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Richmond (IPA: /'rɪtʃmənd/) is a coastal city, incorporated in the Canadian province of British Columbia (B.C.). Part of Metro Vancouver, its neighbouring communities are Vancouver and Burnaby to the north, New Westminster to the east, and Delta to the south, while the Strait of Georgia forms its western border. Richmond is the location of Vancouver International Airport. (Source : Wikipedia.)

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SAVE THE DATE !

NOVEMBER 19TH, 2008

Media Release

On Saturday, JANUARY 24TH at 10:30 am at the Richmond Cultural Centre, the Richmond Pesticide Awareness Coalition, The **Canadian Cancer Society** and **Richmond Children First**, will be presenting "**Pesticides & Our Children: What are the Risks ?**" with Dr. WARREN BELL. Come and learn what you can do to better understand how the environment can impact your children's health and well being. Local gardening expert, ARZEENA HAMIR will also be presenting healthy gardening tips.



Please mark it on your calendars (if you have the 2009 calendar out already !) as this will be a very informative and interesting event.

Childcare (up to 6 years of age) is available to those who pre-register.

For more information, please contact richmondpac@gmail.com or stay tuned !

Posted by **Richmond Pesticide Awareness Coalition**

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ALL CANDIDATES SURVEY RESULTS ...

NOVEMBER 4TH, 2008

Richmond Pesticide Awareness Coalition, All Candidates Survey Response, November 2008		
If elected, would you support a cosmetic pesticide ban in the City of Richmond on public property and private residential property?	Do you see any reasons that would or should, prevent or delay the City of Richmond from implementing a bylaw to ban the cosmetic use of pesticides on public property and private residential property for Spring 2009? Please explain.	If elected, what strategies would you suggest to deal with impediments towards achieving a cosmetic pesticide bylaw in the City of Richmond?
Mayoral Candidates		
Malcolm BRODIE	Yes	If the Vancouver Coast Health Authority advises strongly that a ban is unwise or counter-productive, this could affect the situation. If the Vancouver Coast Health Authority advises strongly that a ban is unwise or counter-productive, this could affect the situation.
Wei Ping CHEN	Yes	The bylaw should be done as soon as possible. There should be no reason to delay that implementation.
Ivan GERLACH	Unfortunately we did not receive a survey response from this candidate.	
Councillor Candidates		
Linda BARNES	Yes	Working to get Metro Vanc on side, lacking the jurisdiction to ban sale of pesticides at retail outlets(provincial).
Anna BLOOMFIELD	Yes	No - however I do believe the City must embark on a strong educational campaign
Linda D. BURCHILL	Yes	Government is very slow to act...much too slow. I do not understand why this hasn't already been enacted. We live in an environment where the effects of run-off from all ground water are seen almost instantly. I want to know that I am safe from the fall-out of pesticide contamination. Our air is heavily polluted, allergies are rising at an alarming rate, cancers are on the rise. Time to act.
Bai CHEN	Unfortunately we did not receive a survey response from this candidate.	
Cynthia CHEN	Yes	I do not foresee any problems unless we have tremendous opposition from the residents of Richmond.
Kang CHEN	Yes	The bylaw should be done as soon as possible. There should be no reason to delay that implementation.
Jiajian CHENG	Yes, but need to know more information about it.	If banning the cosmetic use is good to public health, I can't see any reasons to prevent or delay the bylaw to implement based on the attachment.

