

**COALITION FOR A HEALTH CALGARY ALL-CANDIDATES SURVEY
SEPTEMBER 2007**

**RE: If elected, "Would you support a bylaw phasing out the *cosmetic use
of pesticides on private and public lands in Calgary?"**

YES

NO

***Cosmetic pesticides are synthetic chemicals** (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and rodenticides) **used to kill plants**, insects, fungi and rodents **purely for aesthetic reasons**. This bylaw would not inhibit the use of pesticides in commercial agriculture or, pesticides used to control threats to public health and/or invasive weeds if effective alternatives are not available.

SUMMARY: Yes=support, No=not in support, Fence=sitting on the fence, 0=no response

Mayoralty Candidates	ANS.	
David Bertram		NO
David Bronconnier		0
Elizabeth Fielding		fence
Allan Foster		YES
Harry Heck		YES
Sandy Jenkins		YES
Alnoor Kassam		YES
JJ Sunstrum		YES
Jeremy Zhao		YES
Aldermanic Candidates	WD #	ANS
Ward 1		
Jennifer Banks	1	YES
Dale Hodges	1	0
Normand Perrault	1	YES
Ward 2		
Terry Avramenko	2	YES
Daniel Del Rae	2	YES
Gord Lowe	2	0
Biagio Magliocca	2	YES
Ward 3		
George Chahal	3	fence
Helene Larocque	3	0
Jim Stevenson	3	YES
Ward 4		
Alex Peterson	4	0
Richard Evans	4	NO
Bob Hawkesworth	4	YES
Ward 5		
Mohamed El-Rafih	5	0

Ray Jones	5	YES
Ward 6		
Joe Connelly	6	YES
Craig Burrows	6	fence
James Istvanffy	6	YES
James Kohut	6	YES
Ward 7		
Jag Aithal	7	YES
Barry Eldridge	7	YES
Druh Farrell	7	YES
Merle Terlesky	7	YES
Ward 8		
Steve Chapman	8	YES
Madeleine King	8	YES
Lindsay Luhnau	8	YES
John Mar	8	YES
Ward 9		
Joe Ceci	9	YES
Alan Koenig	9	YES
Stan Waciak	9	YES
Ward 10		
Andre Chabot	10	YES
Nargis Dossa	10	YES
Ward 11		
David Matthews	11	YES
James Murray	11	YES
Brian Pincott	11	YES
Jim Rockwell	11	YES
Evonne Whelan	11	YES
Ward 12		
Nicholas Halfyard	12	0
Ric McIver	12	fence
Ward 13		
Dianne Colley-Urquhart	13	YES
Ward 14		
Linda Fox-Mellway	14	0

FULL SURVEY

NAME	ANSWER	COMMENT
David Bertram	M	NO I am a firm believer that you let the market decide. As long as pesticides are a legal product in this country. I will not legislate the banning of them. I believe one leads by example instead, and tries to convince Calgarians it is in their best interest not to use them. I use as little pesticides as I can personally, but I will not tell others what to do as long as it is legal. I would lead by example, do public service pieces and the like for the cause, but I would not impose it on the general public. I think encouraging people to do something is much more effective than forcing on them what to do. If, on the other hand, you had asked if I would be in favour of the City of Calgary government and its departments using less pesticides, I'd say I am open to that initiative. I would consult with experts to see what we could use instead. As long as it controlled the weed problems like Calgarians expect, I'd be open to it."
David Bronconnier	M	0 NO RESPONSE
Elizabeth Fielding	M	On the fence If this request for a bylaw were to come before council I would have to consider all arguments on both sides before making my final decision. If the dangers to a person's health exist than it would outweigh any monetary or non-health issue and I would vote yes. If there are other factors that I am not presently made aware of that actually have a benefit other than cosmetic to the health then I would have to do more research to see what is the strongest argument and vote accordingly.
Allan Foster	M	YES I would support a bylaw that would phase out Cosmetic Pesticides. I worked for years in a place that was loaded with what the government thought was good insulation, asbestos..... So until I see these people selling these chemicals drink them themselves, they can keep them."
Harry Heck	M	YES This is such a "no brainer" that ties into all the other green initiatives and recycling etc. Education in the schools is also essential.
Sandy Jenkins	M	YES
Alnoor Kassam	M	YES This summer I announced that a ban on unnecessary pesticides would be my first environmental measure brought forward to council, once elected mayor. Pesticides harm our children, our pets, and our wildlife. Calgary is the largest city in Canada with out a ban on unnecessary pesticides so we need a Mayor who will show some leadership on this issue and move ahead with a ban.
JJ Sunstrum	M	YES Absolutely. I think it's nonsensical the number of chemicals that are being bandied around the

			environment. The long-term effects on the water table can't be good? We are custodians of this earth, and there's no question we're doing a pretty shabby job.
Jeremy Zhao	M	YES	I would support the bylaw phasing out cosmetic pesticides. I would also add that this would also be an economic benefit since we are saving money on it as well. We must also note how this will affect other businesses as well, and work in coordination with them in order to make Calgary a healthy city to live in.
Aldermanic Candidates	WD	ANS.	Comments
Ward 1			
Jennifer Banks	1	YES	
Dale Hodges	1	0	NO RESPONSE
Normand Perrault	1	YES	[When he lived on a farm in Saskatchewan, he noted the number of farmers that were poisoned and died from 2,4-D. He is therefore surprised that people use it in greater concentration on their lawns and gardens.]
Ward 2			
Terry Avramenko	2	YES	There are other effective ways to control weeds- more ecological methods that don't kill predators etc. Noted that beside Sarcee Trail and Glenmore (cutbanks) there are more varied plant forms now that the city doesn't spray as much of it.
Daniel Del Rae	2	YES	[Noted that pesticides are harmful to dogs, etc.]
Gord Lowe	2	0	NO RESPONSE
Biagio Magliocca	2	YES	As far as pesticides go they are not welcome in our home or outside. We need to help protect the environment and our health, our children and our animals. I always worry when I see the "warning" tags on the city blvds. I would like to see a more environmental friendly solution used.
Ward 3			
George Chahal	3	On the fence	Yes, generally supportive. Would want to ensure that alternative methods are available. Also would want to ensure that any action is balanced by community and recreational requirements.
Helene Larocque	3	0	NO RESPONSE
Jim Stevenson	3	YES	Based on the information currently available.
Ward 4			
Alex Peterson	4	0	NO RESPONSE
Richard Evans	4	NO	If an individual legally purchases a product and uses it on their own private property, it's their business and not mine, nor the state's.
Bob Hawkesworth	4	YES	There might be considerable debate over what might be necessary and cosmetic.

