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Ms. Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
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Dear Ms. Birrell:

Sheila
Thank you for your letter of May 9, 2008 advising me that Markham Council passed a resolution regarding public notification requirements for pesticide use under the Town's pesticide by-law.

Council's resolution requests that the ministry implement notification requirements specific to the application of low-impact products listed in the Town's by-law. If Bill 64 is passed, the use of lower-risk and bio-pesticides to control weeds and insects in lawns and gardens, including appropriate signage for their use, would be considered in developing a draft regulation. The draft regulation would be posted for public comment.

Your comments are appreciated, and they will be included as part of the public record. All comments received on the proposal are being considered as part of the decision-making process.

Thank you, again, for bringing Markham's resolution to my attention.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
John Gerretsen
Minister