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Gary CROSS		We could have such a bylaw in effect by Spring. This would fully implemented on public property but subject to education and limited enforcement on private property for some grace period.	
Derek DANG	Yes	Need to make sure we are in a position to have an effective bylaw that can be upheld.	Need to make sure we are in a position to have an effective bylaw that can be upheld.
Ralf HALLUM	Yes	None. I have been trying to get a ban on all of Richmond for years	I will bring it forward to council for a vote with my full support.
Evelina HALSEY-BRANDT	Yes	Not having enough information that is current and shows the benefits of a ban. It takes several months to go through the process of bringing forward and finally passing a bylaw.	Bring forward scientific and medical information showing the negative affects of pesticide use to the Community Safety Committee. 2) Bring forward information or bylaws and best practices of other cities that have or are introducing a ban on the use of cosmetic pesticides to the Community Safety Committee. 3) Hold Public Forums on the issue where the public get to speak and offer their opinions and have that information brought to the Community Safety Committee. Once all of the above information is available and the process outlined above followed you stand the best chance of having the Committee recommend to Council to pass a bylaw of that magnitude. If at all possible you want to avoid having the Committee refer the matter back to Staff to gather the information. Staff gets many referrals and it can take a long time to get back to Committee with the information requested. The Committee will still refer it to Staff for evaluation but it should not take as long to go back to the Committee if the information supplied comes from reliable and respectable sources.
Greg HALSEY-BRANDT	Yes	It really depends on how quickly staff can assemble the appropriate background material and bring it forward to Council. There may well be a public input process for such groups as the Richmond Garden Club, Agricultural Advisory Committee, Richmond Farmers Institute, the Advisory Committee on the Environment, and plant retailers into the decision making process. This does take time but I think all of us would like it to move along as quickly as possible otherwise as the question suggests, we miss the season.	Having as much information up front as possible. Involving as many of the stakeholders as possible at the outset. Working with the Committee Chair responsible for the file to make sure it is progressing and helping to deal with impediments. Providing Council with bylaws that have been enacted in other jurisdictions are just a few suggestions to deal with impediments.
Sue HALSEY-BRANDT	Yes. The health risks are too great not to do so, and as a councillor who supported the most stringent aspects of a No Smoking bylaw, I believe that the health of the community is of the utmost importance.	No, I don't. Council is expecting a report back early in the new year at which time there should be a recommendation either to draft a by-law or not. If it is the former, it could happen very quickly, in time for spring. If it is the latter, then I would make a motion that we DO draft a motion and hopefully, it would pass.	I will make sure the report comes to council as soon as possible after the new year and keep the issue front and centre so it can be dealt with expeditiously. I would also suggest that after the election, the Pesticide Awareness Coalition provide more information to elected City Councillors, much like the fact sheet attached to the survey, just to remind them of the health risks involved and then attend the council meeting to speak on this issue once the report comes forward in the new year.
Howard JAMPOLSKY	Yes	I see no impediment to passing such a by-law immediately.	I see no impediment to passing such a by-law immediately.

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Ken JOHNSTON	Yes. I had an instance a few years ago where my 18 month old dog died of lung cancer. (85% cancer coverage in both lungs). The year before I used a lot of roundup in my back yard and the dog spent a lot of time in that yard, so I am convinced the disease was the result of pesticide.	No, my understanding is that the City is drafting a bylaw. I do believe that an education of the public program is just as important as trying to enforce a bylaw.	An education campaign for Richmond Residents to show the dangers of and offer alternatives to pesticides. And lobbying the Senior governments to prohibit the sale of harmful agents.
Kiichi KUMAGAI	Yes, I have a 19 month old granddaughter who plays in my backyard, and I do not want her to come into contact with	I would love to be able to bring in an enforceable bylaw to ban cosmetic pesticide use. Since the sale of cosmetic pesticide is a Federal jurisdiction matter, and cannot ban the sale in Richmond, we should do more educating on the effects, such as your information piece you attached to this email. As a backyard vegetable gardener, I do not use cosmetic pesticide. I prefer to pull out weeds and dandelion and compost.	Education is paramount and there should be an information leaflet outlining an option to not use cosmetic pesticide. There are many safe alternatives, using household products to combat undesirable weeds. Get the city to send out such a leaflet with their annual garbage collection calendar.
Richard LEE	Yes	I do not anticipate a reason.	The impediments would be the majority of council voting against the initiative, the strategy would be to win them over.
Bill McNULTY	Yes	No, However we have embarked on an Education Program which staff will report to Council in February of 2009. From There Council will decide what is the next step. The process could be sped up but we should consider staff's findings.	I do not believe there are any impediments, only the will to implement. However, we need to educate people as many do not know the effects of pesticides on humans and animals. We can regulate what we have control over. We need to lobby the two other levels of government on the sale of products as they now control that aspect. The main target is the Feds. Maybe we phase in a ban on pesticides? I do not have a solution but will work toward it. I do not want to inhibit agriculture or crops in Richmond.
David REAY	Yes	If I am elected I will work to ensure that the Spring 2009 deadline is met. I think one of my roles as a councillor is to ensure that staff deadlines are not being ignored.	We need to have enough City Councillors who are willing to take strong action and to follow-up on staff to ensure that the action is followed through. In 2010 when we welcome the world we need to offer them a city that is free from these unnecessary and harmful chemicals.
Neil SMITH	Yes	Although many reasons will be given to delay such a ban, I have yet to see one that can justify the cosmetic use of pesticides. I always try to keep an open mind on all issues, but have some difficulty thinking of any justifiable reason not to apply a ban in the face of all the proven health impacts of pesticides.	Impediments? If I am elected I think that would give me a clear mandate to push for this ban. Electing me and other like minded individuals to council would overcome the major impediment to success on this issue.

