

Subject: RE: Pesticide Use Control Bylaw

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Dear Gail Waddell:

I agree with your second paragraph completely. As for your statement that this should be left to the professionals and responsible homeowners, I am afraid it is not as simple as that since for every "responsible" homeowner there are ten who are not. After all, this is the "I'M ALL RIGHT JACK SOCIETY" albeit I do not wish to go into that further. The situation is similar to the illicit drug business. We dare not deal with the big offenders so we concentrate on the little ones.

If and when this item comes forward, I will support the point you have made in your second paragraph but I must tell you that I have made motions to this effect before and on more than one occasion but got nowhere. All my motions and my initiatives to this effect, in the past, were either defeated or ignored altogether. Indeed, I read in the local press today that our Mayor, Janice Harris, has said, that I am making and have made too many motions. To be fair, she is right. Considering the mentality of District Council and the prevalent mentality of this society, I actually have made too many motions. I have definitely worked too hard. I rest my case.


Thank you.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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> **From:** Gail Waddell [<mailto:gail@wzone.com>]
> **Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2005 8:44 AM
> **To:** Mayor and Council - DNV
> **Subject:** Pesticide Use Control Bylaw
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> Mayor and Council Members,
> Please rewrite the above mentioned bylaw so that professional lawn
> care companies and/or responsible homeowners may continue to use the
> carefully applied spot weed control that has kept my lawn weed free
> and in good condition for the past number of years.
> If you wish to limit the amount of weed killer chemicals that are used
> on lawns in North Vancouver District, then do not allow the sale of
> weed & feed fertilizers containing those chemicals. The weed & feed
> fertilizers are indiscriminately applied to the whole lawn, resulting
> in many times more chemicals applied than when weeds are treated with
> spot application of weed killer.
> If you prevent professional lawn care companies and/or responsible
> homeowners from looking after our lawns properly using spot weed
> control, they may become eyesores in our community. Or the homeowners
> may 'do-it-themselves' and end up causing more damage to our
> environment through lack of knowledge about the products (excessive
> application) or improper use of the products or equipment (spillage).
> What do the District groundskeepers use to control weeds in public
> lawn spaces? If what they use keeps the weeds in check, then let
> everyone know what it is and promote it. If they don't use anything
> effective, and there are weeds in our public lawn spaces, consider if
> you want your lawn to look like that.
> Please consider all of the ramifications of passing this bylaw. And if
> you do pass it as is, please change the word 'Control' to
> 'Prevention'.

> Gail Waddell
> Homeowner
> District of North Vancouver
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