

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY
THE COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF OAKVILLE AT THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MARCH 4, 2003**

RE: PESTICIDES

1. Non-Essential Use of Pesticides on Private Lands

A - Report from the Commissioner of Community Services, February 24, 2003

That a non-regulatory approach to the reduction of pesticide use on private lands be undertaken through a Public Outreach and Education Program immediately.

That staff continue to monitor the status of pesticide related by-laws in other Ontario municipalities and provide updated information to Council as soon as it becomes available.

That the Minister of Environment be advised that the Town supports the alignment of the Integrated Pest Management Accreditation with Ontario Regulation 914.

That the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario be requested to take a more active role in the restriction of the non-essential use of pesticides.

That the senior levels of government be requested to empower the Town of Oakville with licensing abilities in the sale of pesticides.

That staff be directed to revisit and report further on regulatory options in early 2004 and prepare a by-law for Council's consideration at that time, to come into effect in 2005, similar to the Halifax model having already completed the 2 year education program.

That staff contact other municipalities in Ontario with similar concerns over pesticide use with the view to forming a cooperative, strategic, legal approach to joint action.

That staff commencing on April 1, 2004 institute a ban on non-essential use of pesticides on residential properties located within a 50 metre radius of:

- a property registered as being occupied by persons at risk who provide medical documentation;
- the boundary of any property containing a school, licensed daycare, playground, park, church, licensed seniors residence, university or hospital.

Non-Essential Use of Pesticides on Public Lands

B - Report from the Parks and Recreation Department, February 20, 2003

That the non-essential use of pesticides on public lands be discontinued;

That spot applications of pesticides be permitted on public lands that involve legislated requirements, public safety, or invasive species issues subject to the approval of the Director of Parks and Recreation;

That pesticides continue to be permitted for use at the Oakville Lawn Bowling green, and rose collections at Shell Park and Gairloch Gardens;

That the Corporate Policy requirements identified as Integrated Plant Health Care, be approved;

That the annual capital costs of \$150,000 for a boulevard rehabilitation program be referred to the 2004 Budget Committee for consideration;

That new or additional user fee revenue be used to augment the increased turf care expense;

That user fees relative to the uses of the properties that will benefit from enhanced turf care be reviewed in the first half of 2003.

Added resolution regarding question on the ballot

That staff undertake the process to put the following question on the ballot for the November 2003 municipal election:

“Do you support a ban on the non-essential use of pesticides, fungicides and herbicides on private property?”