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Union of British Columbia Municipalities
Presentation to
Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides

Tuesday, November 8th, 2011

420 Strategy Room, Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue

UBCM

- Serves and represents the interests of local governments since 1905.
 - 193 Members
 - Advocate on a wide range of policy, regulatory and legislative issues.
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Local Government Authority - *Community Charter*

- Authority to restrict the use of pesticides for maintaining outdoor trees, shrubs, flowers, other ornamental plants and/or turf on private residential land and municipal land.
- Regulate “when,” “where,” and “why” of pesticide application.
- No legislative authority under the *Community Charter* to ban the sale of cosmetic pesticides.

Current Situation - Pesticide Bylaws

37 local governments
have bylaws restricting
pesticide use

B.C. Municipalities with Pesticide Bylaws

Vancouver Island

- Comox
- Courtney
- Cumberland
- Esquimalt
- Nanaimo
- Oak Bay
- Port Alberni
- Qualicum Beach
- Saanich
- Tofino
- Victoria

Thompson-Okanagan

- Kamloops
- Kelowna
- Salmon Arm

Kootenays

- Fernie
- Golden
- Invermere
- Kimberly
- Nelson


Lower Mainland-Coast

- Burnaby
- Delta
- Gibson
- Harrison Hot Springs
- Maple Ridge
- New Westminister
- North Vancouver (City)
- North Vancouver (District)
- Port Moody
- Richmond
- Sechelt
- Surrey
- Vancouver
- West Vancouver
- Whistler
- White Rock

Northern B.C.

- Terrace

Current Situation – Pesticide Bylaws

- Bylaws vary amongst local governments
 - Some communities:
 - prohibit all pesticide uses within their jurisdictions;
 - have specific pesticides that are either permitted or exempt from the bylaws; or
 - allow pesticide use under a municipally issued permit.
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Policy Position – Provincial Ban

UBCM Resolutions:

Resolution B81-2008

- enactment of provincial legislation that would ban the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides

Resolution B82-2008

- amendment to the Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environmental and Wildlife Regulation to allow local governments to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to the use of cosmetic pesticides on all private lands

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Resolution B28-2010

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Support For A Provincial Ban

- Environmental Concerns - Water/Soil Contamination
- Health and Public Safety Concerns - Children & Pets
- Existence of Alternatives - Integrated Pest Management
- Jurisdictional Approaches - Quebec/Ontario bans
- Risk Management - Benefits < Risks



Support for a provincial ban on the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides.



Thank you!