

A woman in a blue bikini is lying on her side on a green lawn. In the background, there is a large, irregular patch of brown, dead grass. Beyond the lawn is a chain-link fence, trees with yellow autumn leaves, and a town built on a hillside under a cloudy sky.

# THE FAILURE OF ORGANIC PESTICIDE-FREE MAINTENANCE

## FORCE OF NATURE

THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE from  
National Organization Responding Against HUIE that seek to harm the Green Space Industry (NORAHG)

## **In the 9 | 11 Era of Anti-Pesticide Terrorism ...**

- **Anti-pesticide prohibition leads to the problem of weed invasion and insect infestation, occurring shortly after any municipality has prohibited the use of pest control products.**
- **Because of anti-pesticide prohibition, municipal parks and sport fields are over-run by weeds, and must be totally renovated since they are in an unusable condition for playing safely.**
- **Because of the failure of organic pesticide-free maintenance, municipal employees have had to resort to the back-breaking and agonizing job of weed pulling by hand using hoes !**
- **Consequently, municipal employees have been devalORIZED into a group of mere cotton-pickers.**
- **Municipal employees are demanding that prohibitions be rescinded so that they can be allowed to use pest control products that are Health-Canada-approved and federally-legal.**
- **Municipal employees want to stop being treated like cotton-pickers.**
- **Municipal government officials are now considering reverting back to conventional pest control products like Roundup since green alternative pesticides and practices do not work.**

# FAILURE

Organic

## Cotton-Picking and the Return of Roundup

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### **District of Coldstream**

[ Greater Vernon, British Columbia ]

Vernon Morning Star

Selected and adapted excerpts



# TOTAL & DISMAL FAILURE of Organic



## Manual Cotton-Picking Labour

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In municipalities throughout British Columbia, Government Officials are now CONSIDERING REVERTING BACK to conventional pest control products like Roundup since Green Alternative Pesticides and Practices DO NOT WORK.

Without the use of conventional pest control products, municipal employees have had to resort to the BACK-BREAKING and AGONIZING JOB of WEED PULLING BY HAND USING HOES !

In municipalities like Coldstream, British Columbia, the professional labour force has been DEVALORIZED into a group of mere COTTON-PICKERS.

## District Municipality of Coldstream

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Coldstream is a District Municipality in British Columbia, located in the Okanagan Valley, with a population under 10,000.

The municipality is directly south-east of the City of Vernon, and is considered part of Greater Vernon.

It is a member municipality of, and also the location of the head offices of, the Regional District of North Okanagan.

# BOGUS

## Organic Maintenance

### Anti-Pesticide CARNAGE

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Coldstream parks are OVER-RUN BY WEEDS, and MUST BE TOTALLY RENOVATED.

The PROBLEM OF WEEDS surfaced after Coldstream PROHIBITED the use of pest control products in 2009.

While WEED-PICKING was used initially to control weeds, it appears NO professional municipal employee wanted to continue with this form of MANUAL COTTON-PICKING LABOUR.

Regional District of North Okanagan staff reported that, because of Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION, the Creekside Park BASEBALL DIAMOND will cost ...

- 6,000 dollars PER WEEK for MANUAL COTTON-PICKING LABOUR involving HOEING, and
- 5,809 dollars PER WEEK for DRAGGING THE SITE.

Moreover, the Creekside Park BASEBALL DIAMOND must be COMPLETELY RENOVATED with RE-SURFACING and NEW SHALE.

Regional District of North Okanagan will spend 3,000 DOLLARS to bring the Creekside Park BASEBALL DIAMOND up to standard SINCE THE WEEDS LEFT IT IN AN UNUSABLE CONDITION FOR PLAYING SAFELY.

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## Anti-Pesticide CARNAGE ( continued )

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According to the Coldstream Park Administrator —

*We will RESTORE the diamond to a USABLE STATE.*

However, it is undetermined exactly how Regional District of North Okanagan will ensure weed growth will not occur again.

