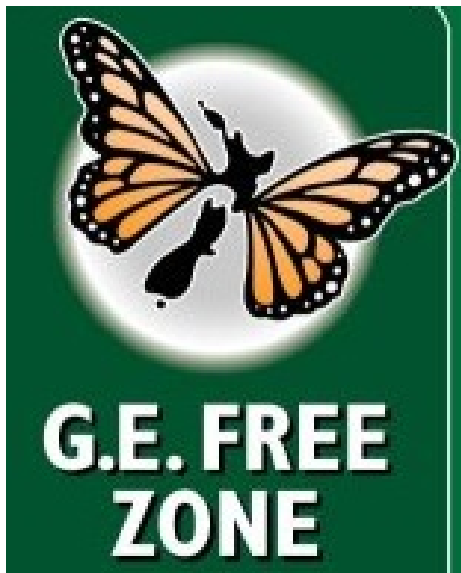


# GE Free Victoria



**WHEREAS** genetically engineered (GE) foods have not been adequately tested by any federal agency for long-term impacts on human and environmental health, with public agencies relying on data presented by corporations that hold GE patents;

**AND WHEREAS** the precautionary principle is an approach to risk management that has been developed in circumstances of scientific uncertainty, reflecting the need to take prudent action in the face of potentially serious risk;

**THEREFORE WE, THE UNDERSIGNED,** call on Victoria City Council to demonstrate leadership by placing itself on record opposing the cultivation of genetically engineered crops, plants and trees within the City of Victoria, and calling for action by the Federal and Provincial governments to introduce mandatory labelling of products containing genetically engineered organisms and place restrictions on further genetically engineered products being brought to market in the absence of scientific testing of long-term impacts on human and environmental health.

Total signatures: 145

Name	Province	Comment
1. Gurdeep Stephens	BC	1. GMO technology has never be proven safe, as set out in painstaking detail in Stephen Druker's book "Altered Genes, Twisted Truth" 2. There is no scientific consensus on the safety of GMOs. 3. GMOS are married to *known* and "likely" carcinogenic pesticides and herbicides and increase the use of these poisons which pollute the air water soil and ourselves. Three horrific biocides include Glyphosate (used in almost all commercially grown GMO crops), Dicamba and 2-4 D (active ingredient of agent orange) 4. GMOs reduce biodiversity 5. GMOs cannot be grown alongside non-GMOs. Farmers whose fields are contaminated with neighbors' GMO pollen are frequently sued by patent holders of GMOs. 6. A small handful of huge international companies develop and own the patents on over 90% of all GMOs grown. This type of mono crop monopoly is not healthy for the planet. 7. In the long run, long term studies by the Rodale institute show that GMOs do not increase yields. 8. GMOs are not providing a solution to world hunger. They are not feeding the world but rather poisoning the planet. 9. Due to intense lobbying of the Biotech companies and "big food" in N America, consumers do not even have the *right to know* if the food we are eating has GMOs. Conservative estimates show that over 80 percent of food in supermarkets contains GMOs. Unlabelled! Hence the N American public is unwittingly serving as uninformed testers of this unproven technology. The very same companies that oppose the right to know in Canada and the USA label their products in 64 other countries. Canada and USA are the world's only 2 developed nations that do not ban or require labelling of GMOs. For more information look up GMO Myths and truths, see "GMO OMG" by Jeremy Seifert and read "Altered Genes, Twisted Truth" by Steven Druker, public interest attorney. We do not want or need GMOs to contaminate our beautiful Victoria!
2. Louise Cole	BC	
3. Edwin Daniel	BC	I str9ngly support theis proposal, ven thiyyh it seems to be weaker than I would like.
4. Paul Mably		

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5.	Jim Jordan	BC	
6.	Phyllis Creighton	ON	
7.	June Waters	BC	
8.	Judy Gaylord	BC	
9.	Leslie Gillett	BC	
10.	Derek Powell		
11.	Pascal Courty	BC	
12.	Michael Large		Please stop this insane global chemistry experiment.
13.	Janet Cram	BC	
14.	Roberto Di Frassineto		
15.	Eric Higgs	BC	
16.	Lori Kalef		
17.	Arzeena Hamir	BC	You'll be setting a wonderful example for other communities on Vancouver Island to ratify the AVICC vote and declare Vancouver Island a GE Free Zone. Thank-you!!
18.	Erika Simms	BC	
19.	rachelle gregoire		
20.	annu gill	BC	
21.	Angela Moran	BC	
22.	Lisa pierce	BC	
23.	Samantha Gambling	BC	
24.	Stephanie Cottell	AB	
25.	sandra viney		
26.	Moralea Milne	BC	In Metchosin we approved a GE Free Metchosin, at AVICC we approved a GE Free Van Is and at UBCM we approved a GE Free BC, join the voice for healthier food choices!
27.	Corry Matechuk	BC	
28.	John Volpe	BC	
29.	Rupert Adams	BC	
30.	Libby Seabrook	BC	
31.	Susan Seale	BC	
32.	Wayne Bradley	BC	
33.	Lindsay Wilso	BC	
34.	Larry Tolton		
35.	Rajesh Gupta	ON	
36.	mary coll		
37.	Tim Mock	BC	
38.	Robin Tunnicliffe	BC	I think that we need to push for mandatory labelling so that we can really keep GE foods out of Victoria.
39.	Bruce Van Tassell		
40.	Susan Darlington	BC	
41.	Brenda Blakely	BC	

