



Town of Stratford Adopts Cosmetic Pesticide Bylaw

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Stratford, PE – Tonight at the Regular Monthly Council meeting, Town Council approved a new Cosmetic Pesticide Bylaw which will come into effect on January 1, 2016.

“The Town remains committed to creating a healthy environment for everyone”, commented Town of Stratford Mayor, David Dunphy. “Council has shown leadership by following through with this bylaw which has received strong support from residents throughout the process.”

The Town of Stratford’s Cosmetic Pesticide Bylaw restricts the use of non-domestic pesticides by lawn care companies for the control of pests on properties within the Town. It includes a list of acceptable pesticides for use as well as an exception clause for insect infestations that meet the threshold outlined in the bylaw.

Work on the bylaw has taken place over many months and included information gathering and coordination with other Island municipalities, community engagement with residents through the Annual Resident Survey, a forum in which groups on all sides of the debate presented their information and positions, as well as an open house once the draft bylaw was written. The Town continues to work closely with the province on this issue as well.

When the bylaw comes into effect on January 1st, 2016, The Town of Stratford will have regulated pesticide use within the Town boundaries to the fullest extent permitted within current provincial legislation. Municipalities have only been granted the authority to regulate or ban the use of non-domestic pesticides by licensed applicators for landscape pests and not the authority to restrict or ban the use of domestic pesticides by homeowners directly nor to regulate pesticide use on golf courses, on or inside buildings, or on forested or agriculture land.

“As with the introduction of any new bylaw, staff and Council have done their due diligence to ensure that it is the right bylaw for Stratford” remarked Dunphy. “We have heard clearly from residents that this is in the best interest of their Town and we will

continue to inform and educate our community over the coming months on more natural ways to care for their lawn.”

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