

Roadside Spraying in Lanark County: Notification

Presented by the delegation of concerned citizens to County Council April 27 2016

Dear Warden, Councillors and Public Works Department,

Because it is unfair to people who have health or environmental concerns about herbicide spraying, it is important to provide more flexibility in the use of NO SPRAY signs:

Many people live at a great distance from the county office, and can't drive to Perth (it can take up to 1 hour one-way) to pick up a sign, especially if their availability is only during one week (five business days, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) before spraying;

Therefore,

We request that Lanark County extend the sign application period to three weeks, enable people to register their address on-line, and to make their own signs as per the requirements specified by the county (size, colour, placement, etc.) (as SD&G counties have allowed).

We also request improvement of notification of spraying by sending individual notices to all residents who will be affected by the roadside spraying one month before the spraying date, which include the procedures for opting out of spraying.

We also request that notification of spraying be sent to local health units, clinics and hospitals so that health care personnel can notify those individuals who may be at high risk (pregnant women, those with respiratory diseases and immune disorders).