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#### Green spaces only

Re: Lawn and garden pesticides address real problems (Letters, Feb. 10). As a homeowner in suburban Ottawa, I maintain a substantial lawn in an excellent condition without the use of pesticides.

Lorne Hepworth of the pesticide industry lobby group CropLife Canada oversimplifies the pesticide review process by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency and claims that the Ontario ban has been rejected by a majority of Ontario homeowners. I very much doubt that this is the case.

Hepworth introduces a red herring in the form of an alleged threat, under the existing Ontario ban, to our essential control of mosquitoes and rats, as well as the agricultural use of pesticides. Readers, please note: Canadian pesticide bans for cosmetic uses apply strictly to private and public urban green spaces, including parks and sports fields.

It is noteworthy that the control of insect infestations and noxious weeds, using the appropriate pesticides, is maintained in Ontario under the existing ban.

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