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LETTER TO THE EDITOR — MEDIA RELEASE

RESPONSE TO WARREN BELL & GIDEON FORMAN — LONG VERSION

(CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT & CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY)

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Pesticide Bans Are NOT NECESSARY

Both Warren Bell and Gideon Forman DEMAND that the Government of British Columbia IMPLEMENT a NEEDLESS, SENSELESS, and MALICIOUS PROHIBITION against pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

Forman is a mere FUND-RAISER and ECO-PORN FILM STAR who operates with Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) and Canadian Association Of Physicians For The Environment (CAPE). http://wp.me/P1jq40-29l

Bell is a mere SPEAKER ON NEAR-DEATH OR OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCES.
http://wp.me/P1jq40-1JY

Neither is a qualified expert on matters concerning pest control products.

PROHIBITION is NOT necessary for British Columbians because, overall, when pest control products are used properly, there are NO harmful irreversible effects to health and the environment !

According to The Fraser Institute, one of the Top 25 leading THINK-TANKS in the world — http://wp.me/P1jq40-2bj

- PROHIBITIONS are ILL-CONCEIVED, and DO NOT accurately reflect the current state of scientific knowledge.

- HASTY PROHIBITIONS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED until the underlying science is conclusive and a comprehensive analysis of the potential side-effects resulting from the BAN has been undertaken.

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Pest Control Products Are SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE

The ASSESSMENT proving that pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE is a process that can take up to TEN YEARS and COST HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

Only those products that pose NO UNACCEPTABLE RISK to human health or the environment become HEALTH-CANADA-APPROVED and FEDERALLY-LEGAL.

Canada has one of the MOST STRINGENT REGULATORY APPROVAL SYSTEMS in the world.

What regulatory system did Bell-Forman base THEIR assessments on ?!?!

British Columbians DO NOT SUPPORT A BAN

According to Bell-Forman and their supporters —

> [There is] *an overwhelming desire by British Columbia citizens to ban cosmetic pesticides*. [WRONG !]

Bell-Forman's RANTS have the effect of creating the MIS-GUIDED IMPRESSION that people want PROHIBITION when they DO NOT.

In British Columbia, THE PUBLIC REJECTS PROHIBITION.

This public attitude was CONFIRMED in a recent POLL conducted by Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA).

http://wp.me/P1jq40-2bo

The POLL CONFIRMED that the VAST MAJORITY of residents in British Columbia are OPPOSED to the PROHIBITION.

The ONLY people who want PROHIBITION are Bell-Forman and a SMALL GROUP of activists with VESTED INTERESTS IN CONCOCTING IMAGINARY DANGER against pest control products because they are PAID TO DO SO.

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The Trend Continues AGAINST Pesticide Bans

The TREND AGAINST PROHIBITION continues in British Columbia, and across North America. http://wp.me/P1jq40-1JO http://wp.me/p1jq40-6h1

On February 20th, 2013, legislation was introduced in British Columbia that would GRANT an EXCEPTION STATUS to businesses operating in the Professional Lawn Care and Golf Industries. http://wp.me/p1jq40-6mL

Only CERTIFIED OR LICENSED EXPERTS working within these industries are PERMITTED to use pest control products in the Urban Landscape.

The Government of British Columbia made THE RIGHT CHOICE, and deserves CONGRATULATION.

The government's decision was based upon the work of one of its Special Committees.

On May 17th, 2012, British Columbia's Special Committee On Cosmetic Pesticides STOPPED THE TREND towards NEEDLESS, SENSELESS, and MALICIOUS PROHIBITION.

The Special Committee announced that it WOULD NOT RECOMMEND PROHIBITION against pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

http://wp.me/P1jq40-2c2

PROHIBITION being IMPOSED in British Columbia under the PRETEXT of protecting children is UNTRUE, since, in fact, CHILDREN ARE NOT AT RISK.

Children across North America, 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.

Furthermore, there are REAL TRENDS AGAINST PROHIBITION across North America, with dozens of jurisdictions that are STOPPING or RESCINDING or LIMITING Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION, or GRANTING Professional Lawn Care businesses with an EXCEPTION STATUS.

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WHO DO WE TRUST ?!?!

