

File: 5280-05

August 9, 2019

Chair and Directors  
Committee of the Whole

**Re: Comox Valley Regional District Herbicide Use**

As the Electoral Area Director for Electoral Area ‘B’, I request your consideration of the following:

“WHEREAS the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) passed a cosmetic pesticide use policy in 2002;

AND WHEREAS there is concern about the effects of herbicides on the health of our forest ecosystems and wildlife;

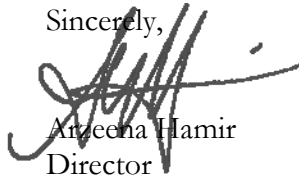
AND WHEREAS a number of non-chemical controls for invasive weeds exist, including but not limited to manual removal; use of biological predators; domesticated animals such as goats; and steam sterilization;

AND WHEREAS the use of chemical controls is still permitted for the control of noxious weeds defined in schedule A of the provincial weed control regulation including giant hogweed and Japanese knotweed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CVRD Board direct staff to prepare an amended Pesticide Use on Regional District Property policy prohibiting the use of synthetic herbicides for the control of invasive weeds on CVRD property;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution and the draft policy be referred to the Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board for feedback, prior to consideration of adoption by the CVRD Board.”

Sincerely,

  
Arzeena Hamir  
Director