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# **MEDIA BACKGROUNDER**

## **COMPLIANCE TO HERBICIDE APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Sylvan Lake, February 27, 2006: Mr. Lechmann does not feel that the Town of Sylvan Lake has properly addressed his concerns related to his dog's illness and subsequent euthanasia. Mr. Lechmann claims that the Town of Sylvan Lake did not provide proper notice to citizens prior to commencing herbicide application and that this resulted in his family being exposed to harmful chemicals.

At this time, the Town of Sylvan Lake would like to clarify the following points:

Herbicide application is contracted to a private business. The Contractor, a reputable Central Alberta business with experience in herbicide application was selected through a request for proposal process. This Contractor possesses the necessary certification required by Alberta Environment. The Town of Sylvan Lake has full confidence that the Contractor complied with all Provincial regulations and Town of Sylvan Lake policies.

The Contractor placed signage in accordance with acceptable practices and procedures. Also, the Town of Sylvan Lake notified citizens by placing weekly newspaper announcements throughout the herbicide application period and placed additional sandwich board signs in areas affected by herbicide application. There were notices placed on the Town website and community bulletin boards.

The loss of Mr. Lechmann's dog and medical ailments suffered by his family, although unfortunate, cannot be attributed to non-compliance or neglect by the Town of Sylvan Lake or its Contractor.

The Town of Sylvan Lake has been open and responsive to Mr. Lechmann's concerns and remains committed to the protection of its residents from adverse conditions effecting health and welfare.