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Free Seminar: Why and How to have Healthy Landscapes

When: May 15, 7-9 p.m.

Where: Manotick Arena Hall

Ottawa – Along with daffodils come pesticide signs. This is the talk of the town in Manotick, so Rideau Councillor Glenn Brooks is hosting an information evening with six scientists, health professionals, an administrator and an agronomist - top experts in pesticides and health, ecology and landscaping.

These experts are all convinced that pesticides, such as the weed killers and insecticides being put on our lawns, are harming our environment and adversely affecting the health of citizens, children and even pets. Not only that, there are better methods to attain drought-resistant resilient turf, and a top Canadian expert will tell you how. A question and answer period will follow.

Host: Rideau Councillor Glenn Brooks and the Manotick Community Association

Speakers:

Dr. Meg Sears of the CHEO Research Institute: *Pesticides and Health – questions and answers*

Dr. David Lean, University of Ottawa: *Ecotoxicology—the effect of pesticides on your environment*

Dr. Vance Trudeau, biologist, University of Ottawa: *The effects of pesticides on our wildlife*

Dr. Richard van der Jagt, Haematologist with the Ottawa Hospital and the University of Ottawa: *Human health effects of pesticides and recent research on lymphoma*

Jeff Froggett, Canadian Cancer Society: *Why the Cancer Society supports restriction on non-essential pesticides*

Frank Reddick, LogicAlliance: *Least-toxic ways to create healthy turf and landscapes*

For more information please call Meg Sears at 613-832-2806 or go to www.healthyottawa.ca