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## Keeping Ontario ugly, the natural way

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Provincial politicians often promise that their province won't look the same once they're done.

Usually, they're talking about taxes, jobs, education or the laws of the land.

While these are all important issues, they frankly don't have much physical presence in everyday life. Your street generally looks the same regardless of who's in power.

Not so in Ontario. Over the past year, Premier Dalton McGuinty has managed to alter the physical appearance of his province.

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It's been a year and a month since the McGuinty government introduced legislation BANNING the use of pesticides everywhere except golf courses and farms.

As a result weeds, primarily dandelions, have become the DOMINANT ground cover for lawns, parks, school yards, and sports fields across the province.

It took a while for the FULL IMPACT of this ban to become apparent. Last year, many lawns seemed to retain vestigial protection against weeds due to previous pesticide treatments. Now, however, the weeds are here to stay. Forever. Residential streetscapes have switched from green to yellow. To white and fluffy. And back to yellow again.

It's important to remember this effort was entirely political.

There's no reliable scientific evidence that regulated pesticides, when used correctly, pose any threat to human health.

Ignoring the work of the federal government's Pest Management Regulatory Agency, McGuinty blithely declared a sweeping ban was necessary for « *our children's' health* ».

NO OTHER jurisdiction in North America went so far in forbidding chemical weed control.

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*Prohibition imposed under the pretext  
of protecting children's health  
is actually harmful to children*

Yet a weed-free lush grass lawn or field has MANY PRACTICAL BENEFITS.

For one, grass acts as a NATURAL CUSHION.

It is also an EFFECTIVE SPONGE for rain water.

A sports field entirely overrun by dandelions provides NONE of these benefits.

When it rains, [ the sports field ] becomes a SLIPPERY MUD BOG.

In hot months: [ the sports field becomes ] a concrete-like surface.

Not only does this make it difficult to play sports, but it's DANGEROUS as well.

Falling on hard-baked playground mud is, speaking from parental experience, the direct cause of numerous skinned knees and twisted ankles.

McGuinty's crusade on behalf of children's health is actually hurting kids on a daily basis.

It's also the case that many, most likely a majority, of people consider a uniform green lawn to be a thing of beauty and an object of desire.

From this perspective, the pesticide law represents an effort to DICTATE AESTHETICS.

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*Prohibition dictates aesthetics to the public*

*Prohibition ignores the federal regulatory system*

Various propaganda claims there's nothing wrong with a weedy, yellow-dotted lawn — everyone should simply learn to appreciate the wondrous joys of dandelions. Or put in a rock garden.

But that's a matter of opinion.

On what basis should the state give itself a mandate over beauty ?

Of course, even the McGuinty government seems to recognize these efforts haven't really convinced homeowners to love ugly lawns.

A provincial website also offers tips for a weed-free yard without pesticides —

« *Pluck weeds by hand* » it cheerily declares.

« *Get a weeding tool and the job will be faster and easier.* »

With more practical options outlawed, this advice appears to have stuck.

In my neighbourhood, it seems every second homeowner is now outside on Saturday afternoons diligently plucking and pulling at an endless supply of weeds. NO ONE looks very happy; probably because it's an entirely Sisyphean task. [ The word *sisyphean* means endless and unavailing as labour or a task. ]

Curiously, McGuinty has ANOTHER major preoccupation besides banning things and fretting about children.

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Earlier this year, his government released a substantial report on the long-term prospects for the economy.

Chief among its issues was a commitment to improving productivity.

« *Encouraging faster productivity growth* » was presented as a crucial step to defending the provincial standard of living.

And yet it is difficult to imagine anything more UNPRODUCTIVE than forcing every home owner in the province to abandon a perfectly safe, modern, and efficient means of weed control in favour of a method that can only be described as MEDIEVAL.

