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EDITORIAL: Coquitlam pesticide ban is necessary

By Staff Writer - The Tri-City News

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Coquitlam gardeners and weed-free lawn fans will have to think twice before spraying pesticides. Final adoption is required but this week [Coquitlam council voted 7-2](#) to prohibit the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes and the last hurdle is a rubber stamp.

While it's true neither Coquitlam nor any other B.C. city can ban the sale of pesticides and likely doesn't have the resources to track down and fine pesticide-users who sneak out in the dead of night to zap their dandelions, it can respond to residents' complaints.

There are those who argue pesticides aren't the problem — that people are — and cancer concerns are just scare-mongering by sandal-wearing hippies.

(And as an aside, had [Coun. Terry O'Neill](#), when he was a *Tri-City News* columnist, made the argument that the aesthetic benefits of a weed-free lawn or garden are a health issue similar to concerns about chemical pesticides, readers would have laughed him off page 11.)

But what it comes down to, really, is being a good neighbour. Pesticides don't always stay in one place and if a ban is necessary to respect people's right to pesticide-free lawns and salmon streams, then a ban is necessary.

What do you think? Do you agree with Coquitlam council's decision to ban pesticides for cosmetic purposes? Express yourself in our online [poll](#).

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ANTI-PESTICIDE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MUST BE RECUSED.

ALL PESTICIDE BANS are 100 per cent Politically-Based and 0 per cent Science-Based.

And, for some activists, the INCENTIVE is 100 per cent GREED and AVARICE.

Too many Anti-Pesticide Activists always want some more MONEY for LYING and TERRORIZING!

Cases of ABUSE with ENVIRO-PROFIT have been repeatedly documented.

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The more activists CONCOCT IMAGINARY DANGERS, the MORE THEY BECOME RICH!

Canadian Cancer Society actually has PAY-OFF PROGRAMS to REWARD those who CONSPIRE to PROHIBIT pest control products.

<http://pesticidetnuths.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/Force-Of-Nature-British-Columbia-Conspiracy-Coquitlam-2007-00-00-Consequences-PAY-OFFS-TO-BELL-BURROWS-pdf.pdf>

This Anti-Pesticide Organization is a mere FUND-RAISING, LOBBYING, and PROFIT-ACCUMULATING organization that has NO expertise in science or research, but has VAST EXPERTISE in providing INCENTIVES for activists.

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Moreover, Canadian Cancer Society actually doles out AWARDS for « BEST Environmental Terrorists of the Year » which has led to a DEAFENING OUTRAGE from within the Green Space Industry.

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Canadian Cancer Society is also known for its generosity in REWARDING those activists who have served them well, even when they are not directly employed.

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Oddly enough, Canadian Cancer Society's own web-site states that scientific research does NOT provide a conclusive link between pesticides and human cancer.

With other Anti-Pesticide Organizations, like THE ENVIRONMENTAL FACTOR, there is a well-documented FINANCIAL REWARDS obtained by activists from City of Oshawa, Ontario.

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The largest ever exchange of REWARDS was provided by GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO, through THE ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION, to activists who CONSPIRED to PROHIBIT pest control products in the Urban Landscape.

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-2s4>

It is highly likely that some Coquitlam Government Officials are BENEFITING from REWARDS also, through PAY-OFF PROGRAMS provided by organizations like Canadian Cancer Society.

DEMANDS are being made for Coquitlam's Anti-Pesticide Officials to release their TAX-RECORDS for the last three years, which covers the period of time that they would have been operating as LOBBYISTS for Canadian Cancer Society.

Moreover, BUSINESS, FUND-RAISING, GOVERNMENT, and TAXATION AGENCIES should be contacted to VERIFY whether these officials are actually declaring their income or gifts as LOBBYISTS for Canadian Cancer Society.

There are several COMPLAINT CHANNELS that can be used, either by Coquitlam City Council, or even concerned citizens.

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Furthermore, Coquitlam's Anti-Pesticide Officials must be RECUSED from anything to do about pest control products, and all of their inputs in council meetings should be INVALIDATED.

Until these officials are FULLY INVESTIGATED, it would be prudent for Coquitlam City Council to put any proposed Anti-Pesticide legislation ON HOLD INDEFINITELY.

Besides, ANY PROHIBITION of pest control products is NOT supported by health and policy experts, and, according to polling, is not supported by local residents.

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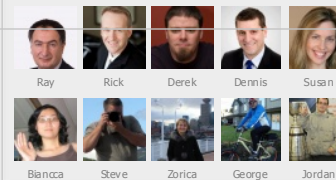
Scientific research shows, as reported through Health Canada's vast toxicology database, that NO harm will occur when pest control products are used according to label directions.

If/when Coquitlam IMPOSES Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION, it will have done so in DEFIANCE of Health Canada's ASSESSMENTS proving that pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE... a process that can take up to TEN YEARS and COST HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

City of Coquitlam DID NOT SPEND ANY MONEY on the ASSESSMENT of pest control products.

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