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Cranbrook-West Kelowna, June 19, 2024 — The Call to Action Cranbrook group and the West Kelowna Branch of the Kelowna Citizens Safety Association (WKB/KCSA) are requesting that the June 20th bacterial aerial spray of 300 acres of Cranbrook residents be cancelled. The aerial application of BTK is proceeding without knowledge of the effects of the full formulation, 87% of which is unknown and kept secret from the public.

The Call to Action Cranbrook group was informed by the Ministry of Forests before aerial spraying commenced that spraying after June 10th would be too late to interrupt the life cycle of the gypsy/spongy moth. "We are well beyond that date, and our community will continue to suffer from the effects of this bacterial toxin," stated Jim Shannon, Spokesperson for the group.

Lloyd Manchester, President of the WKB/KCSA, stated, "The citizens of Cranbrook should be worried about this indiscriminate spraying of BTK bacteria in their community, and the fact that Tim Ebata, Ministry of Forests supervisor of the program, has stated publicly, 'You had better get over it, and you will never ever know what they are spraying on you and your children.'"

The Call to Action Cranbrook has received a lot of feedback from these bacterial applications. "People are mad and concerned about what has happened in the community. I know many who have been affected by this toxic bacteria and its unknown ingredients, and there is a rumor that there may be drones flying above residents properties within the spray zone in the early morning hours of June 20, 2024. I have informed Transport Canada of this possibility and encourage the Ministry of Forests to immediately stop this aerial application. Enough is enough stated, Shannon.

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About WKB/KCSA:

The West Kelowna Branch of the Kelowna Citizens Safety Association (WKB/KCSA) is dedicated to promoting public safety and advocating for responsible and informed decision-making in community health matters.

About Call to Action Cranbrook:

Call to Action Cranbrook is a community group committed to protecting the health and well-being of Cranbrook residents by advocating for safe and sustainable environmental practices.

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