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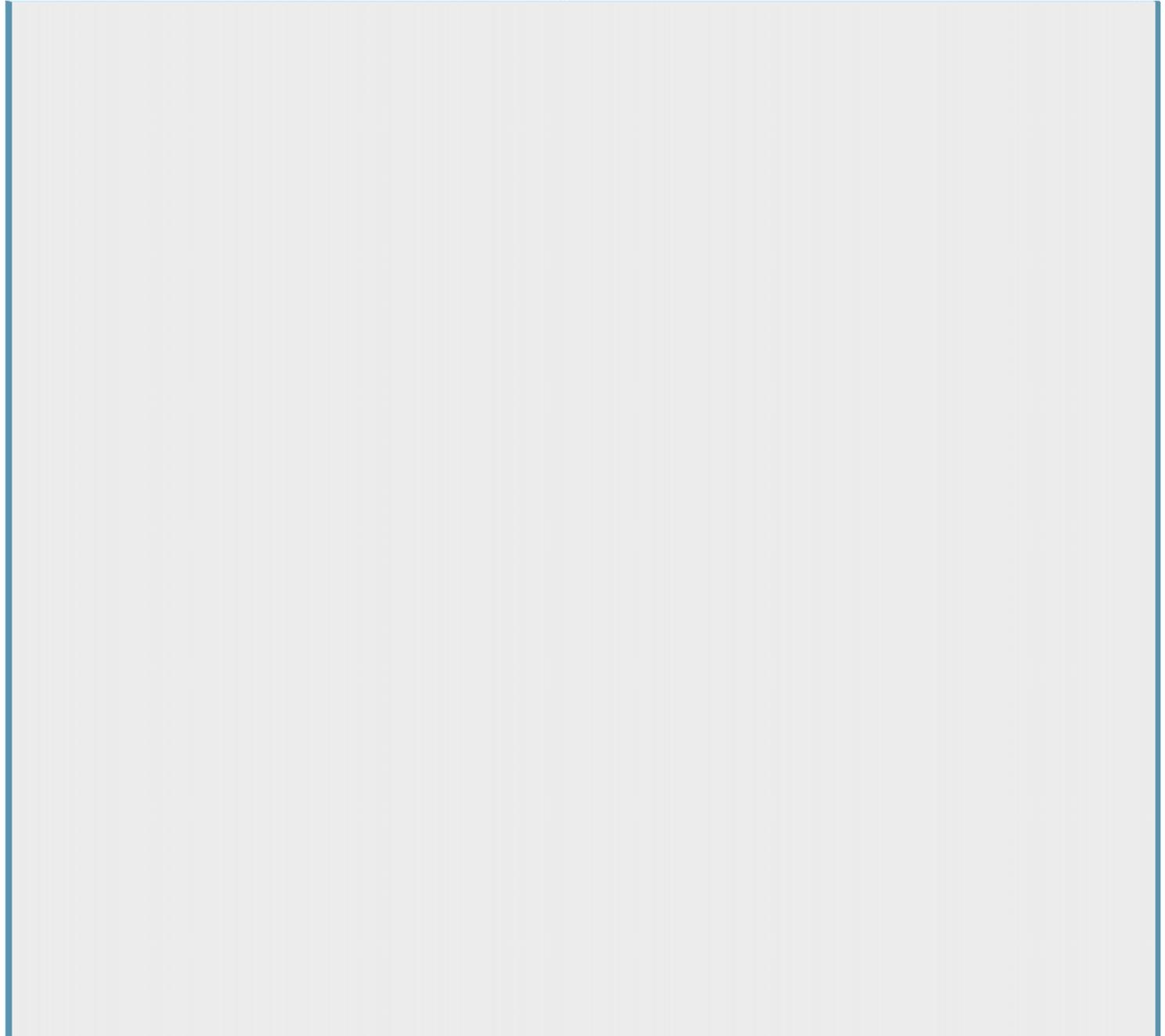
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Cavers to again raise cosmetic pesticide ban in council



MAY 17, 2012

A Kamloops councillor pledged Thursday to reintroduce a motion to ban all application of cosmetic pesticides in the City after a legislative committee declined the recommendation.

An eight-member government committee — five Liberals, three New Democrats — was appointed last June to examine the scope of a possible ban on the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides.

After 8,675 submissions, 22 meetings and presentations from environmental groups, industry organizations, scientific organizations and academics, the committee made 17 recommendations, but did not call for a ban on the pesticides used to ensure a perfect lawn and weed-free garden.

