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Kamloops This Week - Letters to the Editor

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Current pesticide bylaw is fine as is

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Editor:

Re: ('Cavers wants total city pesticide ban,' Feb. 14):

I am concerned with the campaign by city councillor Donvan Cavers to ban the use of what are called cosmetic pesticides.

The anti-pesticide crusaders are saying that, as a homeowner, I don't read labels, nor am I able to follow directions on those labels.

They are saying I am stupid.

Well, I do read labels and I am able to follow directions.

The pesticides/herbicides available at Walmart or Canadian Tire are very diluted products specifically made for the homeowner.

If you go to the Health Canada website and read how these products are registered, you will see that safety factors are built in, from 100 times to as high as 1,000 times above the safe dose shown.

These products are safe to use.

Homeowners I have spoken to are not so worried about a few dandelions in their yard.

They are concerned about clover and black medic (to name a couple) that will take over your lawn if not controlled.

Believe me, you cannot just pull these weeds out as you can a dandelion.

There are also turf diseases and insects we need to be able to control.

I do not have the perfect lawn, nor do I strive for that.

My lawn has some weeds and is not level, nor is it the greenest lawn in town, but I do take pride in trying to keep my lawn and property neat and tidy. I do not want my grass overrun with weeds.

I am confident the small amount of herbicide applied to my lawn to keep it healthy is applied safely and my lawn is a safe place for me, my grandchildren and my pets to enjoy.

All I am asking is that people do their homework, check the Health Canada website and listen to the scientists who specialize in pesticide toxicology and research.

I have.



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The decisions made about the use of pesticides should not be based on junk science provided by uninformed individuals and groups with no scientific expertise on the subject.

The City of Kamloops already has a bylaw regulating the use of pesticides.

We do not need further restrictions on pesticides.

Mary Morrison

Kamloops

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 NORAHG Responds to FALSE ALLEGATIONS from Cottam Regarding Children and Pest Control Products.

Children Are NOT At Risk!

Cottam's SCIENTIFICALLY IGNORANT ALLEGATIONS about the IMAGINARY DANGER of pest control products are TOTALLY FALSE, and are UNTRUE MIS-REPRESENTATIONS designed to ALARM AND ENRAGE the public for MONEY AND PROFIT given to Anti-Pesticide Organizations.

MYTH — Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION will somehow eliminate a danger to children.

What DANGER!

This is WRONG!

Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION imposed under the PRETEXT of protecting children's health is WRONG!

Children across Canada, even in those jurisdictions with no pesticide bans, are all protected since these products are applied at very low doses and represent no threat to children.

The safety assessment of pesticides by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada (PMRA) takes into consideration children's physiology, behaviours, and habits while playing on treated grass.

There are NO valid reports of pest control product problems with children.

Anti-Pesticide Activists ALLEGE that children are somehow MORE vulnerable to pest control products.

This is a MYTH!

Anti-Pesticide Activists are DESPICABLE in their use of CHILDREN as WEAPONS OF COERCION and ULTIMATE TERROR in order to promote Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION.

Non-Expert Anti-Pesticide Activists like Cottam are GREATLY MISTAKEN by ALLEGING that, as a result of the PROHIBITION of pest control products, fewer children will be exposed to some IMAGINARY DANGER.

For more information please go to the following web-pages...

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/children-are-not-at-risk/>

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Kazimiera J Cottam PhD
 Ii find the expression "junk science" extremely offensive. It is usually employed by individuals connected with the pesticide application industry with reference to opponents of the cosmetic use of pesticides. I joke that Ms. Morrison is a grandmother. So am I, but we fundamentally differ in that I would never expose my grandchildren and pets to a turf that has been periodically sprayed with pesticides.

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