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Physicians support City's pesticide ban

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RE: "Pesticide ban doesn't mean your lawn needs to be a weed jungle" (May 27)

Our doctors' organization applauds Revelstoke for its cosmetic pesticide bylaw. We've found cities across Canada which ban these unnecessary chemicals look just great. Property-owners keep their lawns beautiful using effective non-toxic products.

We've also found pesticide bylaws are good for business. In the five years following passage of Halifax's bylaw, for example, the number of landscaping and lawn care firms in the city grew by 53%, according to Stats Canada. We have every reason to believe companies in Revelstoke will experience a similar boost.

Of course the next step is a B.C. pesticide ban that goes province-wide. That would do even more to grow the economy, ensure safe drinking water and, most important, protect local children.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RESPONSE TO GIDEON FORMAN

THE REVELSTOKE CURRENT

REVELSTOKE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Gideon Forman is WRONG.

Here are some facts concerning conventional pest control products, as well as some responses to Forman's ALLEGATIONS.

Doctors Favouring Prohibition !?!!

Forman's doctors' organization, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, applauds the Town of Revelstoke for the legislation of a PROHIBITION of pest control products in the Urban Landscape.

This may imply that MOST doctors are in favour of PROHIBITION.

This is NOT TRUE.

The VAST MAJORITY members of Forman's tax-exempt organization, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE), ARE NOT EVEN PHYSICIANS.

In fact, CAPE represents an INFINITESIMALLY SMALL number of doctors — LESS THAN 4 PER CENT of all doctors in Canada.

Province-Wide Prohibition !?!!

Predictably, Forman sees PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION as « the next step » after Revelstoke.

However, the VAST MAJORITY of residents in British Columbia DO NOT AGREE with Forman.

According to a poll conducted by Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association ...

- The VAST MAJORITY of British Columbia residents are OPPOSED to the PROHIBITION of conventional pest control products
- The VAST MAJORITY of residents FAVOUR THE CONTINUED USE OF PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS around their homes and in public green spaces
- In the poll, the VAST MAJORITY of residents said « yes » to conventional pest control products
- Residents are CONFIDENT they can SAFELY USE pest control products
- Residents see the BENEFITS of pest control products
- Only an INFINITELY SMALL number of residents say « no » to the use of pest control products
- British Columbia residents want to continue to have the option to use pest control products

Prohibition Good For Business !?!!

Forman ALLEGES that PROHIBITION is good for business.

This is WRONG !

In fact, PROHIBITION INFLICTED HORRENDOUS CARNAGE in jurisdictions such as Halifax, Quebec, and Ontario.

PROHIBITION led to HARDSHIP AND LOSSES for the Professional Lawn Care businesses because there were NO valid economical alternatives to replace the prohibited products — Green Alternatives were a DISMAL FAILURE.

In Halifax Regional Municipality, customers DISINTEGRATED BY OVER 50 PER CEN, and REVENUES PLUMMETED BY 40 PER CENT.

The number of businesses in Halifax DID NOT GROW WHATSOEVER !

In the Province of Quebec, OVER 60 PER CENT OF THE PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE INDUSTRY WAS ANNIHILATED.

HUNDREDS OF QUEBEC BUSINESSES DISAPPEARED INTO TOTAL OBLIVION.

In the Province of Ontario, the Professional Lawn Care Industry LOST OVER 500,000,000 DOLLARS.

Ontario Lawn Care businesses were forced to TERMINATE many or most of their employees — UP TO 12,500 BECAME UNEMPLOYED.

Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION led to LOSS OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, and UNEMPLOYMENT.

In Ontario, ONE-COMPANY-PER-WEEK DISAPPEARS INTO TOTAL OBLIVION.

Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION DESTROYED the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry in Halifax, Quebec, and Ontario.

The SAME fate awaits businesses in the Town of Revelstoke, as well as the Province of British Columbia.

PROHIBITION IS BAD FOR BUSINESS.

Lawns Looking Great Under Prohibition !?!?

Forman is intent on making people believe that lawns « look just great » in those jurisdictions that have PROHIBITED pest control products.

This is WRONG !

In every jurisdiction where Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION was IMPOSED, lawns, parks, and sports fields became GARBAGE DUMPS, and they became DANGEROUS playing surfaces — ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN !

Without conventional pest control products, public green spaces and playing surfaces became WEED-INFESTED and INSECT-INFESTED.

Government Officials were COERCED and MIS-INFORMED by Non-Experts like Gideon Forman about RIDICULOUS Green Alternatives, or Non-Chemical Methods, or Organic Maintenance, that in fact, DO NOT WORK.

There were/are NO viable, efficacious, or economical Green Alternatives to replace conventional pest control products.

Without conventional pest control products, public green spaces and playing surfaces were OVER-RUN by Dandelions and other weed pests, and were DESTROYED by damaging insect pests like European Chafer.

MOREOVER, THE PROHIBITION OF PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS REPRESENTED A POTENTIAL DANGER TO ANYONE USING PLAYING SURFACES — ESPECIALLY TO THE CHILDREN.

When it rained, DESTROYED and PEST-INFESTED playing surfaces were SLIPPERY MUD BOGS.

When dry, DESTROYED and PEST-INFESTED playing surfaces were AS HARD AS CONCRETE.

Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION led to GARBAGE DUMPS, creating potentially DANGEROUS PLAYING SURFACES, and HURT CHILDREN.

Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION ensured that CHILDREN played on potentially DANGEROUS playing surfaces maintained like GARBAGE DUMPS.

Incredibly, some jurisdictions ARBITRARILY PROHIBITED pest control products that are, nonetheless, HEALTH-CANADA-APPROVED, FEDERALLY-LEGAL, and SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE.

For more information, please go to the Pesticide Truths web-site ...

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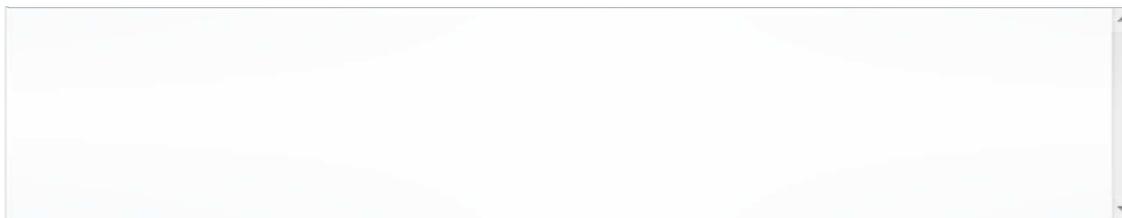
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