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Subject: Aerial Spraying of the Bacterial Pesticide BTK over West Kelowna
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[FactSheet. Foray 48B spraving.final.pdf](#)
[SPONGY MOTH TREATMENT \(1\).pdf](#)

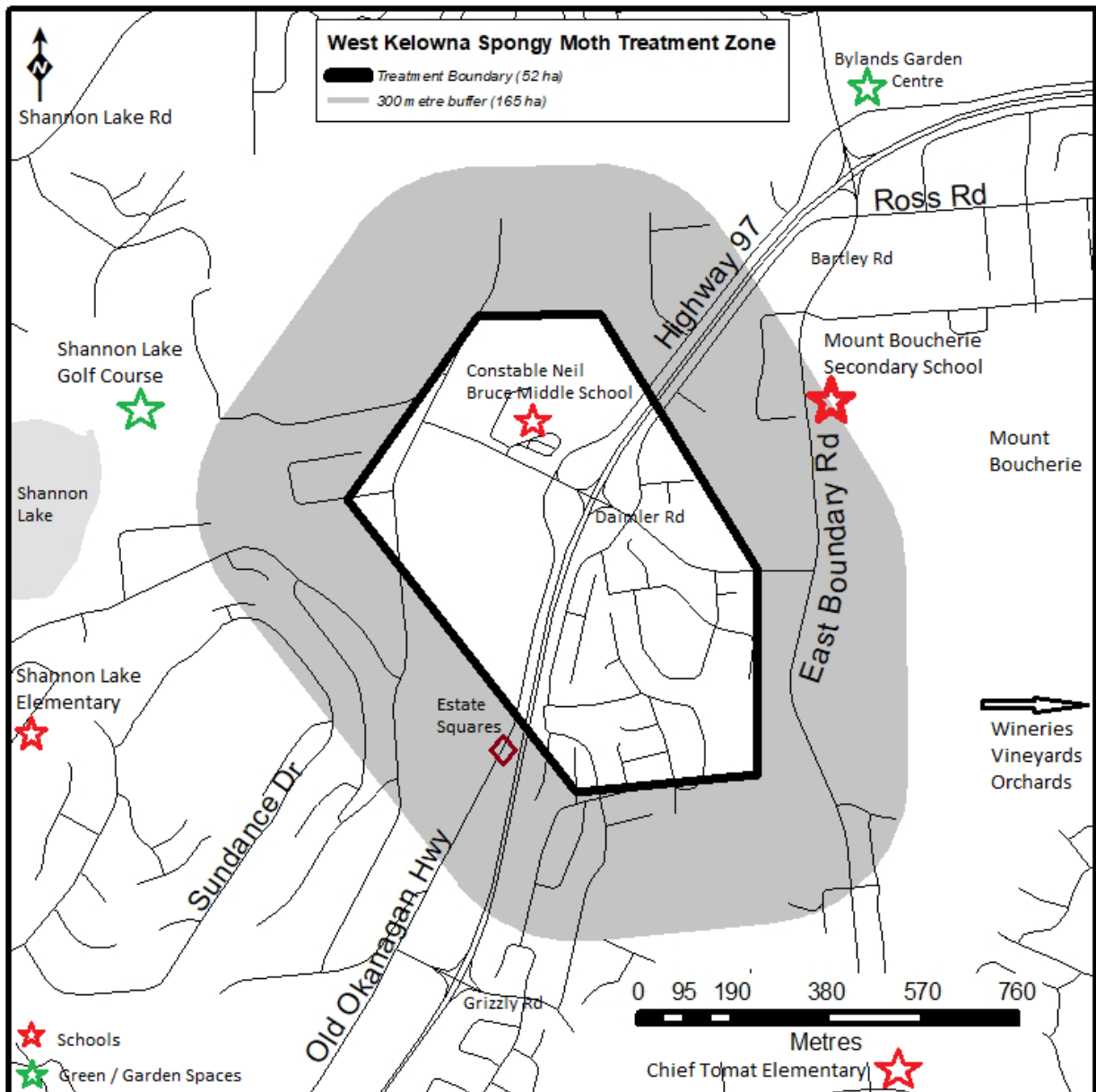
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April 12, 2024

Attention: Chair and Board of the Regional District of the Central Okanagan.

Dear members of the RDCO Board,

The West Kelowna Branch of the Kelowna Citizens Safety Association (WKB) is concerned about the Aerial Spraying of the Bacterial Pesticide BTK in West Kelowna. Here is the map of the Spray Zone.



As you can see, the Constable Neil Bruce school is at ground zero of the Spray Zone with three other schools on the edge or just outside the spray buffer zone. These schools will be sprayed numerous times with the bacterial insecticide BTK. Attached is a fact sheet on this Pesticide and a letter/CV from Dr Einar Granum detailing some current research on BTK.

The WKB is requesting a meeting with your Board to present on this issue that is a major health concern for school children, the elderly and the immunocompromised. It is also a major issue of Informed Consent in that many residents and passerby's will have no idea they are being exposed to a bacterial pesticide with 87% of its' ingredients that are not being disclosed.

As a regional governing body, you have a responsibility to hear concerns on this matter from the public and our Citizens Association given this Aerial Spray application is taking place within your jurisdiction. The WKB is also requesting to present on Bills 44 and 47 at the same meeting. As you know Bill 44 eliminates public participation in having a say on development and growth within the District. You are encouraged to accept our request.

We look forward to addressing you on both of these matters. This request will be submitted to your administrator. This is an issue of informed consent of the population and for the commuters and passerby's that will be exposed unknowingly to this pesticide. The permit has been issued and can commence within 24 hours after the Province issues an Order in Council

to permit the Spraying.

In Order to ensure the protection and Informed Consent of the Residents of West Kelowna we respectfully request that you take the following actions. For your information, please find attached a letter from the City of Cranbrook asking that the spray be delayed until concerns of the residents are dealt with. The following outlines our requests for you to take action on this matter prior to being able to meet with you.

1. Request the Premier and Cabinet to refrain from issuing the Order in Council allowing the aerial spraying and consult with the community.
2. Request a Stay of the Pesticide Use Permit.
3. Request the Ministry of Forests to conduct an on-site tour of the spray area with relevant stakeholders.
4. Ensure comprehensive communication to West Kelowna residents about the aerial spraying, and a better way of notifying commuters and passerby's transiting through the sprayed area.
5. Request that alternatives to this pesticide application be implemented.
6. Support those residents that want to opt out of this aerial application of BTK.

Sincerely yours,

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