

COSMETIC PESTICIDES...AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS GONE?

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NEWS RELEASE

Central Okanagan residents are invited to an engaging evening of presentations and discussion on the effects of pesticide exposure and the future of cosmetic pesticide use. This free presentation will be held Wednesday, November 8th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers at 1435 Water Street. The evening will feature:

Dr. Warren Bell, family physician and past founding president of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment

Mae Burrows, Executive Director of the Labour Environmental Alliance Society (LEAS) and CancerSmart Consumer guide

Kathryn Seely, Public Issues Manager of the Canadian Cancer Society's BC and Yukon Division

Dr. Warren Bell will discuss the health and environmental impacts associated with exposure to pesticides. Kathryn Seely will talk about the Canadian Cancer Society's position on cosmetic pesticide bans, cosmetic pesticide bylaws which have been enacted in many Canadian cities and the strategies used to implement such bylaws. Mae Burrows will provide an overview of the pesticide connection to occupational and environmental exposures to carcinogens and other chemicals. She will also talk about the need for right-to-know labeling of carcinogens in consumer products, in particular, cosmetic pesticides.

Seating is limited so those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to enviro@kelowna.ca or call 469-8688 or 469-8982 by Monday, November 6th.

The presentation is being sponsored through the City of Kelowna's Be Pesticide Free campaign, though the presentation content is independent of the views of the City of Kelowna and its Pesticide Bylaw Staff Advisory Committee. The City of Kelowna is actively working with the Pesticide Bylaw Staff Advisory Committee, which has been meeting since March 2006, to determine various options to reduce the unwanted exposure of Kelowna residents to pesticides. The Committee's recommendations will be brought forth to City Council early in 2007.