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LETTER TO THE EDITOR — MEDIA RELEASE

RESPONSE TO GIDEON FORMAN

(Hired Gun, Illegal Lobbyist, Fund-Raiser, & Eco-Porn Film Star With Canadian Association Of Physicians For The Environment & Canadian Cancer Society)

POLICY FIX BLOG (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

Forman Has No Expertise In Pest Control Products

According to Gideon Forman's blog in Policy Fix —

A lawn pesticide ban is needed for cancer prevention. [?!?!]

This statement follows a « *mission accomplished* » by anti-pesticide & environmental-terrorist organizations operating in the province of Manitoba.

At a press conference held on June 28th, 2013, Gideon Forman, along with government officials and activist co-conspirators, announced that the government of Manitoba will impose arbitrary and reckless prohibition against conventional pest control products used in the urban landscape.

The government of Manitoba preferred to somehow rely upon Gideon Forman and Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) for so-called expertise on health and pest control products.

Forman was financially rewarded by Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) and Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) by conspiring to prohibit against pest control products in Manitoba.

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Incredibly, Forman has no expertise in pest control products, but his background includes creative writing, as well as starring roles in eco-porn films for a European organization called Fuck For Forest.

In fact, Health Canada has the essential expertise on pest control products, and not Forman, and not CAPE.

Should the public trust Gideon Forman ?

No !

Forman Is Scientifically-Ignorant

According to Gideon Forman's blog in Policy Fix —

Doctors say lawn and garden pesticides hurt our kids. [?!?!]

Forman is wrong !

How did Forman arrive at the conclusion that products used by maintenance professionals somehow « *hurt our kids* »?!?!

Was his assessment based upon his vast scientific knowledge of pest control products?!?!

No !

Did Forman assess these products after spending time and money carefully studying their effects on health and environment?!?!

No !

Is Forman, who is a mere fund-raiser for an anti-pesticide organization, competent to give any advice concerning these issues?!?!

No !

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Only Health Canada, and not Forman, has the essential expertise and credibility on pest control products.

Forman's rants have clearly demonstrated that he is scientifically-ignorant.

Moreover, it is a fact that Forman possesses absolutely no training, background, or expertise in matters concerning pest control products.

Essentially, government officials understand that activists like Forman have huge vested interests in perpetuating imaginary dangers against pest control products because they are paid to do so.

Moreover, anti-pesticide activists like Forman are the least qualified to provide any advice concerning pest control products.

They are not credible experts on pest control products.

This problem with lack-of-activist-credibility reflects the overall larger problem with all anti-pesticide activists.

There are no anti-pesticide activists who are scientists or researchers with credentials in the field of pest control products.

None !

They are not competent to talk about pest control products.

Anti-pesticide activists like Forman know nothing about pest control products.

Forman's Organization Violates Taxation Laws

Does Forman's principal organization, CAPE, represent the nation's doctors ?!?!

No !

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It is ludicrous to believe that CAPE somehow represents the views of health care workers, such as physicians.

Overall, CAPE is not even a doctor's organization.

CAPE does not operate as a physicians' organization.

The vast majority of CAPE members are not even physicians.

In fact, CAPE represents an insignificantly small number of doctors.

CAPE merely represents less than 4 per cent of all doctors in Canada.

CAPE is a mere fund-raising, profit-seeking, and lobbying organization.

CAPE is not a science, not a research, not a physician, and not a health organization.

Nonetheless, CAPE and other organizations were recruited and paid-for-profit by the government of Manitoba to support the conspiracy to prohibit against pest control products.

CAPE and other organizations were paid with tax-free money, without paying a single penny in taxes.

In essence, CAPE is guilty of illegal interference in partisan politics and public policy.

Consequently, CAPE is guilty of violating taxation laws.

The public is directed to complain about CAPE by contacting business, fund-raising, government, and taxation agencies !

CAPE's non-profit charity status must be investigated and hopefully revoked.