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Harold STEVES	Yes	No, there is no valid need for pesticide use. We have never used pesticides on our farm or garden and have had no problems with either bugs or weeds.	Richmond was one of the first cities in Canada to initiate a ban on smoking. We were told that we had no jurisdiction, that we couldn't ban tobacco sales in the stores, that we couldn't enforce a by-law and it would cost too much money. We did it anyway, starting with city buildings and then extending the ban to public places and in a few instances we had to give business license suspensions to karaoke clubs to show that we meant business. We can do the same with pesticides. Like karaoke clubs, landscape companies and other businesses using pesticides can be regulated. Individuals will learn to look after their landscaping, by example, from others.
Michael WOLFE	Yes	There is no reason for a delay, but with the current council it is insanity, which as Albert Einstein said it best, "Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." My voice on Council will bring the ban as a top priority for our health.	Request immediate re-visit of the previous Pesticide Policy and make a motion to replace it with a bylaw that eliminates the cosmetic use of pesticides on public and private residential property. I have been a strong supporter of a ban and spoke to the existing council on February 13th 2006, prior to their adoption of the Pesticide Risk Reduction Policy, which was to have little effect on removing the potential for hazardous contamination of our earth and ourselves. Back then I spoke in support of a pesticide restriction bylaw rather than adopting a policy to control pesticide use. I stated that the City should look to neighbouring cities that are more aware of the impact of using pesticides on public parks and playgrounds, and the potential for contamination faced by wildlife, pets and children.
Pat YOUNG	Yes	There should be no delay in implementing this ban. The health of every person living in this town is at risk. That includes the animals living here as well. There is no justification for continuing exposure to these harmful chemical. We cannot expect to set an example to our children and the rest of the world to be "green" and environmentally responsible by continuing to pollute our own city and our own backyards with pesticides and herbicides. My wife and I have refused to use them on our own property. We don't mind a little extra work to pull weeds manually and we plant things that naturally repel or attract certain bugs. Our yard is teeming with birds and useful insects.	In order to deal with impediments towards achieving this ban, I would suggest that there be a big campaign to educate the general public as to the health benefits of not using harmful chemicals to beautify this city. Next, I would research what sorts of plants can be included which are naturally resistant to certain weeds and other "pests". There are many healthy alternatives to managing weeds and bugs in a garden. Our ancestors did it and so can we. Finally, I would simply ensure there is no money allotted to the purchase and application of pesticides and herbicides to city properties.

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William H. Gathercole holds a degree in Horticulture from the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, and another pure and applied science degree from MCGILL UNIVERSITY. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, including public affairs, personal safety, and environmental issues. Mr. Gathercole has been a consultant and instructor for decades. He also been an agricultural agronomist. Mr. Gathercole has been following the evolution of ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter-century. His involvement in environmental issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with others, legal action against unethical and excessive municipal regulations restricting the use of pest control products. (i.e. the Town of Hudson.) Although he can be accused of being ANTI-ENVIRONMENT-MOVEMENT, he is, in fact, simply a strong advocate FOR the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY. However, this position has not precluded him from criticizing the Green Space Industry itself. Nonetheless, his vast knowledge of our long journey with environmental issues is UNDENIABLE. (Hopefully!) For many years, Mr. Gathercole has been a contributing columnist for TURF & RECREATION Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority.

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