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Doctors' environmental group sees tenfold rise in members since 2006

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TORONTO | The Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) now has more than 4,000 members, a tenfold increase from the 400 members the association had in 2006.

CAPE executive director Gideon Forman said in 2006 almost all CAPE members were doctors. Now about half of the members are MDs, with the rest being members of the public who trust a doctors' organization speaking on environmental issues.

CAPE has concentrated over the last few years on a municipality by municipality campaign to ban lawn pesticides and herbicides. Their biggest success was a ban last June across the entire province of Ontario on the cosmetic use on lawns of pesticides and herbicides.

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