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Pesticide ban challenges failed

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Jeffrey Lowes represents more than 30 Ontario lawn-care companies seeking to overturn the Ontario government's pesticide ban ("Group seeks reversal of Ontario pesticide ban," Jan. 15). However, there are two precedents in which Canadian courts dismissed such cases.

The lawn-care industry sued the City of Hudson, Que., and the City of Toronto. However, their right to pass municipal bylaws regulating the cosmetic use of pesticides within their boundaries was upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada and the Supreme Court of Ontario, respectively.

The lack of rigorous scientific methods in evaluating pesticides at the federal level is at the basis of municipal and provincial bans. Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) mainly examines toxicological studies of limited applicability to humans submitted by the industry. The agency's epidemiology (human science) is weak. And it is epidemiology that links pesticides to various types of cancer, impaired child development, Parkinson's disease, immunological and reproductive harms, and diabetes.

There is no mechanism at the PMRA to search and review pesticide literature submitted by independent scientists, and no bibliographies are compiled. Each report that comes across some-one's desk is examined on its own, and if a single report by itself doesn't overturn the PMRA's decision, it is discarded.

When herbicides are used in combinations, these go untested, even though a synergistic (reinforcing) effect is likely. Moreover, the "inert" ingredients responsible for the increased potency of the ready-to-apply formulations are usually not identified and remain trade secrets. Their very "inertness" is questionable.

Lowes claims that at least one chemical that is listed by the province as legal for use by lawn-care firms cannot be used under federal law. In fact, this chemical, azadirachtin, received emergency approval by federal authorities for use until August 2010, according to Kate Jordan, a Ministry of Environment spokeswoman in Toronto.

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Response to article concerning Jeffrey Lowes, and the response of Miss Kazimiera Jean Cottam. Miss Kazimiera Jean Cottam is merely an 80-year-old divorced chronologically-gifted octogenarian. Under the guise of being some kind of professional, Miss Kazimiera has written Letters to the Editor to almost every newspaper in Canada to express her valueless and worthless opinion regarding conventional pest control products. Miss Kazimiera has NO recognized expertise, training, or background, in matters concerning pest control products! She certainly has NO expertise regarding Health Canada or the Green Space Industry. In 2004, officials at Health Canada were deceived by Miss Kazimiera's false credentials, and took the time to answer EVERY SINGLE ONE of her concerns regarding pest control products. NOT ONE of her allegations was confirmed, so Kazimiera decided to throw an Enviro-Maniac tantrum and write to anyone who would dare listen to her. Miss Kazimiera can ONLY deceptively imitate the Light of Truth, but she is NOT a True Light. It is a fact that the ONLY people that have ANY recognized expertise, training, or background, in matters concerning pest control products are HUNDREDS of expert scientists at HEALTH CANADA! Health Canada in Ottawa oversees the testing and approval of pest control products by using SOUND SCIENCE in order to ensure that they are SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE. William H. Gathercole and Norah G. National Organization Responding Against Huje that harm the Green Space Industry whg007@gmail.com

Clearly Miss Cottam, has far more intelligence than WHGWHW who can't seem to comprehend what the Supreme Court of Canada and Ontario have done. Unable to attack the message, WHGWHW attacks the character of the messenger. This is typical of people who are wrong. WHGWHW should join Harpers brigade. They have perfected this method of attack. I would love to see the gutless WHGWHW use this language in public without the benefit of the shield of anonymity.

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Kingston Rowing Coach Named Ontario Coach of the Month for January John Armitage has been the head coach for the rowing team at Queen's University since the team was established in 1977. In addition he was also one of two founding coaches of the Kingston Rowing Club in that same year. John has worked tirelessly to help athletes find opportunities and realize their

Hospital Not Taking Enough Precautions there is an easy solution to preventing outbreaks - if the hospital would let the public KNOW there is a problem in the beginning instead of several days later! I was in Emerg when my mother was brought in a week ago Monday night and the security guard told me I couldn't go in with her - even t

The Reel Cafe Kingston Canadian Film Festival I've posted the link to the Kingston Canadian Film Festival. Mary Beth and I went last year and had a

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Imagine...we could have had jeffrey Lowes as mayor
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I have a pretty good idea who WHGWHG is. I happen to be a thorn in his and his gang's side. I am a retired federal intelligence analyst, currently an honorary Canadian observer on the U.S. Pesticide Working Group, due to my expertise, having devoted my retirement to a thorough study of the pesticide issue. I have an intimate knowledge of the pesticide review process at Health Canada. The hundreds of "expert" scientists at Health Canada merely study rat data provided by the industry, with crucial studies withheld by the industry. To give readers some idea of the calibre of WHGWHG and his gang, every day they send a lengthy diatribe on this subject to selected prominent medical specialists, other experts and educated laymen interested in the pesticide issue, in which the victims are being called by this unscrupulous gang as "enviro-maniacs" and "bastards". (These pathetic individuals can't even spell the word "bastards"!)

The daily harassment of respectable, prominent people with the appropriate expertise has been going on since January 1, 2009.

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By the way, Health Canada was asked not to use the word "safe" in reference to pesticides, as they have never been proven absolutely "safe". William H. Gathercole and his friends in the lawn-care industry insist that their science is "sound" and the Enviro-maniacs' science is "junk" science. The unfortunate expression "junk science" was coined by the tobacco industry and inherited by Mr. Gathercole's friends in the lawn-care industry, as no one in the tobacco industry now dares to use this offensive/ridiculous expression.

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"Pesticide ban challenges failed"
Questionable Subject Line Jean.
Lets discuss emergency registration. This means registered for trees only until august 2010, not for cosmetic uses. You would also need a letter from a certified arborist and a pesticide license to use this product legally (\$800 a liter.(Treeazin)). So put away your illegal bottle of neem oil (labeled to clean leaves only, not as an insecticide) your using on your Condo Complex lawns and shrubs. Not to mention the Organic Suppliers peddling this unregistered product.