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Forman Ignores The Fact That Pest Control Products Do Not Cause Cancer

According to Gideon Forman's blog in Policy Fix —

There's a simple measure Manitobans can take to reduce their risk of cancer — urge the province to ban lawn and garden pesticides this spring. [Wrong !]

A province-wide prohibition on non-essential pesticides would be a major contribution to cancer prevention. [Wrong !]

Study after study suggests that people exposed to pesticides - including weed-killers and insecticides used outside the home — are more likely to get cancer. [Wrong ! Wrong ! Wrong !]

Forman is wrong !

Forman has 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.

Forman has no basis to demand that the government of Manitoba impose reckless and arbitrary prohibition against pest control products used in the urban landscape, such as 2,4-D herbicide.

Even with the imposition of prohibition, we would still have issues with cancer, because there are more significant causes of cancer.

Perhaps if Forman's CAPE were to prioritize its 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.

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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.

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.

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.

According to Dr Leonard Ritter, the nation's leading expert in the field of toxicology and pesticide safety —

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.

According to Dr Keith R 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.

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.

Even some of Canadian Cancer Society's highest-ranking lobbyists state that the connection between cancer and pest control products is not conclusive.

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Forman Uses Studies That Are False

According to Gideon Forman's blog in Policy Fix —

A study published [in April 2006] in the journal of the Canadian Pediatric Society found that the common lawn pesticide 2,4-D « can be persuasively linked to cancers ... » [Wrong !]

Forman is wrong !

There are no pest control products that are known or probable carcinogens.

Pest control products do not cause cancer.

Gideon Forman is ridiculously implying that his non-expert assessment is somehow being withheld from Health Canada and every other regulatory agency in the world.

If Gideon Forman were not so scientifically illiterate, he would know that scientific research shows that, as reported through Health Canada's vast toxicology database, no harm will occur when pest control products are applied properly in the urban landscape.

All pest control products have been evaluated for their carcinogenic potential.

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.

Scientific research proves that pest control products cause no harm and do not cause cancer.

Pest control products causing cancer is a myth.

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Here are the facts about this April 2006 article —

- the author may have just as well been Forman himself.
- the article was false and unscientific.
- the credited authors were personally allied with Gideon Forman.
- none of the authors had absolutely no affiliation with Canadian Paediatric Society.
- the authors had absolutely no competent expertise, recognized training, or background, in matters concerning pest control products.
- the authors focused only on the herbicide 2,4-D, and did not focus on all pest control products.

Canadian Paediatric Society has officially warned Gideon Forman to stop using this article since it is a false reference.

Forman Ignores The 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.

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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Forman Uses Discredited, Radical, And Scientifically Ignorant Reports

According to Gideon Forman's blog in Policy Fix —

The science is grim. [?!?!]

For example, research [i.e. anti-pesticide literature review] done by the Ontario College of Family Physicians found that pesticide exposure is linked to cancers of the prostate, kidney, and pancreas. [Wrong !]

Forman is wrong !

Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) is a mere trade association.

OCFP is not a science, not a research, not a physician, and not a health organization.

OCFP is a discredited radical anti-pesticide organization that is indirectly operated as a partisan public information shield by Forman's own organizations, like Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment and Canadian Cancer Society.

OCFP did not conduct a serious scientific research ... it conducted a mere anti-pesticide literature review, and could only use those reports found in the open public literature.

OCFP was not even in « *the information loop* » on issues regarding pest control products, and did not avail itself to the extensive toxicology database that is available from Health Canada.

OCFP never even bothered to request to look at the toxicology database through a process that Health Canada refers to as the reading room.

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The authors and reviewers of the bogus-OCFP-review were not only scientifically ignorant, they were lazy and stupid.

Among the authors and reviewers of the bogus-OCFP-review, there were doctors who were found guilty of professional mis-conduct over sexual activities, doctors whose license was suspended, and doctors who deny having reviewed the document.

There is a « *growing body of evidence* » that some the authors and reviewers of the bogus-OCFP-review were unethical and unprofessional.