This is because there are NO viable, efficacious, economical, or low-risk alternatives to replace conventional weed control products like Roundup.

Organic Pesticide-Free Maintenance DOES NOT WORK.

## Roundup Is Environmentally-Friendly

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Coldstream has DEMANDED that Regional District of North Okanagan allow it to use a federally-approved « *organic* » weed control product to control weeds along the BASEBALL PATHS.

The BASEBALL PATH is the area within which a base runner must stay when running between bases.

But there are differences of opinion between reasonable people and anti-pesticide lunatics on what the term « *organic* » means as all compounds are organic in nature, but there may still be an environmental impact.

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## Organic Maintenance

### Roundup Is Environmentally-Friendly ( continued )

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According to the Coldstream Park Administrator —

*Whether it is ROUNDUP or other federally approved chemicals, yes ( WE WILL USE THEM ).*

*If you talk to the people who approve herbicides, they will argue it is ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY.*

### More Manual Cotton-Picking Labour

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But some Anti-Pesticide Enviro-Lunatic Officials are not sure staff actions are consistent with Coldstream's wishes not to put so-called harmful substances into the environment.

Lunatic Director Gyula Kiss wants the district's professional labour force to continue working as COTTON-PICKERS.

Here is statement of MOCK-IGNORANCE from Lunatic Director Gyula Kiss —

*I don't know why it's that difficult to maintain it without herbicides. [ ?!?! ]*

The reason is simple — Lunatic Director Gyula Kiss has ABSOLUTELY NO training, background, or expertise in matters pertaining to weed control.

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## Dangerous Playing Surfaces

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Organic Pesticide-Free Maintenance creates GARBAGE DUMPS and DANGEROUS PLAYING SURFACES — ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN !

Anti-Pesticide Activists are willing to COMPROMISE ON THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN who need a CUSHION OF HIGH-QUALITY TURFGRASS when playing and running and falling.

Without conventional pest control products, playing surfaces become THIN AND YELLOW, and OVER-RUN WITH WEEDS and INFESTED WITH INSECTS, resulting in the DISMAL DESTRUCTION OF TURF PLAYING SURFACES.

Concerns about the Creekside Park infields have come from the Vernon Baseball Association —

*It presents some real challenges to our young ball players.*

*There's SIGNIFICANT RISK for them, and they don't want to slide, there's fear of TRIPPING.*

Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION imposed under the PRETEXT of protecting children's health is WRONG since children are actually AT HIGH RISK of TRIPPING and becoming SERIOUSLY HURT.



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### Safe Conditions WITH Pest Control Products

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Pest control products PREVENT slipping injuries on sports turf.

Organic Pesticide-Free Maintenance creates HAZARDOUS SLIPPING CONDITIONS on playing surfaces.

On sports turf, safety considerations also influence decisions to use pest control products because bare areas, or large weedy patches, can increase the SLIPPING HAZARD.

The Precautionary Principle dictates that pest control products SHOULD NOT BE PROHIBITED.

With the choice between treating and not treating, the decision for proper weed control must be made.

Proper weed control on turf helps PREVENT SLIPPING INJURIES by eliminating broad-leaved weeds with pest control products that have been SCIENTIFICALLY-ASSESSED.

The SAFETY ASSESSMENT of pest control products takes into consideration CHILDREN'S physiology, behaviours, and habits WHILE PLAYING ON TREATED GRASS.

