

**Subject: FW: Response to email form Mr. Tom Swankey re banning of pesticides for cosmetic purposes.**

**Date:** Mon, 26 Apr 2004 13:03:17 -0700

**From:** "Ernie Crist" <ernie\_crist@dnv.org>

**To:** <tom.swankey@shaw.ca>, "Mayor and Council - DNV" <Council@dnv.org>, "Senior Management Committee" <managecomm@dnv.org>

**CC:** "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>, <Cagebc@yahoo.com>

Dear Mrs. Craver:

Yes, Mr. Swankey is indeed against the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes. He asked Council to enact a Bylaw as has already been done by several cities in Canada including Hudson, Quebec, Halifax, Nova Scotia; and Toronto, Ontario, thus my response to Mr. Swankey. Also, as Mr. Swankey points out in his email to District Council, on Jan 16, Vancouver City Council's Planning and Environment Committee approved a bylaw to restrict the use of harmful pesticides. Several motions to that effect and at various times have also been submitted by myself to District Council but without any or with only very limited success. However, if you allow me, I will forward your email to Mr. Swankey for his information and also to Mayor and Council, staff and Fonvca etc.

Thank you for your response and your offer of support.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

-----Original Message-----

From: M E Craver [ <mailto:mecraver@shaw.ca> ]

Sent: April 26, 2004 9:41 AM

To: Ernie Crist

Subject: Re: Response to email form Mr. Tom Swankey re banning of pesticides for cosmetic purposes.

Was Mr. Swankey for or against the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes? I am assuming by the tone of the letter he is against use of pesticides on lawns. We have never put down any pesticides or chemical fertilizers on our lawn in all the years we have lived here. Mulch clippings are what fertilizes our lawn. I don't water it either, even during the drought. The lawns that were "babied" in our neighbourhood grew brown first, last summer. Also, I am chemically sensitive, and have to shut windows when neighbours decide to spray their lawns with whatever. My lawn has dandelions, clover, moss, and wild violets on it. Later in the summer the minature daisys and buttercups come up. We have many butterflies and birds come around.

Monica Craver

Ernie Crist wrote:

Dear Mr. Swankey:

I agree with the objective outlined in your email. To that effect I submitted a motion to Council for consideration quite some time ago. However, for lack of a seconder and for lack of support by District staff and Council the motion was not accepted.

However, I believe the matter would be helped if you were to appear as a delegation before Council and state your case directly.

For more detail as to how this may be done you may wish to contact the Clerk's office at 604-990-2207.


I also note from the stamp affixed to your email by staff, that staff will "handle and advise" on this matter. This is somewhat vague of course, but at least it indicates that staff is aware that there is public concern surrounding this issue. There is no substitute however, for direct public input and the chances for action are greatly enhanced.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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