THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE from National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green Space Industry (NORAHG)
We Are Living in the 9/11 Era of Anti-Pesticide Terrorism...

- Professional Lawn Care companies have been EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED and STAGNATING because of the THREAT and IMPLEMENTATION of the PROHIBITION of pest control products in the Urban Landscape.

- As a direct result of PROHIBITION, Professional Lawn Care companies have LOST OVER 40 PER CENT OF THEIR CUSTOMERS.

- Beginning in 2009, when municipalities in British Columbia started to implement PROHIBITION — BUSINESS GROWTH STAGNATED.

- Since 2010, Professional Lawn Care companies have had to REDUCE STAFFING as a DIRECT RESULT of MUNICIPAL ANTI-PESTICIDE PROHIBITIONS.

- Professional Lawn Care companies have had to basically put ANY MAJOR INVESTMENT INTO THEIR BUSINESSES ON HOLD because of the continued THREAT of PROHIBITION.

- PROHIBITION takes away all the gains made by Professional Lawn Care companies in the past ten years, and MAKES IT DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO RECOVER.

- Professional Lawn Care customers DEPEND upon the use of safe and effective pest control products to control damaging pests such as weeds and insects.

- There ARE NOT ANY GREEN ALTERNATIVES THAT WORK — they are INEFFECTIVE — they are COSTLY — you have to use them two, three, four times the recommended rate to get ANY results out of them.

- Professional Lawn Care customers are telling businesses that... « *If you can’t get rid of my weeds legally, I’ll do it myself.* »

- Professional Lawn Care companies have NO REAL GREEN ALTERNATIVES to use on a commercial basis.

- Professional Lawn Care companies expect that, in 2012, they WILL CONTINUE TO LOSE MORE BUSINESS DUE TO PROHIBITION.
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Presentation to Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides, British Columbia

Selected and adapted excerpts

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Overview from an Independent Perspective

Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association of Western Canada

The Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association of Western Canada (IEPMA) in conjunction with its membership, has been VERY decisive regarding the CONSPIRACY to PROHIBIT pest control products in British Columbia.

After all, conventional pest control products are HEALTH–CANADA–APPROVED, FEDERALLY–LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY–SAFE, and PRACTICALLY–NON–TOXIC.

The Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association has correctly recognized that this is a BEACH–HEAD in the FIGHT FOR VICTORY against the TERRORIST CONSPIRACY to PROHIBIT pest control products in British Columbia.

Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association of Western Canada supports the use of pest control products under the guidelines of...

- Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency, and
- British Columbia's Integrated Pest Management Act and Regulations.

Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association of Western Canada DOES NOT SUPPORT FURTHER RESTRICTIONS.

Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association of Western Canada (IEPMA) believes pest control products ARE NOT COSMETIC.

IEPMA believes that pest control products are necessary tools for homeowners and companies throughout British Columbia.

IEPMA believes in a SCIENCE–BASED APPROACH when dealing with pest control products.

The MAJORITY of British Columbians, according to a 2011 survey, support the continued use of pest control products.
We have had to REDUCE STAFFING as a DIRECT RESULT of LOCAL MUNICIPAL PESTICIDE BANS

My wife and I own a Professional Lawn Care company called Lawn Doctor in Cranbrook, which is in the East Kootenays, British Columbia.

It has been in business since 1988.

We service 1,000 to 1,200 clients between Kimberley and Creston and up into the Elk Valley.

When we are fully staffed, we employ two full-time and four seasonal employees, all of whom are certified applicators.

Since 1988 the Lawn Doctor business in Cranbrook has been GROWING INCREMENTALLY — in some years more, some years less.

But since 2010, we have had to REDUCE STAFFING as a DIRECT RESULT OF LOCAL MUNICIPAL BANS ON PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS.
As you have heard previously, the Community Charter is what governs the municipalities in how they can AFFECT OUR BUSINESS in terms of pesticide use.

We have four of those communities in the area that we service.

I am just going to touch on two of them, which are Kimberley and Fernie.

Those are the two cities that we have — or had — a lot of clients in.

Our clients DEPEND on the use of safe and effective products to control unwanted pests such as weeds and bugs.

Federally-regulated products include the herbicides and insecticides that have become the target of much MIS-INFORMATION and FALSE ACCUSATIONS.
When the municipalities, back in about 2009, started to discuss in earnest — and some, implementing bans on pest control products — OUR BUSINESS GROWTH HAS STAGNATED.

We have had to basically put ANY MAJOR INVESTMENT INTO OUR BUSINESS ON HOLD because of this continued THREAT of a provincial PROHIBITION, also because of the continued threat that the Community Charter allows municipalities to continually impact our business — as well as every other Ma–and–Pa operation across the Province of British Columbia.
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As a direct result of the bans — and remember, this is just in Kimberley and Fernie — I’m not talking about our overall business in total — in Kimberley and Fernie, we have LOST OVER 40 PER CENT OF OUR CUSTOMERS in those two banned areas.

