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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RESPONSE TO WARREN BELL

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SUPPORTING Prohibition

Warren Bell has a HUGE VESTED INTEREST IN PERPETUATING IMAGINARY DANGERS about pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

Doing this attracts HUGE SUMS OF PROFIT to his organizations, in the form of MEMBERSHIP, DONATIONS, and GOVERNMENT GRANTS.

Bell's Anti-Pesticide Organizations are Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) and Canadian-Cancer-Society (CCS).

Bell also has a HUGE VESTED INTEREST IN PERPETUATING IMAGINARY DANGERS about pest control products BECAUSE HE IS PAID TO DO SO.

On top of his 165,000-dollar-per-year salary at Shuswap Lake General Hospital, Bell is PAID UNFATHOMABLY VAST SUMS OF MONEY by Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) and Canadian-Cancer-Society (CCS).

AGAINST Prohibition

Why should anyone be AGAINST the PROHIBITION of pest control products in the Urban Landscape ?

In Provinces like Ontario and Quebec, PROHIBITION DESTROYED the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry.

On this issue, Bell COULD NOT CARE LESS THAT PROHIBITION INFLICTED TERROR, DESPAIR, and DESTITUTION on THOUSANDS of hapless victims throughout the Professional Lawn Care Industry.

Because of PROHIBITION, Professional Lawn Care businesses were forced to TERMINATE many or most of their employees.

The DEVASTATION of the Professional Lawn Care Industry was EXTENSIVE because there were NO valid economical alternatives to replace the prohibited products.

Consequently, Professional Lawn Care Companies were UNABLE to provide adequate weed and insect control, and were UNABLE to keep their customers satisfied.

In the Province of Quebec, OVER 60 PER CENT of the Professional Lawn Care Industry was ANNIHILATED.

In the Province of Ontario, the Professional Lawn Care Industry LOST OVER 500,000,000 DOLLARS, with UP TO 12,500 UNEMPLOYED.

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 municipalities and provinces ARBITRARILY PROHIBIT pest control products that are, in fact, ...

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

Province of Ontario

On the issue concerning Ontario streams and rivers, Bell is WRONG !

The PROHIBITION of pest control products in the Province of Ontario DID NOT improve water quality in streams and rivers.

ALMOST UNDETECTABLE LEVELS of pest control products were found in Ontario streams EVEN BEFORE PROHIBITION.

Non-Expert Anti-Pesticide Activists like Bell ALLEGE that the PROHIBITION of pest control products in the Urban Landscape somehow leads to lower concentrations of herbicide in stream water.

This is WRONG !

This allegation is FALSE, MISLEADING, and CONTRADICTS OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF RESEARCH.

Twenty-Five Years of Research

It is common knowledge within the LEGITIMATE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY that pest control products and fertilizers used for the maintenance of turfgrass areas ARE NOT CONSIDERED AS SERIOUS CONTAMINANTS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

Researchers have shown that A HEALTHY, DENSE, AND PROPERLY-MAINTAINED TURFGRASS COVER will help RETAIN pest control products and fertilizers, acting like a GIANT SPONGE.

The leaves, the thatch, and the roots, as well as the soil medium, all interact to intercept most pest control product and fertilizer inputs.

The overall fate of pest control products and fertilizers used in the turfgrass environment has been estimated in DOZENS OF RESEARCH REPORTS examining RUN-OFF and LEACHING.

Here are some examples of the scientific conclusions from these reports —

- A healthy, dense, and properly-maintained turf cover significantly REDUCES the potential for run-off losses of pest control products and fertilizers

- Losses to surface run-off of pest control products and fertilizers applied to turfgrass DOES NOT APPEAR TO POSE A SIGNIFICANT HAZARD
- Natural precipitation events DOES NOT produce detectable run-off
- Pest control products DO NOT move in water, either off-site with run-off or down through the soil profile

Bell Is UNABLE To Provide Bodies, Bodies, Bodies

The public must be warned that the issues concerning pest control products are CONTROVERSIAL only because they were CONCOCTED by Warren Bell and his buddies.

Unfortunately, Bell 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.

More specifically, Bell needs to provide verifiable medical records.

Bell claims to have practiced medicine for 32 years.

Where are HIS 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.

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

No Expert

Bell is NO CREDIBLE expert on pest control products, and neither are any of his buddies, like Gideon Forman.

The problem with Bell reflects the overall larger problem with ALL Anti-Pesticide Activists.

There are NO Anti-Pesticide Activists who are scientists or researchers with credentials in the field of pest control products.

NONE !

They are NOT COMPETENT to talk about pest control products.

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

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