is, a ban on pesticides in Kamloops wouldn't stop someone from bringing them in from elsewhere, even just across the river at the Tke'mlups Indian Band.

McCorkell said the province is coming out with a report on the issue in a few months.

Cavers said he knows people who feel as Czyzewski does. And the Canadian Cancer Society has called for a ban.

McCorkell said the best solution would be for the province to legislate pesticides to restrict availability.

The motion will be discussed at council's meeting next week.

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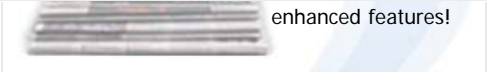
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I thought that there was already a prohibition on cosmetic pesticides in place here.

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**Mark Rogers**, New Media Editor

"Byron McCorkell said the City revamped its pesticide bylaw a few years ago, so that only certified technicians can spray pesticides."

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**Grouchy1**

Thanks Mark. I should know that ,but you know, every now and then Old timers Disease strikes.

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