

*Force of Nature Media Report :
The Environmental Movement
in the Media from an
Independent Perspective.*

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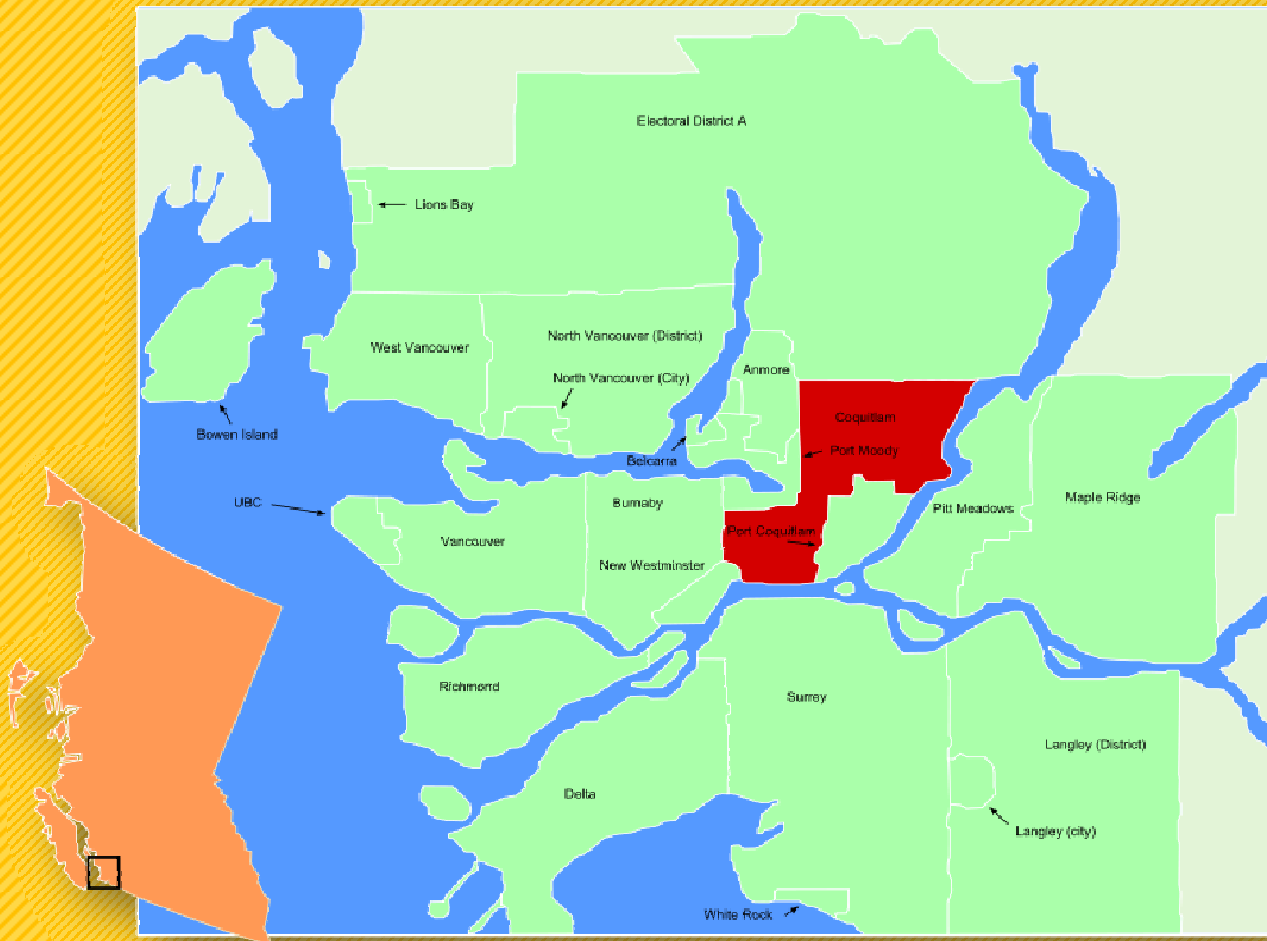
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Coquitlam (pronounced *kos'kwɪtləm*) is a city in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia, Canada. Coquitlam is mainly a suburban city, and is one of the 21 municipalities comprising Metro Vancouver. The current mayor of Coquitlam is **Richard Stewart**.

As of **2007**, Coquitlam's population was **120,512**. (SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA.)

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Coquitlam won't debate banning pesticides

May 31st, 2009



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With a report from CTV British Columbia's Jon Woodward

The City of Coquitlam has bucked a green trend among B.C. cities by choosing not even to explore a ban or restriction on cosmetic pesticides.

