

NM2004-27 GRANULAR WEED & FEED

Alderman Erskine and Alderman Farrell

WHEREAS the Hudson Decision was upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada granting the authority to municipalities to ban pesticide use;

WHEREAS granular weed & feed products represents up to 2/3 (by volume) of the domestic use of pesticides;

WHEREAS granular weed & feed products are considered to be the most misused pesticide utilized by homeowners;

WHEREAS granular weed & feed products are often applied improperly, by volume, at the wrong time of year and by spreaders that endanger trees, bushes and perennials;

AND WHEREAS the residual toxicity of weed & feed products in pelletized form can be washed into storm sewers, tracked into homes, and absorbed through the bare feet of people and pets, causing negative health impacts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Calgary prepare a bylaw for Council banning the sale/use of granular weed & feed products in Calgary.