According to one project team members of the bogus-OCFP-review, Cathy Vakil —

It is computer-driven. You plug in the key words, and it spews out ... Collections of studies in a completely unbiased way. [?!?!]

What did OCFP use as its reference studies ?

What did Vakil mean with the term « *computer-driven* » ?

Google and Wikipedia.

Big whoop !

In other words, the OCFP anti-pesticide literature review was conducted with a standard that was no better than a grade school project prepared by a 10-year-old student.

Additionally, the review was clearly biased since it was a cherry-picking of a mere 100 references out of the hundreds of thousands available in the extensive Health Canada toxicology database.

In fact, 2,4-D alone has been the subject of over 40,000 studies.

The OCFP anti-pesticide literature review is inarguably discredited.

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The United Kingdom's advisory panel on pesticides, a governmental regulatory body, cited « *serious flaws* » with the OCFP anti-pesticide literature review.

It cited points such as « *failure* » to take into account studies with results running contrary to OCFP, and examining exposure to pest control products in agricultural areas — where they are allowed, and regularly used — instead of domestic, urban areas.

Additionally, Health Canada stated that the « *OCFP report is a review of epidemiology studies selected from the public scientific literature* », and that it lacked sufficient scientific data.

Even Gideon Forman has basically admitted that the OCFP anti-pesticide literature review is bogus.

According to Forman —

But let's say it wasn't. Why would you want to take the risk ? Why would you take that risk, when the only thing you are changing is the appearance of your lawn ?

The OCFP anti-pesticide literature review is inarguably discredited.

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.

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Forman Recommends Green Alternative Pesticides That Are Dismal Failures

According to Gideon Forman's blog in Policy Fix —

But the good news is Manitobans can keep their properties beautiful without the use of cancer-causing chemicals. [?!?!]

[In other words, Manitobans can rely upon Green Alternative Pesticides ?!?!]

For example, in early spring they apply a natural corn-gluten product that prevents dandelions and crabgrass from germinating in the first place.

And if the odd weed does emerge, they remove it by hand or spot-spray with vinegar.

If they discover grubs, they control them with nematodes — microscopic worms that kill grubs within 72 hours but leave plants, animals and people completely unharmed.

Forman is wrong !

With his severe lack of lawn care credentials, Gideon Forman wrongly promotes green alternatives pesticides.

Forman has wrongly assumed that alternatives are somehow safer and work as well as conventional products.

By definition, alternatives are inferior, which is why they did not win the market-place originally.

Alternative products are usually less tested as well, raising the prospect that they are not any safer or better than conventional products, and are, in fact, dismal failures.

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Corn gluten meal herbicide, nematode insecticide, and vinegar herbicide do not work — it would be better to do nothing rather than use these products.

Green alternative pesticides are bogus and dismal failures — they do not work and they are not innovative products.

Forman's rants have the effect of creating dangerous lawns and playgrounds maintained like garbage dumps since it is impossible for home-owners or professionals to keep their properties beautiful by using so-called green alternative pesticides.

Overall, green alternative pesticides are ineffective, inadequate, high-risk, more toxic, and stunningly expensive !

Fortunately, conventional pest control products are safe, effective, economical, and low-risk.

Forman Ignores The Fact That 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.

The following jurisdictions stopped or rescinded or limited or opposed anti-pesticide prohibition, or granted professional lawn care businesses with an exception status —

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ALBERTA, Province of

Proposed Provincial Pesticide Ban Stopped

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

ALTONA, Town of (Manitoba)

Proposed Provincial Pesticide Ban Opposed

2012 10 09 — The mayor strongly and publicly opposed the proposal for a provincial pesticide ban.

ASHLAND, City of (Oregon, USA)

Existing Pesticide Ban 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 pesticide ban, and re-authorized pesticides on baseball and softball infields.

