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THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE from
National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green Space Industry (NORAHG)

The Wisdom of Lorne Hepworth



*What are the benefits of
prohibiting pest control products
in the urban landscape ?!?!*

*There are definite negative
consequences to prohibition*

*Activists make false claims
aimed at scaring the public*

*Pest control products must
undergo a comprehensive
scientific review and risk
assessment by Health Canada*

Pest Control Product Debate Should Be Based on Science

**There Are NO
Great Health Benefits
with PROHIBITION**

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Response to « *Ban on pesticides would be a
winner* » The Daily News, July 30th, 2011.

Warren Bell talks about the great health
benefits from Ontario's ban but he NE-
GLECTS TO MENTION WHAT THOSE ARE.

It seems that Bell needs to take another
look at what the cosmetic pest control prod-
uct ban has done in Ontario before suggest-
ing that's the right path for British Colum-
bia, and MAKING FALSE CLAIMS AIMED AT
SCARING READERS.

There are NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES that
are starting to show, including ...

- home-owner frustration
- illegal pest control product use
- increased municipal maintenance costs
- increased insect and weed infestations
- loss of green space

BACKGROUND INFOR- MATION FROM AN INDE- PENDENT PERSPECTIVE

Warren Bell is a NON-
EXPERT FOR-PROFIT
HIRED-GUN, and an IL-
LEGAL UNREGISTERED
LOBBYIST.

He is paid as an « *expert* »
on the so-called IMAGI-
NARY DANGER of pest
control products, despite
the fact that he has NO
recognized expertise,
training, or background in
this matter.

Overall, Bell's opinions
concerning pest control
products are TOTALLY
VALUELESS and UTTER-
LY WORTHLESS.

Truth-Challenged Warren
Bell is a LUNATIC-LIAR !

He LIES ... and LIES ...
and LIES ... and LIES !

BELL NEVER STOPS LY-
ING !

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Improved Water Quality ?!?! ---

Bell also mentions that lower levels of pest control products are being detected in some streams, but Bell forgot to tell readers that the levels detected before the ban were ALMOST UNDETECTABLE TO BEGIN WITH.

No Exception Status for Golf Industry ---

Bell praises the Ontario approach to PROHIBITION, yet in his column, he suggests AN ADDITIONAL RESTRICTION OF REMOVING THE EXEMPTION FOR GOLF COURSES.

Prohibition–Terrorism Will NEVER End ---

This just goes to show that Bell, and numerous other activist groups, will continue to WANT MORE PRODUCTS BANNED, for more uses and this is just the thin edge of a wedge that leads to bans where the repercussions are more threatening to our overall health and well-being by denying people access to safe living conditions and an abundant supply of healthy food.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE

Here are some examples of Warren Bell's LUNATIC-LIES —

PROHIBITION will have positive effect on the health of British Columbia's people, environment, and economy

— WRONG !

Ontario College of Family Physicians tells us the pest control products are linked to several health issues

— WRONG !

PROHIBITION in the Province of Ontario improved water quality

— WRONG !

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Arbitrary Prohibitions

The divisive debates about pest control product bans will continue as long as municipalities and provinces continue to arbitrarily ban products that have been APPROVED FOR USE by Health Canada.

NO New Products

The uncertainty created by these various levels of government mean that NEW PRODUCTS WILL NOT BE BROUGHT FORWARD FOR APPROVAL, and the public will have fewer and fewer options for controlling the numerous insect and weed infestations affecting their properties.

The Need for Science-Based Decisions

It's high time that science-based decisions be re-introduced into the pest control products debate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE

Here are more examples of Warren Bell's LUNATIC-LIES —

Ontario PROHIBITION has been well-received by Professional Lawn Care businesses

— WRONG !

The Environmental Factor, which makes Green Alternatives, had a 400 per cent increase in sales and manufacturing

— WRONG !

Business expansion in the City of Halifax, Nova Scotia, occurred as a result of PROHIBITION

— WRONG !

Polling done in British Columbia found support for a phase-out of pest control products

— WRONG !

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Health-Canada-Approved

What readers should know is that before any pest control product can be sold in Canada, it MUST UNDERGO A COMPREHENSIVE SCIENTIFIC REVIEW AND RISK ASSESSMENT BY HEALTH CANADA.

This means that, in addition to OVER TWO-HUNDRED scientific studies covering health and environmental effects, Health Canada examines all studies, and makes a decision based on all of the scientific evidence available.

Through this process, pest control products receive a greater breadth of scrutiny than any other regulated product and only those products that meet Health Canada's STRICT HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS are registered for sale and use.

2,4-D Is Scientifically Safe

When it comes to the Province of Quebec, Warren Bell seems to have missed the Quebec government's recent declaration that ...

<< *Products containing 2,4-D do not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.* >>

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Hepworth served nine years in the Saskatchewan Cabinet, holding portfolios for Agriculture, Education, Finance, and Energy and Mines.

Hepworth maintains a grain farm near Assiniboia, Saskatchewan.

In Letters To The Editor across Canada, Hepworth has personally spoken out against activists and prohibitions on a very frequent basis.

Here are examples of some of Hepworth's wisdom —

<< *A province-wide ban on all pesticides is NOT JUSTIFIED because STRICT REGULATIONS BASED ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ALREADY PROTECT OUR HEALTH.* >>

<< *[The ...] MIS-LEADING CHARACTERIZATION of the Ontario College of Family Physicians' review of pesticide literature is a DISGRACE, although it is typical of activist groups, such as the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, which search far and wide for support of the extreme anti-pesticide position, and yet continue to find themselves unable to point to anything better than the 2004 family physicians' report which is a literature review, not an actual scientific study.* >>

Lorne Hepworth (continued)

Here are more examples of Hepworth's wisdom —

<< If left unchecked, weeds can DESTROY IMPORTANT GREEN SPACES and other costly infra-structure, and ROB CHILDREN of the opportunity to enjoy ever-so-important outdoor activities. For example, pesticides help ensure students have access to SAFE RECREATIONAL SPACES where they can play without the THREAT OF TRIPPING AND INJURING themselves. >>

<< If the Canadian Cancer Society has information to back up its pesticide claims, it is irresponsibly squandering its efforts on municipal campaigns. >>

<< It's a shame that the Ontario government is unwilling to do the hard work of giving due consideration to the many sides of a thorny issue when there is a vocal minority to appease. Such is the case with Ontario's decision to ban pesticide use on lawns and gardens — a decision that is both short-sighted and mis-guided. >>

<< Pesticides are currently one of the MOST REGULATED PRODUCTS you will ever come across. >>

<< Surely we can all agree that FACTS AND SCIENCE SHOULD GUIDE THE REGULATION OF PESTICIDES. Unfortunately, activists advocating a ban disagree because in this case, THE FACTS ARE NOT ON THEIR SIDE. And WHEN THE FACTS DON'T SUPPORT THEIR POSITION, ACTIVISTS PREFER TO IGNORE THEM. >>

<< The weight of scientific research PROVES that pesticides can be SAFELY USED, and Canadians should feel comfortable if they choose to use them. >>

<< Virtually no other consumer product has been subject to the same level of scientific scrutiny and regulatory oversight as pesticides. >>



**Society has no greater enemy
than enviro-lunatics**