

## Victoria, Canada City Council questions GMO safety, endorses mandatory labeling in Canada

Genetically engineered crops, plants and trees are not welcome in Victoria.

City councillors have unanimously backed a multi-part motion last week calling for a suite of rules . . . to restrict and monitor genetically modified plants in B.C. and Canada.

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. . . Victoria councillors Ben Isitt and Jeremy Loveday. . . persuaded [the] council to support their motion, stating in a report: “Genetically engineered plants and foods have not been adequately tested by any federal agency for long-term impacts on human and environmental health.”

They won backing for the idea that all genetically modified foods sold in Canada should be labelled as such.

“We’re calling on the federal government to ensure [that] an adequate system of scientific testing, independent of industry, is in place for all genetically modified crops and products,” Isitt said.

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Victoria is not alone — other municipalities have also supported a limitation on genetically engineered plants, including Saanich, Metchosis and Powell River. . .

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Health Canada says genetically modified foods pose no more risk to human health than conventional foods, and that new genetically modified crops are subject to assessment before they are allowed on the Canadian market.

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