Bell-Forman say that a PESTICIDE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION somehow does not protect the public from the IMAGINARY DANGER of pest control products.

While PRETENDING to be SOME KIND OF EXPERTS on pest control products, Bell-Forman made the following statements —

> *Pesticides pose very significant health risks for people and the environment — no matter who sprays them.* [WRONG !] *Poisons don't become benign just because the person using them has been instructed in their use.* [WRONG !]
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> *Pesticides cannot be made safe. They are designed to kill.* [WRONG !]

Describing pest control products as somehow « *poisons* » is a form of COERCION, INTIMIDATION, and TERRORISM.

In fact, pest control products used in the Urban Landscape SELECTIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY CONTROL disease, insect, and weed pests, but are COMPLETELY SAFE for other non-target organisms — they DO NOT INJURE TURFGRASSES, and have NO persistence beyond season of use.

Who should we trust ?!?!

Warren Bell, a speaker on near-death or out-of-body experiences, and Gideon Forman, an eco-porn film star, fund-raiser, & illegal lobbyist.

OR

The 350 Educated Expert Independent Scientists at Health Canada who evaluate all the existing evidence to determine whether pest control products meet stringent health and safety requirements.

Evidently, Bell-Forman are SCIENTIFICALLY ILLITERATE, EXPRESS A MOCK-FEAR OF ALL MODERN CHEMICALS, and are THE LEAST QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE ANY CREDIBLE ADVICE concerning pest control products.

This PROBLEM WITH LACK-OF-ACTIVIST-CREDIBILITY reflects the overall larger problem with ALL Anti-Pesticide Activists who are NOT COMPETENT to talk about pest control products.

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Highest Quality Scientific Health and Policy Experts

According to Bell-Forman and their supporters —

British Columbia is ignoring science. [WRONG !]

Such a statement by Bell-Forman is LONG ON POLITICIZED RHETORIC and VERY SHORT ON CREDIBLE SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE.

If Bell-Forman are NO EXPERTS, then WHO ARE THE REAL EXPERTS ?

Dr. Leonard Ritter, Dr. Keith R. Solomon, Dr. Katherine von Stackelberg, and others, have THE HIGHEST QUALITY ESSENTIAL SCIENCE EXPERTISE on pest control products, and NOT Bell-Forman.

The following LEADING EXPERTS have recognized expertise, training and background in matters concerning pest control products.

They are RESPECTED and HIGHLY RATED EXPERTS who promote ENVIRONMENTAL REALISM and PESTICIDE TRUTHS.

These EXPERTS have publicly stated, in one form or another, that pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE — http://wp.me/p1jq40-5DD

AMES, Bruce Nathan, Doctor
BRANHAM, Bruce, Professor
CHUDLEIGH, Ted, Policy Expert
DOLL, William Richard Shaboe, Doctor
DOST, Frank N., Doctor
DRIESSEN, Paul K., Juris Doctor
DRYSDALE, Art C., Horticulturist
EDWARDS, J. Gordon, Doctor
FELSOT, Allan S., Doctor
HEPWORTH, Lorne, Doctor
HOLLAND, John J., Communications Director
KABAT, Geoffrey C. Doctor
MAINS, Howard, Government Relations & Public Affairs
MILLOY, Steven J., Juris Doctor
RITTER, Leonard, Doctor
ROSS, Gilbert L., Doctor
SCHWARCZ, Joseph A., Doctor
SOLOMON, Keith Ross, Doctor
STEPHENSON, Gerald R., Professor
SWITZER, Clayton M., Doctor
TAYLOR, Peter Shawn, Policy Expert & Journalist
The 350 EXPERT SCIENTISTS at HEALTH CANADA
The 1600 EXPERT SCIENTISTS at U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
VON STACKELBERG, Katherine, Doctor
WHELAN, Elizabeth M., Doctor
WOOD, Joel, Doctor

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Pesticides DO NOT CAUSE CANCER

According to Bell-Forman —

> *Scientific studies show that people exposed to pesticides are at greater risk for cancer*. [WRONG !]

Bell-Forman have NO SCIENTIFIC PROOF that pest control products cause cancer.