Ward 5			
Mohamed El-Rafih	5		NO RESPONSE
Ray Jones	5	YES	I am in favour of phasing them [cosmetic pesticides] out as long as there are viable methods of controlling weeds and insects.
Ward 6			
Joe Connelly	6	YES	Calgary is generally a very safe and clean city. Anything we can do to further advance these characteristics only serves to enhance our quality of life and that of our children and our pets. This is my own personal opinion. Having said that, with 18,000 Calgarians involved in "Imagine Calgary" and the resulting strategy to eliminate pesticide use by 2010 tells me that Calgarians care. Calgarians have spoken. It is incumbent upon government to put the mechanism in place to ensure this important goal is achieved.
Craig Burrows	6	On the fence	I would like to discourage through education the use of synthetic pesticides. One issue that I was proud to support was the naturalization of our roadways along Sarcee Tr. from Bow Tr. to Glenmore. Our goal was to introduce wild flowers and natural grasses that are drought resistant which means they require no water, and no herbicides as the natural grasses choke out weeds. I can't say that I would do a complete ban because our weather and climate sometimes forces us to use chemicals. That being said, it should only be used in extreme cases. I would like to work with communities to make our playgrounds and tot lots free from chemicals.
James Istvanffy	6	YES	
James Kohut	6	YES	I have been growing much of my own food for years, pesticide-free including veggies, plums, pears, tomatoes, apples, cherries, and apricots. Until a few weeks ago I did fruit tree research. Thank you for pushing this issue.
Ward 7			
Jag Aithal	7	YES	Yes, I support a bylaw phasing out the cosmetic use of pesticides on private and public lands in Calgary. It is not only harmful to our children, but also harmful to adults. Being a born vegetarian, I have had much difficulty with this. I totally support your cause and would like to see a Calgary free of harmful chemicals.
Barry Eldridge	7	YES	Very much in favor!
Druh Farrell	7	YES	
Merle Terlesky	7	YES	On second thought my answer will be YES.

Ward 8			
Steve Chapman	8	YES	We need to keep our parks spaces healthy for all its users.
Madeleine King	8	YES	...specific addition of "on private and public lands" is difficult – as I believe we need to lead from the City first.
Lindsay Luhnau	8	YES	I fully support moving on this bylaw.
John Mar	8	YES	
Ward 9			
Joe Ceci	9	YES	
Alan Koenig	9	YES	I would support such a by-law. I am aware that there are viable alternatives to pesticides that do not cause harm to the environment & it's simply the right thing to do.
Stan Waciak	9	YES	[He is a landscaper and appreciates that pesticides are not necessary.]
Ward 10			
Andre Chabot	10	YES	Yes, I would support a bylaw phasing out the cosmetic use of pesticides on private and public lands in Calgary. Thank you for your effort in this matter.
Nargis Dossa	10	YES	Educate public "hands-on" and in their own language how to control weed growth and mosquito population (the present main concerns) naturally, without the use of chemicals.
Ward 11			
David Matthews	11	YES	[Supports a phase out of cosmetic pesticides. Does not use chemicals on award-winning garden.]
James Murray	11	YES	As a dog owner and parent of 4 children, I am concerned with contact with pesticides and herbicides and question their utilization.
Brian Pincott	11	YES	It is about time that we joined the over 125 municipalities in Canada who have banned the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes. There are a host of alternatives available and different approaches and strategies towards safe and natural landscape management. As well, I would like to see the dandelion removed from the noxious weed list in the City of Calgary.
Jim Rockwell	11	YES	I believe in a sustainable, safe community and would support, in principle, a bylaw to phase out the use of unnecessary pesticides. Healthy Calgary's extensive research on this topic and the fact that several other Canadian cities have phased out "cosmetic" pesticide use are clear signals that Calgary must follow suit. While the use of pesticides is regulated by the Government of Canada, there is precedent giving municipalities the ability to restrict

			pesticide use on public and private land within their boundaries. Calgary should exercise its ability to protect its residents and environment. Nonetheless, the City of Calgary should still coordinate its efforts with Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA).
Evonne Whelan	11	YES	
Ward 12			
Nicholas Halfyard	12	0	NO RESPONSE
Ric McIver	12	On the fence	<p>This is not a yes/no question. It seems you understand this as you have added a clarification that is longer than the question asked. I would agree to be open to do the research so I could make an informed decision on this topic. If you wish to send me information, I shall read it carefully.</p> <p>Editor's note: As Ric McIver was head of the Utilities and Environment Standing Policy Committee, the Coalition for a Healthy Calgary earlier this year made REPEATED attempts to meet with Alderman McIver to no avail.</p>
Ward 13-acclaimed			
Dianne Colley-Urquhart	13	YES	
Ward 14-acclaimed			
Linda Fox-Mellway	14	0	NO RESPONSE