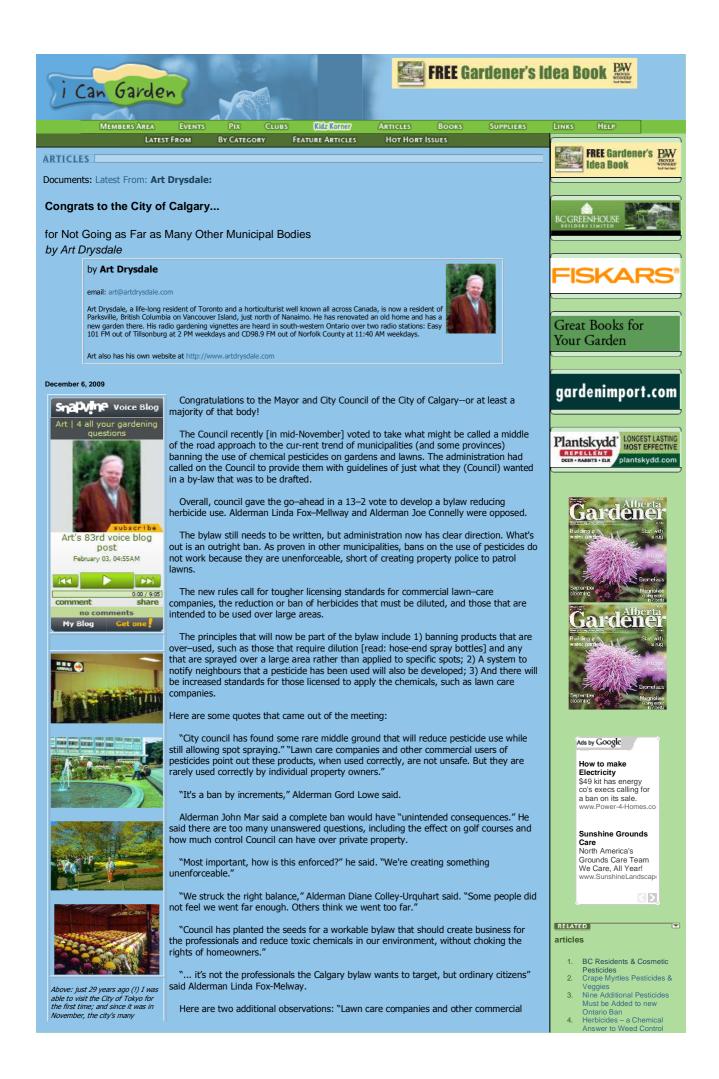
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Chrysanthemum displays in various parks and other venues were on full view. It all started at the city's full view. It all started at the city's Narita Airport, and then on our way to the hotel I snapped the second shot here of a display about to be installed in a traffic island. The next shot shows a typical use by the local population of these displays; and then finally a typical park display, totally outdoors, but under a soft covering Below various. a soft covering. Below, various types of mums are displayed, and in this group you see a few spoon types, a group of cascades, often loved the most by admirers, and one 'large' plant that has over 600 blooms on it (arising from one stem!). Author photos.







users of pesticides point out these products, when used correctly, are not unsafe. But they are rarely used correctly by individual property owners.

Council has planted the seeds for a workable bylaw that should create business for the professionals and reduce toxic chemicals in our environment, without choking the rights

Though Calgary Council's direction on this controversial topic is somewhat better than the bylaws adopted by other major (and minor) cities, I cannot say I agree with (one of the objectors) Alderman Fox-Melway, that they wish to target individual homeowners, and that homeowners and individual property owners "rarely use these products

In my 50 years experience with products such as 2,4-D, I have not seen any large number of "goofs" by property owners. In fact, when I started using them, there literally was no commercial applicator industry at all; virtually all usage initially was by individuals. There are always going to be users who don't read the label, and use either the wrong product (Roundup on a lawn for dandelions, for example) or apply too much, or at the wrong time. Fortunate-ly, most of those errors result in the product not working, rather than a disaster such as the entire lawn dying due to the application of

But, keep in mind, all of the expert scientists at Health Canada have continually given these products a clean bill of health, and we know just how quickly any trace of the chemicals disappears either from the soil or from water. It is the enviro-maniacs, virtually all of whom have absolutely no knowledge of these specialist products or just how they work, that condemn them. And, for some reason, city councils and other such bodies prefer to listen to representatives from small, loud, annoying "do-gooder" groups than the professionals who have all the facts at their fingertips.

One of the major objectors to the Calgary Council's direction on a pesticide bylaw was Natalie Odd, the executive director of a group now known as Green Calgary but previously known a Clean Calgary. In fact, Green Calgary is also the name of an alternative life-style store that sells stuff like baby body wash, belly balm, bottom's up spray, foot salts, luscious bum baby lotion, marijuana products, organic rabbit rattles, recycled toilet paper [wow!], stretch mark oil, and so-called green alternatives to conventional pest control products.

The organization likes to say: "Green Calgary has vast expertise in matters concerning pest control products, turf maintenance, and the green space industry"!

Don't believe a word of that people in Calgary!

The battle over pesticide bylaws is not going to end soon; and expect some highly interesting developments (think law suits etc.) possibly soon. I'll keep you advised.

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