

Municipal Responses to January 29th Letter Sent to Mayors, Copied to CAOs and Municipal Clerks

Municipality	Details
Town of Aurora	On February 25, 2003, Town Council requested further investigation into the issue. At its June 10, 2003 meeting, in response to a memorandum from Mayor Jones re: Pesticides/Herbicides Reduction, Council adopted the following resolution: "That the Committee take no action on the matter at this time". No further information has been received from Council.
Town of East Gwillimbury	On February 10, 2003, Town Council passed the following resolution: "That the correspondence from York Region regarding area municipal interest in potential enactment of a regional by-law to implement a ban on non-essential pesticide use on private and public lands within the Region of York, be received; and further that Dr. Hanif S. Kassam, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Director, Public Health Programs be notified." No further information has been received from Council.
Town of Georgina	On February 10, 2003, Town Council passed the following motion: "That correspondence from Dr. Hanif Kassam, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Region of York, requesting response and comments on the issue of pursuing a Regional by-law to implement a ban on non-essential pesticide use on private and public lands, be received and referred to Michael Baskerville, Engineering Manager and Brock McDonald, Manager of Facility and Parks Development for a report within two months." On January 5, 2004 Town Council resolved that staff: "...submit a report to Council on the restrictions of pesticide use as it pertains to the Town of Georgina." No further information has been received from Council.
Township of King	On May 29, 2003, the King Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAC) submitted a response to our inquiry in a letter to the Township's CAO and Department Heads, Mayor and Council: "KEAC agreed that notwithstanding the Township's established position on regulatory tools for pesticide use, a Regional by-law could be pursued with an emphasis on public awareness and education."
Town of Markham	On February 10, 2003, the Community Services and Environment Committee passed the following resolution "That the letter dated January 29 th , 2003 from the Region of York with respect to a Regional By-Law to implement a ban on non-essential pesticide use on private and public lands within the Region of York, be received; and that the report from Community Services staff dated February 10 th , 2003, in response be received; and that staff be requested to contact the Associate Medical Officer of Health to request a meeting with the York Region Pesticide Reduction Guidelines Task Force and report back to the Community Services and Environment Committee with an appropriate recommendation." No meeting has been requested and no further information has been received from Council.
Town of Newmarket	On March 24, 2003 Newmarket Town Council adopted the following recommendation: "That the Region of York be advised that the Town of Newmarket is interested in taking part in the discussions pertaining to non-essential pesticide use."
Town of Richmond Hill	On February 16, 2004 Town Council moved that its Parks, Recreation and Culture Department report back "...providing information on a possible ban on pesticide use throughout the municipality..."
City of Vaughan	In a letter dated May 23, 2003 from Mayor Michael Di Biase, the mayor stated: "City of Vaughan does not feel a Regional by-law banning pesticide use is necessary at this time."
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	On February 18, 2003 Town Council adopted the following resolution and submitted it in a February 21, 2003 letter from the Town Clerk: "That the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville supports the request from the Region of York to pursue a Regional by-law to regulate the use of pesticides on public and private property."