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42.	Christine Smith		
43.	Jeremy Caradonna		
44.	Susan Williams	BC	
45.	Terri Munro	BC	
46.	Allan Cram	BC	
47.	L. Takeda		
48.	John McLeod	BC	
49.	Dionne Baker	BC	
50.	Valerie Blenkin	BC	
51.	Carmen Wakeling	BC	
52.	Marti Martin-Wood		
53.	R Forrest Smith	BC	
54.	Brenda Holoboff	NS	
55.	D Leitner		
56.	Eric Rigollet	BC	
57.	Joan Russow	BC	
58.	Sandra Mui		We need to label our food if it's GMO! Protect farmers from GMO!
59.	Basma Majerbi	BC	
60.	Sarah Beeston	BC	
61.	Kathleen Gibson		
62.	Xavier Abrioux		
63.	Emmet McCusker	ON	
64.	India Ford		
65.	Virginia Thompson	BC	
66.	Kim Stubblefield	BC	
67.	C Dennison	BC	
68.	Flora Di Cunto	BC	
69.	William Cave		
70.	Maurita Prato		Glad this is happening in Victoria
71.	Sarah Sutmoller		For the Lives of all Creatures!
72.	Teagan Fossenier	BC	
73.	Nancy Turner	BC	
74.	Estfania Ayala	BC	
75.	Kristi Walker	BC	
76.	anna martin	BC	

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77.	Fiona Hamersley Chambers	BC	I am a local farmer who grows food seeds. As well as the concerns around GE crops, we should also be considering where our seeds come from. Small seed companies like Metchosin farm, Full Circle Seeds and Saltspring Seeds grow many locally-adapted food crop varieties. The majority of food seeds grown on Vancouver Island, however, come from far away, with the world's major seed growing areas now being China, Eastern Europe, mid-western USA, and South America.
78.	Hannah Roessler		
79.	Christine Ho	BC	
80.	Anne Cooper	BC	
81.	Rachel Mcrory	BC	
82.	kara white	BC	
83.	Asia Moore	BC	
84.	Rachel Dickens	BC	
85.	Jim Utzinger	BC	Food MUST be labeled as GMO for consumer protection!
86.	Karyn radloff	BC	
87.	Karri Jensen	BC	
88.	Eliza Olson	BC	
89.	Donna Rigollet	BC	
90.	Kelly Conrad	BC	
91.	Barb Field	BC	
92.	Lillie Lentz	BC	
93.	Ava Shannon	BC	
94.	Caitlin Weedle		
95.	Tristan Zaborniak	BC	From hardcopy petition at UVic GE Tree event
96.	Jessie Paterson	BC	Transferred from hard copy petition from UVic Ge Tree event
97.	Thalia Blackman	BC	Transferred from hard copy petition at UVic GE Tree event
98.	John Kang	BC	Transferred from hard copy petition from Uvic GE Tree event
99.	Kelly Toots	BC	Transferred from hard copy petition from UVic GE Tree event
100.	Shayne Stadnick		
101.	Jacquelynne McDonald		
102.	Janice O'Keeffe	BC	
103.	Arthur J Soles	BC	
104.	Louise Lilliott	BC	
105.	vicki matheson	BC	
106.	Jan King		
107.	Kerri Porteous	BC	
108.	Gina Leo	BC	
109.	Hannah Nesmith-Beck	BC	
110.	Zoey Verdun	BC	
111.	Diana van Eyk	ON	

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112.	Chris Warren	BC	GMOs are a threat to the natural order and food sovereignty.
113.	Jesse Frank	BC	
114.	Jade Mathieson	BC	
115.	Melanie Platz		
116.	Karen Furnes		
117.	Roberta Clair	BC	
118.	Mitchell Morse	BC	
119.	Lorna Popham	BC	
120.	Don and Clare Vipond	BC	
121.	bev agar		
122.	jayman mcallister	BC	
123.	James Willis		
124.	Ronn Boeur	BC	
125.	Laura Doyle	BC	
126.	Marsha Goldberg	BC	
127.	Heinz W Nussbaumer	BC	
128.	Marian Hargrove	BC	
129.	Cherie Knight	BC	I'm glad this is being pushed for! It is a basic human right.
130.	Lori Waterman		
131.	Cheryl Thomas	ON	BC needs to be G.E. Free!
132.	Douglas McGinnis	BC	
133.	Mary Komarnisky	BC	
134.	Chaim Sisson	BC	
135.	Linda Mimeault		
136.	Deanna Reville	BC	
137.	Jeff Bateman		
138.	John Lancaster	BC	
139.	Louise de Lugt	BC	
140.	Katherine Maas	BC	
141.	Linda siegel	BC	Linda Susan siegel
142.	Thea Revoy	BC	
143.	Michael Wheatley	BC	
144.	Nigel Pieloth	BC	
145.	Freda Knott	BC	