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May 27, 2024

Attention:

City of West Kelowna
City of Cranbrook
Regional District of Central Okanagan
East Kootenay Regional District
School District #23
School District #5

Dear Elected Officials,

The West Kelowna Branch of the Kelowna Citizens Association (WKB/KCSA) and the Call to Action Cranbrook organization are writing you regarding the imminent aerial application of Foray 48B BTK, a bacterial pesticide with 87% of its' formulation unknown in both of our communities. Cranbrook was scheduled to be sprayed today with has been postponed. Kelowna was to be sprayed last week and the status of the aerial application is currently 'To Be Determined' and can happen with 48 hours notice of placing signs on the Highway. It is believed that the School District #23 has concerns similar to School District #5 SD#5 has taken the step to put precautions in place should the school which is prepared to minimize exposure to children publishing the precautions they would take should the spray be allowed to go ahead. We applaud you and thank you for the actions taken to protect school children, but it is not enough. A full bacterial mitigation plan is needed to ensure the safety of the children, residents, pets and passerby's. You are encouraged to close schools on spray days.

This is an urgent matter in that the health of both communities is at stake. Both communities have schools, parks, daycares, pet parks, and a hospital near the spray zone in Cranbrook. We are dealing with a bacterial pesticide that will inoculate all humans, animals, non-target species and soils that are exposed to it. It can potentially colonize in the body as a form of infection. There are many Health Canada Incident Reports that validate the effects of exposure to this pesticide. Pesticides are designed to kill organisms which does not infer safety. This pesticide is bacterial which means that it can be subject to contamination and may be genetically modified. Unless a sample is obtained prior to application, it is very hard to associate illness with exposure. Attached is the letter sent to Interior Health. requesting that be done.

The WKB/KCSA and Call to Action Cranbrook believe that you are not exempt from WorkSafe BC pesticide regulations, which requires you to have an

action plan in place to deal with exposure and residue cleanup in schools and Parks for example. You are also encouraged to have personnel informing people in the spray zone that they have been spraying and should they suffer any side effects from exposure that they report them to Poison Control as per the label, a medical professional, or the hospital. Pesticide use Permit conditions require the Ministry of Forests to report any health incidents to the US Manufacturer. It is unacceptable to be reporting health effects to a manufacturer instead of local health authorities.

It is understood that as government bodies you most likely will not oppose these aerial applications that will occur without informed consent of residents and will put children, elderly and those immunocompromised individuals at risk. You are being asked to voice your concerns on this matter at your council meetings and to call Premier Eby and the Minister of Forests and tell them that you are not in favour of these aerial pesticide applications. Alternatives to spraying can be implemented at the local level which negates this application from happening. Please let us know where you stand on this issue this week. It will be noted should you not respond. We look forward to you being on the right side of history and putting the health and environmental interests ahead of putting your citizenry at risk.

Sincerely,

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