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

Absent: Councillor P. Bruckler

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR INFORMATION:

(a) Changes to the Agenda

The Clerk noted that an added Information Item respecting Private Property Pesticide By-laws in Canada was added as Item 4.1 of the agenda

Committee approved the agenda as amended.

(b) Declarations of Interest

None declared.

(c) Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the May 1, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.
(d) **Discussion Items** (Item 3)

(i) **Provincial Position on Pesticide Regulation (Item 3.1)**

Steve Walsh confirmed that the Ministry of the Environment is responsible for this issue but noted that there is no clear action or plan in this regard.

Chair McHattie questioned if there were any other agencies or groups, such as A.M.O., who were possibly pursuing the issue of regulating cosmetic pesticide use. He suggested that we could contact A.M.O. to see if they had an official position on this matter.

Steve Walsh advised that A.M.O. had sent a letter to the Province back in 2003, and agreed to obtain further information for Committee regarding this correspondence and to confirm if they had a current position regarding Cosmetic Pesticide Use.

In response to a question regarding the position of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Mr. Walsh advised that Pesticide regulation is not apart of their mandate but confirmed that they participate on the Ontario Pesticide Advisory Committee.

Committee directed staff to obtain a copy of the Terms of Reference and a List of Membership for the Ontario Pesticide Advisory Committee and to circulate this information to members of Committee as soon as possible.

(ii) **Status Update Respecting Municipal Pesticide By-laws Which Have Been Enacted in other Canadian Municipalities (Item 3.2)**

Steve Walsh advised that staff have been reviewing by-laws in Ontario and that there haven’t been any significant new changes made within those by-laws.

A lengthy discussion ensued and members of Committee raised the following questions and/or concerns:

- City of Ottawa recently turned down a Pesticide By-law – can an update be provided on this matter?
- What municipalities are staff currently reviewing?
- Are staff preparing to report on the 5 issues raised at the last meeting (Information Item d)?
Direction was provided to staff as follows;

- Obtain further information/detail regarding the proposed City of Ottawa Pesticide By-law
- Review 5 – 10 municipalities in Ontario that are similar in size to Hamilton and any municipalities that have recently approved a by-law (and perhaps have addressed current issues).
- Provide a written report/update at the next meeting.

(e) General Information

(i) Provincial Position on Pesticide Regulation – Information Hand-out (Item 4.1)

On a motion (Mitchell/Jackson), Committee received the correspondence regarding Private Property Pesticide By-laws in Canada.

(ii) Green Venture – Update

Councillor Jackson asked staff to arrange for Green Venture to attend the next meeting in order to provide an update on their Marketing & Education Programs.

Rob Hall advised that staff were working on an evaluation of this program and agreed that it would be beneficial to share this information formally next year with members of Committee.

(iii) Landscape Ontario

Councillor Mitchell advised that Landscape Ontario had successfully run a “Healthy Lawns/Health Gardens” Pesticide Reduction Seminar at the Royal Botanical Gardens in June. He suggested that we invite Landscape Ontario to a future Committee meeting in order to provide an overview of their work. Committee concurred with this suggestion and Councillor Mitchell agreed to provide contact information to Rob Hall and Steve Walsh.

(iv) Green Venture – Official Program Launch/Pamphlet Distribution

Committee agreed to waive the rules of procedure and allow a question from a member of the public (C. Brown)
Ms. Brown asked if an official launch had been held for the “Naturally Hamilton” Campaign and whether or not their brochures were available for pick-up at City Hall.

Rob Hall advised that the pamphlets were available during their moving display program. He explained that Green Venture was targeting special events such as fairs; libraries etc. and that Committee had not approved or budgeted for a mass media type of program.

Concern was raised that many members of our community would not have access to the information provided in the pamphlets if they were not readily available in public locations. Chair McHattie agreed to speak to Green Venture staff regarding this issue and report back to Committee.

(v) Agriculture Exemption

Councillor Mitchell asked staff to clarify the legality of excluding agriculturally zoned lands if the City was to include this in a by-law.

(f) Next Meeting

Committee agreed to meet again in early September.

(g) Adjournment

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor B. McHattie,
Chairman

Irene Sturgeon
Legislative Assistant
June 22, 2006