

# YOUR VIEW: Cancer society wants ban

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**Re:** Council hesitant to enact pesticide ban (Mirror, July 5).

The Canadian Cancer Society would like to thank the City of Campbell River for considering a bylaw that would prohibit the use of cosmetic or non-essential pesticides on public and private land.

These pesticides are used to improve the appearance of various landscapes such as lawns, gardens, parks, and sports fields.

The Canadian Cancer Society maintains that health should take precedence over the beautification of our lawns and gardens, especially since viable alternatives exist to chemical pesticides.

Three weeks ago, the Ontario College of Family Physicians issued a statement strongly recommending that the public reduce their exposure to pesticides, based on the findings of their second comprehensive review.

Their review demonstrates that children are particularly vulnerable and shows associations between pesticides and various neurological and respiratory diseases, and reproductive problems.

While a definitive cause and effect relationship between pesticides and cancer has not been established, the Canadian Cancer Society is very concerned about the growing body of evidence suggesting pesticides may increase the risk of several types of cancers, including non-Hodgkin lymphoma, multiple myeloma, prostate, kidney and lung cancers.

Studies on pesticides and childhood cancer also show a possible connection with leukemia, brain tumours and non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

Enough is known to be prudent and prevent exposure, especially when the use of these chemicals is unnecessary, exposure to them is irreversible and there are effective alternatives and practices.

There is strong public support for banning the cosmetic use of pesticides. Of the two public consultations that the BC Government conducted in 2010 and 2011, the vast majority of responses were in favour of prohibiting the use of pesticides used for cosmetic purposes.

Furthermore, over 70 per cent of British Columbians support provincial legislation to restrict pesticide use, according to polling conducted on behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society in 2010; and we now have 40 communities in BC who have adopted local bylaws.

We urge the City of Campbell River to move forward with a bylaw that would prohibit the use of cosmetic pesticides on public and private land as soon as possible.

Through action, information and policies we can take steps to reduce the risk of cancer and promote health. To find out more and to join our cancer prevention efforts visit [www.cancergameplan.ca](http://www.cancergameplan.ca) or contact [nfalconer@bc.cancer.ca](mailto:nfalconer@bc.cancer.ca)

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**(Editor's note: Council voted against the ban)**

## COMMENTS

Nancy Falconer continues to SPREAD MIS-INFORMATION about pest control products.

Ontario College of Family Physicians ( OCFP ) and its Literature Review has been DISCREDITED, DEBUNKED, and REFUTED by Health Canada and by The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution.

OCFP is RIDICULOUSLY IMPLYING that its NON-EXPERT ASSESSMENT is somehow being withheld from Health Canada and EVERY other regulatory agency in the world.

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.

OCFP DID NOT conduct a serious scientific study... it conducted a mere Literature Review, and could only use those references found in the OPEN PUBLIC LITERATURE.

What did OCFP use as its reference sources? GOOGLE and WIKIPEDIA.

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.

The authors and reviewers of the BOGUS-OCFP-Review were not only SCIENTIFICALLY IGNORANT, they were LAZY and OBTUSE.

ONTARIO COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS ( Web-Page ).

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-37C>

According to Dr. Lorne Hepworth of CropLife Canada —.

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

Canadian Cancer Society claims to possess a MERE 100 STUDIES somehow linking pest control products to cancer.

Health Canada has estimated that ABOUT 23 MILLION PAGES OF SCIENTIFIC STUDIES are used to support the decisions made about pest control products.

Canadian Cancer Society is NOT BEING HONEST since it is CHERRY-PICKING VERY WEAK EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES, and PRETENDS that this is the ONLY evidence that is available.

Furthermore, Canadian Cancer Society has STATED REPEATEDLY that scientific research does NOT provide a conclusive link between pest control products and cancer.

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-4qC>

Why is Nancy Falconer and Canadian Cancer Society WASTING EVERYBODY'S TIME on the issue of pest control products?

Canadian Cancer Society is a FUND-RAISING, PROFIT-SEEKING, and LOBBYING organization, and NOT a science, research, or health organization.

Health Canada, and NOT Canadian Cancer Society, has THE ESSENTIAL EXPERTISE on the subject of pest control products.

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There is a GROWING and CONCLUSIVE BODY OF EVIDENCE about Canadian Cancer Society SQUANDERING AND MISAPPROPRIATING its PUBLIC DONATIONS on SUBVERSIVE and PARTISAN Anti-Pesticide CONSPIRACIES.

There is also a GROWING and CONCLUSIVE BODY OF EVIDENCE that Canadian Cancer Society has SQUANDERED up to 5,000,000 DOLLARS on NEEDLESS Anti-Pesticide CONSPIRACIES.

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY ( Web-Page ).

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-2I8>

MYTH-BUSTING - CANCER, THE MYTH OF ( Web-Page ).

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-2nl>

THE MYTHS ABOUT ANTI-PESTICIDE PROHIBITION ( Web-Page ).

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-3jm>

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THE PESTICIDE TRUTHS WEB-SITE.

<http://pesticidetruths.com/>

PESTICIDE BANS ARE A FARCE ( Report ).

<http://wp.me/p1jq40-4mS>

THE COMPLETE LIBRARY OF REPORTS & REFERENCES.

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr>