STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 280

Councillor Smith questioned why the City used Dursband as a pesticide when the product was not to be used in and around homes, residential areas, parks, school grounds and playing fields, and was detrimental, especially to small children.

Councillor Pagtakhan replied that the product would no longer be used in 2012 and noted that it was currently an approved product but the City was working on some biological initiatives.

Councillor Smith inquired if the product was being used presently; to which Councillor Pagtakhan replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Smith questioned why the product was being used. Councillor Pagtakhan advised that it was currently an approved product and that he understood that the Federal Government would probably come out with legislation to ban the product in 2012.

Councillor Vandal questioned why they would wait until 2012 and not do it right away.

Councillor Pagtakhan stated that Dursband was currently an allowable product but there was information that said they would move away from that product. He indicated they would look at biological controls and that he would take that question to the City Entomologist.