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Collision Course

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# Overview from an Independent Perspective

The leadership of Canadian Golf Superintendents Association ( C.G.S.A. ) endorses Prohibition and Environmental Terror.

This disgusting and unacceptable decision was NEVER ratified by the 1,500 professional members of C.G.S.A.

C.G.S.A. leadership is seemingly OBLIVIOUS to the Looming Golf Industry Shipwreck which is on a Collision Course with its membership. It continues to deceive its members with statements like —

<< *The Province of British Columbia is currently conducting a consultation exercise to determine if it should adopt legislation prohibiting the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes on both private and public lands. [ ... ] There is no indication that golf will be included in the prohibition. [ ... ] Golf's use of Health Canada approved pesticide products is not cosmetic.* >>

There are jurisdictions in British Columbia and Prince Edward Island that are already considering revoking the Golf Exception Status.

The leading Environmental-Terror-Organizations, the ones conspiring to inflict prohibitionist policies in every Province across Canada, have publicly stated, in one form or another, that they DO NOT WANT ANY GOLF PROHIBITION EXCEPTION.

The Golf Industry has defended its Exception Status on the basis that the need for high-quality playing conditions supersedes cosmetic standards, especially if Integrated Pest Management ( I.P.M. ) is used.

Unfortunately, I.P.M. is a failed public relations strategy. The Professional Lawn Care Industry used I.P.M. and failed to defend itself from prohibitionist policies. Furthermore, it will be increasingly difficult for the Golf Industry to defend its Excep-

tion Status on the need for high-quality playing conditions, especially since ALL pest control products, including those used on the golf course, represent a perceived threat to health and environment.

The current Golf Industry Prohibition Exception Status in most jurisdictions will be short-lived. This status will likely be entirely REVOKED because of C.G.S.A. failure to address critical public affairs issues.

Once Environmental-Terror has been successful in annihilating the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry ...

- ... Environmental-Terror will next spread to FERTILIZERS !
- and then the GOLF INDUSTRY !
- and then AGRICULTURE !
- and then NATIONAL PROHIBITION !

The Golf Industry is in a VULNERABLE position regarding pest control products. Both the Golf Industry and the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry use the SAME ingredients that are needed to control insect and weed pests. In fact, Professional Lawn Care maintenance requires LESS PESTICIDE-INPUTS than Golf Course turf. The Golf Industry enjoys the benefits from a Prohibition Exception Status despite the fact that it uses the VERY SAME INGREDIENTS employed in Professional Lawn Care maintenance.

Enviro-Maniac-Activists are already alleging that the so-called threat to health and environment posed by Professional Lawn Care is EQUAL OR HIGHER on the golf course, especially with women and juniors. Of course, this alleged threat is a MYTH ! If it is safe to walk and play on a pesticide-treated golf course putting green, it is also safe to walk on a pesticide-treated lawn.

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Golf Industry Response to Threat of British Columbia Prohibition

## Trade Association Letter

RESPONSE FROM

CANADIAN GOLF SUPERINTENDENTS  
ASSOCIATION ( C.G.S.A. )

REGARDING

COSMETIC USE OF PESTICIDES  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA —  
PUBLIC CONSULTATION FORUM

FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

ADAPTED STATEMENT EXCERPTS

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Statement by Canadian Golf Superintendents Association —

From the perspective of the environment, stewardship has always been at the forefront of the profession of golf course management in Canada. As such, the value of the golf course as a « *green* » enterprise within the community has never been more important than it is today. This value is further enhanced by the current industry focus on issues such as the REDUCTION of water and NUTRIENT USE, carbon reduction, habitat protection and the need to maintain green space corridors within urban settings.

## Background Information from an Independent Perspective

The so-called FERTILIZER-REDUCTION-STRATEGIES have been NEEDLESS as well as DISASTROUS for the Golf Industry. As a consequence of these strategies, playing conditions and plant health have SUFFERED TERRIBLY, and maintenance expenses have actually RISEN. Diseases that thrive under fertilizer-reduction-strategies (i.e. low-nitrogen), like Anthracnose, that were non-existent just a decade ago, are now rampant. Unfortunately, FERTILIZER-REDUCTION-STRATEGIES have actually INCREASED the use of pest control products. Overall, FERTILIZER-REDUCTION-STRATEGIES are a FAILURE ! It is interesting to note that C.G.S.A. remains focused on bogus and pointless issues such as carbon reduction, corridors, habitats, nutrients, and water. Inevitably, C.G.S.A. will need to address more important issues, such as low mowing height versus HIGH-QUALITY PLAYING CONDITIONS, and the INEVITABLE and TOTAL REVOCATION of the Golf Industry Exception Status.

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## Golf Industry Response to Threat of British Columbia Prohibition

Statement by Canadian Golf Superintendents Association —

CGSA would recommend the following inclusions in the Province's legislative package —

- That if the government determines that the regulation of the cosmetic use of pesticides is necessary, that golf facilities be deemed NOT TO BE ENGAGED IN COSMETIC PESTICIDE USE.

## Background Information from an Independent Perspective

The Golf Industry has defended its Exception Status on the basis that the need for high-quality PLAYING CONDITIONS supersedes COSMETIC STANDARDS, especially if Integrated Pest Management (I.P.M.) is used. Again, the Golf Industry is vulnerable on several issues.