The message we continually receive, and again received it this year in 2011, from our customers, when we called them to see if they wanted a repeat return was that —

<< If you can’t get rid of my weeds legally, I’ll do it myself. >>

What our clients want is they want a reasonably weed-free lawn with curb appeal that they can enjoy.
PROHIBITION would take away all the gains we have made in the past ten years, and MAKE IT DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO RECOVER.

Needless to say, the ENJOYMENT FACTOR IS DIMINISHING in the communities with the bans, along with the green space infrastructure that those municipalities are looking after.

We expect that, in 2012, WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOSE MORE BUSINESS DUE TO MUNICIPAL BANS.

I fear what will happen if this committee recommends restricting the use of the safe and approved product for home-owners and companies.

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I would not be as concerned about this issue if there were ANY Green Alternatives available for us to use commercially.

These are Green Alternatives that Health Canada has to approve, not the Home-Made alternatives that are cooked-up in the kitchen and thrown out on the yard.

There just ARE NOT ANY GREEN ALTERNATIVES OUT THERE THAT WORK.

They are INEFFECTIVE.

They are COSTLY.

You have to use them in two, three, four times the amounts that they say to get ANY results out of them.
We have NO REAL GREEN ALTERNATIVES to use on a commercial basis.

In the Community Charter, under the spheres of concurrent jurisdiction of environment and wildlife regulation, municipalities are allowed to PROHIBIT pest control products.

Municipalities have taken the « Excluded List » under the Provincial Integrated Pest Management Act, and used it for their own non-toxic or least toxic lists.

Municipal PROHIBITIONS legislation include the « Excluded List » for those products that Professional Lawn Care companies can use, saying and thinking that they are Green Alternatives.

Our company has NO REAL GREEN ALTERNATIVES to use on a commercial basis, and, contrary to what somebody might say, there is NOTHING ON THE HORIZON that is being approved by Health Canada.
Paul Visentin is Director of Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association of Western Canada (I.E.P.M.A.), and owns a Professional Lawn Care company in Cranbrook, East Kootenays, British Columbia.

In Letters To The Editor, Paul Visentin has personally spoken out against activists and AGAINST the PROHIBITION of pest control products in the Urban Landscape.

Here are examples of some of Visentin’s wisdom:

For the Canadian Cancer Society to continue on its MIS-INFORMED MISSION only lessens the possibility of discovering the real causes of cancer.

I’m confident that if you spoke to scientific experts such as Dr. Len Ritter, Dr. Keith Solomon, Dr. Frank Dost, and Dr. Bruce Ames — all of whom are WORLD-RENOVED SCIENTISTS who have spent their professional careers studying the effects of pesticides on health and the environment — your organization would be much better informed.

In British Columbia, there are over 5000 deaths per year from KNOWN CANCER-CAUSING SUBSTANCES such as cigarette smoke and alcohol. There is NOT ONE KNOWN CANCER DEATH from the proper use of a “cosmetic” pesticide.
In Canada, 97 per cent of the pesticide use is in the agricultural area while less than 1 per cent is used in the domestic (lawn care) area.

In one of the largest studies of its kind, the American Health Study, which followed over 85,000 people associated to the application of pesticides — it found NO EVIDENCE OR LINKAGE to cancers that would stand up to any scrutiny.

Pesticides continue to be some of THE MOST TESTED AND REVIEWED PRODUCTS by agencies around the world. Pesticides have been around for 60-plus years. NOT ONE CASE OF CANCER has been proven to be caused by the occasional use by home-owners.

Such a statement [by Canadian Cancer Society] would make one believe that all the products used in lawn care are linked to cancer, while the use of the same products in agriculture and forestry sector are not.

The government needs to focus on CREDIBLE DOCUMENTED SCIENCE to make responsible decisions on the future of pest control products in British Columbia.

There are NO pesticides that are known or probable carcinogens registered for use in Canada.
STOP hanging around doing NOTHING against Lunatic Terrorist PROHIBITION
What YOU can do in the war against Lunatic Anti-Pesticide Terrorism ?!?!?!

What can YOU do against Anti-Pesticide Lunatics?

WRITE AGAINST THE LUNATICS!

FIGHT AGAINST the CONSPIRACY to PROHIBIT pest control products in the Urban Landscape

RAT-OUT the Anti-Pesticide Lunatics with COMPLAINTS through LETTERS TO THE EDITOR and with SUBMISSIONS to the government

Anti-Pesticide Lunatics are GOVERNMENT-FINANCED with TAX-FREE MONEY

Demand a REVOCATION of their organizations’ REGISTERED CHARITY TAX-EXEMPT STATUS!
In the 9/11 Era of Environmental Terrorism, at least ONE SUBVERSIVE ACT OF TERROR is Perpetrated EVERY SINGLE DAY by enviro lunatics.

We are living in the DARK AGE OF ANTI-PESTICIDE TERRORISM where sound science is trumped by JUNK SCIENCE and UNVERIFIABLE SECRET EVIDENCE through FABRICATION, INNUENDO, and INTERNET LURKING — scientific research PROVES that pest control products CAUSE NO HARM and can be USED SAFELY.

NORAHG is National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green Space Industry.

NORAHG represents the VAST SILENT MAJORITY of people in the Green Space Industry who are OPPOSED to PROHIBITION.

