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Number of groups supporting ban on cosmetic pesticides grows

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Kamloops was one of 30 B.C. municipalities that passed a motion calling for a provincewide ban on cosmetic pesticides.

Now three groups lobbying for the ban have announced they have several major health and environmental groups on their side, too.

Back in August, Kamloops City council voted 6-2 in support of the request that came from the Canadian Cancer Society to call for a provincewide ban on cosmetic pesticides for lawns and gardens (councillors Pat Wallace and John DeCicco voted against, the rest voted in favour).



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Does Kamloops deserve to be ranked 16th most dangerous in Canada?

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Now the cancer society is being joined by 19 other groups, including the Breast Cancer Society, B.C. SPCA, B.C. chapter of the Canadian Lung Association and David Suzuki Foundation, to continue the lobby effort.

Gideon Forman, executive director of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, said Monday the 30 municipalities that are on board represent 1.8 million people.

The B.C. government is running an online consultation for input into the pesticide issue, and he's hoping the response will be overwhelmingly in favour of the ban.

Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia have already put in bans for cosmetic use, so homeowners can't spray their lawns, gardens or fruit trees with anything on those lists, he said.

Forman said pesticides can be used for health risks, including mosquitoes, mice and rats. Commercial uses, such as for agriculture and forestry, are allowed.

In Ontario, tests done on urban streams before and after the pesticide ban have shown a drop in waterborne chemicals, he said.

"In some streams, concentrations of pesticides are down 90 per cent."

The upside to the provincial bans is that companies are developing more non-toxic pest-control alternatives. While Kamloops City council was strongly lobbied by lawn and garden companies that use pesticides not to bring in a ban, those businesses benefit from them, Forman said.

"The industry has come out with more non-toxic products. And the number of landscaping and lawn-care companies is growing."



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Before the public pays any serious attention to Anti-Pesticide Activists like Gideon Forman, it must be understood that they have HUGE VESTED INTERESTS IN PERPETUATING IMAGINARY DANGERS about pest control products BECAUSE THEY ARE PAID TO DO SO.

According to Gideon Forman, Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION is somehow good for business, and the < number of landscaping and lawn-care companies is growing >.

Forman is ABSOLUTELY WRONG !

Outside of British Columbia, DAMAGES to the Professional Lawn Care Industry were EXTENSIVE because there were NO valid economical alternatives to replace the



prohibited products.

According to Gideon Forman, Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION somehow improved water quality in some streams, with « concentrations of pesticides ... down 90 per cent » in the Province of Ontario.

Forman is again WRONG !

On the issue of the Province of Ontario, the 2009 PROHIBITION of pest control products DEFINITELY DID NOT improve water quality in streams and rivers.

For more than ten years, well BEFORE the 2009 PROHIBITION, there were CONSISTENTLY LOW LEVELS of pest control products in Ontario streams.

ALMOST UNDETECTABLE LEVELS of pest control products were found in Ontario streams EVEN BEFORE the 2009 PROHIBITION.

Both before and after the 2009 PROHIBITION, the presence of pest control products were measured in the PARTS PER TRILLION RANGE and WELL BELOW water quality guidelines.

In fact, previous studies have shown that, for more than ten years, there have been CONSISTENTLY LOW LEVELS of pest control products in Ontario streams.

The 2009 Ontario PROHIBITION did NOT protect the environment.

Before implementing PROHIBITION in British Columbia, Government Officials should study a POLL conducted by Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA) in British Columbia.

In 2011, CCSPA conducted a POLL in British Columbia indicated that the VAST MAJORITY of residents are OPPOSED to the PROHIBITION of conventional pest control products.

Before implementing PROHIBITION in British Columbia, Government Officials should listen to The Fraser Institute's argument that PROHIBITIONS on the use of pest control product are ILL-CONCEIVED and DO NOT accurately reflect the current state of scientific knowledge.

PROHIBITION is NOT necessary because, overall, when pest control products are used properly, there are NO harmful irreversible effects to health and the environment !

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If these products are so dangerous why would groups like C.C.S and Cape (Gideons employer) support the use in commercial settings? If they cause cancer get rid of them completely! The truth is they do not. They can be used safely and are. Resist the "Green Dragon"!

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