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Lake can now implement pesticide ban he favours

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Editor:

There is some low-hanging fruit I would love to see Environment Minister Terry Lake pick this summer.

The environmental policy to which I refer should be one of his first priorities for many reasons, among them the fact it is relatively simple and straightforward; it would cost next to nothing to implement;

it is a policy that would positively impact the health of everyone in B.C., now and in the future; and it is a policy Lake already supports.

In 2006, while Lake was mayor of Kamloops, he stated he favoured a provincewide cosmetic-pesticide ban rather than a municipal bylaw because the former would be much more effective.

Lake is now in a position to follow through on this.

Though there are many environmental concerns of even greater urgency, this particular action could become an easy first achievement for Lake and his new ministry.

Here is an excerpt from a city staff report Lake received as mayor: "... research suggests that pesticide regulation bylaws enacted throughout Canada have been difficult to enforce; however, provincial pesticide bans have been proven to be most effective ..."

A provincewide cosmetic-pesticide ban would demonstrate a strong start in Lake's tenure as B.C.'s minister of the environment.

Donovan Cavers

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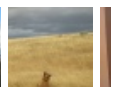
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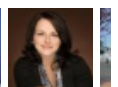
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Donovan Cavers shows his true Green Party stance. Neither the Green Party, NDP or likely Terry Lake have any clue about the safety and value of pesticides. They also don't seem to care about the value of personal property that homeowners have spent a lifetime building. Cavers wants a weed infested miserable garden patch then I have no problem with his choice. I understand Cavers lives on a communal organic farm in Chase, he should stick to his property and leave others alone. Now that Lake is in a position of power we'll see if he uses it for the public good or his own self satisfaction. For Lake to use this as an "easy first achievement" would show that he is as shallow as Cavers, Suzuki, Dr Warren Bell, Mae Burrows and the Cancer Society advocates. I hope the Minister of Environment and Premier Clark take a sober second look at the rhetoric of Cavers and his ilk. There is no need to ban products that are already safe, reliable and approved by Health Canada.

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Grouchy1

Since when is Health Canada an infallible source about what will or will not harm us ?

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Well Grouchy, I can't agree with your comment. Health Canada is the lead agency of no less than 4 Federal Gov't departments involved in evaluating and approving pesticide products.

This is the same agency that reviews, approves and regulates prescription medicines. If they are not capable, who do you think should do it?

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in reply to Grouchy1

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Grouchy, if you even had the slightest desire to find the truth you would see that Health Canada is recognized around the world as a leader in safety and concern over health. Take some time to familiarize yourself with a recognized authority before slamming them!

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