



The Demise Of Public Rose Gardens & Demise Of Pesticide Bans

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A review of the history books will reveal that the Windsor riverfront parks in 1959 measured 1,500 feet. It was at this point that Mr. Harry Brumpton, was appointed as the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation.

Over the next 22 years, Windsor's riverfront expanded to over three miles. Until his retirement in 1982, Mr. Brumpton's motivation and goal was to secure every possible foot of riverfront property for park conversion and easy access to the river for use by the citizens of Windsor.

It was his theory that lacking mountains or oceans, the river was Windsor's only natural feature to be preserved for its uniqueness and the enjoyment of future generations. There has been a lot of time, money and effort expended by past politicians, city administration, and Parks staff to preserve this precious green space.

On March 5th, 2012, in the City of Coquitlam, British Columbia, Councillor Bev Welsh had the temerity to ask for an exception status for the [city's] Centennial Rose Garden, a local tourist attraction and wedding venue that boasts 800 plants and 60 varieties of roses.

Coquitlam is currently proposing a needless, senseless and malicious prohibition against pest

control products used in the Urban Landscape.

If Coquitlam is somehow concerned about the use of so-called 'potential carcinogens' for the purposes of the mere cosmetic enhancement for the appearance of lawns, it should also be concerned about the alleged deadly effects of pesticide-treated rose gardens.

In other prohibition-stricken jurisdictions, cities like Windsor, Ontario, have found it impossible to maintain its rose gardens without the use of conventional pest control products.

Rose gardens represent the best example of the failure of organic pesticide-free maintenance--the failure of organic pesticide-free-maintenance and the ridiculousness of anti-pesticide prohibition.

Coquitlam's councillors should go and see Windsor, Ontario, with its dead rose gardens, and its garbage dump green spaces.

The demise of Windsor's rose gardens represents the catastrophic carnage caused by anti-pesticide prohibition.

My late old friend Harry Brumpton must be turning in his grave!

The same fate now awaits the City of Coquitlam.

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Anne Arundel County is a county located in the U.S. State of Maryland, with a population of almost 540,000.

The county seat is in Annapolis, which is also the capital of Maryland.

Fort George G. Meade is a large U.S. Army post located in the northwest of the county, and it is the home of the National Security Agency (NSA), as well as the United States Naval Academy.

On November 21st, 2016, the Anne Arundel County Council narrowly rejected legislation that would have prohibited against the use of pest control products on county-owned playgrounds.

Council members voted 4-3 against Bill 76-16, legislation which sought to self-impose prohibition against the county's Recreation and Parks Department.

For the control of invasive weed pests and destructive insect pests, the proposed prohibition would have only allowed ineffective [non-chemical] green alternative pesticides--conventional and effective pest control products would have been prohibited.

For my final example this week, I'll switch back to Canada—specifically to Vancouver Island,

just less than a couple of hours north of our location here in Parksville. Campbell River is the name of the municipality. Campbell River's concerns are unfounded—the effect of Glyphosate on health is a myth!

On May 16th, 2016, the United Nations announced its assessment that Glyphosate is unlikely to cause cancer in people and that Glyphosate is unlikely to pose a carcinogenic risk to humans exposed to it through food! The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Health Organization (WHO) have looked at ALL pertinent published and unpublished studies to assess the health risk to consumers from dietary exposure to Glyphosate residues in food.

On June 28th, 2016, the European Union announced its approval for Glyphosate. After months of lobbying and member state indecision, the European Union replaced a previous proposal to renew the licence for Glyphosate for up to 15 years with a suggested 12- to 18-month extension pending further scientific study.

The trends against pesticide bans and restrictions are relentless and unceasing. No one wants this damn ban nonsense!