BEAUMONT, Town of (Alberta)

Proposed Pesticide Ban Stopped

2011 10 27 — Officials voted-off and stopped a proposal for a pesticide ban because they believed that this was a provincial initiative, if not federal.

BELLEVILLE, City of (Ontario)

Proposed Pesticide Ban Stopped

2007 03 26 — A proposed pesticide ban was stopped because council believed that the provincial and federal governments should be in a much better position to establish more effective and enforceable legislation.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, Province of

Proposed Provincial Pesticide Ban Stopped

2012 05 17 — The Special Committee On Cosmetic Pesticides announced that it would not recommend a provincial pesticide ban, and the proposal was stopped.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, Province of

Proposed Provincial Pesticide
Ban Stopped, Again

Professional Lawn Care
Granted Exception Status

2013 02 20 — Officials announced that there will be no provincial pesticide ban for licensed applicators who will now be granted with an exception status.

CALGARY, City of (Alberta)

Proposed Pesticide Ban Stopped

2009 11 16 — City council steered clear of and stopped an outright pesticide ban, since it was proven in other jurisdictions that these bans do not work.

CALGARY, City of (Alberta)

Existing Pesticide Ban Discarded

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

CAMPBELL RIVER, City of (British Columbia)

Proposed Pesticide Ban Extinguished

2012 07 05 — City councillors rejected a staff recommendation for a pesticide ban, and the proposal was extinguished.

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CHICAGO, City of (Illinois, USA)

— Park District of Highland Park

Existing Pesticide Ban Rescinded

2011 08 19 — Commissioners cancelled the integrated pest management program and rescinded the pesticide ban 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 Pesticide Ban Stopped

2021 08 22 — City council voted unanimously to reject and stop a proposed pesticide and synthetic fertilizer ban on city parks and personal property.

EDMONTON, City of (Alberta)

Proposed Pesticide Ban Stopped

2012 02 06 — City councillors turned down and stopped calls to ban pesticides, 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 pesticide ban 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 Pesticide Ban Reversed

2011 06 07 — Officials reversed the city's pesticide ban, 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-ERAMOSIA, Township of (Ontario)

Existing Pesticide Ban Rescinded

Road-Side Spraying Resumed

2011 01 21 — Council agreed to an impassioned plea from local farmers and weed experts to rescind a pesticide ban, 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 Pesticide Ban Stopped

Professional Lawn Care
Granted Exception Status

2012 05 29 — City council did not provide enough support for a ban on all pesticide use, the proposal was stopped, and professional lawn care businesses were granted an exception status.

KELOWNA, City of (British Columbia)

Proposed Total Pesticide Ban 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 pesticides they choose.

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MERRITT, Town of (British Columbia)

Proposed Pesticide Ban Stopped

2010 05 14 — City council resisted efforts by green activists, and a proposed pesticide ban was stopped.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Province of

Imposed Limited Provincial
Pesticide Ban

Active Ingredients Permitted,
Except 2,4-D

Professional Lawn Care
Granted Exception Status

2009 06 30 — A limited provincial pesticide ban was imposed against several over-the-counter pesticide 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 status if their employees had the proper training in integrated pest management, and if they do not use pesticides over more than fifty per cent of a lawn in one season.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR, Province of

Existing Provincial Pesticide Ban 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 pesticide ban, and resumed road-side spraying throughout the province to control vegetation to improve visibility and reduce moose-vehicle collisions.

OGUNQUIT, Town of (Maine, USA)

Proposed Prohibition Stopped

2013 06 11 — Residents defeated a proposal to prohibit pest control products used in the urban landscape, signaling a failure of anti-pesticide activists to make the community the first in the state of Maine to arbitrarily impose prohibition.

ONTARIO, Province of

Provincial Ban Against
Neonicotinoid Insecticides Stopped

2014 04 00 — Ontario premier Kathleen Wynne stopped a proposal for a province-wide pesticide ban because she believed that this was a federal initiative, and not provincial. The actions of renegade trade associations, like Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association (a.k.a. Sierra Club), are despicable and destructive, since they demand reckless and arbitrary prohibition against neonicotinoid insecticides used in the agriculture industry. They have failed to destroy the agriculture industry that desperately relies upon these insecticides.