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

Perhaps if Bell-Forman were to prioritize their energies to the PRIMARY CAUSES OF CANCER, such as life-style choices, LIVES WOULD BE SAVED.

OVERWHELMING SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE PROVES that pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE, CAUSE NO HARM, and DO NOT CAUSE CANCER.
http://wp.me/P1jq40-2nl

For example, the WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) only lists the common pesticide 2,4-D in the SAME CANCER RISK CATEGORY AS PICKLED VEGETABLES AND CELL PHONES. http://24d.org/newsroom/body.aspx?pageID=2&contentID=113

And, just recently, the UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (US EPA) conducted a review of the scientific literature and concluded that THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF A LINK BETWEEN CANCER and pest control products like 2,4-D. http://24d.org/newsroom/body.aspx?pageID=2&contentID=114

And, also recently, Health Canada stated that 2,4-D DOES NOT CAUSE CANCER, indicating that ...

> *… the toxicological database DOES NOT SUGGEST A CARCINOGENIC RISK.* http://pesticidetruths.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Reference-24-D-2005-02-21-Re-evaluation-Of-The-Lawn-And-Turf-Uses-Of-24-D-PMRA-Health-Canada.pdf

According to Dr. Leonard Ritter, the nation's LEADING EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF TOXICOLOGY AND PESTICIDE SAFETY —

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> PESTICIDES DO NOT CAUSE CANCER, and there is no increase in cancer deaths in Canada when you consider that the population is aging and increasing. http://pesticidetruths.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Force-Of-Nature-Cancer-2012-01-26-Myth-BUSTING-Pesticides-Dont-Cause-Cancer-Ritter-pdf-300-dpi.pdf

According to Dr. Solomon, the nation's LEADING EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY, TOXICOLOGY, AND PESTICIDE SAFETY —

> *There is NO EVIDENCE of ANY causal link between pesticide use and cancer.* http://pesticidetruths.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Force-Of-Nature-Cancer-2011-11-08-Wisdom-of-Solomons-BC-Special-Committee-on-Cosmetic-Pesticides-pdf-300-dpi.pdf http://wp.me/P1jq40-1Lk

Even Canadian Cancer Society's own web-sites STATE REPEATEDLY that scientific research DOES NOT PROVIDE A CONCLUSIVE LINK between pest control products and cancer. http://wp.me/P1jq40-4qC

Even some of Canadian Cancer Society's HIGHEST-RANKING LOBBYISTS state that the connection between cancer and pest control products is NOT CONCLUSIVE. http://wp.me/P1jq40-4qC

The 2012 von Stackelberg Study On 2,4-D Herbicide

Dr. Katherine von Stackelberg is the LEADING EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT, at E Risk Sciences And Harvard Center For Risk Analysis.

On February 1st, 2012, Dr. von Stackelberg, released a report of a study that determined whether there was ANY VALIDITY to the suggestion from some EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDIES that both 2,4-D and MCPA Herbicides may be associated with an increased risk of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma (NHL), Hodgkin's Disease, Leukemia, and Soft Tissue Sarcoma. http://wp.me/p1jq40-6iR

The 2012 von Stackelberg Study On 2,4-D Herbicide concluded —

> *The combined evidence indicates it is HIGHLY IMPLAUSIBLE that exposure to 2,4-D and/or MCPA are associated with a risk of developing NHL or other lymphohematopoietic cancers.*

The 2012 von Stackelberg Study On 2,4-D Herbicide was published in 2012 in a peer-reviewed scientific publication, the Journal of Toxicology.

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Children Are NOT At Risk

According to Bell-Forman —

> *British Columbia's proposed pesticide regulations won't protect children*. [WRONG !]

