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COUNTY *of* KINGS

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Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
Suite 1304, 1809 Barrington Street
Halifax, NS B3J 3K8
Attn Ms Juanita Spencer, CEO

Dear Juanita,

on September 22, 2022, our Council directed that letters be sent to the Premier and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change requesting a brief moratorium in the licensing of aerial spraying pending a study of the net impact on and social license from Nova Scotians.

While it was the aerial spraying of glyphosate [Roundup] that was of particular concern at the time, the over-reaching concern is that of aerial spraying generally, without the consent of populations residing within the spray zones that are subject to impacts from drift beyond the spray zones.

Sprays are necessary for agricultural and horticultural success and sustainability, but they can all be applied and administered from ground level, thereby containing perimeter and aerial impacts within relatively confined areas.

In brief, there is no excuse to drop such substances from the air. It cannot be reasonably argued that populations are protected in that situation. For governments to enact that, provided the persons using the substance are complying with the instructions on the "label", it is okay, clearly does not protect populations of Nova Scotians residing in the vicinity.

It is the position of this Municipality there is no compelling scientific or social reason for this to continue.

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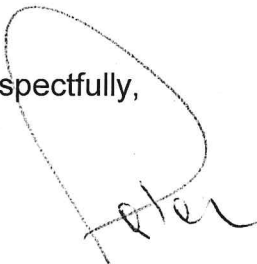
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We solicit the support of the NS FM in lobbying the provincial government to give the issue further study, openly and in consultation with tree farmers and communities alike.

This is a rural matter of course – although towns and cities might also be the recipients of unintentional overspray – and could be referred to Rural Caucus for further debate and recommendation.

In any event, we look forward to a discussion as to whether this can be placed on the list of concerns in the annual and ongoing discussions between the organization of the Province.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter", is written over a large, faint circular scribble.

Mayor Peter Muttart
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File No.: 10700-40-58349

Peter Muttart, Mayor
mayor.muttart@countyofkings.ca

Dear Mayor Peter Muttart:

Thank you for your September 22, 2022, letter to Premier Houston and myself regarding a moratorium on aerial herbicide spraying. I am responding on behalf of both the Premier and myself.

Only pesticides approved by the Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada (PMRA) can be used in Nova Scotia. The work of PMRA considers the application method of pesticides. Health Canada has re-evaluated glyphosate twice in recent years and found it to be acceptable when used according to the manufacturer's label. You can read at Health Canada's website: [Re-evaluation Decision RVD2017-01, Glyphosate - Canada.ca](#) and [Statement from Health Canada on Glyphosate - Canada.ca](#). Any questions relating to the federal government's approval of pesticides for use in forestry should be directed to Health Canada.

To help ensure the proper application methods, Nova Scotia requires all applicators of restricted or commercial class pesticides to be certified. In addition, an approval from Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change is required before conducting aerial herbicide treatments. Operational conditions such as buffer zones and wind speeds are included in these approvals, as well as notification requirements.

All approvals for aerial pesticide spraying and a spreadsheet with the site details of each approval are available on our website at [Pesticide Applications Approvals | Pests and Pesticides | Nova Scotia Environment](#). We make it a priority to notify municipalities and First Nations when pesticide approvals have been issued for sites in their communities. The Department also issues a media release prior to the spray program starting.

In addition to issuing approvals, the Department conducts audits at a program level to ensure compliance and responds to complaints when sufficient information is provided that an approval holder may not be meeting the terms and conditions of their approval or is in contravention of

Peter Muttart

From: Peter Muttart
Sent: October 24, 2022 3:13 PM
To: 'Minister, Env'
Cc: Premier; MacKenzie, Tanya L; MacNeill, Dawn K; Councillors; Janny Postema
Subject: RE: Aerial Spraying- Municipality of Kings

Thank you for your response.

I do hope, however, that your response to the community of interest more directly addresses their specific concerns. I am sure that all are aware of the regulations.

Regards,

Peter Muttart

Mayor



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From: Minister, Env <Minister.Environment@novascotia.ca>
Sent: October 21, 2022 3:52 PM
To: Peter Muttart <mayor.muttart@countyofkings.ca>
Cc: Premier <PREMIER@novascotia.ca>; MacKenzie, Tanya L <Tanya.MacKenzie@novascotia.ca>; MacNeill, Dawn K <Dawn.MacNeill@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Re: Aerial Spraying- Municipality of Kings

Good Day,

Please find attached correspondence from the Honourable Minister, Timothy Halman.

Kind Regards,
Correspondence Coordinator
Environment and Climate Change
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minister.environment@novascotia.ca

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Honourable Tim Houston, Premier
Province of Nova Scotia, PO Box 726
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- and -

Honourable Tim Halman, Minister
Environment and Climate Change
Province of Nova Scotia
PO Box 2125, Halifax, NS
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Gentlemen,

The Municipality of the County of Kings has received compelling representations from its citizens making it abundantly clear that our public considers aerial spraying and particularly aerial spraying of glyphosate, unacceptable - whether applied in accordance with the instructions on the "label" or otherwise.

Our Councillors have given extensive consideration to those representations, the published science, and the positions of Health Canada, the US EPA, the European equivalent, the World Health Organization and a variety of legal decisions.

It is our conclusion that spraying from aircraft in or near populated areas is, of itself, irresponsible and lacks social license. Aerial spraying of defoliant substances such as glyphosate and/or similar substances that may present a potential risk to human health, aquatic or animal health, should not be encouraged or, indeed, permitted.

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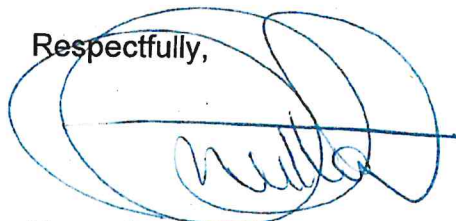
The unanimous resolution of our Council is:

“That Council write a letter to Premier Tim Houston and Environment and Climate Change Minister Tim Halman, requesting that a moratorium be placed on aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicide on forested lands until a formal report, requisitioned by the provincial government, on the net benefits or net losses of such activity to the residents of Nova Scotia can be obtained.”

In summary, it is the position of the Municipality of the County of Kings that the provincial government should place a moratorium on the aerial spraying of glyphosate and related products pending the report referenced in the resolution.

I believe that you should also infer from the resolution that such a report include a full scan of the most current scientific literature, the results of the recent Federal Court of Canada order to Health Canada respecting its approval of glyphosate and public consultation with Nova Scotians.

Respectfully,



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