We all know the Quebec ban was put in place with 1 stipulation. IF 2,4-D was reevaluated and found to be safe (including pregnant women and children) 2,4-D would be removed from the list of banned products. 2,4-D was indeed reevaluated in 2008 and found safe. Guess what happened next. Quebec renege on the stipulation. Dow-Nafta will deal with them.

As for Jeffrey Lowes and Mr. Gathercole, they are providing valuable information that many individuals, including Jean Cottam know very little about. Are you not sick of the lies and fear mongering. The Canadian Cancer Society and the College of Family Physicians are all Environmental umbrella organizations working for their government grants (\$\$\$) not to help the average citizen.

Pesticides registered with Health Canada are safe and if you feel differently please move to a country that supports your opinions. Don't bash our Federal Government as if there is a conspiracy to harm human health.

I personally would vote for Jeffrey Lowes, especially compared to the Gerretsens. I am waiting until Jean Cottam gets her just dessert and is named on the list of activists that have committed fraud and misrepresenting herself and the truth. Even if you get off Jean it will cost you a pretty penny and lots of time spent in the court house. You seem to be the type that doesn't need/want legal representation, so good luck to you.

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Post #6 By [UNCLE ADOLPH](#), 2 hours ago | 1 Votes | [Vote:](#)  



Dog Lover = Jean Cottam = MissyGoat = Jean Sergeant
You remind me of the Green Peace Ship Dubbed "SHIP OF LIES" at the recent Copenhagen Summit.

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Post #7 By [UNCLE ADOLPH](#), 2 hours ago | 1 Votes | [Vote:](#)  



"Pesticide ban challenges failed" was the title bestowed by the editor and did not originate with the letter writer. As to peddling "an unregistered" product, this gang has nothing better to do than make mountains of molehills. Obviously, you are scraping the bottom of the barrel! Conversely, 2,4-D was re-evaluated and found "safe" only because the industry withheld vital epidemiological information. Apparently, the crucial missing data have not yet been received by Health Canada. (By the way, as already indicated, Health Canada is not entitled to call any pesticide "safe".) Obviously, our pesticide peddlers lack even an ounce of patriotism. Behold, how they are gloating over the NAFTA challenge. The case is not over until it is over... Canadians are fed up with being bullied by transnationals. Moreover, there is no basis for independent, well-informed professionals to fear any court actions. Wishful thinking is not a substitute for reality.

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Bio-mimicry can solve all these problems but just like the Warmees and the NIMBYs they do not want to try anything that is not "Business as usual!!" So sad that we have so many answers but we just don't want to either: "get off our butts" or "cover our butts" or "keep giving into those who's butts depend on selling us poison!"

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Post #9 By [greentechee](#), 1 hour ago | 0 Votes | [Vote:](#)  



Sorry "Biomimicry curricula" Spelling is not my strong suit, knowledge is!

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Post #10 By [greentechee](#), 1 hour ago | 0 Votes | [Vote:](#)  

"Moreover, there is no basis for independent, well-informed professionals to fear any court actions." Sounds like:
"Moreover, there is no basis for independent, well-informed professionals to fear an Ontario Pesticide Ban." (No proven scientific evidence at all.)

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 then there was a ban...
Good luck in court Jean.

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 A man walks into the local grocery store. He approaches an employee and asks "Where is the bleach". The employee responds "You mean the poison, that's in isle 3 next to the cookies."

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 **Lawn Care Industry Files Additional Charges Against the McGuinty Government**
MONTREAL, Jan. 19 /CNW Telbec/ - Additional charges were filed today by Jeffrey Lowes, Director of Government Relations for M-REP Communications against the McGuinty Government.
Additional proceedings Under Section 504 of the Criminal Code were filed - against the Minister of the Environment, John Gerretsen and Senior Staff of the MOE - before a Justice of the Peace at the Kingston Provincial Court.

Mr. Lowes filed the additional charges upon a further review of the actions of the Province of Ontario in respect to the 2008 Cosmetic Pesticide Ban Act and Ontario Regulations 63/09. These actions alleged to have resulted in offences contrary to the Federal Competition Act (R.S., 1985, c.C-34) section 45 subsection 1(d) and section 380 subsections 2 of the Criminal Code (R.S., 1985, c. C-46).The alleged charges are against: "John Gerretsen, Dale Henry, Geoff Cutten, Wanda Michalowicz, Lorna Poff, and Violet vanWassenaer.
February 17th has been set for a hearing to set a date for Pre-Enquete hearing on all three charges.
M-REP Communications has been working with the industry across Canada and is headed to BC and Alberta and the end of the month to review a course of action for their industry.
Mr. Lowes expects to file additional charges against activists and municipal councilors in Ontario before heading out West at the end of the month.
Mr. Lowes is also currently reviewing the actions of MOE's enforcement branch as it has come to his attention that they may be applying unwarranted pressure on members of the industry as a direct response to the filing of the first charge.
M-REP Communications is a consulting services firm that provides support through a network of companies in North America and the EU on environmental policy and communications.
For further information: Jeffrey Lowes, M-REP Communications Director of Government & Industrial Relations, direct (613) 483-7855, fax (514) 221-4176, jplowes@mrepcommunications.com

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Post #13 By [UNCLE ADOLPH](#), 44 mins ago | 0 Votes | Vote: 

 Uncle Adolph...we do live in a country that supports our options...hence the pesticide ban...if you would like to move...by all means follow your same advice.
This lawsuit is a joke, and merely a publicity stunt by and for the industry with no merit whatsoever.

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