

City lacks resources to enforce pesticide ban, says city worker

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The city does not have the resources to ban the use of pesticides in Port Alberni, according to the municipal parks and recreation department.

This was the department's response after Coun. Chris Alemany asked for a report on the possibility of discontinuing the chemical treatment of weeds in Port Alberni.

According to the B.C. Ministry of Environment, herbicides and insecticides can be harmful to bees, which can now be legally kept in Port Alberni after a zoning bylaw approved by city council last year introduced residential beekeeping.

Insecticides in the city are limited to the occasional use of an aerosol can, but weed-killing herbicides are employed to control invasive vegetation by sidewalks and on sports fields.

"City staff use these products to assist with park and facility maintenance as part of our annual Integrated Pest Management Plan," stated a recent report from Scott Kenny, the city's director of parks, recreation and heritage. "Pesticides used by city staff are herbicides, with the most common application being non-selective Roundup as a spot spray to control weed growth on hard surface areas and baseball diamonds."

The report noted that while manually removing weeds can be viable for homeowners, the practice is "labour intensive and with reduced staffing is not a viable option" for the municipality.

The city attempted to cut down on chemical treatments in 2009 with a bylaw requiring permits to use pesticides. But 3 1/2 years later this bylaw was rescinded "over concerns about the ability to enforce the regulations and the negative impact it was having on weed control on city parks and facilities," stated the report. No permits were requested while the bylaw was in place. "Should we be concerned about it? Yes. Should we reinstitute a pesticide ban for the City of Port Alberni? No, we should not," said Kenny

during a city council meeting on Tuesday. "There's absolutely no point passing a bylaw you can't enforce."

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PORT ALBERNI IS CORRECT ! — GREEN ALTERNATIVE PESTICIDES (A.K.A. BIOPESTICIDES) DO NOT WORK !

There are NO alternatives that work. Prohibition is somehow validated by pesticide-hating fanatics who merely concoct MYTHS against conventional products. (See link below.) When it comes to controlling pests, the use of safe and effective conventional pest control products should be a no-brainer. Anti-pesticide prohibition leads to the catastrophic problems of weed invasion and insect infestation. It is impossible for professionals, and even home-owners, to protect their properties by using so-called green alternative pesticides. There are NO viable, NO efficacious, NO economical, and NO low-risk alternatives to replace conventional pest control products. Green alternative pesticides are **BOGUS AND DISMAL FAILURES** — they **DO NOT** work and they are **NOT** innovative products. (See link below.) By definition, **ALTERNATIVES ARE INFERIOR**, which is why they did **NOT** win the market-place originally. (See link below.) Overall, green alternative pesticides are ineffective, inadequate, inferior, high-risk, more toxic, and stunningly expensive ! In many cases, green alternative pesticides are questionably higher in toxicity, and pose higher environmental risks. Green alternative pesticides and even organic fertilizers often contain living pathogenic organisms, fermented materials, or metals that may be deemed unsafe for children, adults, and the environment. Conventional pest control products are absolutely necessary. Fortunately, conventional pest control products are safe, effective, economical, and low-risk.

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Salmon Arm, BC -- Other Methods Tried Unsuccessfully -- Green Alternative Failures -- **REPORT**

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PORT ALBERNI HAS JOINED THE CONTINENTAL TRENDS AGAINST PESTICIDE BANS !

Across North America, government officials are no longer readily jumping in favour of fanatical-prohibition. It is clear that pesticide-hating fanatics conspire to impose prohibition in order to destroy professional lawn care and manufacturer industries. At this time, there are dozens of jurisdictions that have aggressively-challenged and even repealed fanatical-prohibitions, or have granted professional lawn care businesses with an exception status. These jurisdiction have kept children safe, since, with prohibitions, children are at high risk of slipping and tripping and becoming seriously hurt.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to keep green spaces well-maintained, safe, and attractive without conventional pest control products. Playing surfaces become thin and yellow, and over-run with weeds and infested with insects, resulting in the dismal destruction of turf playing surfaces. In essence, pest control products prevent slipping and tripping injuries and keep children safe. There are now dozens of jurisdictions that have kept children safe by stopping or rescinding or limiting or beginning to repeal fanatical-prohibitions, or by granting professional lawn care businesses with an exception status. The following jurisdiction have kept children safe — •

Alberta (Province) • Altona (Manitoba) • Ashland (Oregon) •
Beaumont (Alberta) • Belleville (Ontario) • British Columbia (Province) • Calgary (Alberta) • Campbell River (British Columbia) •
Chicago (Illinois) • Deer Lake (Newfoundland) • Durango (Colorado) • Edmonton (Alberta) • Everett (Washington) • Guelph (Ontario) • Guelph-Eramosa (Ontario) • Hudson (Quebec — Existing Prohibition Morally Invalidated Since Several Government Officials Who Were Responsible For Prohibition Are Now Facing Charges Of Fraud, Corruption, & Tax-Evasion) • Kamloops (British Columbia) • Kaua'i County (Hawai'i) • Kelowna (British Columbia) • Merritt (British Columbia) • New Brunswick (Province) • Newfoundland (Province) • Ogunquit (Maine) • Ontario (Proposed Amendment To Provincial Pesticide Ban, Beginning To Repeal Ontario Anti-Pesticide Prohibition) • Parksville (British Columbia) • Port Alberni (British Columbia) • Portage La Prairie (Manitoba) • Quebec (Imposed Provincial Prohibition Limited With Permitted Active Ingredients, & Also Invalidated Because Ban

Defeated By Lawsuit) • Regina (Saskatchewan) • Rossland (British Columbia) • Saint Josephine (Oregon) • Salmon Arm (British Columbia) • Saskatchewan (Province) • Scarborough (Maine) • Steinbach (Manitoba) • Stuartburn (Manitoba) • Summerside (Prince Edward Island) • Vernon (British Columbia) • Winkler (Manitoba) • United Kingdom (Suspended Fanatical European Union Prohibition Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides) • United Kingdom (UK, Suspended European Union (EU) Prohibition Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides) • USA (A Vast Majority Of States Have Legislated Pre-Emption Laws, Virtually All Proposed Prohibitions Stopped).

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