



Port Alberni is quite proactive on pesticides

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When I began to look into the dangers of the use of pesticides in athletic fields, parks and around schools and homes, I found the Canadian Cancer Society a great source of information and help. They had articles on their website, printed pamphlets and information handouts calling for a ban on the cosmetic use of pesticides.

Their Community Action co-ordinators Nancy Falconer and later Adriane Schroeder came to Port Alberni from Nanaimo to give presentations to the public and to city council. They formed part of local delegations to council asking for a ban on cosmetic pesticide use. They took part in a public forum on pesticides arranged by the Alberni Environmental Coalition and held at Echo Centre.

Their information, advice and help resulted in city council passing in April 2009 a Pesticide Use Reduction Bylaw requiring residents to get a permit to use non-essential pesticides.

Recently, Nancy Falconer communicated information to us about the B.C. Government's on-line consultation forum on cosmetic use of pesticides earlier this year.

The Canadian Cancer Society's energetic and proactive stand on the cosmetic use of pesticides has hopefully resulted in a sharp reduction in the use of these dangerous chemicals in the City of Port Alberni.

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