Pesticides Advisory Board 2022 Annual Report

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Message from Chair

Dear members and stakeholders,

It is my pleasure to present to you our annual report for the year 2022.

The Pesticides Advisory Board met five times in 2022 to review the ground forestry and aerial pesticide use permit conditions, develop a response to the recommendations of the First Report of the Standing Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Stewardship, and discussed options to hear representations from interested persons with respect to any matter concerning pesticides as stipulated in the *Pesticides Control Act*.

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the Board and staff for their input and advice on matters related to pesticide use. We look forward to building on these achievements in the coming year.

Timothy LeBlanc Chair

Mandate

The mandate of the Pesticides Advisory Board is to provide advice to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change on matters relating to pesticide use, review pesticide use permit conditions, and hear appeals as required in the *Pesticides Control Act*. The Board is also responsible for meeting to hear representations from interested persons with respect to any matter concerning pesticides use in New Brunswick.

Board membership

The Board was composed of the following members as of March 31, 2022.

- 1. Tim LeBlanc, Chair
- 2. Danny Stymiest, Member for the Department of Environment and Local Government
- 3. Don Fox, Member for the Department of Environment and Local Government
- 4. Dr. Khalil Al-Mughrabi, Member for the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries
- 5. Andrew Sullivan, Member for the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries
- 6. Dr. Arifur Rahman, Member for the Department of Health
- 7. Christopher Ward, Member for the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development
- 8. Roberto Sgrosso, Member for WorkSafe NB

Legislation, policies, and by-laws

The Commission is governed by the *Pesticides Control Act*. All members are employees of the Province of New Brunswick and must follow all government policies.

Activities and metrics (KPIs)

The Board was re-established in 2021 and has yet to establish metrics.

In 2022, the Board met to:

- review the ground forestry and aerial pesticide use permit conditions;
- develop a response to the recommendations of the First Report of the Standing Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Stewardship; and,
- develop a plan on conducting a public engagement session in 2023 to hear representations from interested persons with respect to any matter concerning pesticides.

Financial information

2022 COMMISSION BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

The Board does not receive any direct funding from the Province of New Brunswick or from any outside sources for the management of the Board. Members serve as part of their responsibilities as employees of the Province. All administrative costs for the Board are covered by the Department of Environment and Local Government.

Staffing

The Pesticides Advisory Board has no dedicated staff. Administrative duties are covered by staff of the Department of Environment and Local Government.