

Council backs off on pesticides

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City council unanimously voted down a pesticide control bylaw that Mayor Walter Jakeway warned the city wouldn't be able to enforce.

City staff recommended council pass a bylaw that would regulate the use of pesticides on outdoor trees, shrubs, flowers, ornamental plants and turf.

Staff were eyeing an implementation date of January 1, 2013 to allow time to notify the public and local businesses.

However, staff acknowledged in a report to council that the city already has an Integrated Pest Management Plan – which encourages top dressing, over seeding, and fertilizing as alternatives to pesticides – that it doesn't have the resources to follow.

“Budget reductions to the parks department in the last few years have severely reduced the capacity for a proactive IPM (Integrated Pest Management Plan) approach to maintenance of our sport fields and green spaces,” said Amber Zirnhelt, city sustainability manager. “The budget reductions have increased the need for pesticide applications to control weed infestations.”

That was a red flag for Jakeway.

“I don't believe in trying to enforce a bylaw that we can't enforce,” he said at last week's council meeting.

“I don't think we have the capacity. I don't believe in bringing in bylaws that we just don't have a chance of enforcing.

“Why would we try? It's a provincial thing in my view. I don't know why we would do this.”

Coun. Claire Moglove agreed.

“Right now the city already has a policy which we can't implement because we don't have the resources. To put it into a bylaw almost gives it more teeth, but we don't have the funding to implement it and we don't have the resources to enforce the bylaw,” she said.

Zirnhelt said the pest management plan needs a budget of \$107,000 in order to re-establish proper sports field maintenance. Zirnhelt said by adopting a pesticide bylaw, the city could have the option of abandoning the more expensive, less lenient pest management plan.

“The proposed pesticide bylaw is flexible enough to allow the city to apply pesticides as necessary to control serious turf pest outbreaks and to reduce maintenance costs,” she said.

Moglove said that didn't seem fair and she couldn't support the bylaw.

“If I read the proposed bylaw correctly, it basically gives the city an out,” she said. “It gives a fair bit of latitude to the city to use pesticides, but it doesn't give the same latitude to the public.”

Coun. Mary Storry said she felt “uncomfortable insisting on compliance from the community when we may not be able to have the full compliance ourselves.”

Coun. Ron Kerr, who worked in the lawn and garden industry for 30 years, said the city does not need a pesticide bylaw.

“I believe that pesticides have an important role and when applied properly and effectively, they're safe,” he said. “I think an outright ban is not the answer.”

Storry said she would be open to having the bylaw come back before council once budget issues have been settled.

COMMENTS

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Campbell River Deserves CONGRATULATION.

British Columbians DO NOT want their society to continue living in the 9|11 Era of Anti-Pesticide Enviro-Lunatic Profit-Hungry Terrorism!

ENVIRO-PROFIT (Web-Page).

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-1IE>

Campbell River is in good company.

On May 17th, 2012, British Columbia's Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides announced that it WILL NOT RECOMMEND PROHIBITION against the use of pest control products in the Urban Landscape.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COSMETIC PESTICIDES (Web-Page).

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-2c2>

In jurisdictions outside of British Columbia, Anti-Pesticide Activists have already INFLICTED HORRENDOUS AND CATASTROPHIC CARNAGE for businesses operating in the Professional Lawn Care

Industry, in the form of IMMENSE LOSSES OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, and UNEMPLOYMENT, and even HORRIFIC FINES.

Because of Anti-Pesticide Activists, the owners, employees, and families dependent on Professional Lawn Care businesses have faced TERROR, DESPAIR, and DESTITUTION.

CARNAGE CAUSED BY CATASTROPHIC ANTI-PESTICIDE PROHIBITION (Web-Page).

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-26P>

According to Dr. Lorne Hepworth of CropLife Canada —.

« A province-wide ban on all pesticides is NOT JUSTIFIED because STRICT REGULATIONS BASED ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ALREADY PROTECT OUR HEALTH. »

THE WISDOM OF HEPWORTH, LORNE (Web-Page).

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-2eG>

PROHIBITION Is NOT Necessary.

Any PROHIBITION of pest control products is NOT JUSTIFIED because STRICT REGULATIONS based on scientific research already PROTECT our health and our environment.

Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITIONS are VALIDATED not on the basis of scientific evidence, but rather a VAGUE MOCK UNEASE about chemicals in general.

Scientific research shows that, as reported through Health Canada's VAST TOXICOLOGY DATABASE, NO HARM WILL OCCUR when pest control products are used according to label directions.

The RISK ASSESSMENT of pest control products indicates that they are PRACTICALLY-NON-TOXIC.

Consequently, it is a fact that pest control products cause NO HARM, including chronic effects such as CANCER.

THE MYTHS ABOUT ANTI-PESTICIDE PROHIBITION (Web-Page).

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-3jm>

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PESTICIDE BANS ARE A FARCE (Report).

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In B.C. municipalities have a standard excuse: their inability to enforce pesticide bans. It seems to me that in eastern and central Canada City Councils displayed more guts. In B.C. the connection between small-town City Councils and the lawn application industry is too close for comfort. Many councillors have a personal connection to the pesticide application industry. It is this industry that in fact calls the shots. This amounts to the chemical/pesticide industry dictating to City Councils what they should and should not do. Thus the residents in B.C. small towns, including well-informed professionals, have no say on this important health issue. The standard advice offered by the industry is that pesticides are safe when applied properly. When applied "properly" pesticides sicken and kill. This is their function! When pesticide applicators apply pesticides "properly" they themselves are protected, but this doesn't diminish the products' toxicity. In a nutshell: B.C. city council men and women are too much influenced by the industry's pro-pesticide propaganda, as was the infamous provincial legislative committee.

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The name Cottam is merely used as a SHIELD for Anti-Pesticide Activists. Cottam is part of a group of GHOST-WRITERS who are listed among CANADA'S PROMINENT ANTI-PESTICIDE ACTIVISTS. They have been PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTS in the CONSPIRACY TO PROHIBIT pest control products used in the Urban Landscape. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-46L> Their ANTI-PESTICIDE ACTS OF SUBVERSION have EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED the Professional Lawn Care Industry. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-26P> Are we to believe that an assessment from an ANONYMOUS group of Ghost-Writers is somehow worth more than Health Canada ?!?! WILLIAM H. GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G. <http://pesticidetruths.com/>