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Please find in line the letter to School District #5 and the letter to Transport Canada. Thank You

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From: James Shannon <jimd123@telus.net>
Date: On Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 at 11:16 AM
Subject: Concerns
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June 19, 2024
Attention: School District #5
Superintendent and Trustees

Thank you for the actions taken regarding the two recent aerial pesticide applications of BTK on schools in and around the downtown Cranbrook spray zone. This is a definite move to ensure the protection of school children and staff. Thank you. To ensure transparency and address the community's concerns, we request detailed information on the following points:

1. Safety Actions Taken and Involved Parties:

- Please list all actions taken to address the cleanup of pesticide residues.
- Identify which parties were involved in implementing these actions (School Board, City, Province).

2. Monetary Cost:

- Provide the total monetary cost to the public for these actions.
- Specify the funding sources (e.g., School Board budget, municipal funds, provincial grants).

3. Compliance with Work Safe BC Protocols:

- Confirm whether Work Safe BC protocols for pesticides stored on school properties were followed.
- Detail the specific measures taken to comply with these protocols.

4. Air Systems Testing and Cleaning:

- Have all air systems, including air ducting, air conditioning, and intakes, been tested and cleaned according to Work Safe BC specifications?
- Ensure that the bacterial pathogen (13%) and other unwanted, unknown chemicals (87%) are not present in the schools air systems.
- Have all air filtering system filters been changed? If so, who covered this cost?

5. Preventive Actions and Monitoring:

- As it is your honour and duty to protect the students and staff of SD5, will you maintain that you have done everything in your power to prevent injury to those exposed to this bacterial toxin?
- How will you monitor long-term effects of this exposure?

7. Communication with Government Officials:

- Have you, or will you, contact the Minister of Forests Bruce Ralston, Premier David Eby, Mayor Wayne Price, Minister of Education Rachna Singh, and MLA Tom Shypitka to advocate for stopping this practice, which exposes school children to potential harm?

8. Freedom of Information (FOI) Statements:

- We will be seeking FOI statements of the actions the School Board 5 has taken to prevent injury to staff and students and to ensure that the Board's policies on spraying pesticides on school grounds are being upheld.

9. Daycare Assistance:

- Though it is not within your jurisdiction, have you made an effort to warn or assist the many daycares in the aerial spray zones about potential exposure to harm?

Your attention to these critical issues and questions is encouraged and I look forward to your prompt and detailed response. You are encouraged to let the BC government know that you are not in favour of these bacterial pesticide applications to your schools and community. Please help stop the aerial pesticide application planned for June 20, 2024

Sincerely,

James Shannon

Call to Action Cranbrook

1-250-420-1406

This letter is supported by the

West Kelowna Branch of the Kelowna Citizens Safety Association

Lloyd Manchester, President. 250-878-9352, And

Communities United For Clean Air

Please find in line the letter below to Transport Canada

Attention: Transport Canada regarding Drones potentially flying within a proposed aerial spray area within and over the City of Cranbrook.

June 18, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to advise you at Transport Canada that, as a resident of Cranbrook, I have heard rumours that drones will be in the airspace above our homes in the early morning hours of June 20th, 2024. It is my understanding that the BC Ministry of Forests has a pesticide use permit to apply the bacterial pesticide, BTK, over a 300-acre residential area that includes 13 daycares, 6 schools, unknowing residents, and a hospital within less than 1 km of the spray area.

I hope that you will relay this information to the pilot of Twin Aviation, and the Ministry of Forests which is conducting the spray flights over this residential area. You are also encouraged to establish a safe distance that the spray applicator should maintain from the hospital. I am asking about this aspect because I do not have access to the permit you, as an agency, issued to Twin Aviation for this pesticide application over an urban community. If any restrictions were given to the aviation company regarding precautions to be taken while conducting this operation, I would appreciate knowing about them.

You are encouraged to act and inform the permit holder that drones may be in the airspace of the aerial pesticide application. Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response and action on this important safety issue.

Sincerely,

James Shannon
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