

British Columbia: Local politicians won't take stance in GMO debate

North Okanagan politicians want assurances genetically modified organisms are safe, but they won't wade into the contentious debate of whether such products should be used.

Despite significant pressure to speak out against genetically modified crops, the Regional District of North Okanagan decided Wednesday only to ask the federal government to establish the appropriate agency to regulate, test and assess the safety of GMO foods in Canada.

"The regional district has not authority to take a stance for or against," said director Eugene Foisy.

Director Rob Sawatzky insisted that RDNO can only ask Ottawa to take action and there is no role for local government to play.

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