It is DESPICABLE that Bell-Forman EXPLOIT CHILDREN as WEAPONS OF COERCION AND ULTIMATE ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR in order to convince the PUBLIC of the necessity of Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION. http://wp.me/P1jq40-2ha

According to Dr. Katherine von Stackelberg, the LEADING EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT —

> *I wouldn't hesitate to let my children and dogs play on a lawn where lawn care products have been used as long as the products were applied according to their respective labels.*
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> http://pesticidetruths.com/2013/02/28/latest-research-reports-proper-use-of-lawn-care-products-are-not-a-health-threat-hot-topics-turfgrass-producers-international/

According to Health Canada, there are NO UNACCEPTABLE RISKS FOR CHILDREN —

> *To minimise any unnecessary exposure, it is good practice for parents to keep their children and pets off treated lawns until residues are dry.*
>
> *However, it should be noted that the risk assessment was based on children entering treated areas on the day of treatment.*
>
> *The unique physiology, behaviours and play-habits of children, such as their body weight and hand-to-mouth contact while playing on treated grass WERE ALSO CONSIDERED when determining how much exposure they could encounter.*
>
> *The combined oral and dermal exposure indicated NO UNACCEPTABLE RISKS FOR CHILDREN on lawns, even when residues are at their highest levels.*
>
> http://pesticidetruths.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Reference-24-D-2006-08-16-Lawn-and-Turf-Uses-of-24-D-Re-Evaluation-Note-PMRA-Health-Canada.pdf

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All CHILDREN are PROTECTED from exposure to pest control products ...

... thanks to Health Canada.

Children and adults across Canada, even in those jurisdictions with NO PROHIBITIONS, are all PROTECTED since these products are applied at very low doses and represent NO THREAT TO CHILDREN.

Health Canada requires each new pest control product to go through a comprehensive set of over TWO-HUNDRED SEPARATE TESTS and a REVIEW of all scientifically credible studies that exist to ensure that the product will NOT CAUSE HARM TO CHILDREN, ADULTS, ANIMALS, OR THE ENVIRONMENT.

The SAFETY ASSESSMENTS by Heath Canada takes into consideration children's physiology, behaviours, and habits while playing on treated grass.

The best way to protect our children and other family members is by NOT LISTENING to Bell-Forman on the issue of pest control products.

Bell-Forman's RANTS have the effect of making children ANXIOUS and adults ALARMED AND ENRAGED because of their FABRICATIONS, their INNUENDOS, and their CONCOCTIONS OF IMAGINARY DANGER.

Ontario Pesticide Ban Was A CATASPROPHIC FAILURE

According to Bell-Forman —

> *The* [Ontario] *law is working extremely well* [WRONG !] ...
> *Lawn-care firms are making good money offering pesticide-free services.* [WRONG !]

Bell-Forman ATTEMPT TO FALSELY REASSURE EVERYONE that PROHIBITION is somehow working well in Ontario, when, in fact, PROHIBITION CREATED CATASTROPHIC CARNAGE. http://wp.me/P1jq40-43B

Ontario's 2009 PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION created HORRENDOUS CARNAGE with LOSS OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, and UNEMPLOYMENT.

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Ontario's Professional Lawn Care Industry LOST OVER 500,000,000 DOLLARS, with UP TO 12,500 UNEMPLOYED.

Ontario's PROHIBITION inflicted TERROR, DESPAIR, and DESTITUTION on THOUSANDS of hapless victims throughout the Professional Lawn Care Industry.

The DEVASTATION of the Professional Lawn Care Industry was EXTENSIVE because there were NO valid economical alternatives to replace the prohibited products.

Consequently, Professional Lawn Care Companies were UNABLE to provide adequate weed and insect control, and were UNABLE to keep their customers satisfied.

Additionally, the public in Ontario DOES NOT WANT PROHIBITION.

According to a recent Ontario poll, MORE THAN HALF of Ontario residents believe that the provincial government DID NOT DO THE RIGHT THING by implementing Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION. http://wp.me/P1jq40-3kB

Ontario residents WOULD RATHER HAVE THE BAN SCRAPPED OR MODIFIED.

Ontario's 2009 PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION DOES NOT SUPPORT PROHIBITION.

Prior to PROHIBITION, Ontario's Government Officials accurately predicted the eventual CATASTROPHIC BUSINESS CARNAGE (a.k.a. Sun-Setting) but CALLOUSLY proceeded with PROHIBITION anyhow.

On October 6th, 2009, Ontario Government Officials were OFFICIALLY WARNED about the CATASTROPHIC CARNAGE or SUN-SETTING that would result from PROHIBITION.

