

Subject: Letter to clarify " Use of Herbicides and Pesticides in the District"

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Dear Mr. Courtemanche:

Subject: District Staff response in the matter of the use of pesticides and herbicides.

I see from the contents of a letter sent to you by District staff dated April 19, that the District already has an "Integrated Pest Management" approach to pest Control. It further states that " To this end, the District of North Vancouver adopted an "Integrated Pest Management Policy (IPM) in February 2000 in recognition of the need to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides". This is indeed the case and is the result of a motion I brought forward at the time and in turn was prompted by a request from CUPE.

The emphasis of the District's existing policies however, is not exactly what you requested. The letter sent to you by staff indicates that " It is the preference of the District of North Vancouver to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides whenever possible".

As I understand your request however, the District should actually ban the use of pesticides altogether rather than merely attempt to eliminate their use wherever possible. There is a big difference which may have escaped our staff, a difference I addressed in an appropriate motion which I recently brought before Council. I further understand that your request to ban pesticides in the District was based on a historic Supreme Court decision mandating Local Government to do precisely that, namely ban the use of such pesticides and Herbicides within their jurisdiction.

This is not apparent from the letter sent to you by Mr. Ken Bennett our Manager, Environment Services. I believe it behooves you to seek further clarification from District Management and Council. I understand further that many members of your Association actually reside on the North Shore and indeed in the District. I would like to suggest that you encourage them to pursue this matter since my motion on the matter was very specific and in direct compliance with your request. I will send a copy of this letter to Mayor and Council as well as to the Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations (Fonvca).

Sincerely Yours,

Ernie Crist

cc CUPE, North Vancouver,



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