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B.C. doesn't need pesticide ban



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MARCH 19, 2011

I respectfully must disagree with Mr. Donovan Cavers' statement, "A province-wide cosmetic-pe would demonstrate a strong start in your tenure as B.C.'s minister of the environment." (March Daily News).

As a citizen of British Columbia I would expect more from our newly appointed minister of enviro when dealing with the issue of a provincial pesticide ban. Ramming through such a ban just to his tenure would certainly prove Hon. Lake is not capable of handling this important position.

Before making a knee-jerk decision I would expect Hon. Lake to refer to experts on the subject. experts I don't mean the Canadian Cancer Society or other advocacy groups as they do not have expertise in the field of pesticides.

Experts are toxicologists, doctors and scientist whose expertise is in the field of pesticides. Heal would be a good start. If Hon. Lake refers to such experts, he and Premier Clark will find the current Integrated Pest Management Act, regulations and legislation are all that is needed.

There is no evidence that the combined federal and provincial acts are failing to protect the health of British Columbians. B.C. does not need a ban on these safe, tested, regulated and legislated pesticides.

JACQUE DOHERTY

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Don R. Corser

Pesticide ban??

What I can't get over is seeing government (contractor) trucks driving down removing logging roads spraying pesticide all over the place, to stop west Nile virus!

Has anyone ever heard of a west Nile virus case in the area or does some government official, just have a friend that needs a fat government contract?

11 months ago 3 Likes



Guest

There have been several West Nile cases in southern BC since that disease moved west and north. Just because we haven't had high profile deaths or term illness, doesn't mean the danger isn't present.

If you are not even aware of issues like West Nile, perhaps commenting on isn't the wisest use of your time.

The TNRD has been spraying BTK on water bodies across the region, including around Kamloops for two decades. I suppose that too, in your mind, is just another a government giving a contract to friends?

There is very little need for pesticides in Kamloops and they most certainly should not be open for purchase by just anyone.

I suspect the letter writer is reacting to the potential financial loss she may face if a complete ban is imposed.

Supporters of DDT managed to delay implementation of a complete ban on toxic nightmare too, but in the end reason won out and we stopped trying every bug, good, bad or indifferent.

10 months ago in reply to Don R. Corser 1 Like



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I believe that a crow found dead in the area last year tested positive for West Nile Virus.

On a side note, and a minor one at that, Ms. Doherty should be using "The Hon. Dr. Terry Lake" if she wants to refer to Mr. Lake, not simple "Hon. Lake". If you're going to be so silly as to use ridiculous titles, you might as well go all the way and not do a half-assed job of it.

I wonder if you referred to him as His Worship, Dr. Terry Lake when he was mayor of this fine town?

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rallyforsanity

Maybe the fact that they spray for West Nile prevents any cases from popping up. Ever think of that? That's like saying since there's no polio cases in kamloops, therefore the vaccine is useless.

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muttonbuster

Well said Jacquie.

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