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Dear Fellow Cottager,

Hydro One has proposed to spray the herbicide "Garlon" along the Tower Line Road and hydro towers sometime in 2022 in order to control vegetation in proximity to the hydro towers and lines.

Please see photos attached of previous spraying by Hydro One and some technical information on Garlon. You may also wish to visit the Gloucester Pool Cottagers Association web site, <https://gpca.wildapricot.org/>, where there is more information on this subject.

Garlon is known to have a negative impact on aquatic life, and it may have other environmental and health issues not yet known as it permeates the water table, wells, and lake. There are alternatives, and some municipalities and provinces in Canada, have banned the use of Garlon in favour of more environmentally friendly methods. Trees can simply be cut down.

Burrows Lake and Gloucester Pool are designated as ANSI (Area of Natural and Scientific Interest). Regions classified as ANSI are subject to certain management constraints. Decisions on the appropriate levels of protection and land uses are the responsibility of the local municipality. Each area is specified to be either regionally or provincially significant.

An ad hoc committee has been formed to investigate what Hydro One plans to do, oppose the use of a herbicide, and promote those alternative methods.

The committee is seeking a mandate from you to:

1) Continue communicating with Hydro One on your behalf to oppose the use of Garlon or other herbicide in the manner done in the past and to promote the use of alternative methods and continue communicating with the Township of Severn to ban the use of Garlon.

Please immediately send an email reply to your road association with cc to mail.gpca@gmail.com indicating your position: 1) no Garlon or herbicide should be applied or 2) not concerned.

Without your support and a mandate from you, we may see a repeat of the total devastation that took place in previous years, as well as the other risks including risks to aquatic life, infiltration into our water system and drinking water, and other unknown risks.

Should you wish to help even further by joining this committee, please write to mail.gpca@gmail.com indicating such.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
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President of Gloucester Pool Cottagers' Association

