



PESTICIDE INDUSTRY REGULATORY COUNCIL (PIRC)

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3. OIPMA Company Membership Benefits / Chapters

- OIPMA Formal Company Annual Membership Includes the following all inclusive benefits plus much more.. "including a mandate that promotes your objectives to all levels of governments"
- Prompt toll free access to a knowledgeable PTP and IPM training coordinator licensed by the MOE in all major industry fields (Aquatic, Structural, Land) to answer your questions.
- An online and toll fee PTP and IPM instructor to assist you in carrying out your IPM and Healthy Lawns Annual Updating Commitments via the PIRC / OIPMA alternative process.
- Ongoing toll free distance educational assistance, workshops, study materials, and examinations at NO Additional Cost.
- Your OIPMA and others acquired IPM continuing education credits (CEC's) annually recorded on the PIRC database at NO Additional Cost.
- Annual company desktop IPM and PTP audit by the PIRC included at NO Additional Cost
- Company IPM and PTP Accreditation posted at the IPM Registry and maintained on the PIRC database at NO Additional Cost.
- PTP Examiner and IPM Agent registered on the PIRC database at NO Additional Cost
- Up to 4 'On-Hand' Technician Packages annually at NO Additional Cost. Each Technician package includes a PTP 50 multiple choice examination, Technician Training Manual, Reporting Forms and Technician Identification Card. The name of the issuing Examiner and his or her PIRC registration number and company information is pre-printed on each Technician ID Card.
- PTP Vehicle Log Books and Technician Competency of Limitation Training Reports in support of the PTP and IPM program at No Additional Cost.
- An online and toll fee PTP and IPM instructor to assist you in carrying out your IPM and Healthy Lawns Annual Updating Commitments via the PIRC / OIPMA alternative process.
- We promote transparency and openness in the consultation process and your right to complete and accurate disclosures on the ER under the Environmental Bill of Rights.
- We provide members informative news and disclosures on the ramifications of proposed regulatory changes under the Pesticides Act on your employment and livelihood. We research and study all proposed changes and provide to the alternative recommendations based on credible science for you to viably remain in business.

Can You Afford Your Regulatory Interests Misrepresented Municipally, Provincially, or Federally?

The rationale for our educational process and all inclusive fee structure was based upon the two industry councils having recognized that no justification existed for a costly red tape recertification process in late 1996 and in early 1997. The two councils based upon public records envisioned that the PTP would be the process cost effectively used to update IPM industry stakeholders in Regulatory and IPM Technology and least risk pesticides. A letter that provides sound reasons for doing so was written by the PIC / LO February 7, 1997 to Standards Development Branch than Director, Ivy Wile, corroborates this.

We are committed to protecting human health and the environment. We actively promote voluntary IPM Accreditation and a mandatory tri-partite IPM Accreditation process as a responsible alternative to any pesticide ban Bylaw in Canada. Three credible IPM Accreditation organizations exist. They are the Integrated Pest Management - Environmental Health Care Council of Ontario, (IPM-EHC Council),

the Integrated Pest Management Plant Health Care Council, (IPM-PHC Council), and the Audubon Cooperative Society.

The PIRC, OIPMA and the IPM-EHC Council commonly provide municipalities, including Belleville our positions on the pesticide issues and supply submissions at the request of our members or the invitation of municipalities, as also occurred in Belleville. We applaud Belleville council, which by motion on March 27, 2007 moved the responsibility of banning pesticides from the municipal level to the two higher levels of government.

Coun. Garnet Thompson said that the onus to restrict the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes is more of a provincial and federal regulated situation. Quoting the Intelligencer News Article, "City drops pesticide debate", Thompson said, "The provincial and federal government are in a much better position to establish more effective and enforceable legislation respecting the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes in a fair and responsible and considerate and consistent manner. "

Following the meeting Thompson said the two higher governments have scientists and other professionals who can gauge the effects of pesticides and decide whether they are harmful. Municipalities do not have the same resources and should not be expected to regulate such matters.

Mayor Neil Ellis stated "If you want a successful bylaw, it should start with non-professionals and work back to the professionals." It remains our position that more stringent requirements are needed to restrict the public sale of pesticides by limited retail vendors that currently require no formal training under the Pesticides Act. We applaud all residents, interest groups and businesses that worked to provide Belleville council its considerable balanced input upon which council based their final decision.

OIPMA / PIRC have a proven track record of fighting for stakeholders rights under the EBR and RTC.

The OIPMA and the PIRC at all times have held to its founding principles to support only correctly directed environmental legislation that provides, real, solid, substantial, and sustainable social benefits, fiscally responsible to the taxpayer, and Ontario's economic base. The PIRC in its decision making process has historically taken into account MOE Policies and government Statues in its decision making process. In particular, the Ministry of the Environment Statement of Environmental Values (SEV) under the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR), and since 1996 the Red Tape Commission (RTC) guidelines in determining the necessity of an existing regulation or in respect to future proposed regulations and re-interpretations under the Pesticides Act. Thus, the PIRC from inception has recognized that it was unnecessary to institute a costly and separate recertification process for our applicator members at large if the Pesticide Technician Program (PTP) was utilized as originally envisioned and intended for the vast majority of the OIPMA membership, In particular, our applicators that utilize only Schedules 3, 4 and 6 products. Stakeholders under the Pesticides Act are being treated inconsistently.