

UBCM 2009 Resolution B38 PROVINCIAL COSMETIC PESTICIDE BAN*

“WHEREAS residents of the Province of British Columbia are increasingly requesting their local governments to ban the use of cosmetic pesticides within their boundaries in order to mitigate concerns that these pesticides present a threat to the environment, children, pets and personal health;

AND WHEREAS as these bylaws are being implemented in some municipalities, it has been found that community bans have little effect on overall pesticide sales, in sharp contrast to the Province of Quebec which has seen a fifty percent drop in pesticide use since their legislated ban in 1994;

AND WHEREAS the Community Charter does not give communities the legislative authority to ban the sale of pesticides, only to regulate their use:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia enact provincial legislation that will ban the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides province-wide”.

*Passed at Union of BC Municipalities Sept 28 – Oct 2, 2009 Conference. Quebec's Code became law April 3, 2003, not 1994 as in Resolution B38.

For background information on Resolution B38, go to <http://ubcm.civicweb.net>. Click on Convention Documents, then 2009 Documents, then Resolutions. Click on Resolutions B Section and scroll down for Resolution B38.