In that absence, Coun. Donovan Cavers said he will bring back a motion to ban application of pesticides in Kamloops, other than for farm uses.

"I'm definitely going to reintroduce my motion," said Cavers, a former Green party candidate elected to council for the first time last year.

Cavers agreed in February to withdraw his motion until the committee made its recommendations.

But council may be trumped by Premier Christy Clark, who made such a ban a campaign promise.

During her 2011 leadership campaign she pledged to get rid of pesticides.

Committee chairman Bill Bennett suggested he was slightly pre-disposed to supporting a ban for health reasons, but wasn't convinced it was needed after reviewing the evidence.

"If I was convinced that we needed to do this, I would definitely have been there," he said.

The NDP members on the committee issued a minority report calling for a ban.

Jacquie Doherty, owner of Grassroots Lawn Care in Kamloops, said she was pleased the committee opted for a "science-based approach."

"I hope council appreciates the work the provincial government went through. Coun. Cavers has never done that. They'd be making a decision based on personal beliefs, not the facts."

Kamloops North MLA and Environment Minister Terry Lake said he'll reserve comment until he has a chance to read the full report.

"Until I read the report I don't really know," he said, acknowledging that as mayor he supported a ban.

Lake took a resolution to the Union of B.C. Municipalities in 2008 asking for a provincewide ban — it passed with an 85-per cent majority.



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Rob Da Bruce, I started out with nothing....and still have it all.

You go Donovan....I can't help but have old tunes in my head, acidic colors and all...

Maybe not a complete ban, just permit the stuff, expensively, then the hulk and his green lawn bunch will over price themselves....

There's no telling some, my place look's ok, nothing on it for 11 years

20 hours ago

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mediamocker

donavan, prohibition does not work. it never has and it never will. if you ban pesticides, they will still be heavily used and readily available. The only differences will be that they will cost a lot more, the government will no longer make revenue off them and they will no longer contain written warnings and instructions making them even more dangerous. i think you would be better off educating the public about the potential physical and environmental harms of using them than trying to ban them outright. think about it.

1 day ago 1 Like

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Nolongermiddleage

This is getting downright silly....Hydro can have the meters...a church can take it's pieces of silver (quietly and secretly putting up cell tower)..body scanners at the airports...I really do think the idea of some home owner using a small amount of pesticide is or should be of concern. Sounds like soap box politics. I really do think this town has way more pressing issues. Lets see...hunger..drugs..homeless..parking..taxes..RCMP..but go ahead keep up on the important things..I mean after all the money spent I am sure the soap box preaching keeps us from thinking and or fixing the other "minor" problems here in the city.

2 days ago 8 Likes

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mediamocker

a few weeds, a blemish, a rusty old beat up vehicle, a medical marijuana garden..... that is what defines us as individuals.

2 days ago 4 Likes

Like Reply



boblarge

Stay out of my yard Cavers! And I'll happily stay out of yours! What next, this guy want to make sure i use the right toilet paper?

2 days ago 10 Likes

Like Reply

**angelhands**

1yard +1 yard +1Yard etc makes many yards... get down and pull your weeds or buy a weed puller . Once you buy it and use it you never have to pay again and save money. Sprays cause CANCER! You will walk /march and buy pink ribbons , grow a mustache and buy bracelets and all sorts of stuff but you wont stop using the cause! Pesticides. Very rational!

1 day ago in reply to boblarge 6 Likes

Like Reply

**Pierre Filisetti**

Are you the same person that loves Domtar smell?
Because if you are, there is definitely lack of consistency in your thinking.

1 day ago in reply to angelhands 6 Likes

Like Reply

**I_am_Canadian**

Bingo!!

1 day ago in reply to Pierre Filisetti 5 Likes

Like Reply

**sdfsdg**

No offense angel, but there's a lot more than just pesticides that cause cancer. Smoking causes cancer and people are still allowed to do it. Even when they smoke outside it can still blow in your face giving you the effects of second hand smoke. And we still walk for lung cancer.

1 day ago in reply to angelhands 1 Like

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**angelhands**

I don't smoke and none of my friends or contacts do. I also cross the street when smokers are nearby. But if I live next door to you and you spray I have no way of getting away. So 2 wrongs make a right according to you? Walk away!

1 day ago in reply to sdfsdg

Like Reply

**sdfsdg**

So because you can walk away from the smoke, that makes it ok for that carcinogen to be legal?

