



Richmond B.C. Prohibition of Pest Control Products!

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Richmond (IPA: /ˈrɪtʃmənd/) is a coastal city, incorporated in the Canadian province of British Columbia (B.C.). Part of Metro Vancouver, its neighbouring communities are Vancouver and Burnaby to the north, New Westminster to the east, and Delta to the south, while the Strait of Georgia forms its western border. Richmond is the location of Vancouver International Airport. Richmond's population as of January 1, 2008 was 188,100. It is the fourth largest city in British Columbia, after Vancouver (605,891), Surrey (420,900) and Burnaby (193,954).

Richmond has an immigrant population of 59%, the highest in Canada. More than half of its population is of Asian descent, many of whom immigrated in the early 1990s, most of them from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Mainland China. Other Asian Canadians in Richmond include Indo-Canadians, Filipino Canadians and Japanese Canadians, the latter having a long history in Steveston dating back to the 1800s. The Japanese Canadian community was devastated following the Pearl Harbour attack by Japan in 1941 : the Japanese Canadians were relocated to internment camps in the BC Interior and Alberta and their property was auctioned off. Richmond is also home to two of the largest Buddhist temples in North America, the International Buddhist Temple and the Lingyen Mountain Buddhist Temple. (Source : Wikipedia.)

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CITY MOVES TO BAN PESTICIDES

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Maniac protesters marched outside a meeting of Crop-Life Canada, which is fighting against a possible ban on pesticides in B.C.

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Dozens of protestors marching outside a Richmond hotel where representatives from the pesticide industry met this week got a big boost from civic politicians.

CROPLIFE CANADA, an association that represents companies such as *MONSANTO*, *SYNGENTA*, *DOW* and *DUPONT*, met inside the Richmond Executive Inn on Thursday to talk strategy to prevent B.C. from following Ontario by enacting a province-wide pesticide ban.

In a meeting invitation obtained by The Review, *CROPLIFE CANADA* said Ontario's " **extreme** " regulations " **lack a scientific foundation.** "

" This must be countered by a strong, united voice before B.C. industries, such as ours, find themselves in the same untenable situation..."

But protestors outside, who drew honks from passing vehicles, said they accomplished their goal.

" We (let) Crop Life Canada know they are not welcome in Richmond or B.C. and that our elected officials are starting to realize how important health and environment are to their constituents," said MICHELLE LI of the **Richmond Pesticide Awareness Coalition**.



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A day earlier, city council's public works committee unanimously endorsed the idea of a bylaw banning the use of cosmetic pesticides on residential and city-owned land. If ratified at Monday's city council meeting, staff will draft a bylaw, lobby senior governments to strengthen pesticide laws and expand education around pesticides.



LI began to fight against pesticide use last summer, when she took her two young children to Dover Park. While her kids were playing, city workers were spraying Roundup, a weed-eating herbicide.

[« WEED-EATING », HUH ?!?!]

“ That day there were no signs up, there were just people with masks on spraying.”

For those who don't believe they're harmful, LI encourages reading of the products' packaging, that suggest avoiding treated areas for 24 hours and avoiding skin contact.

“ The label on these products say that there's a minimal risk. We're saying there shouldn't be any risk. There should be no acceptable level of harm,” she said.

Coun. HAROLD STEVES, whose family farm has never used pesticides in its 132-year history, said a bylaw would be precautionary step for the city.

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“ If pesticides used in minute quantities supposedly aren’t doing any harm, what is the cumulative effect of these things ? The truth of the matter is we don’t know,” he said. “ So why take the risk ? ”

Although pesticide producers claim their products don’t cause harm to human health, STEVES said the same argument was used by tobacco companies before scientists proved a link between smoking and disease.

“ Dandelions are flowers and buttercups are beautiful. If you can get used to that, you don’t need pesticides,” he said. “ But that’s the line we’ve been peddled over the last 50 years—that these things are weeds and therefore you’ve got to eradicate them.”

Not everyone agrees a bylaw banning pesticides is needed. City staff recommended against the idea of a local ban, suggesting the responsibility lies with senior governments.

Richmond’s medical health officer, Dr. JAMES LU, said there’s no reason for a bylaw, since there is no agreement among scientists that the cosmetic use of pesticides leads to adverse health effects.

“ Whether or not pesticides are used for yard maintenance, efforts of homeowners to keep appealing and well maintained landscaping should be recognized. The aesthetics of urban landscape has public health value,” said LU in a letter to the city.

