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**To:** Mayor and Council - DNV

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**Subject:** Re: Agenda item #7:

**Importance:** High

Dear Mayor and Council: With regards to Agenda item #7 -- I urge you to consider Staff Recommendation #2:

**2. <!--[endif]-->consider the adoption of Bylaw 7559, "Pesticide Use Control Bylaw" without the "exemption" provision by deleting Sections 6 and 7; but provide an exemption to the operations on District land such as the golf courses and the Parks Department based upon their respective Integrated Pest Management Policies, practices and plans.;**

By doing this, homeowners and gardening companies will have to look for ecologically safe and sound ways to look after lawns (it may mean a little more work for them). If Staff recommendation #1 is considered, it will mean that the proposed pesticide bylaw would be weaker and less effective in the long run. Unlike what gardening companies like to say, they use more pesticides, herbicides, and chemical fertilizer than the average homeowner. They garden, rain or shine, and when the wind is blowing, which means spraying, etc. goes onto adjacent homeowners' lawns that may use no chemicals, pesticides, etc.

I personally have suffered effects of a Weed Man franchise worker (this Spring) who, while spraying a neighbour's lawn, spilled a chemical on my lawn--causing a bad rash to my foot (as I walked there, inadvertently)-- later turning that portion of the lawn a brownish black. My north facing front lawn now has brown patches where nice green moss used to grow, thanks to the "careful" chemical and pesticide use of garden and lawn companies, such as Weed Man. This same company worker had come in the early morning hours to the *wrong address* and fertilized my front lawn (we only found out about it because he needed to go into our back yard, and the gate was locked, so knocked on our door). It was around 7am! Our curtains were still drawn, and we had just woken up. The sticky "weed and feed" type fertilizer stayed on our lawn for a few weeks before it finally dissolved, allowing me to walk on it again. Pesticide use affects me and others who choose not to use such methods. If this has happened to me, how many other "errors" have the garden and lawn companies made in other areas? Chemical pesticide use affects our children, pets, and our soil and water, etc.

Let professional lawn companies get used to using vinegar and other methods to kill weeds, etc. Encourage people to plant Dutch white clover on their lawns, etc. Weed killers, such as *Round-Up by Monsanto* are even found to be more dangerous than first thought, due to ingredients added to glyphosphates in it, making it more effective at absorbing and killing "weeds". **Please consider Recommendation #2.** You will be doing a service to the environment. Thank you.

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