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February 10th, 2010

Western Canada Turfgrass Association
(Green Space Industry Trade Association)

Letter to Barry Penner
Minister of Environment
Government of British Columbia (BC)

My name is Jerry Rousseau, new Executive Director of the Western Canada Turfgrass Association (WCTA).

The WCTA is a British Columbia-registered not-for-profit-society (incorporated February 14, 1973 — S0010091) made up of over 800 professional turfgrass managers interested in research, education and discussion relating to the provision of maintained turfgrass areas for numerous uses and functions such as sports, parks, recreation, cultural activities, leisure, residences, cemeteries and the like.

WCTA members represent a diversity of interests such as golf courses, sports field complexes, school boards, municipalities, sod farms, nurseries, landscapers and lawn care companies, lawn bowling greens, mechanics, horticulturists; and the supporting industry of manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors.

The WCTA organization is recognized, well-respected, and highly active.



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Association activities include production of a bi-monthly magazine, convening an annual conference and trade show averaging 850 attendees, sponsoring a travelling educational series, administering a comprehensive turfgrass research program involving multiple institutional and government partners, support of the Kwantlen Polytechnic University and Olds College Horticulture and Turfgrass Management programs, plus a myriad of other functions customarily provided by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

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Economically, we're no slouch with the golf industry on it's own contributing 1.58 billion to British Columbia's GDP and 4.0 billion in total production (direct, indirect and induced), over 46,600 jobs, almost 3.088 billion in household income, 361 million in property and other indirect taxes and 257 million in income taxes. Based on participation, golf is the number one recreational activity in Canada, played by more Canadians than hockey and British Columbia accounts for approximately 33.5% of Canadian golfers or about 812,000 out of an estimated 6 million golfers. (Source: 2009 National Allied Golf Association economic impact study) Baseball, soccer, rugby, cricket, field hockey, swim bowling and a host of other sports and recreation opportunities add to WCTA member portfolio.



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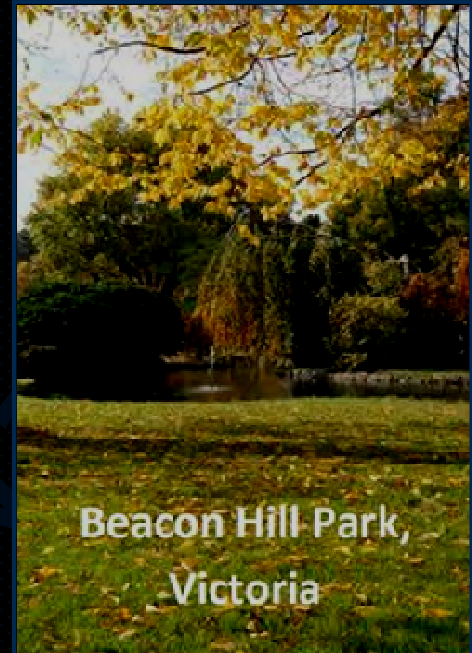
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Based on participation, GOLF IS THE NUMBER ONE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY IN CANADA, played by more Canadians than hockey, and British Columbia accounts for approximately 13.5 per cent of Canadian golfers, or about 812,000 out of an estimated 6 million golfers.

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While there is always room for improvement to enhance environmental protection, such as the PMRA's decision to unaccept fertilizer / pesticide combination products by Dec 31, 2012, the WCTA has great confidence in the systems and legislation currently in place that safeguard the registration, transportation, dispensing, storage, application and disposal of pest control products. We trust that like our own initiatives, these programs are not static and are constantly evolving as needs change and new technology/information arrives.

Our membership appreciates the consultation opportunity provided by the BC government and would be pleased to offer our collective expertise, insight, data and research to assist in the decision making process. Many of our members would happily meet with government officials including yourself, host site tours, answer further questions and do whatever is required to ensure your confidence in the British Columbia Turfgrass industry.

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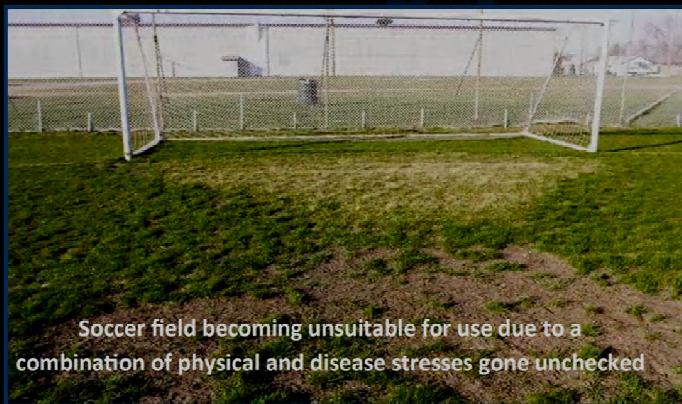