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NADINE SISK, spokesperson for CROPLIFE CANADA, said Canada's plant science industry does not support the use of non-essential use of pest control products.

“ These products are created for very specific purposes. They're tools that are designed to do jobs, and when they're doing the jobs they're meant to do, there's absolutely nothing cosmetic about them.”



Pesticides help maintain food supply, control threats to human health and protect properties from insects, weeds and diseases, SISK added.

As for the health concerns, she said there's much misinformation about the products, which are designed to be used according to provided directions.

“ In Canada, no pest control product can be sold or used until Health Canada's scientists have evaluated all existing evidence to determine whether the product meets the stringent health and safety requirements in place.”

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THE MYTH OF ZERO-RISK PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS

⊗ **ENVIRO-MYTH** : The labels on pest control products say that there is a minimal risk. We're saying there shouldn't be any risk. There should be no acceptable level of harm.

√ **THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON** : Professor Keith R. Solomon, Ph.D., is a Professor in the Department of Environmental Biology at the University of Guelph and is also Director of the Centre for Toxicology.



Professor Solomon is a Graduate of Rhodes University in Chemistry and Zoology and holds M.Sc. degrees from Rhodes University and the University of Illinois as well as a Ph.D. from Illinois. He has more than thirty years of experience in research and teaching in pesticide science and environmental toxicology and has contributed to more than one-hundred-and-fifty scientific publications and reports in the fields of pesticides, environmental toxicology, and risk assessment.

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Professor Solomon has said ...

As a scientist, I cannot offer absolute and irrefutable proof that pesticides are safe. All that science can do is say that one thing is more likely to happen and another, much more or much less likely, but never 100 percent for certain. No matter how well designed an experiment, no matter how many mice or fish are used, the scientist will always report the result with some uncertainty.

This means that, even if there is no real effect of the substance on the liver, in some experiments a very small adverse effect will be seen, while in others, a non-adverse effect will occur. This is because of natural variability and random events. The average of all these is close to zero, but for those who believe that an adverse effect should exist, the positive studies will be absolute proof.

The scientific method, the test of the null hypothesis, is designed to keep scientists honest and detached from whatever their beliefs may be. No scientist is pleased to find that nothing is happening; it is much more exciting and satisfying to find interesting responses and effects. As was pointed out nearly four centuries ago by Francis Bacon, the father of the scientific method, it is human nature to diminish negative evidence and exaggerate the significance of positive evidence. Because of this, we tend to ignore the negative evidence and focus on the positive, evidence that is, in the analogy described above, essentially anecdotal. Some people believe in ghosts, the paranormal and in visitations of aliens, despite the countless years of study that have failed to show any evidence in support of these phenomena. They do so because they choose to believe in anecdotal evidence. The media are of little help because the possibility that some facet of our daily life may cause injury or worse is the substance of headlines and increased circulation.

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This is a likely reason for the common misperception that pesticides cause all types of diseases in humans. As discussed above, a study may report an association (link) between pesticide use and a disease such as cancer in humans. However, one positive study does not prove a cause-and-effect between the pesticide use and disease. Only if most studies consistently show this linkage and other lines of evidence also support the conclusion would this association be accepted as showing causality.

Pesticides are one of many tools in pest management toolbox. They may be more efficient than other methods, but they are not absolutely necessary. As someone who does not live in Halifax, or in other towns where bans have been proposed, I do not care one way or the other if they choose not to use pesticides. However, I do care when this is done in the name of science and concern for health effects when, realistically, these do not exist. If the town councils and the citizens do not want pesticides used in their homes and gardens, then all I ask is that they have the courage to admit that they do this for reasons of belief or politics, not on the basis of science.

✓ **FACT :** Enviro-Maniacs are frequently only able to provide information based upon JUNK SCIENCE instead of SOUND SCIENCE.

✓ **FACT :** Moreover, most government officials are clearly not knowledgeable enough to enact prohibitive legislation. A local government has an onus of responsibility to verify the JUNK SCIENCE information that has been concocted by Enviro-Terror Organizations. In several jurisdictions, government has failed to base their prohibition decisions on SOUND SCIENCE. In Ontario, municipalities have consequently been stripped of their prohibitionist powers.

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✓ **FACT :** The ONLY government officials that have ANY recognized expertise, training, or background, in matters concerning PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS are HUNDREDS of expert scientists at Health Canada !