Despite some 18 cities in the province restricting or banning the pesticides on health grounds, Coquitlam has no plans to reopen the debate after shooting down a city councilor's motion in early May.

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"It got defeated -- I was completely shocked," said Councillor **Selina Robinson**, who proposed the motion in early May.

"Why would we even consider putting our children at risk when there are safer alternatives?" she asked.

The motion was to discuss the use of cosmetic pesticides. Mayor **Richard Stewart**, who must approve any motion before it's on the agenda, has told media he believes the provincial level of government must engage the issue.

Councillor **Brent Asmundson**, who voted against the motion, said that the federal government would be the better level to send any debate to.

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Either way, the city doesn't have the resources to properly investigate the issue, said **Asmundson**.

" They're bans that can't be enforced -- the cities can't go out and write tickets for people that buy pesticides they can purchase legally," he said.

Burnaby, **Port Moody**, and **Vancouver** are among the cities who have enacted such a ban. The Supreme Court of Canada upheld a Quebec town's push to regulate pesticides as legal in **2001**.

The provinces of Quebec and Ontario have both enacted similar controls on cosmetic pesticides.

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Garden store owner **Wim Vander Zalm** says pesticides are necessary to keep some trees alive in Vancouver's climate.

" You need to spray once in a while, otherwise you're in a position where you could lose a tree," said **Vander Zalm**, who owns Art Knapp Plantland.

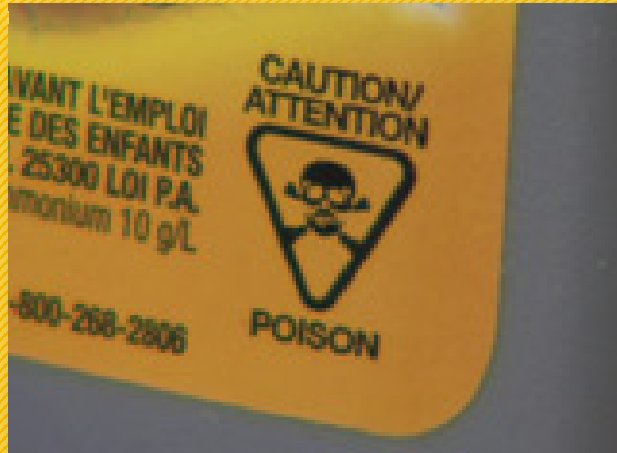
Robinson says she doesn't have the answers, which is why she says the issue should be studied and debated.

" We're not going to let our gardens go to hell in a handbasket," she said. *" There are lots of alternatives."*

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Citizens of Coquitlam are debating whether to follow suit with other municipalities in banning cosmetic pesticides.

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Coquitlam City Councillor **Selina Robinson** is pushing for a debate around banning cosmetic pesticides in Coquitlam.

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Coquitlam council knocks down proposal for ban on cosmetic pesticides

May 5th, 2009



Janis Warren

With Mayor **Richard Stewart** absent, city council voted 4–4 on a ban proposed by Councillor **Selina Robinson**; a tie vote defeats a motion.

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Councillors **Linda Reimer**, **Lou Sekora**, **Brent Asmundson** and **Mae Reid** voted against **Robinson's** idea of holding a public meeting on the issue, saying a ban would be hard to regulate and could pose problems for landowners who need herbicides and insecticides to control weeds and bugs.

Reimer also noted some residents of Port Moody, where use of the cosmetic pesticides on private property has been banned for three years, buy cosmetic pesticides in other cities.

While Health Canada allows cosmetic pesticides, **Robinson** contended there's evidence the substances are harmful to wildlife and are linked to cancer.

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Coquitlam councillors (clockwise from top left) **Brent Asmundson**, **Mae Reid**, **Linda Reimer** and **Lou Sekora**.

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Coquitlam council can't trust feds on pesticides — remember DDT ?

May 6th, 2009

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Letter to the Editor

Municipal democracy suffered a blow at Monday's Coquitlam council meeting when Councillor **Selina Robinson**'s motion to hold a public meeting on the issue of banning cosmetic pesticides in Coquitlam was defeated.

It was a tie vote that defeated the motion, with councillors **Robinson**, **Fin Donnelly**, **Doug Macdonell** and **Barrie Lynch** voting in favour of holding the public meeting and councillors **Linda Reimer** (who was sitting in the mayor's seat at the time), **Brent Asmundson**, **Mae Reid** and **Lou Sekora** voted against.