PORT ALBERNI, City of (British Columbia)

Existing Pesticide Ban Rescinded

2012 10 24 — Officials nixed and rescinded its existing pesticide ban because of the failure of organic pesticide-free maintenance, and the stunningly exorbitant cost of maintaining green spaces with green alternative pesticides.

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PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Rural Municipality of (Manitoba)

Proposed Provincial Pesticide Ban Opposed

2012 06 13 — Officials publicly opposed Manitoba's proposed provincial pesticide ban because organic pesticide-free maintenance has not been proven as effective as conventional pesticides, and city councillors were concerned that such a ban was going to cost more money and could be the cause of more problems.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, Province of

Imposed Limited
Provincial Pesticide Ban

Permitted Active Ingredients
For Golf Industry

2010 04 01 — A province-wide pesticide ban removed 240 products from use by consumers; however, businesses operating in the Professional Lawn Care Industry since they have been provided with an exception status; and 2,4-D herbicide is banned for use by either consumers or businesses on lawns, but it is allowed in the golf industry.

QUEBEC, Province of

Existing Provincial Pesticide
Ban Invalidated

Ban Defeated By Lawsuit

2011 05 26 — The province's 2006 pesticide ban 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 Limited Provincial Pesticide Ban

Permitted Active Ingredients

2003 04 03 — A limited pesticide ban was put in force on April 3rd, 2003, and finally implemented on April 3rd, 2006, and although Quebec prohibited products containing 2,4-D, it is a little-known fact that Quebec was never truly pesticide-free since it did not ban all pesticides, and continued to permit several conventional products.

REGINA, City of (Saskatchewan)

Proposed Pesticide Ban Stopped, Again

Ban Had No Support

2012 06 04 — Officials dropped and stopped a proposal for a municipal pesticide ban because it was not supported by health and policy experts, and it was not supported by local residents.

REGINA, City of (Saskatchewan)

Proposed Pesticide Ban Stopped, Again

Ban Was Deemed Inappropriate

2012 06 28 — The Environment Advisory Committee decided against a pesticide ban for the second time since June 4th, 2002, when it was found that a ban was inappropriate.

REGINA, City of (Saskatchewan)

Proposed Pesticide Ban Stopped

Ban Was Deemed Inappropriate

2002 06 04 — Environmental Advisory Committee did not believe it was appropriate to recommend a pesticide ban, and the proposal was stopped.

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ROSSLAND, City of (British Columbia)

Proposed Pesticide Ban Stopped

2010 12 15 — A proposed pesticide ban died another procedural death and the ban was delayed and stopped.

SAINT JOHN'S, City of (Newfoundland)

Existing Pesticide Ban Limited

Proposed Road-Side Weed Control
Pesticide Ban Fizzled-Out

2012 09 05 — City councillors narrowly voted against banning a chemical spray used to control brush along Newfoundland and Labrador's highways.

SALMON ARM, City of (British Columbia)

Existing Pesticide Ban Rescinded

Professional Lawn Care Granted Exception Status

2011 03 08 — Elected officials rescinded a pesticide ban in favour of certified applicators, and provided lawn care businesses with an exception status.

SCARBOROUGH, Town of (Maine, USA)

Existing Pesticide Ban Rescinded

2012 04 19 — Officials rescinded a pesticide ban by replacing its 7-month-old policy promoting the use of organic pesticide-free maintenance with a new policy that allowed chemical pesticides on property owned by the town.

STEINBACH, City of (Manitoba)

Proposed Provincial Pesticide Ban Opposed

2012 06 19 — City council joined other municipal councils to publicly urge the Government of Manitoba to drop its plans for a provincial pesticide ban 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 Pesticide Ban Opposed

2012 05 22 — Officials publicly opposed Manitoba's proposed pesticide ban because it would adversely affect this rural municipality and several others throughout the province.

