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Debate on cosmetic pesticide ban to start in two weeks

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City council will debate whether to ban cosmetic pesticides from all lawns within Kamloops in two weeks. Coun. Donovan Cavers gave a notice of motion for the prohibition Tuesday afternoon, not long after council heard from a representative of the Canadian Cancer Society, which is lobbying for pesticide bans across the country.

Cavers's motion says the ban would "prohibit the use of cosmetic pesticides on all lawns within municipal boundaries as of Jan. 1, 2013."

It also calls for the City to provide residents with a list of less hazardous pesticides that would be allowable. It will be brought forward for discussion on June 25.

Jerilynn Maki, health promotion co-ordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society in the Southern Interior, told council more than 100 studies have linked pesticide exposure to various cancers, including leukemia, non-Hodgkins lymphoma, brain, kidney, prostate and pancreatic cancers.













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"We want a prohibit on cosmetic pesticides."

Children are particularly vulnerable, she said.

"Cancers develop as people get older," she said.

"From our society's point of view, we're requesting strong legislation that would allow municipal governments to still have pesticide bylaws."

The society is supported in its anti-pesticide efforts by such groups as the B.C. Lung Association, Greenpeace, David Suzuki Foundation, Canadian Institute for Child Health, Interior Health, the Canadian Medical Association and the pediatric department at the University of B.C.'s medical school.

In addition to cancer, pesticides can cause learning disabilities, birth defects and acute chemical sensitivities, said Maki.

Plus there are impacts on the environment and wildlife.

"We see it as an unnecessary risk. We don't believe its necessary to apply these chemicals."

While Kamloops has pesticide restrictions, and only allows licenced applicators to use them, it's still more use than the cancer society would like, she said.

Maki said the society would like Kamloops to be on a list with other B.C. cities that have banned all cosmetic pesticides.

"Any use is not necessary. It doesn't matter if its used to the manufacturer's instructions, these chemicals are still being used. We're saying don't use them."

Council voted to send a letter of thanks to Maki for her presentation.

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The alternatives have yet to be comercialized and cancers have yet to be derived from them. Motion a genetic harness from which cancer stems from Council. It's not in anything used but more what your not used to using. Call it, Evolution. Asses.

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Dale Danielson, I enjoy thought and dialogue. I encourage you to engage in bo...

"It also calls for the City to provide residents with a list of less hazardous pesticides that would be allowable."

Remarkable! They state what their concern is, why it is so, and offer a means to provide alternatives. Support is being given by bodies that substantiate with great credibility. What more could possibly be desired?

It's even being debated to communicate this information. Well done! You have my support thoroughly.

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A Mere 100 Undisclosed Studies !?!?!?

Jerilynn Maki and Canadian Cancer Society have NO CREDIBLE EXPERTISE.

Maki and Canadian Cancer Society ALLEGE having A MERE 100 UNDISCLOSED, NON-EXISTENT AND UNVERIFIABLE SECRET EVIDENCE about the safety of pest control products.

How could this Anti-Pesticide Organization obtain studies that have somehow been withheld from the entire world ?

Moreover, pest control products like 2,4-D Herbicide have been the subject of over 40,000 STUDIES.

40,000 !

Furthermore, since 1988, The Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research Data has submitted to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency over 250 studies concerning mammalian and environmental toxicology, environmental fate and residues.

2,4-D is probably THE MOST studied and best understood of ANY chemical ... not just pesticide ... in existence.

2,4-D HERBICIDE (Web-Page)

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-1J8>

What is their problem !?!?!?

Canadian Cancer Society has STATED REPEATEDLY that scientific research does NOT provide a conclusive link between pest control products and cancer.

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-4qC>

Why is Canadian Cancer Society WASTING EVERYBODY'S TIME on the issue of pest control products ?

Canadian Cancer Society is a FUND-RAISING, PROFIT-SEEKING, and LOBBYING organization, and NOT a science, research, or health organization.

Health Canada, and NOT Canadian Cancer Society, has THE ESSENTIAL EXPERTISE on the subject of pest control products.

Canadian Cancer Society is RIDICULOUSLY IMPLYING that its NON-EXPERT ASSESSMENT is somehow being withheld from Health Canada and EVERY other regulatory agency in the world.



INDISPUTABLE and CONCLUSIVE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH shows that, as

reported through Health Canada's VAST TOXICOLOGY DATABASE, NO HARM WILL OCCUR when pest control products are used according to label directions.

The RISK ASSESSMENT of pest control products indicates that they are PRACTICALLY-NON-TOXIC.

There is NOT ONE KNOWN ILLNESS or DEATH from the proper use of pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

There is a GROWING and CONCLUSIVE BODY OF EVIDENCE about Canadian Cancer Society SQUANDERING AND MISAPPROPRIATING its PUBLIC DONATIONS on SUBVERSIVE and PARTISAN Anti-Pesticide CONSPIRACIES.



There is also a GROWING and CONCLUSIVE BODY OF EVIDENCE that Canadian Cancer Society has SQUANDERED up to 5,000,000 DOLLARS on NEEDLESS Anti-Pesticide CONSPIRACIES.

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NORAHG is the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green space industry.

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