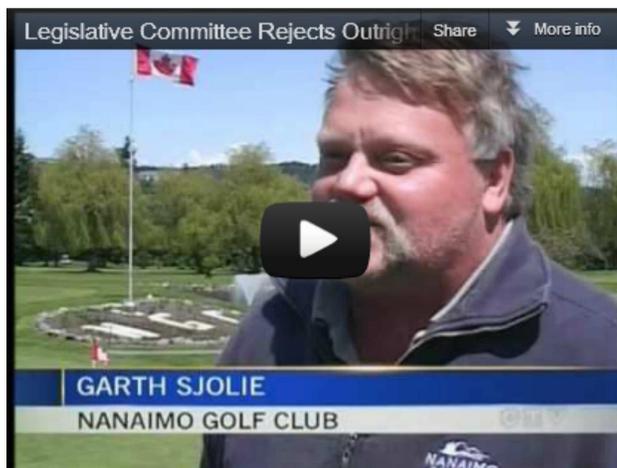




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Legislative Committee Rejects Outright Ban on Cosmetic Pesticides

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A B-C government committee reviewing pesticides says it won't call for a ban on the use of cosmetic pesticides. Committee chair and Liberal MLA Bill Bennett says that there is not enough evidence to justify such a ban. The Golf Industry accepts the decision. They were lobbying against the ban of using cosmetic pesticides. Nanaimo Golf Clubs Course Superintendent Garth Sjolie needs his pesticides to get rid of the english daisy on his greens. The white flowers grow in bunches and swallow up the golf balls. He has tried other methods to get rid of the daisies but pesticides work best.

BC's top health organizations are disappointed with the decision. The committee has made 17 recommendations, including restricting the sale and use of commercial grade pesticides, strengthening the enforcement of existing regulations, and boosting public education and training on pesticide use. "If these recommendations become law, they will not protect all British Columbian children from being exposed to unnecessary chemicals and possible carcinogens," said Barbara Kaminsky, CEO, Canadian Cancer Society, BC and Yukon. "We waited years for the BC government to follow the lead of other provinces and BC municipalities, and this is the result?"

NDP Environment Critic Rob Fleming says the committee has failed to address the environmental and human health concerns of many B-C residents. He says more than 8,000 British Colombians expressed their concerns about cosmetic pesticides in two consultation meetings. He is very disappointed with the decision. He says its just another broken promise made by the Premier. Just last year Christy Clark called for a province wide ban on cosmetic pesticides. Today its her appointed bi-partisan committee that has over ruled her. The Premier was unavailable for comment as she is in Japan.

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