According to the Environmental Commissioner's Report —

> *In the short-term, however, the ban may have SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS on the economic health or continued viability of many lawn care businesses, effectively SUN-SETTING components of an industry.*

http://pesticidetruths.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Force-Of-Nature-CARNAGE-2011-10-06-2011-Vote-McGuintys-Ontario-WARNINGS-About-SUN-SETTING-CARNAGE-pdf.pdf

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Green Alternative Pesticides Are DISMAL FAILURES

According to Bell-Forman —

> [Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION in British Columbia would demand that] *the province to scrap the bill and legislate a true ban that would require both home-owners and lawn companies to use KID- AND PET-FRIENDLY, NON-TOXIC PRODUCTS*. [?!?!]

With their SEVERE LACK OF SCIENTIFIC CREDENTIALS, Bell-Forman WRONGLY PROMOTE Green Alternatives Pesticides.

Without pest control products, TURF AND ORNAMENTAL PESTS ARE NOT CONTROLLED because Green Alternative Pesticides and Practices are DISMAL FAILURES. http://wp.me/P1jq40-445

Overall, Green Alternative Pesticides are INEFFECTIVE, INADEQUATE, HIGH-RISK, MORE TOXIC, and STUNNINGLY EXPENSIVE !

There are NO viable, efficacious, economical, or low-risk alternatives to replace conventional pest control products.

Moreover, Green Alternative Pesticides and even Organic Fertilizers often CONTAIN LIVING PATHOGENIC ORGANISMS, FERMENTED MATERIALS, OR METALS THAT MAY BE DEEMED UNSAFE FOR CHILDREN, ADULTS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

In many cases, Green Alternative Pesticides are questionably HIGHER IN TOXICITY, and pose HIGHER ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS.

Fortunately, CONVENTIONAL pest control products are SAFE, EFFECTIVE, ECONOMICAL, and LOW-RISK.

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Manual Weed Picking Is TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE

According to Bell-Forman —

> *Some* [businesses] *are even creating new jobs because organic landscaping is more LABOUR-INTENSIVE than its chemical counterpart*. [WRONG !]

Without effective weed control products, lawn care employees and even home-owners were required to PERFORM LABOUR INTENSIVE TASKS SUCH AS CRAWLING ON THEIR HANDS AND KNEES on lawns — MANUAL WEED PICKING.

It is difficult to imagine anything more UNPRODUCTIVE than forcing every lawn care employees and home-owner to be PROHIBITED from using products that are SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE, MODERN, and EFFICIENT for controlling weeds in turf in favour of a method that can only be described as MEDIEVAL.

PROHIBITION and MANUAL WEED PICKING represent an ENORMOUS DEAD-WEIGHT LOSS FOR SOCIETY, and DEVALORIZES PEOPLE INTO A GROUP OF MERE COTTON-PICKERS. http://wp.me/P1jq40-4Ml

In ALL Anti-Pesticide jurisdictions where MANUAL WEED PICKING has been used, Government Officials RAPIDLY REVERT BACK TO CONVENTIONAL PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS.

For example, in Highland Park (Chicago), Illinois, the MANUAL WEED PICKING program was deemed as TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE, and the EXISTING PROHIBITION WAS RESCINDED. http://wp.me/p1jq40-3z1

PROHIBITION DOES NOT PROTECT The Environment

Bell-Forman ALLEGE that Ontario's 2009 PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION was somehow helpful environmentally. [WRONG !]

On the issue of the Province of Ontario, the 2009 PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION of pest control products DEFINITELY DID NOT improve water quality in streams and rivers.

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For more than ten years, well BEFORE the 2009 PROHIBITION, there were CONSISTENTLY LOW LEVELS of pest control products in Ontario streams.

ALMOST UNDETECTABLE LEVELS of pest control products were found in Ontario streams EVEN BEFORE the 2009 PROHIBITION.

Both before and after the 2009 PROHIBITION, the presence of pest control products were measured in the PARTS PER TRILLION RANGE and WELL BELOW water quality guidelines.

In fact, previous studies have shown that, for more than ten years, there have been CONSISTENTLY LOW LEVELS of pest control products in Ontario streams.

Ontario's 2009 PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION did NOT protect the environment.

Pest control products used in the Urban Landscape DO NOT enter our lakes and rivers through surface run-off and storm sewers http://wp.me/P1jq40-27X

Government Officials ARE THINKING TWICE BEFORE Banning Pesticides

Government Officials have seen what has been happening in Eastern Canada, and Western Canadian Provinces WILL NOT legislate Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITIONS because they are NOT NECESSARY !

There are REAL TRENDS AGAINST PROHIBITION across North America, with dozens of jurisdictions that are STOPPING or RESCINDING or LIMITING Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION, or GRANTING Professional Lawn Care businesses with an EXCEPTION STATUS.

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ALBERTA, Province of

Proposed Prohibition STOPPED

2011 08 09 — Officials STOPPED prohibition and stated that the province would not create prohibition that conflicted with the federal government.

ALTONA, Town of (Manitoba)

Proposed Provincial Prohibition OPPOSED

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2012 10 09 — The mayor strongly and publicly OPPOSED the proposal for a provincial prohibition.

ASHLAND, City of (Oregon, USA)

Existing Prohibition RESCINDED

2012 03 02 — Parks department staff reported that organic Green Alternative Pesticides proved largely ineffective for controlling weeds, and parks commissioners unanimously RESCINDED the city's prohibition, and re-authorized pest control products on baseball and softball infields.

BEAUMONT, Town of (Alberta)

Proposed Prohibition STOPPED

2011 10 27 — Officials VOTED-OFF and STOPPED a proposal for prohibition because they believed that this was a provincial initiative, if not federal.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, Province of

Proposed Prohibition STOPPED

2012 05 17 — The Special Committee On Cosmetic Pesticides announced that it would NOT RECOMMEND a provincial prohibition, and the proposal was STOPPED.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, Province of

Proposed Prohibition STOPPED, Again

Professional Lawn Care Granted EXCEPTION STATUS

2013 02 20 — Officials announced that there will be NO provincial prohibition for licensed applicators who will now be granted with an EXCEPTION STATUS.

CALGARY, City of (Alberta)

Proposed Prohibition STOPPED

2009 11 16 — City council STEERED CLEAR OF and STOPPED an outright prohibition, since it was proven in other jurisdictions that these prohibitions DO NOT WORK.

CALGARY, City of (Alberta)

Existing Prohibition DISCARDED

2011 03 28 — Officials DISCARDED the city's self-imposed prohibition on its municipal green spaces because of the invasion of noxious weeds.

CAMPBELL RIVER, City of (British Columbia)

Proposed Prohibition EXTINGUISHED

2012 07 05 — City councillors REJECTED a staff recommendation for prohibition, and the proposal was EXTINGUISHED.

CHICAGO, City of (Illinois, USA) — Park District of Highland Park

Existing Prohibition RESCINDED

2011 08 19 — Commissioners CANCELLED the Integrated Pest Management Program and RESCINDED prohibition because Green Alternative Pesticides DID NOT WORK and parks became over-run with weeds that covered 60 per cent of the playing surfaces.

DURANGO, City of (Colorado, USA)

Proposed Prohibition STOPPED

2021 08 22 — City council voted unanimously to REJECT and STOP a proposed prohibition against pest control products and synthetic fertilizers on city parks and personal property.

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EDMONTON, City of (Alberta)

Proposed Prohibition STOPPED

2012 02 06 — City councillors TURNED DOWN and STOPPED calls to prohibit pest control products, opting instead for a report in two years outlining any progress in reducing city use of these chemicals.

EVERETT, City of (Washington, USA)

Existing Pesticide-Free Project ENDED

Spraying Weeds RESUMED

2012 06 06 — The Prohibition on the Lowell Park Pilot-Project was ENDED, and the spraying weeds was RESUMED because the city was forced to resort to the back-breaking and agonizing job of weed-pulling by hand, and could not find enough volunteers.

GUELPH, City of (Ontario)

Existing Prohibition REVERSED

2011 06 07 — Officials REVERSED the city's prohibition, and hired a contractor to apply at least three applications herbicides to eliminate so-called non-native weed species like dandelion because it was not otherwise possible to control weeds.

