

Schedule 5 to the Minutes of the Regular meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, June 28, 2010.

Resolution for The Municipality of Richmond to be Free of Genetically Engineered Plants, Trees and crops.

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Councilors retain the right and responsibility to "impose" requirements in relation to:

- (a) the health, safety or protection of persons or property;
- (b) the protection and enhancement of the well-being of its community in relation to nuisances, disturbances and other objectionable situations;
- (c) public health;
- (d) protection of the natural environment and animals;

WHEREAS, The City of Richmond's Official Community Plan states as a Goal in section 1.1 - VISION:

1. "The City of Richmond be the most appealing, livable, and well-managed community in Canada."
2. Statement from Richmond Resident: "I will enjoy a meal that features Richmond produce, and wonder why anyone would want to live anywhere else!... Yes, this may be Utopia, but a journey starts with a single step - in the right direction!"
3. **Productive agricultural land** to justify retaining farmland; improvements to farming viability through better agricultural services; measures to reward productive farm use...

WHEREAS, genetically engineered (G.E.) foods have not been adequately tested by any federal agency for long-term impacts on human and environmental health;

WHEREAS, Health Canada has neither the ability or resources to test for long term impacts on health and environment, and relies on the data presented by the Corporations that hold the GM patents;

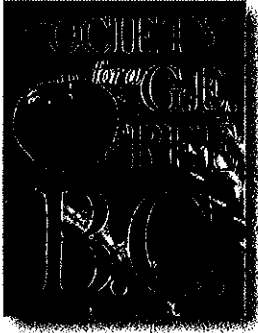
WHEREAS, it is currently not possible to prevent genetically engineered seeds and pollen flow from contaminating non-G.E. conventional and organic plants and trees, and wild plants.

WHEREAS, contamination from patented genetically engineered seeds undermines local farmers' independence and exposes them to legal challenges from biotechnology companies;

WHEREAS, the prohibition of genetically engineered plants and trees would ensure the integrity of conventional and organic plants and trees and give local producers access to a developing and prosperous Non-GE market;

WHEREAS, the regulation of genetically engineered plants and trees is a municipal and/or regional affair and in the public interest;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Municipality of Richmond hereby opposes the cultivation of genetically engineered plants and trees in the Municipality of Richmond, with the exception of 3 existing dairy farm GMO corn crops found prior to this Resolution, and that from this Resolution forward, no further GM crops, trees, or plants will be grown in The Municipality of Richmond. This also includes GM fruit trees, all GM plants and shrubbery, GM vegetables, GM commodity crops and any and all field tests for medical and experimental GM crops.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the The City of Richmond agrees to revisit this resolution as pertinent new information becomes available that affects this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The City of Richmond shall forward copies of this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, The Union of B.C. Municipalities, Interior Health, B.C. Ministry of Health, B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, B.C. Provincial Health Officer, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Health Canada, CropLife Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, local MLA and MP offices and any interested and related groups.

Definitions:

For the purposes of this resolution the following terms are defined accordingly:

(a) "Genetic Engineering and Modification / Genetically Engineered and Modified (G.E., G.M., G.M.O.)" refers to the direct manipulation of an organism's DNA using recombinant DNA technology. For the purposes of this resolution genetic engineering does NOT include traditional selective breeding, conjugation, fermentation, hybridization, in vitro fertilization, tissue culture, or marker assisted selection.

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