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Councillor **Selina Robinson**

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Councillor **Reimer** displayed her lack of knowledge of the toxicity of approved pesticides and her misguided trust in the federal regulatory bodies that test and approve them for public use. As Councillor **Robinson** pointed out, they're the ones who brought us **DDT** and **thalidomide**.

Some of the councillors felt that it would not be effective to do a ban on a city-by-city basis and that it would be better dealt with at the provincial level. **Reimer** even suggested that city-by-city was "*poor public policy.*"

I disagree. Coquitlam could be joining with its neighbour, **Port Moody**, and 10 of 22. helping to lead the way in making our communities, our land, our water and our air cleaner and safer for ourselves and for wildlife.

But the public — the taxpayers — have been denied the opportunity to meet, to question the experts, and to have their say with the city of Coquitlam on this issue of banning pesticides for cosmetic use.

Anne Thompson, Coquitlam

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The Thalidomide Affair.

Using the « *Thalidomide Affair* » in the debate concerning « *cosmetic pesticides* » is a CHEAP form of « *fear-mongering* ».

Thalidomide was a sedative used by pregnant women to combat many of the effects of morning sickness. It first became available in Canada in sample form in **1959**, and was licensed for prescription use on **April 1st, 1961**.

Thalidomide was supposed to be a harmless sedative for expectant mothers, but instead it caused **BIRTH DEFECTS** in thousands of babies around the world, including more than a **HUNDRED** in Canada.

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Virulent debates within our society also ensued with the Birth Control Pill, the Saccharin food additive, the Fluoride water additive, and, of course, DDT. With the Thalidomide Affair, Miss Rachel Carson disseminated her ideas in her **1962** book « *Silent Spring* » into a society that was already **HIGHLY SENSITIZED AND GREATLY RECEPTIVE** about chemicals versus health issues.

« *Junk science* » was used by Miss Carson to attain her ideological motives and her obsession to explain her fate with death. Most of her claims using scientific data, research, and analyses, were bogus. Her infamous book « *Silent Spring* » manipulated public opinion for decades — its claims often could not be justified under the scrutiny of « *sound science* ».

With « *Silent Spring* » as the ultimate guide to « *junk science* », the emerging environmental movement began to use « *politicized science* » to discredit and eliminate one of the most impressive chemicals of the Twentieth Century — DDT. It triumphed since politics outweighed scientific fact. It prevailed when measures were taken that often had little basis in fact or science. The « *environmental movement* » has used « *Silent Spring* », as well as thalidomide, to influence public policy.

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Thalidomide Children.



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The creation of Silent Spring.

Using the « *DDT Affair* » in the debate concerning « *cosmetic pesticides* » is another **CHEAP** form of « *fear-mongering* ».

In **1958**, Miss Carson began the four-and-a-half-year task of writing « *Silent Spring* ». The book's title was originally intended for the chapter about birds. For years, her bird-lover friends had been pressuring her to take action against the widespread use of DDT. The book became her crusade until her death in **1964**. Given her own terminal state of health, she cautioned the public about the risks of introducing an enormous quantity of chemicals into the environment. Look at the following Carson commentary, **ONE OF HER LAST** public speeches, to the « *Garden Club of America* ». —

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<< We are subjecting whole populations to exposure to chemicals which animal experiments have proved to be extremely poisonous, and in many cases, cumulative in their effects. These exposures now begin at or before birth, and — unless we change our methods — will continue through the lifetime of those now living. No one knows what the results will be because we have no previous experience to guide us. >>

Let's conclude this segment with a blunt commentary. Carson wrote the book « *Silent Spring* » while she was stricken and dying with breast cancer, which was diagnosed in **spring 1960**. While writing the book, she underwent radical mastectomy in **April, 1960**, as well as radiation treatment.

