

Costly implications for a pesticide ban on municipal land

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KAMLOOPS — There could be costly implications for the City of Kamloops if council votes in favor of a ban of cosmetic pesticides on all municipal land this week.

A report from the city's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department says it would cost approximately \$30,000.00 for additional staff time and alternative methods for weed control.

In addition, the report says \$25,000.00 would be needed for educational purposes for the public including interpretive signage and workshops.

A recommendation by staff is that council approve the two expenditures for the 2016 base budget.

City councilor Arjun Singh, who was among those who voted 5—4 in favor of a pesticide ban on all residential properties in July, says the costs are no surprise.

“We always knew there might be some added costs to being more healthy and how we use our lawn care within the city and I think people expect us to act according to the public bylaw we put in place. If we’re going to restrict people’s use on their own private property we should do the same within city operations,” says Singh.

The report also states it would cost an additional \$40,000.00 for “alternative pesticides, increased staff time, materials and equipment” on sports fields.

The city could also be faced with other costs including \$100,000.00 to replace the turf of a sports field in the event of full infestation.

Staff will vote on the ban at Tuesday’s regular council meeting.



Council weighs options on park pesticide ban

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Use of cosmetic pesticides is back on City council's lap Tuesday with a recommendation on extending a residential ban to municipal maintenance.

A two-pronged recommendation would have the City allocate an additional \$30,000 in the 2016 budget for additional maintenance costs as well as \$25,000 for public outreach and education. An accompanying report, however, raises the prospect of significantly greater costs should council decide to extend a park maintenance ban to include playing fields.

There are three options outlined:

- Elimination of use of all pesticides on ornamental plants, shrubs, and flowers in City parks (\$30,000 cost), as proposed in the July 14, 2015 motion.
- In addition to option 1, include all sports fields and turf areas at an increased cost of \$40,000 (\$70,000 total).
- And/or increase public outreach and education program resources to ensure the long-term success of Bylaw No. 26-2 (\$25,000).

"If council considers eliminating step 4 of the integrated pest management plan in all park (turf and sports fields) areas, the cost of switching to alternative pesticides and management practices would require a further \$40,000 for increased staff time, materials, and equipment," notes Bryon McCorkell, parks and recreation director.

“Other costs could include complete replacement of a sports field turf in the case of full infestation of a playing surface, which could exceed \$100,000 per field.”

Substitution of alternatives to RoundUp, including vinegar, heat, steam and various other approaches, is cited as the main reason for increased cost. RoundUp represents a cost-effective operational tool, McCorkell states in the report.

The parks ban would not apply to noxious weeds, which the City is required by law to control, he notes.

After considerable debate and a vocal lobby by commercial applicators, a controversial residential ban passed by a vote of 5-4 in July and takes effect Jan. 1, 2016.

Immediately following the adoption of the ban, Coun. Arjun Singh moved that the City should follow suit in its park and grounds maintenance. Singh contends that the City should be leading by example. The matter was tabled until December.

The staff report also responds to council's direction on increased public education on alternatives to pesticide use, which would require expansion of a horticultural outreach program currently offered by the EcoSmart Team. An upgrading of the xeriscape garden on McArthur Island is also part of the tentative plan.

NORAHG RESPONDS AGAINST PESTICIDE-HATING MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS IN KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA — THE STUNNINGLY EXORBITANT COST OF THEIR PESTICIDE BAN NONSENSE !

Can Kamloops and its residents, afford the hardship and cost of this #@!!% pesticide ban nonsense against conventional pest control products ?!?! NO ! When it comes to pesticide bans, officials in Kamloops can learn a lot from the experience of those jurisdictions that have already suffered the hardship and cost of this #@!!% nonsense ! <http://wp.me/P1jq40-43V> In other anti-pesticide jurisdictions, municipal employees, home-owners, and professionals, are being forced to rely upon green alternative pesticides that are bogus and dismal failures. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-24g> There is little debate about the fact that this #@!!% pesticide ban nonsense is also a dismal failure, since it has converted communities into shabby and dangerous pest-infested garbage dumps. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-44g> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-4z3> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7C4> This is because it

was/is impossible to control damaging pests of turf and ornamentals without conventional pest control products. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-24g> Moreover, these conventional products are scientifically-safe, and will not cause harm to people, animals, or the environment. Why does Kamloops believe it have ANY expertise on the safety of pest control products, when, in fact, only Health Canada has the essential expertise ?!?! Moreover, Kamloops and its residents cannot afford the hardship and cost of this #@!!% pesticide ban nonsense !

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2014/03/01/pesticides-are-scientifically-safe-safe-to-use-less-lethal-to-humans-than-caffeine-2014-02-27/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/children-are-not-at-risk/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2012/10/11/posters-there-is-a-real-trend-against-pesticide-bans-victories-against-terrorists-our-children-are-safe-when-pesticide-bans-are-stopped-2012-10-11/>

Green Party and Canadian Cancer Society are now in total control of city operations and legislation, nullifying any possibility of clear-headed and democratic public debate. Residents must NOT forget that Councillor Donovan Cavers is a high-ranking official with Green Party of Canada, with ties to Canadian Cancer Society. Cavers' berserk outbursts have coerced, intimidated, and terrorized fellow-councillors into supporting Kamloops' #@!!% ban nonsense, leading observers to demand his resignation, since it is doubtful that the electorate still supports him. More specifically, no one wants this #@!!% ban nonsense regarding pest control products ! Besides, banning these products is nearly inconsequential since residents living in Kamloops can obtain pest control products either from other provinces, or from across the border in the United States. Conventional weed control products like Killex are still for sale to everyone despite any prohibition. No one wants this #@!!% ban nonsense ! For more information about PESTICIDE BANS ARE A FARCE, go to The Pesticide Truths Web-Site ... <http://wp.me/p1jq40-4mS> Additionally, NORAHG has officially responded against Kamloops' fanatical-prohibition on The Pesticide Truths Web-Site. In a SPECIAL REPORT, readers will discover the whole truth about Kamloops, British Columbia, from an independent perspective. Go to the following link ... <http://wp.me/p1jq40-8QI>

Kamloops' discriminatory & litigious pesticide ban will inflict destruction & failure against TWO VERY SPECIFIC LOCAL BUSINESSES. Because of this pesticide-hating assault, the owners, employees, and families dependent on professional lawn care businesses face terror, despair, and destitution. In essence, Kamloops' elected officials have conspired to destroy their

businesses, their assets, their customers, their homes, their lifestyles, their job security, their families, their children, their loved-ones, and their future. Kamloops' elected officials will hurl them all into squalor and despair, forcing them to burn-in-hell. Kamloops' elected officials have demonstrated DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE since they knew full well, by observing other jurisdictions, the carnage that pesticide bans inflict upon businesses.

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/carnage-leading-to-business-failures/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/ontario-living-in-environmental-infamy/>

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