✓ **FACT :** Health Canada in Ottawa oversees the testing and approval of pest control products by using SOUND SCIENCE in order to ensure that they are SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE.

⊗ **ENVIRO-DECEPTION :** Government officials and the public were assured by Enviro-Maniacs that so-called Green Alternatives, were already available to replace conventional pest control products. [Wrong !]

⊗ **ENVIRO-DECEPTION :** We were assured by Enviro-Maniacs that so-called Green Alternatives were SAFER, BETTER, and MORE EFFECTIVE ! [Wrong !]

✓ **FACT :** Again ... so-called Green Alternatives are NOT SAFER, NOT BETTER, and NOT MORE EFFECTIVE !

✓ **FACT :** The safety of many Green Alternatives is DUBIOUS ! Some may well be MORE TOXIC than conventional pest control products.

✓ **FACT :** All this prohibition misery accomplishes nothing. Conventional pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE ! Overall, when they are used properly, there are no harmful effects to health and the environment !

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and their
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The
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Force of Nature was launched for continuous transmission on the Internet on January 1st, 2009. It is a series of e-newsletters destined for the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, the Environmental Terror Movement, government officials, municipalities, and the media, nation-wide across Canada, and parts of the United States and overseas. FORCE OF NATURE is produced in two parts. First, The MEDIA REPORT itself that reports on the current events affecting the future of the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY. Second, INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE, which is a running commentary, sometimes technical in nature. Force of Nature is the WHOLE TRUTH from an INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE ! **Force of Nature is TOTALLY INDEPENDENT of any trade association or business operating within the Green Space Industry.**

FORCE OF NATURE is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his entourage. Norah G is actually an acronym for the stable of anonymous producers and writers that contribute to this e-newsletter and have now replaced Mr. Gathercole. They consist of people from the following industries: Distribution, Fertilizer, Golf, Lawn Care, Manufacturing, Municipal, Nursery, Orchard. Many of these people are leaders in their own industries. The opinions expressed in Force of Nature, even though from an INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE, may not reflect those of everyone in the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, or Mr. Gathercole's many associates. Be warned ! Mr. Gathercole and Norah G may sometimes be very irreverent and fearless with these e-newsletters. DON'T THANK US, IT'S A PUBLIC SERVICE. AND WE ARE GLAD TO DO IT.

William H. Gathercole holds a degree in Horticulture from the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, and another pure and applied science degree from MCGILL UNIVERSITY. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, including public affairs, personal safety, and environmental issues. Mr. Gathercole has been a consultant and instructor for decades. He has also been an agricultural agronomist. Mr. Gathercole has followed the evolution of ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter-century. His involvement in environmental issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with others, legal action against unethical and excessive municipal regulations restricting the use of pest control products. (i.e. the Town of Hudson.) Although he can be accused of being ANTI-ENVIRONMENT-MOVEMENT, he is, in fact, simply a strong advocate FOR the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, from an INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE. However, this position has not precluded him from criticizing the Green Space Industry itself. Nonetheless, his vast knowledge of our long journey with environmental issues is UNDENIABLE. (Hopefully !). For many years, Mr. Gathercole was a contributing columnist for TURF & Recreation Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority. Mr. Gathercole is now retired from Force of Nature, although his name continues to appear as the founder.

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We believe that ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM can be BEATEN ! Information presented in FORCE OF NATURE has been developed for the education and entertainment of the reader. The events, characters, companies, and organizations, depicted in this document are not always fictional. Any similarity to actual persons, living or dead, may not be coincidental. The mission of Force of Nature is as a National Organization Responding Against Hype that harm the Green Space Industry with statements and activities seeking to prohibit **FEDERALLY LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, and TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE** conventional pest control products. Culprits are identified on the basis of their statements, activities, affiliations, and whereabouts. Even though each culprit is a mis-guided adversary, each still deserves our respect. The terms culprit or terrorist are not an accusation of any legal wrong-doing. Force of Nature is simply holding culprits accountable for conspiring to change public policies that **TERMINATE and THREATEN** the Green Space Industry. Force of Nature believes that the prohibitionist policies of the Environmental Terror Movement will lead to **UNEMPLOYMENT, BANKRUPTCY, BUSINESS FAILURE, DESPAIR, and DESTITUTION.** The actions of culprits in the movement are viewed as **ACTS of TERROR** against the Green Space Industry.

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