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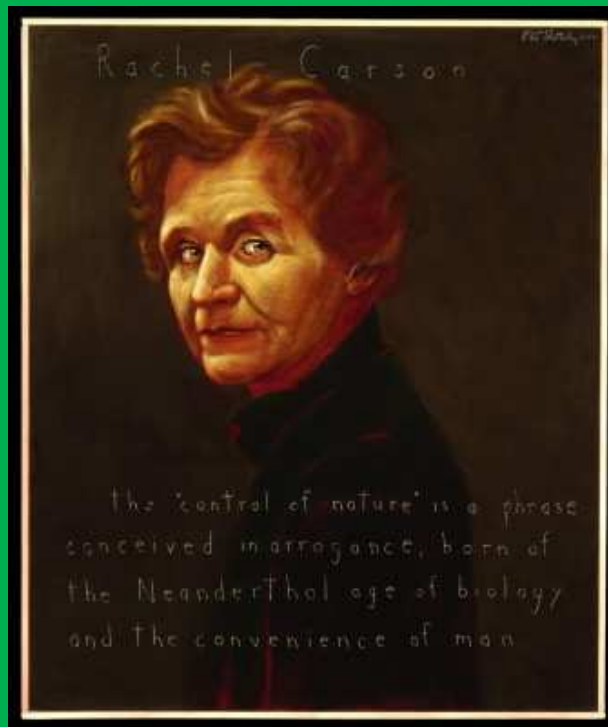
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In the minds of many people, there is no doubt that her illness tainted her views regarding chemicals, and their effect on human health and the environment. It is a known fact that while a person is dying due to a disease, the human mind often attempts to link the reason for the disease with a specific event or blunder. **Hence, the reason for Miss Carson's wailing against the chemical industry !** SHE WAS QUITE LITERALLY WRITING HER BOOK WHILE WRITHING IN THE DEATH THROES OF HER CANCER. She died on **April 14th, 1964.**

Miss Rachel Carson — lovely, ill, but sinister ?



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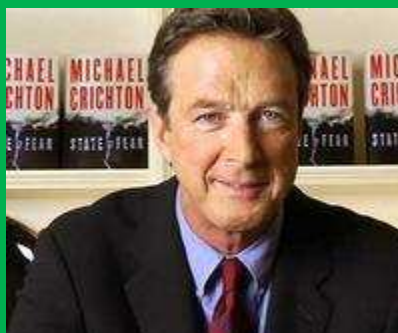
Rachel Carson and her « stepchildren » among the World's Greatest Mass Killers ?

Let's begin this segment with a concept that has provided a lot of fun. In 2004, popular author **Michael Crichton** summed up the situation with the following excerpt from his wonderful book entitled « *State of Fear* » —

<< Arguably, the greatest tragedy of the Twentieth Century was the removal of DDT. DDT was the best insecticide for the control of mosquitoes. Despite views to the contrary, no other products were as efficient, or as safe. Since the removal of DDT, it has been estimated that thirty to fifty million people have died unnecessarily from the effects of malaria. Sadly, removing DDT has killed more people than Hitler. Before the removal of DDT, malaria had become almost a minor illness, with only fifty thousand deaths per year throughout the world. >>

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Michael Crichton — reliable about environmental issues.



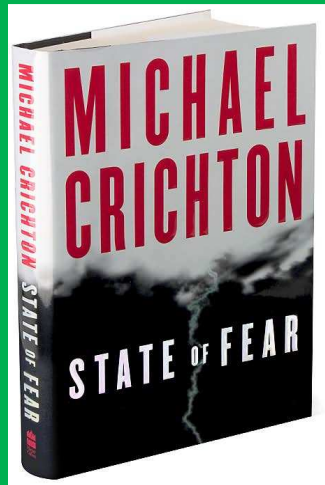
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The best fictional book ever written about the environment.



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As mentioned by Crichton, and others, the people of the « *environmental movement* » has encouraged destructive policies that have led to the death of millions of people. THEY **HAVE** KILLED MORE PEOPLE THAN HITLER. THEY HAVE KILLED MORE PEOPLE THAN STALIN. THEY **HAVE** KILLED OVER HALF AS MANY VICTIMS AS MAO. Some people, such as Paul K. Driessen, have accused the « *environmental movement* » of « *eco-manslaughter* ».

Let's look at the statistics.

It is believed that MALARIA acutely afflicts more than 515 MILLION people per year. Two-thirds of all cases occur in Africa. Additionally, it causes more than 1 MILLION DEATHS PER YEAR, principally among children under the age of five years and pregnant women. It has been THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS since the U.S. removal of DDT. The reader can do the math. (THIRTY-SEVEN MILLION.) Some say that the malaria deaths may be as high as FIFTY-MILLION.

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Incidentally, Nazi persecution killed an estimated **NINE TO ELEVEN MILLION PEOPLE** (some say **FIFTEEN**). Add to this estimate war deaths, and you reach thirty-five million.

The regime of Stalin reached **TWENTY MILLION**. Chairman Mao killed up to **SEVENTY-SIX MILLION** by mass murders and policies leading to famine.

What are the ultimate differences in the policies of Mao Zedong (Mao Tse-tung) and Rachel Carson and her « **stepchildren** » ?

We **DO NOT** mean to say that that the « **environmental movement** » is responsible for cold-blooded murder. But, its policies were cold-blooded, and yielded the same results as the great mass murderers of history. Miss Rachel Carson and her « **stepchildren** » may ostensibly take their place amongst the bloodiest tyrants of the Twentieth Century. Are they all roasting **TOGETHER** in the hottest fires of Hell ?