The ban thus represents an ENORMOUS DEADWEIGHT LOSS for the province. Even if we assume time spent hand-weeding on weekends would otherwise be allocated to yard maintenance, the provincial net worth could be vastly enhanced if everyone was spending those hours painting fences, repairing decks and trimming hedges.

For ELDERLY RESIDENTS, many of whom take great pride in their gardens and yards, hand pulling may not only be unproductive, but PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE. Denied the use of better, labour-saving methods of weed control, many retirees have simply lost the ability to tend to their own yard.

All of which suggests we haven't heard the last on this issue. And Heaven help the politician who ends up taking the blame for everyone's ugly lawn.

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# *We must defend the industry, whatever the cost may be !*

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Force Of Nature is a report from National Organization Responding Against Huje that seek to harm the Green Space Industry (NORAHG). It is a series of e-newsletters destined for the Green Space Industry, the Environmental Terror Movement, Governments, and the Media, nationwide across Canada, the United States, and overseas. The information presented in Force Of Nature has been developed for the education and entertainment of the reader by providing a sequence of historical events WITH COMMENTARY.

# O

Huje is a term used to describe Enviro Maniac Activists that routinely concoct FEAR MONGERING, FRAUDULENT LIES, MISCONCEPTIONS, COERCION, THREATS, DECEPTIONS, TERROR, and PARANOID CONSPIRACIES that are DESIGNED to SCAM and DECEIVE the public into believing that families are in some NON-EXISTENT danger with conventional pest control products. Huje also SCAM and DECEIVE Government Officials into the NEEDLESS, SENSELESS, and MALICIOUS prohibition of FEDERALLY LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE, and ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE conventional pest control products.

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Force Of Nature is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his entourage. Mr. Gathercole is a principal FOUNDER of the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry in BOTH Ontario and Quebec. He holds a degree in Horticulture from the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, and another pure and applied science degree from MCGILL UNIVERSITY. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the Green Space Industry, including GOLF, PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE, and CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, and has served in public affairs, workplace safety, and environmental compliance. Mr. Gathercole has supervised, consulted, programmed, and/or overseen the successful and safe execution of HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of pest control applications in the urban landscape. He has trained, instructed, and consulted with THOUSANDS of turf managers and technicians. Mr. Gathercole has also been an agricultural agronomist. For many years, Mr. Gathercole was a contributing columnist for TURF & Recreation Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority. Mr. Gathercole is now retired from Force Of Nature, although his name continues to appear as the founder. Mr. Gathercole is personally credited for crafting the Golf Industry Exception Status, that endures to this day. He is also the creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application. His vast knowledge of our long journey with Environmental Issues is UNDENIABLE — hopefully ! For FIFTEEN YEARS, the strategies designed and implemented by Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues guaranteed the control of Environmental Terror for the entire Modern Green Space Industry across Canada. Mr. Gathercole's involvement in Environmental Issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with his colleagues, legal action against the Forces of Environmental Evil in the Town of Hudson, Quebec. Mr. Gathercole is the ONLY TRUE RELIABLE WITNESS of the Hudson Affair.

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Mr. Gathercole and his entourage have followed the evolution of ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter century. Through Force Of Nature, Enviro Maniac Activist Huje are identified on the basis of their statements, activities, affiliations, and whereabouts. Even though each Enviro Maniac Culprit is a misguided adversary, each still deserves our respect. The use of the terms Maniac, Culprit, Terrorist, or Basterd are not accusations of any legal wrong doing. Force Of Nature is simply holding Enviro Maniac Activists accountable for conspiring to change public policies that TERRORIZE, HARM, and THREATEN the Green Space Industry. Their pretentious prohibitionist rants have created LOSS OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, and UNEMPLOYMENT, inflicting DESPAIR and DESTITUTION for THOUSANDS of hapless victims throughout the Green Space Industry. The DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE of Maniac Culprit Terrorist Basterd Huje is viewed as a form of TERROR, HARM, and THREAT against the Green Space Industry.

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