GUELPH-ERAMOSA, Township of (Ontario)

Existing Prohibition RESCINDED

Road-Side Spraying RESUMED

2011 01 21 — Council agreed to an impassioned plea from local farmers and weed experts to RESCIND prohibition and REINSTATED and RESUMED road-side herbicide applications in the township since weeds were spreading to adjacent farmland, triggering higher costs for farmers.

KAMLOOPS, City of (British Columbia)

Proposed Total Prohibition STOPPED

Professional Lawn Care Granted EXCEPTION STATUS

2012 05 29 — City council did not provide enough support for prohibition on all uses of pest control products, the proposal was STOPPED, and professional lawn care businesses were granted an EXCEPTION STATUS.

KELOWNA, City of (British Columbia)

Proposed Total Prohibition STOPPED

Professional Lawn Care Granted EXCEPTION STATUS

2010 02 08 — Officials granted an EXCEPTION STATUS to licensed applicators who should be allowed to use whatever pest control products they choose.

MERRITT, Town of (British Columbia)

Proposed Prohibition STOPPED

2010 05 14 — City council resisted efforts by green activists, and a proposed prohibition was STOPPED.

NEW BRUNSWICK (Province)

Imposed Prohibition LIMITED

Active Ingredients Permitted, Except 2,4-D

Professional Lawn Care Granted EXCEPTION STATUS

2009 06 30 — A LIMITED provincial prohibition was imposed against several over-the-counter pest control products containing the ingredient 2,4-D, but home-owners could still spot-treat weeds using pre-mixed over-the-counter products, and professional lawn care businesses were granted an EXCEPTION

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STATUS if their employees had the proper training in integrated pest management, and if they do not use pest control products over more than fifty per cent of a lawn in one season.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR (Province)

Existing Prohibition REVERSED

Road-Side Spraying RESUMED

Commercial Applicators Granted EXCEPTION STATUS

2012 08 10 — An EXCEPTION STATUS was granted to commercial applicators, despite a 2011 provincial prohibition, and RESUMED road-side spraying throughout the province to control vegetation to improve visibility and reduce moose-vehicle collisions.

PORT ALBERNI, City of (British Columbia)

Existing Prohibition RESCINDED

2012 10 24 — Officials NIXED and RESCINDED its existing prohibition because of the FAILURE of Organic Pesticide-Free Maintenance, and the STUNNINGLY EXORBITANT COST of maintaining green spaces with green alternative pesticides.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Rural Municipality of (Manitoba)

Proposed Provincial Prohibition OPPOSED

2012 06 13 — Officials publicly OPPOSED Manitoba's proposed provincial prohibition because Organic Pesticide-Free Maintenance HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN AS EFFECTIVE as conventional pest control products, and city councillors were concerned that prohibition was going to COST MORE MONEY and could be the cause of MORE PROBLEMS.

QUEBEC, Province of

Existing Prohibition INVALIDATED

Prohibition DEFEATED By Lawsuit

2011 05 26 — The province's 2006 prohibition was INVALIDATED and DEFEATED when a legal challenge was settled, and government officials were humiliated into admitting that 2,4-D DID NOT POSE an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

QUEBEC, Province of

Imposed Prohibition LIMITED

Permitted Active Ingredients

2003 04 03 — LIMITED prohibition was put in force on April 3rd, 2003, and finally implemented on April 3rd, 2006, and although Quebec prohibited pest control products containing 2,4-D, it is a little-known fact that Quebec was NEVER TRULY PESTICIDE-FREE since it DID NOT PROHIBIT ALL PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS, and continued to permit several conventional products.

REGINA, City of (Saskatchewan)

Proposed Prohibition STOPPED, Again

Prohibition Was Deemed INAPPROPRIATE

2012 06 28 — The Environment Advisory Committee DECIDED AGAINST prohibition for the second time since June 4th, 2002, when it was found that prohibition was INAPPROPRIATE.

REGINA, City of (Saskatchewan)

Proposed Prohibition STOPPED, Again

Prohibition Had No Support

2012 06 04 — Officials DROPPED and STOPPED a proposal for a municipal Prohibition

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because it was NOT SUPPORTED by health and policy experts, and it was NOT SUPPORTED by local residents.

