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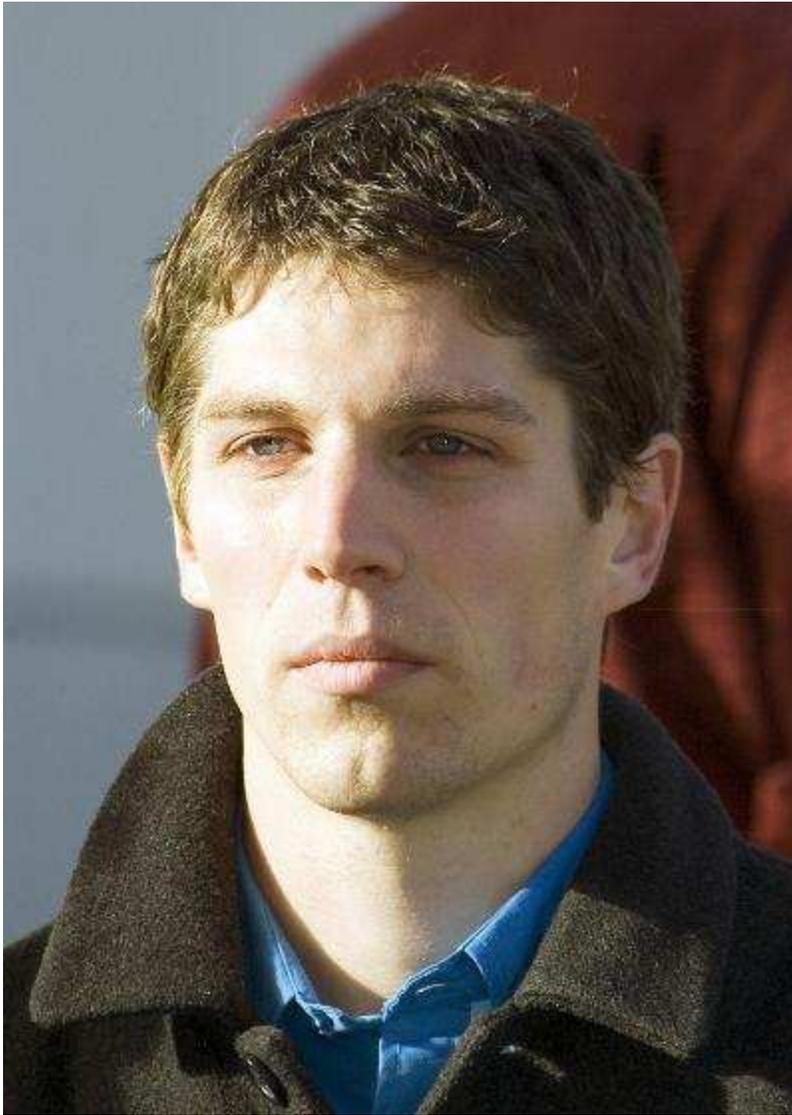
## News

- **Cavers: Time is right to tackle pesticide use**

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COUN. DONOVAN CAVERS: On the heels of a provincial committee's recommendation to not implement an outright B.C. ban on cosmetic-pesticide use, the rookie city councillor believes it is time to revisit the issue locally.

With a government committee rejecting calls for a ban on cosmetic-pesticide use, Kamloops Coun. Donovan Cavers thinks it's time to revisit the issue locally.

Cavers plans to introduce a motion similar to one he raised in February, one that calls for a citywide ban on cosmetic-pesticide use.

After discussing it with other councillors at the time, Cavers decided to wait to see what the province would do in terms of pesticide legislation.

On Thursday, May 16, the province's Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides recommended new restrictions on the sale and use of pesticides, but no outright ban.

"There is simply not enough evidence that justifies an outright ban on cosmetic-pesticide use," said Kootenay-East Liberal MLA Bill Bennett.

Instead, the committee's report recommends banning the sale of commercial-grade pesticides to all but certified applicators and requiring certified dispensers to ensure there is a "strong justification for pesticide use" before selling chemicals to a member of the public.

There are also recommendations for golf courses and better training programs for pesticide sellers.

Cavers said the restrictions aren't as robust as he'd like, but he conceded they are better than current legislation.

"They do have the capacity to limit what's available on store shelves, so that's a positive," Cavers said.

"But, I don't think it's quite strong enough."

With more direction from the province, Cavers thinks it's more likely a local ban will find support among his peers at city hall.

"I haven't spoken to anyone else on council and I don't want to put words in their mouths, but I would assume so," he said.

"There did seem to be an appetite for it."

Cavers said he doesn't see a need for toxic pesticides when there are organic options available for weed suppression.

He is also concerned about the health effects of pesticides on the elderly, children and animals.

"Especially outside, when the weather's nice like this, the people that are most vulnerable are those that get the most benefit from being outside," he said.

"It's just a protection measure."

A number of health groups criticized the report from the Special Committee on Pesticides.

The Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, the Ling Association, the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and the Public Health Association of B.C. has called for stronger legislation banning the sale and use of all pesticides for lawns, gardens and non-agricultural landscaping.

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Donovan Cavers is an Anti-Pesticide Activist who has VESTED INTERESTS in CONSPIRING TO PROHIBIT against pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

It is DISTURBING that Cavers has attempted to ADD PROFIT TO HIS VESTED INTERESTS ... AT THE EXPENSE OF the jobs he intends to DESTROY in the Professional Lawn Care Industry.

Cavers is a HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL with Green Party of Canada, with ties to Canadian Cancer Society and Pesticide Free BC ... all three are Anti-Pesticide Organizations that IMPOSE LIFE-STYLE CHOICES by using FRAUD and CONSPIRACY in order to create a so-called healthy society.

Cavers also comes from a family of PROMINENT CAREER ACTIVISTS with Green Party of Canada.

CAVERS, DONOVAN - GREEN PARTY PROFITEER

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Cavers conveniently NEGLECTS to inform the reader that PESTICIDE BANS are NO LONGER FASHIONABLE, and WERE NEVER NECESSARY.

The PROVINCE OF ALBERTA STOPPED the trend towards NEEDLESS, SENSELESS, and MALICIOUS PROHIBITION.

On August 9th, 2011, the GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA stated that it WILL NOT CREATE RESTRICTIONS OR LAWS THAT CONFLICT WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, that is relied upon for health and safety assessments.

Consequently, the GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA has indicated that is has NO INTENT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF ANY PEST CONTROL PRODUCT.

ALBERTA has monitored Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITIONS over the past few years and the approaches taken by other jurisdictions, and has found THE BASIS FOR ACTION CONFUSING AND INCONSISTENT.

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British Columbians DO NOT want their society to continue living in the 9|11 Era of Anti-Pesticide Enviro-Lunatic Profit-Hungry Terrorism !

The decision by Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides, a VICTORY of sorts, signals a possible END OF THE CURRENT SIEGE OF ANTI-PESTICIDE TERRORISM Against the Professional Lawn Care Industry in British Columbia.

In jurisdictions outside of British Columbia, Anti-Pesticide Activists have already INFLICTED HORRENDOUS and CATASTROPHIC CARNAGE for businesses operating in the Professional Lawn Care Industry, in the form of IMMENSE LOSSES OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, and UNEMPLOYMENT, and even HORRIFIC FINES.

Because of Anti-Pesticide Activists, the owners, employees, and families dependent on Professional Lawn Care businesses have faced TERROR, DESPAIR, and DESTITUTION.

Pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, and NO HARM WILL OCCUR when they are used according to label directions.

Not surprisingly, the BC Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides AGREED — and deserves CONGRATULATION.

For more information, go to the following links ...

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