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LETTER: Canadian Cancer Society using fear tactics

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Editor:

*Re: Health authorities against lawn pesticide use
(Feb. 29 issue of the Grand Forks Gazette)*

The Canadian Cancer Society is at it again, providing misinformation about the safety of pesticides.

When it comes to health and safety of pesticides, readers should know that before any pesticide can be sold in Canada, it must undergo a rigorous scientific review and risk assessment by Health Canada.

In addition to a comprehensive set of over 200 tests, Health Canada also reviews all additional scientifically credible studies that exist.

Through this process, pesticides 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.

Not only can pesticides be used safely but they help control threats to human health (such as rats and mosquitoes), they protect private and public properties from insect, weed and disease infestations and they help ensure that Canadians have a safe and affordable supply of food.

If the concerns raised by the Canadian Cancer Society were valid, the pesticides that are currently available for use in British Columbia would be pulled from the shelves by Health Canada.



Instead, the expert scientists at Health Canada have repeatedly stated that these pesticides are not a health or environmental concern.


The reality is that the Canadian Cancer Society has been involved in this pesticides debate for many years and has never provided credible information to Health Canada or others to justify its position, nor have they explained how they can accept other uses of pesticides such as for agriculture if they are convinced of the dangers these products pose.


Pesticides can be safely used and Canadians should feel comfortable if they choose to use them. Sincerely,

Lorne Hepworth, President, CropLife Canada

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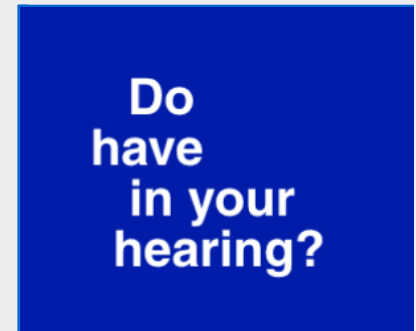


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In Letters To The Editor across Canada, Dr. Hepworth has effectively and consistently spoken out against activists and anti-pesticide prohibitions on a very frequent basis.

NORAHG has archived references and reports concerning Dr. Hepworth on The Pesticide Truths Web-Site...

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/the-wisdom-of-lorne-hepworth/>

NRAHG has also archived information pertaining to The Myths About Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION...

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**Kazimiera J Cottam PhD**

Lorne Hepworth is at it again, spreading misinformation about Health Canada and its pesticide evaluation process. Health Canada's operating principle, risk management, is based on the false premise that people are exposed to only one chemical at any one time, that they have never been exposed before to any toxic chemicals, that pesticides are always used according to the label and are entirely safe when applied by a trained applicator. In fact, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency, which has no labs of its own, seldom evaluates the breakdown products of applied pesticides, which may be highly toxic and persistent. The often ignored "inerts" of pesticides may amount to a substantial portion of the ready to use product and may be carcinogenic. The PMRA's use of safety factors in human health risks assessment--especial...[See More](#)

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This group DECEIVES THE PUBLIC about the COTTAM name, just as they DECEIVE THE PUBLIC about the IMAGINARY DANGER of pest control products.

Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION has led to CATASTROPHIC CARNAGE for businesses operating in the Professional Lawn Care Industry.

The 9|11 Era of Anti-Pesticide Terrorism is a HORROR created by the CONSPIRACY of ENVIRONMENTAL EVIL that has ANNIHILATED the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry.

Anti-Pesticide Activists, like COTTAM, CONSPIRE to PROHIBIT pest control products that are, in fact, HEALTH-CANADA-APPROVED, FEDERALLY-LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE, and PRACTICALLY-NON-TOXIC.

For more information about Anti-Pesticide CARNAGE, go to the following link ...

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**Kazimiera J Cottam PhD**

It is true that in this letter Hepworth doesn't say that urban pesticide bans threaten conventional agriculture. However, on other occasions he does say so. In my other contribution here I explain why a distinction has to be made between the urban situation and the case of conventional agriculture. This explains the position of the Canadian Cancer Society on the matter.

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