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Time for a commentary from an independent perspective. We know we are going to take some heat on this concept. Everyone should bear in mind that, for decades now, the « **environmental movement** » has not have much of a sense of humour about the « **Green Space Industry** ». While working as a Public Affairs Spokesman, the principal author of this article still remembers some of the verbal « **assaults** » launched against us, such as turf herbicides causing << **babies to be born without brains** >>. (We used to joke that the only people without brains were the ones fabricating this kind of story.)

If we can poke fun at Carson every once in a while, some of our detractors should « **lighten up** ». By the way, we have created a fun, colour, mini-poster of << **The Greatest « Mass Killers » of Recent History** >>. It will make you laugh. (By the way, Warren Bell likes this poster.)

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The « Greatest Mass Killers » of Recent History.



Mao Tse-tung.

People's Republic of China.

**Mass murders and
policies leading to famine.**

1949–1975.

Up to 76 million dead.



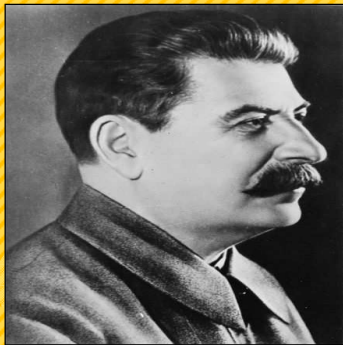
Rachel Carson

and her « *stepchildren* ».

**Policies leading to deaths by malaria
resulting from worldwide bans on DDT.**

Since 1972. Not by Democide.

30 to 50 million dead.



Joseph Stalin.

Regime in the Soviet Union.

State-sanctioned murders.

1924–1953.

20 million dead.



Adolf Hitler.

The Third Reich of Nazi Germany.

Systematic killings (genocide).

1937–1945.

9 to 15 million dead.

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Anti-pesticide group asks Coquitlam mayor to sign petition

May 28th, 2009

Gary McKenna



An environmental organization is calling on Coquitlam Mayor Richard Stewart to sign a petition calling on the provincial government to ban cosmetic pesticides in B.C.

Mae Burrows, the executive director of **Toxic Free Canada**, said if the mayor supports a ban, he should consider adding his name to the list of those opposed to the use of such chemicals.



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The invite comes after Stewart told The Tri-City News that he agrees cosmetic pesticides should be banned but does not believe the city should be responsible for carrying out and enforcing the measure. He said the provincial government should ban the chemicals.

Culprits that have conspired to prohibit pest control products.

« *Toxic Free Canada* » is the **public affairs** SHIELD for « *Labour Environmental Alliance Society* » (L.E.A.S.) in British Columbia. It is also a SHIELD for **multi-million dollar organizations** like the radical group « *Canadian Cancer Society* » (C.C.S.) and the ambitious « *Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment* » (C.A.P.E.).

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" He said he thinks it should be up to the province to do that regulation," Burrows said. " If Mayor Stewart is really that keen to support the province in bringing in this ban, he should sign the petition."

So far, close to 1,000 people have added their name to the list, according to **Burrows**.

" I think there ought to be a ban on the products," he said. " I think it should be province wide."

A province-wide ban, he added, would be more effective because it would limit people's ability to purchase the chemicals from neighbouring jurisdictions.

" We could do as other [municipal] governments and pretend to ban it," he said. " But we can't actually ban it. There can be no enforcement and it is some thing that local governments can't do on their own."

The debate over cosmetic pesticides began in Coquitlam after Coun. **Selina Robinson** proposed a motion that council discuss the possibility of banning the chemicals' use.

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But with **Stewart** leaving the council meeting due to back spasms, her proposal was defeated on a tie vote. (Councillors **Brent Asmundson**, **Mae Reid**, **Linda Reimer** and **Lou Sekora** voted against having a discussion while councillors **Robinson**, **Fin Donnelly**, **Barrie Lynch** and **Doug Macdonell** voted in favour.)

Toxic Free Canada and many environmental groups like it believe cosmetic pesticides can harm people's nervous system and causes certain kinds of cancer.

But Pierre Petelle, the director of regulatory affairs with **CropLife Canada**, said claims that the chemicals are harmful to human health are not backed up by science. He said that Health Canada has more than 350 scientists scrutinizing pesticides and other chemicals, and would not permit dangerous products to go to market.

" A lot of people don't realize how extensive the background is that goes into reviewing pesticides," he said.

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Coquitlam Mayor **Richard Stewart** and Coun. **Selina Robinson**

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