

Kamloops landscapers adjusting to pesticide by-law

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KAMLOOPS — It's been nine months since Kamloops City Council voted 5-4 in favour of a new pesticide by-law. It's now officially in effect, restricting businesses and residents from spraying pesticides to control weeds in their lawn and gardens.

Some councillors argue it's an impossible by-law to enforce, but companies have to be in compliance. Now, as the weather warms up and landscapers start the year, they're having to adjust their practices.

"Moving forward, obviously there's a couple of products we can use. We can use horticultural vinegar and stuff like that," says Pronto maintenance manager Corey Munegatto. "It doesn't work to the same extent as some of the other chemicals that we could use, even just last year. But it's going to be a trial season."

It's all about the manual labour, having to pick weeds by hand and use a hoe. The extra time it takes will ultimately cost people more to have their yards maintained.

"It could double or triple just us being there to hand-pull some of the weeds, depending on the area," says Munegatto. "If your site was a \$50 spray, it could easily turn into a \$150 spray."

A big adjustment for companies like Pronto has been the education, making people aware of the by-law who otherwise didn't know about it.

"We've been writing letters to all our clients with their spring renewals, so they know what's happening this season as well. To be honest, some people don't care about the ban and they just want us to spray anyways, and obviously that's not something we're willing to do."

While Pronto will adjust to the new by-law, the future is unknown for companies like Grassroots Choice Lawn Care. Last summer when the by-law was passed by City Council, owner Jacquie Doherty said she would be out of business.

As of now, she's keeping all staff, with some renewals early in the season. But with few alternatives to pesticides, Doherty says there could be a slowdown, and staff may be cut to part-time at some point this summer.

The real test, though, will come in a month when landscapers start caring for lawns.

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Kamloops' arbitrary & discriminatory prohibition against professional lawn care businesses implies that ... it is safe for children and adults to walk on pesticide-treated golf courses, and eat pesticide-treated food, but it is seemingly NOT safe for them to walk and play on pesticide-treated lawns. Kamloops' imminent prohibition is arbitrary & discriminatory. The prohibition specifically discriminates against ONE SPECIFIC TYPE of business. Observers contend that prohibition must apply to EVERYONE. In order to be consistent and fair, there should be NO arbitrary exception statuses for anyone. Kamloops' City Council must PROHIBIT ALL PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS from EVERYONE, including fruit & vegetable production, golf facilities, mosquito control, nursery production, orchards, rose gardens, sod production, and sports fields. THERE SHOULD BE NO #@!!% EXCEPTIONS WHATSOEVER !

THERE IS NO OTHER RECOURSE THAN TO SUE #@!!% KAMLOOPS' BRAINS OUT --- Kamloops' City Council must be taught a lesson ! It is a fact that the wide-spread & systematic practice of prohibition inflicts carnage in the form of business destruction and business failures. Kamloops' prohibition will inflict an apocalypse against the professional lawn care industry. Examples abound across the nation. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-43B> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-238> Kamloops' prohibition is arbitrary & discriminatory; hence, the city must expect legal action by those businesses that will be DESTROYED. Grassroots Choice Lawn Care, Nutri-Lawn, and all other affected businesses, must SUE Kamloops' government officials ! Kamloops' prohibition will DESTROY their businesses, their assets, their customers, their homes, their lifestyles, their job security, their families, their children, their loved-ones, their employees, and their future. If Kamloops wants to hurl these businesses all into squalor and despair, and force them to burn-in-hell, then THERE MUST BE COMPENSATION ! Grassroots, Nutri-Lawn, and must litigate, litigate, and litigate. They must be COMPENSATED ! LET KAMLOOPS FEEL THE TERROR OF THE COURTS ! For more information about LITIGATION, go to The Pesticide Truths Web-Site ... <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7Ub>

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