

# Parksville takes wait-and-see approach to possible ban of cosmetic pesticide use

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The City of Parksville will wait to see what the provincial government does with new laws governing pesticides.

Some councillors seemed to have the appetite to ban the cosmetic use of pesticides in the city, but they decided in the end to see what the province does because its laws will supersede anything the city may do.

The previous city council asked staff in October of 2014 to prepare a report on the impact of a cosmetic pesticide ban in the city, including the cost of enforcement.

Councillors said they were impressed with the report produced by director of community planning Blaine Russell and staff. It detailed what other communities in the area are doing and the legislative outlook.

In the end, council passed a motion to review the progress of the proposed provincial regulations in 12 months and in the interim, direct staff to coordinate with the RDN to provide educational materials about alternatives to pesticide use.

Any bylaw banning pesticide use in the city may be "superfluous" at this point, said Russell, although "what it does more than anything is send a message."

Council had the option to direct staff to develop a bylaw banning cosmetic pesticide use, but opted for the wait-and-see approach. Coun. Leanne Salter said she doesn't expect the provincial government will act with any speed on this issue.

"I don't have confidence they will have much in place 12-18 months from now," said Salter.

Other items on the city council agenda Monday night:

- A presentation by Vancouver Island North Film Commissioner Joan Miller, outlining what the commission does and asking for financial support from the city, a request that was deferred by council to budget deliberations. Miller said there are currently 23 productions scouting the region, which covers 22,000 square miles — basically the northern half of the Island.
- Council unanimously passed a motion to provide the Guardians of the Mid-Island Estuaries \$5,000 to continue its egg addling program and \$3,000 for the development of a goose control management plan and to cover the costs of an application to the provincial government for a cull. The group gave a presentation on the problems caused by the goose population at a previous meeting (see [www.pqbnews.com](http://www.pqbnews.com) for that story). Any final decision to apply for a cull will still have to come from council before it proceeds.
- Four days after its annual general meeting, representatives of the Parksville Downtown Business Association appeared before council to present its financial report and 2015 budget and ask for an advance of 25 per cent of its annual levy. Council received the information and passed the levy request without comment or questions.
- Mayor Marc Lefebvre appointed councillors Mary Beil and Kirk Oates to the committee that will make recommendations on the list of groups that have applied for the Spring Grant-in-Aid program. Five groups have applied for a total of \$5,300 in grant money — only \$2,500 has been budgeted for these spring grants and the same amount is budgeted for another round of applications in the fall. The groups who have requested money for this round of grants are: Ballenas Secondary Dry Grad Committee (\$1,500), Oceanside Hospice Society (\$2,500), Parksville and District Historical Society (\$500), Parksville and District Musical Association (\$300) and Ravensong Breakers Aquatic Club (\$500).

## **NORAHG CONGRATULATES PARKSVILLE FOR JOINING THE CONTINENTAL TRENDS AGAINST PESTICIDE BANS**

The government officials of Parksville, British Columbia, made THE RIGHT CHOICE, and deserve CONGRATULATION. No one wants this #@!!% ban

nonsense ! It is impossible for home-owners or professionals to keep their properties beautiful by using so-called organic pesticide-free maintenance practices. Without conventional pest control products, playing surfaces become thin and yellow, and over-run with weeds and infested with insects, resulting in the dismal destruction of safe turf playing surfaces and turning them into garbage dumps. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-44g>  
<http://wp.me/P1jq40-4z3> Who wants to live in #@!!% pest-infested garbage dumps just because a small group of activists seek to impose arbitrary pesticide bans ?!?! Can municipalities and home-owners afford the hardship and cost of this #@!!% pesticide ban nonsense ?!?! No ! Organic pesticide-free maintenance is promoted by enviro-vermin with unverifiable success stories ! It is a dismal failure ! <http://wp.me/p1jq40-3yl> Green alternative pesticides, as well as organic fertilizers, are often owned and distributed by the very same enviro-vermin who conspire to impose anti-pesticide prohibition. The question of anti-pesticide prohibition revolves less around health and environment concerns, and more around the sale of products and services that are sold at stunningly exorbitant costs. When it comes to pesticide bans, government officials are thinking twice about banning pesticides by looking at the experience of those jurisdictions that have suffered the hardship and stunningly exorbitant costs of this #@!!% nonsense ! <http://wp.me/p1jq40-5x1> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-43V> In fact, there are real trends against pesticide bans. The following jurisdictions stopped or rescinded or limited or opposed anti-pesticide prohibition, or granted professional lawn care businesses with an exception status ... Alberta ( Province ), Altona ( Manitoba ), Ashland ( Oregon ), Beaumont ( Alberta ), Belleville ( Ontario ), British Columbia ( Province ), Calgary ( Alberta ), Campbell River ( British Columbia ), Chicago ( Illinois ), Durango ( Colorado ), Edmonton ( Alberta ), Everett ( Washington ), Guelph ( Ontario ), Guelph-Eramosa ( Ontario ), Kamloops ( British Columbia ), Kaua'i County ( Hawai'i ), Kelowna ( British Columbia ), Merritt ( British Columbia ), New Brunswick ( Province ), Newfoundland & Labrador ( Province ), Ogunquit ( Maine ), Ontario ( Beginning Of Repeal Of Ontario Anti-Pesticide Prohibition & Stopping Of Provincial Prohibition Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides ), Port Alberni ( British Columbia ), Portage La Prairie ( Manitoba ), Prince Edward Island ( Province ), Quebec ( Imposed Provincial Prohibition Limited With Permitted Active Ingredients, And Also Invalidated Because Ban Defeated By Lawsuit ), Regina ( Saskatchewan ), Rossland ( British Columbia ), Salmon Arm ( British Columbia ), Scarborough ( Maine ), Saint John's ( Newfoundland & Labrador ), Saint Josephine ( Oregon ), Steinbach ( Manitoba ), Stuartburn ( Manitoba ), USA ( A Vast Majority Of States Have Legislated Pre-Emption Laws, Virtually All Proposed Prohibitions Stopped ), Vernon ( British Columbia ), Winkler ( Manitoba ). <http://wp.me/P1jq40-1JO> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6h1> THERE ARE GROWING AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS AGAINST ANTI-PESTICIDE PROHIBITION. <http://wp.me/P1jq40->

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<http://wp.me/p1jq40-81t> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-5ni> NO ONE CAN AFFORD  
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GARBAGE DUMPS ! <http://wp.me/P1jq40-44g> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7C4>  
PESTICIDE BANS HAVE NEVER MADE OUR GREEN SPACES LOOK SO #@!!%  
UGLY ! <http://wp.me/P1jq40-4z3> We are the National Organization  
Responding Against HUJE that conspire to destroy the Green space and  
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