RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WATERLOO
NOVEMBER 5, 2007

RE: Use and Sale of Cosmetic Chemical Pesticides

WHEREAS some citizens of Waterloo have expressed concern with the continued use of cosmetic pesticides in the City of Waterloo;

WHEREAS some citizens of the City of Waterloo believe that cosmetic pesticides are a health hazard, particularly related to respiratory illness;

WHEREAS some citizens believe that cosmetic pesticides adversely affect our drinking water supply;

WHEREAS the Federal government has the responsibility and authority to approve chemical compounds for use in Canada, including cosmetic pesticides;

WHEREAS the Ontario provincial government has the responsibility and authority to legislate and regulate the use and sale of products in the province including cosmetic pesticides;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Ontario made an election promise to legislate some sort of ban on the use of chemical pesticides in the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the most effective, fair, reasonable and informed approach to addressing public concerns with respect to cosmetic use of chemical pesticides is through a comprehensive province wide approach (that will address exemptions such as those for agriculture).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1) Waterloo City Council call on the Federal government to immediately review and confirm the safety and efficacy of all chemical pesticides that have been approved for use in Canada by the federal government or federal agencies;

2) Waterloo City Council also call on the Ontario Provincial government to immediately review and verify the safety of all chemical pesticides that the provincial government or provincial agencies have approved for sale and use in the province of Ontario;

3) Waterloo City Council remind the Ontario Provincial government of its promise to legislate on the use and sale of cosmetic chemical pesticides in the province of Ontario.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Waterloo City Council direct that this resolution be forwarded to:

the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of the Environment, Minister of Health and Minister of Public Safety
the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, Minister of Health Promotion and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities,
all local Members of Provincial Parliament, all local Members of Parliament,
all local municipalities including the Region of Waterloo
all municipalities in Ontario with a request that those municipalities endorse the City of Waterloo's resolution and forward their endorsement to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of the Environment, Minister of Health and Minister of Public Safety and to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, Minister of Health Promotion and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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