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## Council to consider pesticides bylaw

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CALGARY -

On October 7, the controversial issue of pesticides will again be up for debate at city hall. City Council's Standing Policy Committee on Utility and Environment will listen to recommendations for the bylaw from both sides on Wednesday. If council can't come to a consensus, the bylaw could be dismissed and Calgarians could face yet another season of debate and unregulated pesticide use.

The Canadian Cancer Society, along with other leading health authorities, is advocating for a strong bylaw banning the use of pesticides on lawns, gardens and public green spaces.

The Society is launching online advertising on Wednesday to win support for such a bylaw, encouraging Calgarians to e-mail city council urging the pesticide bylaw's passage.

"We know the vast majority of Calgarians support the bylaw," says Evie Rodway, Calgary's Community Services Coordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society. "It's crucial that everyone take a few minutes to go online and urge city council to pass this important bylaw."

Polling commissioned by the Society in 2009 shows that nearly 9 out of 10 Albertans are in favour of lawn and garden pesticide restrictions. In addition to the support of the public, there are many leading health organizations also onside with the Society, including:

- The Lung Association
- The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada
- The College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta
- The Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment
- The Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta
- The Canadian Pediatric Society (Section on Environmental Health)
- The Parkinson's Society of Canada

Studies show that pesticide exposure is associated with increased risk of certain types of cancer, including non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, leukemia, brain, kidney, prostate and lung cancers. More than 150 communities in Canada, including the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, have already passed similar bylaws restricting or banning the use of cosmetic or ornamental pesticides, which are used to improve the appearance of lawns, gardens and parks. Calgary is the largest city in the country to date that doesn't have such a bylaw.

The Canadian Cancer Society is a national community-

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