

The Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association Inc

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Alan Fehr
Superintendent
Prince Albert National Park

Re: Defoliation of White Spruce in the town of Waskesiu

Dear Alan:

I am writing on behalf of the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association (WSRA).

As you are aware, last fall after reviewing the report produced by Mike Weir concerning budworm, a decision was made by Council that spraying should not take place in Waskesiu in 2011 and it is my understanding that Parks Canada has accepted that recommendation .

As a result, WSRA hired BioForest Technologies to carry out a L2 survey on the white spruce. We have now received the results of that survey (attached) and would ask that you review your decision taken last fall.

Bio Technologies' findings were that next year if there is no spraying of the white spruce, 70 per cent of the new growth will be eaten. I contacted the Vice-President of BioForest Technologies and it is his opinion "based on the L2 data white spruce tree health will decline in the built up area in 2011 as a result of budworm defoliation. In my estimation current populations of budworm in the built up area are high and will probably be similar or increase in 2011/12 should the built up area not be sprayed in 2011. The PANP report indicates that "Management options: 3. CO plus aerial spray of smaller core are (100 ha)". I believe that spraying the built up area in 2011 should be given serious consideration to keep white spruce tree health from declining. Spraying the built up area in 2011 may also have additional benefits by reducing the probability of budworm populations expanding to the peripheral area." **(I am quoting his e-mail reply)**

In light of this new data I would ask Parks Canada to review their decision that was made in the fall of 2010 and carry out option 3 of Mike Weir's report in 2011.

Yours truly

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