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From: Leonore Foster [lfoster@cityofkingston.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 5:22 PM
To: Hutchison, Rob; Meers, Sara; Schmolka, Vicki; Smith, Ed; Rosen, Harvey; Powley, Susan
Cc: Giles, John
Subject: Fwd: Follow-up to my presentation

Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 08:09:37 -0400
From: Vic Parish <vparish@rogers.com>
Subject: Follow-up to my presentation
To: Leonore Foster <lfoster@cityofkingston.ca>

Hello Leonore,

Once again, thank you for inviting ARTEX Environmental to your Environmental Committee meeting. I hope I way able to convey the information regarding e-waste and the issues around the environment and security that are of importance to you and your colleagues. There have been some recent developments under the WEEE regulations since we met as there was a OES conference held in Toronto on Friday. John did attend this meeting via webcast and did raise some interesting questions. In terms of the legislation, the legislation is more clear as to the framework and implementation however there are some grey areas that still need to be answered and those will be addressed as time goes on.

The choice you need to make is whether or not you wish to become a collector of electronics. Currently, there are over 86 municipalities that have some sort of e-waste collection program, some are fee-based, some are free and some are a combination of both and that number will most likely increase. As a service to your community, this is something I believe that you should take ownership of so that you can make sure that this item is properly and ethically recycled and not simply shipped offshore to some non OECD country. The other issue that you will need to address is if you go down this path, should you include the ICI sector also. The choice is yours and in some municipalities they do indeed include this sector however in many cases this sector is serviced by private sector haulers who are beginning to deal with this waste stream.

We would like to work with you to help you develop some sort of collection program, whether it be on a designated collection day(s) or on an ongoing basis.

Please let me know if you or any of your members have any further

questions or require any more information. I look forward to speaking to you soon.

Regards,

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From: Leonore Foster [lfoster@cityofkingston.ca]
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2007 10:34 AM
To: Ashbury, Dr. Ted
Cc: Hutchison, Rob; Meers, Sara; Schmolka, Vicki; Smith, Ed; Rosen, Harvey; Powley, Susan
Subject: Re: Pesticide Bylaw

Dr. Ashbury:

Thank you for your email and thank you for attending the public meeting. I will forward your email to other members of the EI&T Committee for their information, and to the Committee clerk so that your comments will be part of the public record.

Sincerely-----Leonore

*Leonore Foster
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At 04:03 PM 10/19/2007, you wrote:

Dear Ms. Foster,

Once again, thank you to you and the other councillors who took the time to collect input from interested residents regarding the proposed pesticide bylaw for our city last Wednesday evening. You indicated that we could write to you if we had further ideas.

I wanted to support some ideas from the meeting that came up after I had my chance to speak.

1. The concept that the law professor from Queen's outlined was very important. In order to have a manageable and strong bylaw, he suggested that the opening position of the bylaw should be that "all cosmetic use of pesticides should be banned with the following specific exceptions:....." or words to that effect. This would considerably enhance the bylaw and make adjudicating possible variations and exceptions much more manageable.

2. No one wants the lawn care companies to 'go under'. We just don't want unnecessary chemicals sprayed on the earth or in the air for what most of us at the meeting saw as unnecessary purposes, particularly when those chemicals could represent a serious health hazard.

Peterborough has an excellent bylaw in this regard. We could do just as well if we follow Peterborough's example.

Thank you.

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From: Leonore Foster [lfoster@cityofkingston.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 1:02 PM
To: Janet Ashbury
Cc: Powley, Susan
Subject: Re: pesticide by-law

Janet:

Thanks for the email. I will have it placed on the agenda for the Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation Standing Committee so that your point of view is conveyed to the committee members and is part of the record.

And thank you for attending the meeting. Sincerely-----Leonore

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At 08:34 PM 10/28/2007, you wrote:

Hello Ms Foster, You may remember my name from a long time ago when you helped my son Andrew get an opportunity to present to city council about pesticide use. I also said hello to you at the public meeting on October 17. My name is Janet Ashbury and I am a family doctor living in Kingston, presently working in the area of breast cancer research. I would like to say first of all that I commend you and thank you for your ongoing efforts to move Kingston forward towards being a healthier community with a by-law to regulate pesticide use.

However, I urge you and the EI and T committee to produce a by-law that regulates the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes on **ALL property** (including lawns, gardens, shrubs, flowers, paved areas, provincial and federal property) within the boundaries of the city of Kingston. I urge you to remove the word '**lawns**' from the title of the draft by-law that was presented at the public meeting on October 17/07 so that the title reads '**A by-law to regulate the use of pesticides on all property within the city of Kingston.**'

I wish to outline my 2 main concerns about the current draft by-law. Firstly, I urge you to remove the exception in the by-law to properties owned and operated by the provincial and federal governments. As you are well aware, there are many provincial and federal properties within the boundaries of the city of Kingston. Why should these properties be allowed to apply pesticides for cosmetic purposes, usually solely to control the growth of dandelions? It is only fair and logical that these properties should be subject to the same rules and regulations (i.e. by-law) as properties owned by individuals, businesses and the municipality. Some other municipalities have not allowed the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes on property owned by the provincial and federal government. I urge you and the committee to research thoroughly this aspect of the by-law. If other municipalities do not allow the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes on these properties within city limits, then

Kingston must have the legal right to do this as well in order to protect the environment and health of the citizens of this city.

Secondly, I urge you to broaden the scope of this by-law to regulate the cosmetic use of pesticides on ornamental shrubs, plants, vegetables and flowers. In my opinion, allowing homeowners and businesses to use pesticides on this vegetation without any restrictions is contradictory to a by-law designed to protect the 'environmental well-being of the municipality and the health, safety and well-being of persons' (as it says in the first 'whereas' of the current draft by-law). Pesticides are toxic chemicals whether they are applied to lawns or gardens. Our most vulnerable individuals, children and pregnant women, will still be unwillingly and often unknowingly exposed to these dangerous poisons. There is strong evidence showing that when these chemicals are used, the pesticide settles not only on the area sprayed but also on adjacent lawns and property up to a block or more away. Therefore, my suspicion and fear is that if the use of pesticides on this type of vegetation is not regulated, then this may become a popular and wide-spread 'alternative' means to indirectly continue applying pesticides for cosmetic purposes to lawns for those home and business owners who are against the by-law and still want to 'spray' their lawns. I also suspect that lawn care companies will soon develop a substantial business applying pesticides for cosmetic purposes to shrubs, gardens, flowers, etc and private homeowners will themselves use more pesticides on their gardens in order to inadvertently 'apply' these products to adjacent lawns.

Given that city councilors, by moving forward with a by-law to regulate the cosmetic use of pesticides, agree that pesticides are dangerous to human health and the environment, and that there are effective and safe alternatives to pesticides that can be used on lawns, as well as gardens, shrubs, flowers, provincial and federal properties, it makes sense for Kingston to have a by-law that regulates the use of pesticides on **ALL PROPERTY** within the city of Kingston. In summary, I urge you to **FULLY** protect Kingston's environmental well-being and the health, safety and well-being of its persons by drafting a by-law without the exceptions that I have highlighted in this letter.

Thanks very much for your time and consideration of my ideas. I have also sent this letter to pesticidebylaw@cityofkingston.ca

Your sincerely, Janet Ashbury