MINUTES

PESTICIDE SUB-COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 31, 2006
2:30 p.m.
Committee Room 110, 1st Floor
Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Councillor B. McHattie (Chairman)
Councillor D. Mitchell, P. Bruckler, T. Jackson

Also Present: R. Hall, S. Walsh, S. Young, Public Health Services Department
A. Dore, K. Fernandes, Public Works
R. Gatto, Community Services
I. Sturgeon, Legislative Assistant

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes noted.

(b) Declarations of Interest

None declared.

(c) Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the December 8, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.
(d) **Discussion Items**

3.1 **Information Report (PH06004) (City Wide)**

Request for Further Information from Report SPH5064

Steve Walsh provided the Committee with an overview of the Information Report.

Committee raised questions regarding the administration of a Permitting System, the cost of enforcing a by-law and the potential conflict between a Noxious Weed and Pesticide By-law.

The Committee provided direction to staff requesting comparative information regarding the Registry System used in the Town Oakville and the Pesticide By-law which has been enacted in the City of Halifax.

On a motion moved by Councillor Bruckler and seconded by Councillor Jackson, the Committee received the report.

(e) **Next Steps (Item 4)**

4.1 **Consideration of Next Steps in Examination of Municipal Regulation of Pesticides – Discussion (No Copy)**

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the proposed draft by-law, the possibility of holding additional public meetings, the recommendations that were made in the Lura Report, proceeding with an Education Only program and requesting a staff review of the proposed draft by-law.

(f) **Motions (Item 5)**

5.1(a) **By-law to Adopt a New City of Hamilton Municipal Code on Pesticides (Councillor McHattie)**

5.1(b) **Pesticide Education Program (Councillor Mitchell)**

(Mitchell/Bruckler)

(a) THAT Motion 5.1(a), regarding a proposed By-law to Adopt a New City of Hamilton Municipal Code on Pesticides be referred back to the appropriate staff for their review and comment;

(b) THAT Public Health staff be requested to report back to the Pesticide Sub-Committee with additional comparative information, including the cost to enforce the draft by-law as it is proposed and the cost to enforce a by-law without a permit requirement.
(c) THAT Item 5.l (b), a Motion recommending that the City of Hamilton adopt a Pesticide Education Program Only be TABLED until such time as staff report back to Committee with their comments regarding the draft by-law, and the alternative costing, as outlined in sub-section (b).

CARRIED

(g) Adjournment

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor B. McHattie,
Chairman

Irene Sturgeon
Legislative Assistant
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