

Salmon Arm B.C. Prohibition of Pest Control Products. Special Report.

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Aphids irk merchants group

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By Martha Wickett

Small bugs seem to be creating big problems for some downtown merchants. The **Salmon Arm** Downtown Improvement Association [**D.I.A.**] has written to city council, urging the city to take "**aggressive action**" to rid the trees lining Alexander Street of an **aphid infestation**. [**WELL NOW ! THE ENVIRO-MANIC CITY COUNCILLORS FORGOT TO CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTROLLING APHIDS !**]

The **July 10** letter from president Rob Marshall, on behalf of the **DIA**, refers to **THE SUGARY SECRETIONS OF APHIDS THAT ARE COATING SIDEWALKS AND PARKED VEHICLES** along Alexander. The letter states **THE SECRETIONS WILL EVENTUALLY ATTRACT AGGRESSIVE SPECIES SUCH AS HORNETS AND WASPS, AND WILL TEND TO MAKE HOST TREES BRITTLE, MEANING BRANCHES WILL BREAK WHEN THE WIND BLOWS HARD.** [**WOULDN'T BE INTERESTING TO SEE SALMON ARM SUED FOR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BY SOME POOR CITIZEN STRUCK BY A FALLING BRANCH BECAUSE OF CITY NEGLECT, AND BECAUSE THE CITY IS RUN BY ENVIRO-MANIACS WITH DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE !**]

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The letter refers to the city's new bylaw restricting the cosmetic use of pesticides, specifically the exception that allows the application of pesticides to control ants, termites and wasps.

Marshall's letter was discussed at Monday's meeting of the Development and Planning Services Committee. The discussion also included two other letters from downtown merchants, one which stated a shopper's shoe had stuck to the substance on the sidewalk, resulting in a twisted ankle.



[HERE IS FOOD FOR THOUGHT ! SOME POOR CITIZEN SLIPS AND FALLS, THE NECK IS BROKEN AND THE BODY IS PARALYZED FOR LIFE ! WHY ? BECAUSE OF THE DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE OF A GROUP OF ENVIRO-MANIAC COUNCILLORS THAT WAS WARNED WELL IN ADVANCE !]

Brad Ackerman, the city's parks and recreation foreman, said he had since had a productive meeting with **DIA** members. He told the city planning meeting that **THE APHID INFESTATION IS AN ANNUAL EVENT**, noting that aphids that attack Linden trees are among the toughest. In other years, the city has applied chemical pesticides, usually twice during the season. He said the aphid's "**honeydew**" is a nuisance, but not as bad as sap because it dissolves and can be washed off. He said the assertion that aphids will make the trees brittle is not correct.

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[WRONG ! THIS GUY IS OBVIOUSLY UNDER THE SCRUTINY OF HIS ENVIRO-MANIAC MASTERS. OF COURSE, AFTER REPEATED AND UNCHECKED INFESTATIONS, A TREE CAN BE WEAKENED TO THE POINT WHERE THE IT WILL DIE ! ONCE THE TREE IS DEAD -- GUESS WHAT ? -- THE BRANCHES BEGIN TO FALL !]

Ackerman told the meeting that **5,500 ladybugs**, natural predators of aphids, were released on the trees but it is difficult to accurately measure their effect.

[IN OTHER WORDS, THE USE OF LADYBUGS DID NOT PROVIDE ANY SORT OF CONTROL. BIG SURPRISE ! THE USE OF NATURAL PREDATORS FOR OUTDOOR PEST CONTROL IS NOT A VALID AND EFFECTIVE METHOD OF CONTROLLING APHIDS, AND MOST OTHER TYPES OF PESTS ! SALMON ARM MAY HAVE JUST AS WELL TAKEN THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY THAT IT NEEDLESSLY SPENT ON LADYBUGS, AND FLUSHED IT DOWN THE TOILET ! MISSION ACCOMPLISHED ! ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF ENVIRO-MANIAC POLICIES WASTING THE TAXPAYERS MONEY !]

He said more may be released after monitoring, but the infestation appears to be on the decline.

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Councillor **Alan Harrison** said he would be willing to consider a minor amendment to the cosmetic pesticide bylaw, adding aphids to the ants, termites and wasps exception.

" It's a new bylaw and I actually support it, [E-M !] but like any new bylaw, it might need tweaking."

[IN OTHER WORDS, THE SALMON ARM LEGISLATION IS BEGINNING TO FALL APART BECAUSE ITS COUNCILLORS WERE ADVISED BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO EXPERTISE WHATSOEVER IN MATTERS CONCERNING PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS !]

Councillor **Kevin Flynn** said he thinks a proper, registered **Integrated Pest Management program** should be allowed under the bylaw, and mentioned changes are also needed to accommodate the Sterile Insect Release (SIR) program that targets the codling moth.

Councillor **Ken Jamieson** said he thinks patience is needed, in that the city is only in year one of the bylaw. [FINE ! IT WILL BE MOST INTERESTING TO WATCH SALMON ARM BECOME THE SUBJECT OF A LAWSUIT BECAUSE OF THE DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE OF ITS COUNCILLORS, WHO HAVE BEEN VERY CLEARLY WARNED, AND DID NOTHING !]

"We need to make sure we have exhausted all biological avenues."

[YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT BEFORE CONSPIRING TO PROHIBIT LEGAL, SAFE, AND TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS ! HAD YOU BEEN PROPERLY ADVISED BY REAL EXPERTS, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT SAFER AND MORE EFFECTIVE "BIOLOGICAL" ALTERNATIVES DO NOT EXIST ! INSTEAD, YOU PREFERRED HEEDING THE ADVICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR GROUPS !]

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Councillor **Chad Eliason** said he agrees aphids need to be brought under control, but going back on the bylaw could be the beginning of a slippery slope.

[THE SLOPE WILL GET VERY SLIPPERY DURING A MILLION-DOLLAR LAWSUIT !]

Councillor **Debbie Cannon** said she realizes aphids are an issue for some downtown businesses and perhaps daily washing of sidewalks is needed.

[WRONG !]

" I think we have to ride it out. If we do bring this back for SIR and fruit trees, I also want to look at fines and penalties for people who don't comply with the bylaw."

City council will reassess the situation in four to six weeks. [HOW CONVENIENT ! THE COUNCIL WILL RE-ASSESS WHEN SUMMER IS OVER, AND WHEN THE APHID PROBLEM HAS ENDED ! IF THE COUNCILLORS HAD ANY BRAINS, THIS DANGEROUS PROHIBITION WOULD BE RE-SCINDED IMMEDIATELY, BEFORE SALMON ARM BECOMES THE TARGET OF A MAJOR LAWSUIT !]

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