Moreover, there are NO valid reports of problems with children, and there is NOT ONE KNOWN ILLNESS or DEATH from the proper use of pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

# **TOTAL & DISMAL FAILURE of Organic**



**Organic and Pesticide-Free  
Maintenance Practices Are  
DISMAL FAILURES**

**They Represent a MAJOR THREAT to  
the SAFETY of CHILDREN and ADULTS**

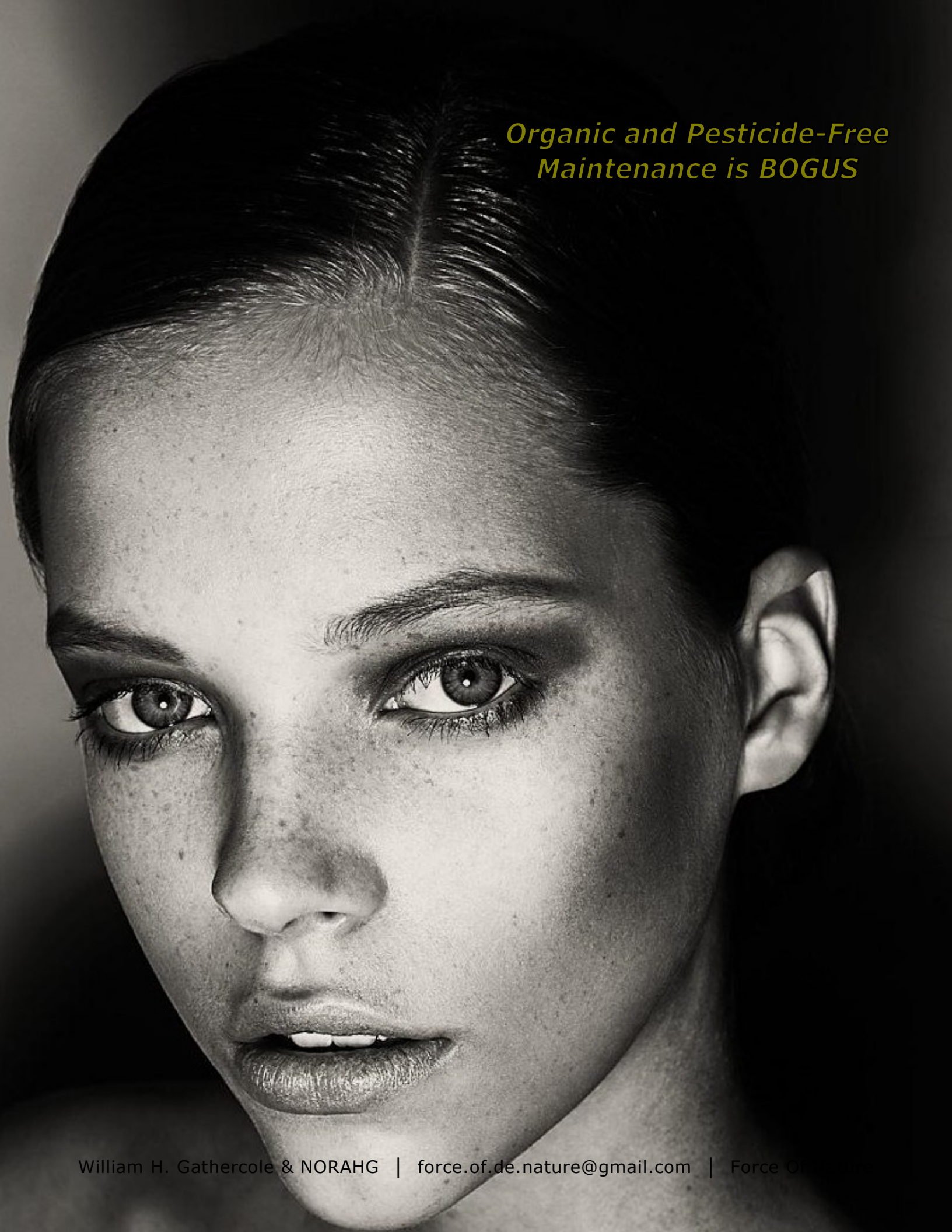
**Enviro-Vermin Promoting These  
Practices Must Be Eradicated  
from the Green Space Industry**

**Rat them out !**









*Organic and Pesticide-Free  
Maintenance is BOGUS*