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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RESPONSE TO TODD MAJOR

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NORTH VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Todd Major CLAIMS that it UNNECESSARY to use pest control products against « *helpless* » dandelions and « *pencil-head-sized* » aphids.

We wonder about « *pencil-headed* » Anti-Pesticide Activists like Major who seemingly are OBLIVIOUS to the TRUE nature of damaging pest in turf and ornamental plants.

All they want is the PROHIBITION of pest control products that are necessary to effectively control DAMAGING PESTS in the Urban Landscape.

In response to his detractors, Major refers to them as « *dinosaurs* », and old ones, overtly showing a LACK OF ANY RESPECT for anyone beyond his years.

According to Major, « *public health is not important to dinosaurs* », implying that only HE has a reservoir of knowledge that his detractors seemingly do not possess.

Moreover, Major states that his detractors « *lack the judgment and vision to change the status quo for society's betterment* », once again implying that HE is, somehow, the light and the way on matters concerning pest control products.

Overall, Major is BLATANTLY AND CONSISTENTLY WRONG with his opinions and recommendations.

NOT Qualified

Non-Expert Anti-Pesticide Activists like Todd Major are THE LEAST QUALIFIED to provide ANY advice concerning pest control products.

Major has NO competent expertise, recognized training, or successful background, in matters concerning turfgrass management and pest control products.

He has NEVER worked in the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry.

Moreover, Major is closely affiliated with known Anti-Pesticide Organizations, like Canadian-Cancer-Society and Toxic-Free-Canada, who PAY people like Major to SCAM Government Officials into believing that it is necessary to legislate NEEDLESS, SENSELESS, and MALICIOUS PROHIBITION.

These organizations have a HUGE VESTED INTEREST IN PERPETUATING IMAGINARY DANGERS about pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

Major ALSO has a VESTED INTEREST, as a PAID-FOR-PROFIT LOBBYIST, SPEAKER, and WRITER.

Scientifically Safe

Health Canada, and NOT Todd Major, has THE ESSENTIAL EXPERTISE on the subject of pest control products.

Conventional pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE !

NO pest control product can be sold or used until Health Canada's scientists have evaluated ALL the existing evidence to determine whether the product meets stringent health and safety requirements.

Overall, when they are used properly, there are NO harmful irreversible effects to health and the environment !

UNABLE To Provide Bodies

Major blurts out HOLLOW and DESPICABLY-ALARMIST expressions like « *long-term health problems* » and « *mutations in newborn babies* ».

However, Major is UNABLE to provide BODIES.

Major ALLEGES that « *we are left with an ever-growing volume of research from scientists and doctors around the world that indicates we are loading*

our environment with a growing cocktail of poisonous pesticides that are linked to a range of serious diseases ».

Major MUST STOP using « *mythical growing bodies of research reports* » that DO NOT EXIST.

Major MUST STOP using « *secret evidence* » and DEBUNKED REPORTS.

The public must be warned that the issues concerning pest control products are CONTROVERSIAL only because they were CONCOCTED by Anti-Pesticide Activists like Todd Major.

Unfortunately, Major is UNABLE to provide bodies, bodies, bodies.

Bodies of REAL evidence.

Bodies of REAL evidence, and NOT JUNK SCIENCE REPORTS that have been DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY REFUTED AND DISCREDITED.

Bodies of REAL evidence, and NOT JUNK SCIENCE REPORTS that have NEVER been made available for independent review.

Bodies of REAL evidence, and NOT JUNK SCIENCE REPORTS intended to DISCREDIT the work of REAL experts, such as Health Canada.

Bodies of REAL evidence, and NOT « *secret evidence* » or DEBUNKED REPORTS.

More specifically, medical records, medical records, medical records.

Who are, or were, those people ALLEGEDLY harmed by pest control products ?

Where are the medical records ?

Make them available for public review.

Unfortunately, Major is UNABLE to provide bodies of REAL evidence.

Green Alternatives DO NOT WORK

Major is also WRONG concerning the « *many options available to grow the garden sustainably* ».

What options ?!?!

Name them !

In fact, there are NO viable, efficacious, or economical Green Alternatives to replace conventional pest control products.

VIRTUALLY ALL Green Alternatives are BOGUS, and have negatives ranging from almost TOTAL INEFFECTIVENESS except under very specific circumstances, to a question about their TOXICITY.

The Anti-Pesticide Activists like Todd Major do not know what they are talking about — their opinions are WORTHLESS on matters concerning pest control products, and especially the Green Alternatives.

Without the use of conventional pest control products, many jurisdictions have had to resort to the BACK-BREAKING JOB OF WEED-PULLING BY HAND.

Without effective weed control products, municipal and lawn care employees are required to CRAWL ON THEIR HANDS AND KNEES on lawns — pulling weeds manually.

In many jurisdictions, Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION has converted an educated professional labour force into a group of mere COTTON-PICKERS !

Moreover, municipalities and lawn care companies CANNOT afford the high cost manual labour required for WEED-PULLING.

In desperation, municipalities enlist the help of UNRELIABLE resident VOLUNTEERS, most of whom are women, elderly, and unemployed.

Ultimately, municipalities are UNABLE to take care of public green spaces, and allow them to become GARBAGE DUMPS INFEST WITH WEED PESTS and INSECT PESTS, and FILLED WITH DEAD GRASS AND PLANTS.

The Fraser Institute

According to The Fraser Institute, the highly-rated Think-Tank of TRUE EXPERTS, PROHIBITIONS on the use of pest control product are ILL-CONCEIVED and DO NOT accurately reflect the current state of scientific knowledge

Also according to The Fraser Institute, HASTY PROHIBITIONS of pest control products SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED until the underlying science is conclusive, and until a comprehensive analysis of the potential side-effects resulting from the PROHIBITION has been undertaken.

Incredibly, some jurisdictions ARBITRARILY PROHIBIT pest control products that are, in fact, ...

- Health-Canada-Approved,
- Federally-Legal,
- Scientifically-Safe, and
- Practically-Non-Toxic.

Any PROHIBITION of pest control products is NOT JUSTIFIED because STRICT REGULATIONS BASED ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ALREADY PROTECT OUR HEALTH and OUR ENVIRONMENT.

For more information, please go to the Pesticide Truths web-site ...

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