REGINA, City of (Saskatchewan)

Proposed Prohibition STOPPED

Prohibition Was Deemed INAPPROPRIATE

2002 06 04 — Environmental Advisory Committee did NOT believe it was appropriate to recommend a prohibition, and the proposal was STOPPED.

ROSSLAND, City of (British Columbia)

Proposed Prohibition STOPPED

2010 12 15 — A proposed prohibition DIED ANOTHER PROCEDURAL DEATH and was DELAYED and STOPPED.

SAINT JOHN'S, City of (Newfoundland)

Existing Prohibition LIMITED

Proposed Road-Side Weed Control Prohibition FIZZLED-OUT

2012 09 05 — City councillors narrowly VOTED AGAINST prohibiting a chemical spray used to control brush along Newfoundland and Labrador's highways.

SALMON ARM, City of (British Columbia)

Existing Prohibition RESCINDED

Professional Lawn Care Granted EXCEPTION STATUS

2011 03 08 — Elected officials RESCINDED prohibition in favour of certified applicators, and provided lawn care businesses with an EXCEPTION STATUS.

SCARBOROUGH, Town of (Maine, USA)

Existing Prohibition RESCINDED

2012 04 19 — Officials RESCINDED prohibition by replacing its 7-month-old policy promoting the use of Organic Pesticide-Free Maintenance with a new policy that allowed pest control products on property owned by the town.

STEINBACH, City of (Manitoba)

Proposed Provincial Prohibition OPPOSED

2012 06 19 — City council joined other municipal councils to publicly urge the Government of Manitoba to DROP ITS PLANS for a provincial prohibition because people should have the right to choose for themselves how they best take care of their own lawns and the city should be able to choose how it takes care of its own green spaces.

STUARTBURN, Rural Municipality of (Manitoba)

Proposed Provincial Prohibition OPPOSED

2012 05 22 — Officials publicly OPPOSED Manitoba's proposed prohibition because it would ADVERSELY AFFECT this rural municipality and several others throughout the province.

VERNON, City of (British Columbia)

Proposed Prohibition STOPPED

2010 01 12 & 2010 01 26 — Officials scrapped and STOPPED a proposed prohibition as this city REFUSED to endorse the idea of telling home-owners that they could not spray on their own private land to keep it immaculate.

WINKLER, City of (Manitoba)

Proposed Provincial Prohibition OPPOSED

2012 10 09 — The Mayor made it quite clear he was publicly OPPOSED to the idea of a province-wide prohibition in Manitoba because he did NOT want to see his city's beautification program go to waste, and did NOT want to spend the millions of dollars more on a ridiculous prohibition.

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When PROHIBITION is IMPOSED, Government Officials will have done so in DEFIANCE of the TRENDS AGAINST PESTICIDE BANS.

Government Officials have learned a lot from the experience of those jurisdictions that have SUFFERED THE HARDSHIP AND COSTS AND LIABILITY OF THIS #@!!% PESTICIDE BAN NONSENSE !

Government Officials ARE THINKING TWICE BEFORE BANNING PESTICIDES.
http://wp.me/p1jq40-5x1

Without pest control products, TURF AND ORNAMENTAL PESTS ARE NOT CONTROLLED because Green Alternative Pesticides and Practices are DISMAL FAILURES. http://wp.me/P1jq40-445

Without pest control products, COMMUNITIES LIVE IN PEST-INFESTED GARBAGE DUMPS. http://wp.me/P1jq40-44g http://wp.me/P1jq40-4z3

Without pest control products, CHILDREN ARE NOT KEPT SAFE FROM DANGEROUS PLAYING SURFACES. http://wp.me/P1jq40-2ha

Without pest control products, MUNICIPALITIES CANNOT AFFORD TO MAINTAIN THEIR GREENS SPACES IN BEAUTIFUL AND SAFE CONDITION.
http://wp.me/P1jq40-43V

Without pest control products, Government Officials become OFFICIALLY LIABLE FOR CHILDREN BEING HURT ON DANGEROUS PEST-INFESTED PLAYING SURFACES, as well as adults. http://wp.me/P1jq40-2ha

Conversely, these officials WOULD NOT BE LIABLE for the use of pest control products because they CAUSE NO HARM and they ARE NO THREAT TO CHILDREN.

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