

March 21, 2006

Golnoush Hassanpour  
40 Corkory Way  
Thornhill, ON  
L3T 4Z9

To: Markham Town Council

Dear Councilors of the City of Markham:

I am writing to you in regards with my concern about the use of pesticides in the city of Markham. As an environmental science student at the University of Guelph, I am aware that pesticide use has significant detriments on public health and environmental safety. These negative health impacts impose major costs to the health-care system for such things as **hospitalization** due to **illness**, **lost work time**, and treatment of pesticide-induced **cancers**.

Pesticides also enter our air and water and begin to accumulate in the human body. As we all know, the rate of child cancer has grown dramatically with an average 2 child mortalities every week in Ontario. I believe it is extremely important to phase out pesticide use in the City of Markham and I believe the councilors of the city should take immediate action to protect the health and safety of our residents.

Sincerely,

Golnoush Hassanpour

March 15, 2006.

Let it be known that we, the undersigned are firmly against the use of pesticides on lawns.

Constance Baker

Saul Baker

8 Hoover Drive  
Thornhill, ON.  
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To: Markham Town Council

From: Christopher and Sharon Moore  
4 Parkway Ave.,  
Markham, Ontario  
L3P 2E7

Date: March 21, 2006

Re: Pesticide By-law

To Whom It May Concern:

As long time residents of Markham, we are strongly supportive of implementing a pesticide by-law in all private and public areas.

Pesticides are known to be harmful to one's health. We do not use any chemicals on our own lawn, as we do not want to expose our children to these substances, especially when they play in the yard. It is our belief that the Town of Markham should take similar steps to help protect the health of all its residents.

We eagerly await your decision to move forward on this by-law. Our residents' health is far too important; we must act now.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter.

Christopher and Sharon Moore

To the Members of Markham Council,

This is to express my support of a bylaw for Markham to reduce and/or restrict the use of pesticides on lawns in this community.

Pesticides are poisons. It would be to the benefit of all of us to limit or eliminate their use.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Name: A See

Address: 112 Hertford Crescent, Markham, ON, L3S3R5

Dear Mr. Usman,

I agree with the ban against pesticide use in Markham. Could you do anything to support this bylaw?

Thanking you in advance

Yours Sincerely,

A. See

Dear Sir or Madam with the Town of Markham:

If there is one difference we can make with all the new houses and lawns in Markham, is to not spread chemicals on our lawns and gardens. I strongly recommend that we pass a bylaw or do whatever it takes to educate homeowners about not using chemicals on their lawns & gardens.

Please count me as a Yes vote for a by-law to reflect this.

Sandra McEleney  
1965 Bur Oak Ave.  
Markham, Ontario  
L6E 1W4  
Ward 4

Markham Council,

I fully support the pesticide bylaw and hope appropriate action on this issue will be taken.

Sincerely,

Leigha Abergel

Re: Environmental Concerns - Please Ban Pesticides

Attention Markham Council,

As a concerned parent and community taxpayer, it is important to our family that banning the use of pesticides be strongly mandated and executed within our community.

We ask how the schools are successful in effecting this change, but not our community at large?? For the protection of our health and the freedom of our children, please remember, as quoted so honestly by Dr. Sylvia A. Earle, that:

"The living ocean contains 97% of Earth's water, provides home for 97% of Earth's life, shapes climate and weather, governs temperature and planetary chemistry, generates oxygen, absorbs carbon dioxide and otherwise makes this planet a hospitable place for mankind. We should explore and take care of the ocean as if our very lives depended on it. Because they do."

For those who do not enjoy the wonder of a dandelion, please remember our children do! The achievement and progress of greener and cleaner options needs to be marketed and celebrated, especially to those who wish to achieve landscaping perfection.

There are healthier options. Please do your part to ban this unnecessary evil. Remember what matters most.

Concerned Markham Taxpayers.

The Fiorino Family  
17 Biltmore Crt  
Markham, ON L3S 3S9  
Ward 5

Dear Markham Council

We wholeheartedly support the idea of following our Toronto neighbours in enacting a bylaw that restricts lawn pesticides on public and private lands in Markham.

Please do the right thing for us...and future generations of Markham residents...and begin the process to pass this bylaw successfully through council.

Respectfully,

Leonard & Wendy Preskow  
38 Macauley Drive  
Thornhill, Ontario  
L3T 5S5

Tax Roll #: 36-02-0-111-49237-0000-09



Dear Markham Council,

Jonathan Thiang, 31 Stornoway Cres, Thornhill Ontario  
905.886.4950. I live in Markham and wholly support the  
Bylaw trying to be passed. Pesticides are unnatural,  
carcinogenic and harmful to both humans and the  
environment. I hope that the council of chambers  
understand that my opinion of support is with these  
people trying to ban pesticides. Feel free to contact  
me if you do not believe my electronic testimony. I am  
unable to be there today because of prior engagements,  
however if it weren't for the commitments I have  
already made I would be with these people before you.

Jonathan Thiang  
Markham Ward 1

P.S. Men Walking Against Male Violence  
P.O. Box 55 Dunnville Ontario N1A 2X1  
Ken Hancock 905.774.8091

P.P.S [http://www.tinyvices.com/Thiang\\_Tailand](http://www.tinyvices.com/Thiang_Tailand)

Tuesday March 22, 2006

Dear Markham Council,

as a citizen, and former employee of the Town of Markham, I request that you please weigh the benefits and the risks between weedless lawns and human health. There are numerous other, pesticide-free methods of controlling lawn and garden weeds. Once pesticides are released into the ecosystem, particularly the water cycle, they are persistent and remain there for years to centuries. The risks of these toxic chemicals are only starting to become clear: biomagnification up the food chain, bioaccumulation, behavioural, hormonal, and anatomical alterations for all species (ants to humans), cancer, immune system degradation, and on the research goes. Enough of these toxins have already been released since the 1950s to pose alarming health risks to all that lives. YOU now hold the power to prevent any further contamination. Please, use precaution, put life before aesthetics, and **ban the use of pesticides in the Town of Markham**. Like the cities of Toronto, Halifax, Victoria, take a lead. Future generations will thank you! As for those in the business, they must shift their practices to alternative, non-toxic pest control measures (there are numerous options; from planting native species, to propagating beneficial organisms like predators, to weeding by hand or tool). Please do what is morally and ecologically right.

Thank you,

Lucas Goris  
74 Snowshoe Cres.  
Thornhill, Ont.  
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