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Spruce
Lakes*

Property Owners' Association



**Address to Dysart et al Council
Prohibition of Garlon as Proposed in Motion #19-99**

A Brief History of Time (within Dysart Council Chambers)

1. Environment and Climate Change Committee (April 11, 2019)
 - Motion # 19-09
 - Moved by: Councillor Walt McKechnie, Seconded by: Councillor Larry Clarke
 - Be it resolved that the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommends to Council that Hydro One be advised that the use of Garlon be prohibited within the Municipality of Dysart et al.

2. General Council (April 23, 2019)
 - Motion # 19-99
 - Moved by: Councillor John Smith, Seconded by: Councillor Larry Clarke
 - Be it resolved that Council supports the recommendation of the Environment and Climate Change Committee that Hydro One be advised that the use of Garlon be prohibited within the Municipality of Dysart et al.

3. Hydro One delegation to the Environment and Change Committee (May 9, 2019)

4. Environment and Climate Change Committee (August 8, 2019)
 - Motion # 19-20
 - Moved by: Councillor Larry Clarke, Seconded by: Councillor Walt McKechnie, Supported by Mayor Andrea Roberts
 - Be it resolved that the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommends to Council that Garlon be banned from application within 300 metres of water bodies, streams or rivers in Dysart et al; And that Hydro One be given opportunity to research and transition to a product that is ecologically and medically acceptable; And further that Garlon be banned from use in Dysart et al after 2020.

From the Manufacturers (Dow) Datasheet

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Toxic to aquatic organisms and non-target terrestrial plants. The use of this chemical may result in contamination of groundwater particularly in areas where soils are permeable (e.g., sandy soil) and/or where the depth to the water table is shallow.

GENERAL USE PRECAUTIONS

- DO NOT apply by air.
- DO NOT contaminate irrigation or drinking water supplies or aquatic habitats by cleaning of equipment or disposal of wastes.
- As this product is not registered for the control of pests in aquatic systems, DO NOT use to control aquatic pests.
- Do not use this product more than once per year.
- Apply only when potential for drift to areas of human habitation or areas of human activity such as houses, cottages, schools and parks is minimal.
- Do not use this product as a broadcast foliar spray in residential areas. Residential areas are defined as sites where bystanders including children may be potentially exposed during or after spraying. This includes around homes, schools, parks, playgrounds, playing fields, public buildings or any other areas where the general public, including children, could be exposed.

Slaughter Withhold

Withdraw livestock from grazing treated grass or consumption of treated hay at least 3 days prior to slaughter.

DSLPOA's Position on the use of Garlon

- DSLPOA is mandated by our constitution to protect our lakes and surrounding lands.
- There is no advantage to DSLPOA, or other constituents within Dysart, in delaying the ban on Garlon for 2 years given that banning is the end goal.
- Hydro One, being the key benefactor of the delay, is being provided a window of opportunity to accelerate their use of Garlon before the ban takes affect.
 - All hydro rights of way within the municipality are likely to be blanketed with Garlon by year end 2020.
 - For Hydro One, this essentially “kicks the can down the road” within Dysart for the next 7-10 years.
- There is no evidence of a plan to perform surveying to establish the proposed setback across the municipality.
 - There are many unmapped streams and storm water ditches that originate and/or traverse the hydro rights of way.
 - Dysart By-Law Enforcement does not have the manpower to enforce the setbacks, therefore Hydro One would be working without oversight by Dysart staff.
 - The field technicians wearing the backpack sprayers would effectively be the ones making the critical decisions.

DSLPOA's Ask of Dysart Council

- Continue the prohibition of Garlon as proposed in motion #19-99. This is also supported by the following lake associations which represent many thousands of Dysart constituents:
 - Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association
 - Miskwabi Area Community Association
 - Coleman Lake cottagers
 - Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association
 - Basshaunt Lake Homeowners' and Cottagers' Association
 - Garlon was discussed at the 2019 Redstone Lake Cottagers' Association AGM and many members voiced their informal support for a ban.
 - Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association, as part of a wider dialog on the ban of pesticide use
 - *The timing of the potential reversal of the ban has made it difficult for some Lake/Cottage/Property Associations within Dysart to react and receive membership and Board approvals to address the potential reversal.*

- Take a recorded vote so the constituents of Dysart understand where each member of Council stands on the issue.
- Councillors that support the delayed ban provide rational for changing their vote so it can be recorded in the minutes.

- If Council reverses on motion #19-99 and delays the ban of Garlon, DSLPOA requests that Dysart:
 - Include dwellings into the setback requirement
 - Perform surveys of the affected lands to determine the 300 meter setback
 - Enforce the by-law and create penalties for violations
 - Create a communications plan that notifies when spraying will be occurring in a particular area
 - Obtain training records from Hydro One for field technicians that will be using Garlon

Thank You