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Ms. Andrea Roberts, Mayor
Mr. John Smith, Councillor Ward 4

Municipality of Dysart et al
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The Board of Directors of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA) has received considerable comment from our membership respecting the use of pesticides (insecticides and herbicides) on our lake properties. The majority favour a total ban of the use of pesticides around our Lakes.

Studies have concluded that certain of them commonly used by commercial sprayers, as well as some cottage residents, pose risks to aquatic organisms, bees and other pollinators, beneficial insects, fish and amphibians. [R-1]

We understand that the Municipality of Dysart et al has recently taken a position restricting the use of a specific pesticide on publicly owned lands in the Municipality and we commend you for this decision.

The KLCOA would strongly support Dysart et al enacting an appropriate By-Law eliminating the use of pesticides at properties in the Kennisis Watershed. If a total ban is not practicable, we would support a restriction covering wide, defined no application buffer zones along shorelines to reduce the risk of runoff to aquatic environments. Our position is consistent with the following statement from our Lake Plan, adopted in 2007 and endorsed by Dysart et al at the time. The Lake Plan states that the KLCOA will,

"In addition to providing education and stewardship, be willing to support the introduction of a by-law eliminating or restricting the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers in the Kennisis watershed."

We would be happy to fully support Dysart et al with further research and implementation efforts respecting this issue.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns in this matter.

Sincerely

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cc: KLCOA Board of Directors
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<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/freshwater-quality-monitoring/pesticides-research.html>