



## Summer Village of Grandview

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Councillor Ben Henderson  
City of Edmonton  
Edmonton, AB

Dear Councillor Henderson

Via email: [ben.henderson@edmonton.ca](mailto:ben.henderson@edmonton.ca)

### Re: The Proposed Ban on Lawn Herbicides

The Summer Village of Grandview, at Pigeon Lake, is proud to be the first municipality in Alberta to have passed a bylaw prohibiting the use of lawn herbicides. As Mayor, I have been asked by concerned citizens of Edmonton to write to you regarding the bylaw introduced by our Summer Village and how it was received by our residents. I am pleased to provide the following information to you in the hope that perhaps it will assist in the passing a pesticide bylaw in the City of Edmonton.

The Council of the Summer Village of Grandview has been very concerned about the safety of its residents and the protection of the environment. Being situated on the shores of Pigeon Lake, we have a special responsibility to also protect the health of the lake. The addition of nutrients and chemicals to the watershed is especially troublesome as these nutrients ultimately affect water quality.

Two years ago, we surveyed our residents to determine their concerns and the level of support we could expect for new bylaws to help protect the lake including a new Land Use Bylaw. Several respondents expressed concerns about the use of fertilizers and herbicides near the lake. At our public hearing, we found overwhelming support for our Council to take action not only for protecting the Pigeon Lake watershed through the LUB but also for restricting the use of chemicals on lawns – both fertilizers and herbicides. Much to our surprise, the public hearing ended with a resounding round of applause for the action being taken by Council!

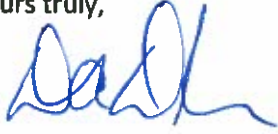
Last year, shortly after passing our new LUB, we passed a bylaw prohibiting lawn fertilizers and also prohibiting the use of lawn herbicides except for the control of prohibited noxious weeds as defined in the Weed Control Act. We are pleased to see that at least four other Summer Villages are now in the process of passing a fertilizer and herbicide bylaw modelled after Grandview's, and we hope more will follow.

As a resident of Edmonton, I fully support a lawn herbicide ban. We have been given adequate warning from the Canadian Cancer Society concerning the use of these chemicals and a ban would go a long way into encouraging a change in the way residents treat the environment. With the

recent publicity about the overuse of dangerous mosquito pesticides and the claim of the worst air quality in Canada, I am certain this would also help in improving Edmonton's reputation.

I appreciate your consideration of this letter of support and if further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me. (Donald\_d @ telus.net)

Yours truly,



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Mayor, Summer Village of Grandview

cc. Dr. Raquel Feroe  
Sheryl McCumsey