VERNON, City of (British Columbia)

Proposed Pesticide Ban Stopped

2010 01 12 & 2010 01 26 — Officials scrapped and stopped a proposed pesticide ban as this city refused to endorse the idea of telling homeowners that they could not spray on their own private land to keep it immaculate.

WINKLER, City of (Manitoba)

Proposed Provincial Pesticide Ban Opposed

2012 10 09 — The mayor made it quite clear he was publicly opposed to the idea of a province-wide pesticide ban 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 ban.

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Forman Is Wrong & Cannot Be Trusted !

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 ?!?!

Gideon Forman, a hired gun, illegal lobbyist, fund-raiser, and eco-porn film star.

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.

A growing body of evidence shows that ...

- Forman has no expertise, no training, and no background in matters concerning pest control products, but his background does include creative writing, as well as starring roles in eco-porn films.
- Forman ignores the fact that government officials are thinking twice before banning pesticides.
- Forman ignores the fact that pest control products do not cause cancer.
- Forman is not competent to give advice about pest control products.
- Forman knows nothing about pest control products.
- Forman is scientifically-ignorant or scientifically-illiterate.

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- Forman is the least qualified to provide any credible advice concerning pest control products.
- Forman's opinion is totally valueless and utterly worthless.
- Forman uses discredited, radical, and scientifically ignorant reports.
- Forman uses studies that are false.

In fact, Health Canada has the essential expertise on pest control products, and not Forman, and not any of his organizations.

Should the public trust Gideon Forman ?

No !

For the SHORT VERSION of this response to Gideon Forman, go to the following link ...

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2014/04/11/response-to-gideon-forman-short-version-lawn-garden-pesticides-cause-no-harm-to-our-kids-letter-to-the-editor-media-release-ming-the-lunatic-merciless-enviro-terrorist-2014-0/>

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NORAHG has archived information on The Pesticide Truths Web-Site ...

THE PESTICIDE TRUTHS WEB-SITE - ARCHIVE OF REPORTS (Home Page)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/>

PESTICIDE BANS ARE A FARCE (Report)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2012/05/25/pesticide-bans-are-a-farce-kill-for-sale-to-everyone-2012-05-25/>

BEE-KEEPERS ARE KILLING BEES, AND NOT INSECTICIDES (Web-Page)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/bee-colony-collapse-disorder/>

REAL TRENDS AGAINST PESTICIDE BANS (Web-Page)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/victories-against-terrorists/>

ENEMIES LIST IN THE 9|11 ERA OF ANTI-PESTICIDE TERRORISM (Report)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2013/09/13/on-the-anniversary-of-911-do-anti-pesticide-basterds-celebrate-the-success-of-their-terrorist-colleagues-the-architects-of-anti-pesticide-prohibition-enemies-lists-2013-09-11/>

CARNAGE CREATED BY CATASTROPHIC ANTI-PESTICIDE PROHIBITION (Main Web-Page)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/carnage-caused-by-catastrophic-anti-pesticide-prohibition-main-web-page/>

THE EXORBITANT COST OF PESTICIDE BANS (Report)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/carnage-leading-to-stunningly-exorbitant-costs/>

ATTACKS AGAINST GOLF FACILITIES (Report)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2013/03/25/the-golf-industry-collision-course-examples-of-attacks-against-golf-facilities-2013-03-25/>

MYTHS ABOUT BANNING PESTICIDES - LEADING SCIENTIFIC HEALTH AND POLICY EXPERTS (White Paper)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2012/11/15/the-myths-about-banning-pesticides-part-2-white-paper-report-on-pesticide-bans-2012-11-15-reports/>

2,4-D HERBICIDE (Web-Page)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/24-d/>

COMPLAINT CHANNELS - COMPLAIN ABOUT THE ANTI-PESTICIDE LUNATICS (Web-Page)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/complaint-channels/>

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