NORAHG is a NATIONAL NON PROFIT NON PARTISAN organization dedicated to reporting the work of RESPECTED and HIGHLY RATED EXPERTS who promote ENVIRONMENTAL REALISM and PESTICIDE TRUTHS.

Anti pesticide HUJE are enviro lunatics and lawn haters who particularly DESPISE the golf industry — they are Hateful Undeclared Jokers as Environmentalists who have been WRONG FOR OVER 50 YEARS.

There is NO RECPURSE but LITIGATION against these HUJE, as well as CANCELLATION of GOVERNMENT GRANTS and REVOCATION of the TAX–EXEMPT STATUS of their organizations. HUJE should GET OFF OUR GRASS, and they should ROAST IN HELL.

Anti pesticide HUJE are advised that all names, statements, activities, and affiliations have been ARCHIVED for eventual CRIMINAL CHARGES.

NORAHG manages the Library Computer Access and Retrieval System for all anti pesticide terrorist acts of subversion.

The NORAHG Library Computer Access and Retrieval System is a VAST ARCHIVE of DOCUMENTS, AUDIO CLIPS, and VIDEOS on ALL anti pesticide ACTS OF SUBVERSION — this archive has been made AVAILABLE to anyone interested in LITIGATION.

These ARCHIVES contain names, statements, activities, and affiliations of ALL anti pesticide vermin, including government officials, as well as charitable prohibition terror organizations that DO NOT DESERVE ANY tax exempt status.

Interested parties need only to send NORAHG their REQUESTS for ANY INFORMATION needed in the War Against Lunatic Terrorist PROHIBITION.

NORAHG also produces FORCE OF NATURE, reports that present THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE about environmental issues, including anti pesticide terrorism.

FORCE OF NATURE is a series of reports destined for the green space industry, the environmental terrorist movement, governments, and the media nationwide across Canada, the United States, and overseas.

FORCE OF NATURE is committed to SOUND SCIENCE, as well as ground breaking original reporting that informs, entertains, and creates real change.

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NORAHG also produces A LOOK AT, a series of reports providing TECHNICAL INFORMATION on issues such as Career Management, Golf Course Maintenance, Green Alternatives, Summer Stress, Turfgrass Pests, and Turfgrass Species.

Finally, NORAHG frequently responds to anti-pesticide activists in LETTERS TO THE EDITOR in newspapers across Canada and around the world.

All information, excerpts, and pictures contained in FORCE OF NATURE, A LOOK AT, and LETTERS TO THE EDITOR were retrieved from the Internet, and may be considered in the public domain.

FORCE OF NATURE, A LOOK AT, and their various incarnations, was the brainchild of William H. Gathercole (now retired) and his colleagues.

Here is a brief summary of Mr. Gathercole’s career:

**Fields of study** — Horticulture/Agriculture, Mathematics, Physics

**Alma mater** — McGill University • University of Guelph • the first person ever to obtain university degrees and contribute to both the professional lawn care and golf maintenance industries

**Expertise in** — environmental issues and anti-pesticide terrorism • turf and ornamental maintenance and troubleshooting • history of the industry • sales and distribution of seeds, chemicals, fertilizers, and equipment • fertilizer manufacturing and distribution

**Notable activities** — worked in virtually all aspects of the green space industry, including golf, professional lawn care, distribution, environmental compliance, government negotiations, public affairs, and workplace safety • supervisor, consultant, and programmer for the successful execution of hundreds of thousands of management operations in the golf and urban landscape, as well as millions of pest control applications • advisor, instructor, and trainer for thousands of turf and ornamental managers and technicians • pesticide certification instructor for the hundreds of industry workers • founder of the modern professional lawn care industry • prolific writer for industry publications and e-newsletters • first to confirm the invasion of European Chafer insect in both the Montreal region and the Vancouver/Fraser Valley region • with Dr. Peter Dernoeden, confirmed the presence of Take All Patch as a disease of turf in Eastern Canada • with Dr. David Shetlar, confirmed the presence of Kentucky Bluegrass Scale as an insect pest in South Western Ontario and later, in the Montreal and Vancouver regions

**Special contributions** — creator of the exemption status that has allowed the golf industry to avoid being subjected to anti-pesticide prohibition • creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application • co-founder of annual winter convention for Quebec golf course superintendents • the major influence in the decision by Canadian Cancer Society to stop selling for profit pesticide treated daffodils • the only true reliable witness of the events of anti-pesticide prohibition in the town of Hudson, Quebec • retired founder of FORCE OF NATURE and A LOOK AT reports

**Notable award** — the very first man of the year for contributions leading to the successful founding of Quebec professional lawn care industry, which served as a beach-head against anti-pesticide activists in the 1980s and 1990s

**Legacy** — Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues ... designed and implemented strategies that reined anti-pesticide activists and provided peace and prosperity for the entire modern green space industry across Canada • orchestrated legal action against anti-pesticide activists in the town of Hudson, Quebec • launched the largest founding professional lawn care business in Canada • quadrupled the business revenues of one of the largest suppliers in Canada

Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as founder of FORCE OF NATURE and A LOOK AT reports.