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Dear Mr. Labelle,

Pest control products or pesticides, as they are commonly referred to, are of frequent interest of many of the residents of Markham as in many other parts of Canada. These products play an important role in managing pests that impact lawns, gardens and public health in your City. By controlling disease carrying rodents, insects, algae, bacteria and weeds -- pesticides can help communities provide clean schools and cafeterias, sanitary hospitals, safe swimming pools, tree-filled parks and healthy lawns.

Health Canada strictly regulates pesticides in Canada including pest control products for use in and around communities like Markham. Only products that pose no unacceptable human health or environmental risk are registered for sale. These Federal assessments take into consideration the products usage in our residences and schools and requires special precautions for children, pregnant woman and seniors. In addition to these science-based health assessments the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) conducts environmental and value (including efficacy) assessments of each pesticide before deciding if it should be registered for use in Canada.

The best way to rationally manage pesticides for the people of Markham is education and an integrated approach to pest management.

Please find attached a Quick Reference Guide for Municipalities and a DVD that contains answers to commonly asked questions about pesticides. Please feel free to contact me for any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter MacLeod", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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