



Town of Mono

347209 Mono Centre Road
Mono, Ontario L9W 6S3

September 26, 2014

Premier Kathleen Wynne
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

Re: Neonicotinoid Pesticides

This letter is sent to inform you of the resolutions concerning the use of neonicotinoids that were approved by the Town of Mono at regular council meetings of July 22, 2014 and September 23, 2014.

It is now clear that through acute and chronic exposure to the neonicotinoid group of pesticides that there is a significant risk to non-targeted organisms including pollinators, other insects, earth worms and birds.

Neonicotinoids, which often last for many years in the soil and ground water, present serious long term toxicity to most invertebrate organisms. This creates a particular risk for bees, butterflies and other pollinators that we depend on as our partners in food production.

There have been a multitude of studies that suggest that on balance, neonicotinoids are more harmful than helpful to our agricultural community. References can be provided to support these facts.

There is, however, a continuing reluctance by regulatory bodies to act without "more studies". We maintain that it should be part of our collective wisdom to employ the Precautionary Principle (UNESCO): "When human activities may lead to morally unacceptable harm that is scientifically plausible but uncertain, actions shall be taken to avoid or diminish that harm".

In view of our collective role and responsibility for human health and survival, we approved the following resolutions:

- 1) *As a means of demonstrating our concern about neonicotinoid pesticides the Town of Mono will review the current plantings and landscaping products used on municipal lands with a view of discontinuing any neonicotinoid products by the end of this year.*

- 2) *THAT the Town of Mono requests the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to phase out the use of all neonicotinoids in agriculture and ornamental use, and through working with the agricultural community provide an orderly transition to an alternate pesticide.*

Sincerely,



Keith J. McNenly,
CAO/Clerk

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