

April 15, 2024

Joe de Koning
Manager of Roads
County of Wellington
74 Woolwich St.
Guelph, ON N1H 3T9

Dear Joe de Koning:

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has received your letter dated March 26, 2024 and advertisement requesting approval for public notice as an alternative to non-residential area signs for the use of ClearView Herbicide (Reg. # 29752), Gateway Adjuvant (Reg. # 31470), Navius FLEX (Reg. # 30922), and Hasten NT Ultra Spray Adjuvant (Reg. # 31760) for the control of noxious weeds along all county rural roadsides within the County of Wellington.

Pursuant to section 79 of Ontario Regulation 63/09 under the *Pesticides Act*, approval of your request to provide alternative means of public notice of pesticide use is granted as set out below:

- The representative at the telephone number that appears on the notice must be able to provide, at least 24 hours before the extermination, the actual date on which the extermination is to take place.
- Notices must be published **at least seven days** before beginning pesticide application operations **and, repeated monthly** throughout the application time period.
- Notices are to be published in a prominent location in the newspapers of general circulation and must be printed such that they are at least 10 cm (4 inches) in width.
- The notice is to be posted on the Municipality's website **at least seven days** before beginning pesticide application operations and no later than the date posted in the newspaper.
- Scanned copies of the actual pages of the newspaper containing the newspaper notices (including the name of the publication and the publication date) must be sent by email to the Regional Pesticides Specialist Pesticides.Permit.Applications@ontario.ca within thirty days of publication.

- Approval is valid until July 7, 2024.

This written notice is limited to the Director's opinion that the means of notification described above will provide adequate notice to all persons who may be affected by the extermination. It should not be construed as a permit or an approval to use the pesticides specified above. Municipalities have the authority to implement pest control programs and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks does not have a role in approving these programs. However, the use of the pesticide must meet all federal and provincial requirements, including requirements of the Pesticides Act, Ontario Regulation 63/09 and those described on the pesticide label.

Any statements regarding the safety and efficacy of the pesticide are statements made by the County of Wellington and have not been verified or endorsed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Ontario relies on the federal government to assess the human health and environmental risks of pesticides. Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) registers pesticides after ensuring that their use poses minimal risk to human health and the environment if used in accordance with approved product labels. Questions regarding the safety and efficacy of pesticides should be directed to the PMRA.

If you have any questions regarding requests for alternative means of public notice, please contact sdb-pesticideapproval@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Julie Schroeder
Director under the *Pesticides Act*

cc. Suzanne Durst - MECP, West Central Region