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Councillor pushes pesticide ban



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FEBRUARY 8, 2012

City council's most environmentally outspoken councillor Donovan Cavers gave notice of motion Tuesday to ban all cosmetic pesticides in Kamloops.

His notice came at the end of a meeting that early on, heard from a resident who has a sensitivity to such chemicals.

Diane Czyzewski told council she has to carry an epipen in case she's exposed to pesticides or other chemicals — her reactions are that severe.

She said with all the environmental awareness in Kamloops heightened by the Ajax mine, this would be a time to ask companies to change the products they use.

Coun. Nancy Bepple told her the province is looking at legislation for all of B.C.

Discussing Cavers's notice of motion, City parks, culture and recreation director Byron McCorkell said the City revamped its pesticide bylaw a few years ago, so that only certified technicians can spray pesticides.

The problem is, a ban on pesticides in Kamloops wouldn't stop someone from bringing them in from elsewhere, even just across the river at the Tke'mlups Indian Band.

McCorkell said the province is coming out with a report on the issue in a few months.

Cavers said he knows people who feel as Czyzewski does. And the Canadian Cancer Society has called for a ban.

McCorkell said the best solution would be for the province to legislate pesticides to restrict availability.

The motion will be discussed at council's meeting next week.



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ModerateKam

We did go around this block already. Practically speaking you can get and spray anything because there is no practical means of enforcing any sort of ban like this. The city would have to prove that you sprayed your lawn with a banned substance which, unless bylaws caught you red handed would be pretty much impossible. The

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city also has a limit to the fines they can levy. Cities that have enacted these bans issue no tickets. The bylaw is more cosmetic than the herbicides.

We are far better off getting community buy in towards limiting pesticide use. Believe it or not, most of us are already as smart as Donovan. School fields and tot lots have not been sprayed for decades. Personally, I am too old and tired to care about a few dandelions on my lawn. The mower keeps them down for a day or two.

People need to understand why they should limit the use of pesticides and why they are unnecessary in most instances. If you just enact an outright ban, these people you are trying to convince will just apply the chemicals secretly and improperly.

Some assert that a ban is necessary because education doesn't work. My response to that is.....if education doesn't work then why don't you use cosmetic pesticides?

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Just a few interesting links about these yellow, pesky plants. I can't find my original link for this, but once upon a time, people used to consider grass a weed and ripped it out so that dandelions had room to grow.

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Grouchy1

I thought that there was already a prohibition on cosmetic pesticides in place here.

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Mark Rogers, New Media Editor

"Byron McCorkell said the City revamped its pesticide bylaw a few years ago, so that only certified technicians can spray pesticides."

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Grouchy1

Thanks Mark. I should know that ,but you know, every now and then Old timers Disease strikes.

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Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION is NOT NECESSARY !

How do Anti-Pesticide Activists, like Donovan Cavers, arrive at the conclusion that products used in Professional Lawn Care somehow have some kind of IMAGINARY DANGER ?!?!

Was their ASSESSMENT based upon a vast scientific knowledge of pest control

products ?!?! [No !]

Do Anti-Pesticide Activists like Cavers ASSESS these products after spending time and money carefully studying their effects on health and environment ?!?! [No !]

Are Anti-Pesticide Activists, who have VESTED INTERESTS AS FUND-RAISERS for Charity Organizations like Green Party, COMPETENT to give ANY advice concerning these issues ?!?! [No !]

In fact, Cavers and his gang are WRONG and CANNOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

Pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE.

Not surprisingly, NONE of the Anti-Pesticide Activists, especially Cavers, have ANY recognized background, training, or experience in matters concerning pest control products, making their opinions FLAWED, DISTORTED, VALUELESS and WORTHLESS.

These activists have NOT SPENT A SINGLE PENNY to research pest control products.

Anti-Pesticide Activists like Cavers DID NOT conduct a serious scientific study ... evidently because they are NOT COMPETENT OR MOTIVATED to do so.

Cavers and his gang COULD NOT EVEN BE BOTHERED to have used the EXTENSIVE TOXICOLOGY DATABASE that is available from Health Canada.

They are not only SCIENTIFICALLY IGNORANT, but also LAZY and OBTUSE.

It is a MYTH to believe that pest control products somehow cause cancer.

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Consequently, when pest control products are used properly, there are NO harmful irreversible effects to health and the environment !

Pest control products are, in fact, HEALTH-CANADA-APPROVED, FEDERALLY-LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE, and PRACTICALLY-NON-TOXIC.

ALLEGATIONS from Activists like Cavers about the IMAGINARY DANGER of pest control products are TOTALLY FALSE, and are UNTRUE MIS-REPRESENTATIONS designed to alarm and enrage the public and enhance the BUSINESS, CASH-FLOW and PROFIT of their organizations.

Cavers and his buddies have NO SCIENTIFIC PROOF that pest control products cause cancer.

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