The Professional Lawn Care Industry used I.P.M. and failed to defend itself from prohibitionist policies. Furthermore, it will be increasingly difficult for the Golf Industry to defend its Exception Status on the need for high-quality playing conditions, especially since ALL pest control products, including those used on the golf course, represent a perceived threat to health and environment.

Besides, Enviro-Maniac-Activists have traditionally preferred junk lawns and junk landscapes that are unaltered by human activity, and are infested with weeds, insects, and disease pests. They HATE and DESPISE the Golf Industry, and they are particularly opposed to the « *cosmetic* » standards that golf courses REPRESENT, which are arbitrarily considered too lofty and unnecessary.

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CGSA would recommend the following inclusions in the Province's legislative package —

- [ IF PROHIBITION IS ] to be imposed on the continued use of pesticides by golf, that any such changes not restrict product availability and be phased in over a minimum period of three years.

## Background Information from an Independent Perspective

Not only does the leadership of Canadian Golf Superintendents Association ( C.G.S.A. ) endorse Prohibition and Environmental Terror, it is now preparing itself to CAPITULATE.

This is a unacceptable reaction to the catastrophic scenario.

C.G.S.A. must tell the B.C. government that it will legally challenge ANY prohibition. Never mind asking for a three-year grace period.

In order to SUCCESSFULLY DETER the needless, senseless, and malicious prohibition of pest control products used on the golf course, C.G.S.A. must directly and actively SUPPORT LITIGATION launched against those Enviro-Maniac-Culprits in the Province of Ontario.

Supporting litigation will effectively send the strong message that the Golf Industry opposes prohibition.



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CGSA would recommend the following inclusions in the Province's legislative package —

- That a provision be included in the legislation that restricts MUNICIPALITIES from passing legislation related to pesticide use and overrules any existing bylaws.

## Background Information from an Independent Perspective

Municipalities are the LEAST IMPORTANT issue facing the Golf Industry. In order to successfully deter the malicious prohibition efforts of Enviro–Maniac–Activists, C.G.S.A. must VIGOROUSLY EMBARK on a massive PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN to stop the proposed scheme by Environmental–Terror–Organizations and National Democratic Party of Canada ( N.D.P. ) for a national prohibition of pest control products. N.D.P. is the POLITICAL SHIELD for the Environmental–Terror–Movement.

Here is an excerpt from a parliamentary speech made by N.D.P. Leader Jack Layton on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 —

<< Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on behalf of all New Democrats on our motion to ban the use of pesticides used for cosmetic purposes in private homes and public spaces. A motion that I'm pleased to have rest in my name. >>



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In addition, the CGSA OFFERS ITS EXPERTISE [ ?!?! ] through its professional members in British Columbia to assist the government with the drafting of any legislative package. Again, we would emphasize that the CGSA is committed to the protection of communities in British Columbia. The CGSA believes that the best way to MINIMIZE INPUTS of all types is through the use of INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT ( IPM ) protocols.

## Background Information from an Independent Perspective

More egotistical trade association rant ! C.G.S.A. has NO expertise in drafting any type of legislation. This is simply a ludicrous offer. Furthermore, the Golf Industry is continuously and needlessly apologizing for its use of pest control products when none is necessary. There is NO REASON to minimize inputs because there is NOTHING WRONG with using pest control products.

The Golf Industry should focus on the fact that conventional pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE since they have been scrutinized and approved by the HUNDREDS of expert scientists at Health Canada ! Overall, when they are used properly, there are NO harmful irreversible effects to health and the environment !

Additionally, I.P.M. is a FAILED STRATEGY. The Professional Lawn Care Industry used I.P.M. and failed to defend itself from prohibitionist policies.



# The 2009-2010 leadership of Canadian Golf Superintendents Association that endorsed Prohibition and Environmental Terror

Future generations will ask the question — Why ?



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# NORAHG

**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, and the Media, nation-wide across Canada, the United States, and overseas.

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, and 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 ! Force Of Nature may sometimes be very irreverent and fearless with these e-newsletters. Mr. Gathercole is now retired from Force Of Nature, although his name continues to appear as the founder.


William H. Gathercole is a principal FOUNDER of the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry in BOTH Ontario and Quebec. He 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 GOLF and PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE, and has served in public affairs, workplace safety, and environmental compliance. Mr. Gathercole has supervised, consulted, programmed, and/or overseen the execution of HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of pest control applications in the urban landscape. He has trained, instructed, and consulted with THOUSANDS of turf managers and technicians. Mr. Gathercole has also been an agricultural agronomist. For many years, Mr. Gathercole was a contributing columnist for TURF & Recreation Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority.

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 his colleagues, legal action against the prohibition of pest control products in the Town of Hudson, Quebec. For FIFTEEN YEARS, the strategies designed and implemented by Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues guaranteed the control of Enviro-Terror for the entire Modern Green Space Industry across Canada. Mr. Gathercole is personally credited for crafting the Golf Industry Exception Status, that endures to this day. He is also the creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application. Although he can be accused of being Anti-Environment-Movement, he is, in fact, simply a strong advocate FOR the Modern Green Space Industry. 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 ! )

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head out of  
your butt !

*We must defend the industry,  
whatever the cost may be !*