1 day ago in reply to angelhands 2 Likes

Like Reply

**I_am_Canadian**

We can't cross the street to get away from the pulp mill smell!

1 day ago in reply to angelhands 6 Likes

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**Dorite**

Canadian - Agreed; and we cannot get away from the toxic Ajax dust that will permanently settle onto our community - to be disturbed again, and again,

1 day ago
in reply to I_am_Canadian 3 Likes Like Reply

**Pierre Filisetti**

Bobby;
The majority wins. Cavers brings up an issue and if there are no takers then the issue is dead. But if there is consensus amongst council then you need to follow the law.

2 days ago in reply to boblarge 2 Likes Like Reply

**Petosa**

Yes they should legislate that everyone use brown toilet paper. If they did the smell from the mill would be reduced substantially.

2 days ago in reply to boblarge 5 Likes Like Reply

**Joey Jack**

What if your neighbours don't want your potentially poisonous chemicals affecting their water or health?

Should they just move?

2 days ago in reply to boblarge 8 Likes Like Reply

**sdfsdg**

Do people need to keep their yards to what their neighbors deem acceptable? My house is my little piece of property that I myself own. Why can't I have pesticides applied properly by a professional if I choose to? If my neighbor doesn't like the color of my house, do I need to repaint it for them?

2 days ago in reply to Joey Jack 6 Likes Like Reply

KamCmnSense

"Why can't I have pesticides applied properly by a professional if I choose to?" This simple answer is that your choice to apply pesticides can cause harm to other people. By the same logic, you can't do other dangerous or nuisance things on your own property like have fires, make excessive noise, etc. Like it or not, your home is in a COMMUNITY and sometimes the interests of a community trump that of individual property owners. I understand that it is not always an easy line in the sand to draw. In my opinion, something as simple as house color should not be regulated as it cannot cause harm to another person, but there is clear evidence that pesticides are harmful (some more than others of course).

Herbicides and pesticides applied for purely ornamental purposes (weed and pest control) do not meaningfully improve one's quality of life, so why take any chances with them? Some of my clients have been seriously harmed by low level pesticide exposure, to the point that their lives were seriously impacted. If anyone listened to their stories, they would never tolerate pesticide use for such meaningless purposes as controlling a few dandelions. It is about time in our society that we started giving some reasonable consideration to our neighbours. Giving up our meticulous weed free lawn is a small price to reduced the risk of one of our fellow community members having an adverse health affect from pesticide exposure (cancer, chemical sensitivity / allergy attack, etc.).

17 hours ago in reply to sdfsdg

Like Reply



Petosa

They say good fences make good neighbors. Air and smell doesn't recognize fences. If pesticides and other bothersome things that you use on your property escape and cause your neighbor problems with health or are a nuisance you will find yourself in court. You don't seem to be a great example of a good neighbour.

2 days ago in reply to sdfsdg 1 Like

Like Reply



angelhands

It's all about ME. As long as I am not inconvenienced! Pesticides and herbicides are everybody's problem! Our water system, rivers and soils are getting completely contaminated. Many of these people using them have children/ grandchildren and let them roll around on the lawns or the baby next door can't read the sign and grabs a handful of grass. ... Maybe they can get poisoned or get cancer... who cares its their fault right? Shouldn't have been there in the first place.

1 day ago in reply to Petosa

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Cavers is WRONG !

British Columbians DO NOT want their society to continue living in the 9|11 Era of Anti-Pesticide Enviro-Lunatic Profit-Hungry Terrorism !

This VICTORY signals a possible END OF THE CURRENT SIEGE OF ANTI-PESTICIDE TERRORISM Against the Professional Lawn Care Industry in British Columbia.

In jurisdictions outside of British Columbia, Anti-Pesticide Activists have already INFLICTED HORRENDOUS and CATASTROPHIC CARNAGE for businesses operating in the Professional Lawn Care Industry, in the form of IMMENSE LOSSES OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, and UNEMPLOYMENT, and even HORRIFIC FINES.

Because of Anti-Pesticide Activists, the owners, employees, and families dependent on Professional Lawn Care businesses have faced TERROR, DESPAIR, and DESTITUTION.

Pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, and NO HARM WILL OCCUR when they are used according to label directions.

Not surprisingly, the BC Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides AGREED — and deserves CONGRATULATION.

For more information, go to the following links ...

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