



EDITORIAL: Attacking pesticide use with another toothless bylaw

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The takeaway from city council's decision this week to enact a ban on residential use of cosmetic pesticides is that the bylaw, like the one it is replacing, is more or less ceremonial.

The bylaw will have no teeth and, other than appeal to the conscious of Kamloopsians sensitive to obeying the law, will change little.

As it now stands, the city's bylaw allows only licensed applicators — such as lawn-care companies — to spray chemicals on lawns to battle weeds. As of Jan. 1, 2016, the bylaw will state nobody can spray chemicals on lawns to battle weeds.

But, next spring, pallets of pesticides and herbicides will continue to disappear from store shelves in quick order as many residents decide their right to a manicured lawn and beautiful shrubbery supersedes a bylaw that will not be enforced.

The current bylaw was enacted in 2009 and, in the six years since, the City of Kamloops has issued no fines.

Under the current bylaw and under the new bylaw, there is nothing stopping a Kamloops resident from walking into a store, buying a product that a bylaw states he cannot use and going home and using that product.

The only real impact this bylaw will have is on the bottom line of lawn-care companies that have residences as customers.

Many lawns will continue to be treated, but by homeowners, potentially creating a greater health hazard if those using the chemicals do not know how to properly and safely apply the contents.

For now, the bylaw does not apply to the City of Kamloops' approach to caring for its sports fields. Nor does the bylaw apply to commercial properties, so golf courses and every expanse of lawn fronting a business can still be treated with pesticides.

A growing argument online calls for city council to either do it right or don't do it at all; in other words, have the bylaw applicable to everyone, with no exceptions.

It would seem to make sense if, as proponents of the bylaw claim, the measure is all about protecting the health of residents.

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NORAHG RESPONDS AGAINST CITY OF KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA — ITS RECKLESS & FANATICAL PROHIBITION MUST BE RESCINDED, FOREVER !

As a consequence of reckless pesticide-hating assault, Kamloops' government officials, with the support of anti-pesticide lunatic-organizations like Green Party and Canadian Cancer Society, will inflict destruction against decent & tax-paying businesses operating in the professional lawn care industry. Kamloops' pesticide-hating assault will inflict catastrophic carnage in the form of business failures, garbage dump green spaces, stunningly exorbitant costs, horrific fines, and even illness and death (as seen in Ontario). Kamloops' fanatical prohibition is an assault, of sorts. In this case, assault is performed by government officials, and lunatic-activists, through brute force, coercion, intimidation, terrorism, threats, and outright lies. They have conspired to prohibit against safe and effective products that are desperately relied upon by the professional lawn care industry. Their pesticide-hating assault serves no other useful purpose than to impose a deviant life-style choice that arbitrarily excludes safe & effective products. Kamloops' fanatical prohibition will inflict business destruction and business failures in the professional lawn care industry. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-43B>
<http://wp.me/P1jq40-238> Because of this pesticide-hating assault, the

owners, employees, and families dependent on professional lawn care businesses face terror, despair, and destitution. In essence, Kamloops' government officials have conspired to destroy their businesses, their assets, their customers, their homes, their lifestyles, their job security, their families, their children, their loved-ones, and their future. Kamloops' government officials will hurl them all into squalor and despair, forcing them to burn-in-hell. Kamloops' fanatical prohibition will also lead to dangerous & pest-infested garbage dumps. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-44g> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-4z3> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7C4> This pesticide-hating assault has doomed children, and even adults, to suffer injuries with the creation of hazardous slipping and tripping conditions on turf playing surfaces. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2ha> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-5ni> It is indisputable that our children are safer when playing surfaces are well-maintained WITH pest control products ! Kamloops' government officials could not care less about the well-being of children and adults. THEIR RECKLESS & FANATICAL PROHIBITION MUST BE RESCINDED, FOREVER ! We are the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that conspire to destroy the Green space and other industries (NORAH G). As a non-profit and independent organization, we are environmentalists who are dedicated to reporting about NON-EXPERT PESTICIDE-HATING FANATICS, as well as the work of RESPECTED and HIGHLY RATED EXPERTS who promote ENVIRONMENTAL REALISM and PESTICIDE TRUTHS. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-8DV> Get the latest details at <http://pesticidetruths.com/> WILLIAM H GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G

Chamber of Commerce letter re proposed pesticide ban

By *Interior Daily News* on July 14, 2015



Dear Mayor & Council:

The Kamloops Chamber of Commerce is concerned that the City's proposed amendment to the pesticide bylaw will put local businesses and their employees at risk.

We believe that consultation with the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce, other business organizations and the community as a whole has been lacking on this very important issue. It is our understanding that minimal research has been done and an opportunity to engage with the business community to obtain feedback has been very limited. It is our belief that if much more consultation had taken place, our City Council would have a better understanding of the impact of their vote.

The fact that pesticides are legally available under provincial legislation, and deemed safe by Health Canada, also makes the bylaw virtually unenforceable. It is almost impossible for City Bylaw Officers to enforce a pesticide ban when these products are legally available on local store shelves.

The Kamloops Chamber of Commerce strongly urges Mayor and Council to reconsider

the proposed ban on pesticides.

Respectfully,

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