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Many of our members would happily meet with government officials, including yourself, and host site tours, answer further questions and do whatever is required to ensure your confidence in the BC Turfgrass Industry. As our mandate clearly outlines, we fully believe in and support an Integrated Pest Management approach as defined by British Columbia's IPM Act, and promote the use of pest control products only as a last resort, and when absolutely necessary, to prevent severe and devastating damage, exemplified by the following photos —

- Fatally damaging FUNGAL DISEASE on a golf course green
- Damage to turf on a golf course from WHITE GRUBS rendering the area unplayable
- Soccer field becoming unsuitable for use due to a combination of PHYSICAL AND DISEASE STRESSES gone unchecked



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Further to this, we believe that the following four FOUNDATIONS can be effectively used to GUIDE PESTICIDE LEGISLATION DECISIONS —

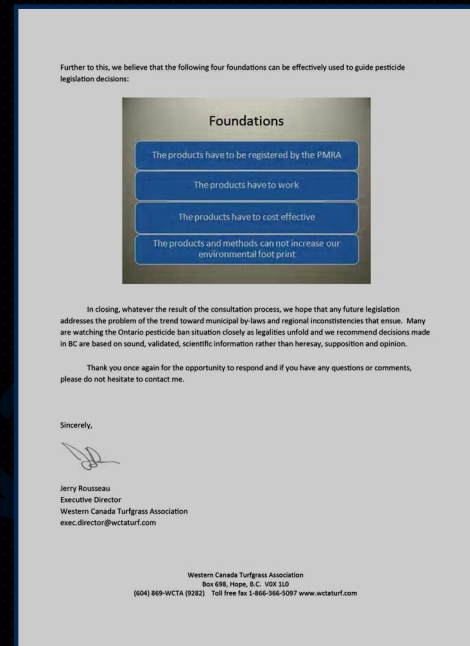
- The products have to be REGISTERED by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency
- The products HAVE TO WORK
- The products HAVE TO BE COST EFFECTIVE
- The products and methods cannot increase our environmental footprint

In closing, whatever the result of the consultation process, we hope that any future legislation addresses the problem of the trend toward municipal by-laws and regional inconsistencies that ensue.

Many are watching the Ontario pesticide ban situation closely as legalities unfold, and we recommend decisions made in British Columbia are based on sound, validated, scientific information rather than hearsay, supposition and opinion.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to respond, and if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely



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HUJE are identified on the basis of their statements, activities, affiliations, and whereabouts. Even though each Enviro Maniac Culprit is a misguided adversary, each still deserves our respect. The use of the terms Maniac, Culprit, Terrorist, or Basterd are not accusations of any legal wrong doing. Force Of Nature is simply holding Enviro Maniac Activists accountable for conspiring to change public policies that TERRORIZE, HARM, and THREATEN the Green Space Industry.

HUJE is a term used to describe Enviro Maniac Activists that routinely concoct FEAR MONGERING, FRAUDULENT LIES, MISCONCEPTIONS, COERCION, THREATS, DECEPTIONS, TERROR, and PARANOID CONSPIRACIES that are DESIGNED to SCAM and DECEIVE the public into believing there is some NON-EXISTENT danger with conventional pest control products. HUJE also SCAM and DECEIVE Government Officials into the NEEDLESS, SENSELESS, and MALICIOUS CONSPIRACY to PROHIBIT conventional pest control products that are FEDERALLY LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE, and ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE.

HUJE have created LOSS OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, and UNEMPLOYMENT, inflicting DESPAIR and DESTITUTION for THOUSANDS of hapless victims throughout the Green Space Industry. The DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE of Maniac Culprit Terrorist Basterd HUJE is viewed as a form of TERROR, HARM, and THREAT against the Green Space Industry.

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Force Of Nature, and its various incarnations, is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his colleagues. Mr. Gathercole is a principal FOUNDER of the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry in BOTH Ontario and Quebec. He holds a degree in Horticulture from the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, and another pure and applied science degree from MCGILL UNIVERSITY. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the Green Space Industry, including GOLF, PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE, and CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, and has served in environmental compliance, government negotiations, public affairs, and workplace safety. Mr. Gathercole has supervised, consulted, programmed, and/or overseen the successful and safe execution of HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of pest control applications in the urban landscape. He has trained, instructed, and consulted with THOUSANDS of turf managers and technicians. Mr. Gathercole has also been an agricultural agronomist. For many years, Mr. Gathercole was a contributing columnist for TURF & Recreation Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority.

Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues have followed the evolution of ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter century. For FIFTEEN YEARS, the strategies designed and implemented by Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues guaranteed the control of the VERMIN OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR for the entire Modern Green Space Industry across Canada. Their involvement in Environmental Issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with his colleagues, legal action against the Forces of Environmental Evil in the Town of Hudson, Quebec.

Today, Mr. Gathercole is the ONLY TRUE RELIABLE WITNESS of the Hudson Affair. Mr. Gathercole is personally credited for crafting the Golf Industry Exception Status that endures to this day. He is also the creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application. His vast knowledge of our long journey with Environmental Issues is UNDENIABLE — hopefully! Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as FOUNDER of Force Of Nature.

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