

# **URGENT MESSAGE TO British Columbia Golf Courses**

February 1, 2010

The Province of British Columbia is currently conducting a consultation exercise to determine if it should adopt legislation prohibiting the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes on both private and public lands. Although there is no indication that golf will be included in the prohibition, it is important for you to indicate your support for the submission that golf's use of Health Canada approved pesticide products is not cosmetic.

**The consultation process is open until February 15, 2010 and we need your help to ensure that golf will not be prevented from using these products. Please contact your MLA and the government consultation coordinator to let them know all of the reasons why golf benefits the environment, the economy and the charitable components of our province.**

The golf industry's position, as adopted by the National Allied Golf Associations with respect to pesticide use is that registered products used by licensed technicians should not be restricted but should be available as part of an integrated pest management strategy. This position is based on evidence from the scientific community that these products pose no unacceptable risk when used according to manufacturers' directions.

**The Canadian golf industry uses only federally registered products approved for use on golf courses and these products are applied only by provincially licensed professionals.**

A copy of the CGSA submission is available at [www.golfsupers.com](http://www.golfsupers.com).

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