

**Subject: Re: Ernie and Pesticides/Herbicides**

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Ah, John

Usually I lean to the libertarian side of things HOWEVER 'your' lawn poisons end up in groundwater and migrate from there to 'my' drinking water.

Furthermore, the chemicals available for residential use are in the category of 'sledge hammer to kill a fly' - you can purchase pesticides at Home Hardware which would kill a man ingesting a single teaspoon and for which there is no antidote. Bravo to Loblaws for taking a stand on this. Furthermore, a homeowner is able to apply the wrong substance in incorrect quantities or conditions and can purchase such materials even if you cannot read the warnings and instructions - when a commercial applicant would be charged for such actions. This is an area where I definitely want to see the weapon in the hands of certified trained professionals rather than lawn-loving amateurs.

Municipalities can ban such uses as Hudson has successfully shown. Their success has far reaching implications for municipal law and you can read about it at the FCM site.

It is not a matter of banning all pesticides or chemicals - they do a lot of good when properly chosen and responsibly applied.

I have a 'file' which I would be glad to share with you. Ah, if only I had hours to type.....

I have not seen Ernie's motion but will read it and get back to you.

Angela

On 15/4/02 1:55 PM, "John Hunter" <johnhunter@idmail.com> wrote:

- > *Wants them banned on public and private property in DNV. No list of*
- > *which ones in his report -- all I guess.*
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- > *Fertilizer and lime next? Insect repellent? Bear spray when in the*
- > *woods? Where do we stop? The lawn police? Prove you hand picked all*
- > *your weeds. Lawn spraying by flashlight?*
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- > *Not even sure if there is a report on it in any detail. Very brief*

- > *uninformative one on the web (Ernie's).*
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- > *One of the other councils looked at this with a report live. Not sure*
- > *what they decided.*
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- > *Hammer on a fly????*
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- > *Ban on idling car engine over two minutes passed - unenforceable and*
- > *silly, if politically correct.*
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- > *Tried to ban wood fires in DNV homes, and leaf blowers (I'm fine on*
- > *noise level bylaw, but banning the machine?)*
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- > *What next?*
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- > *The feds have jurisdiction here.*
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- > *Unenforceable, and I think a big stretch. If there are a few chemicals*
- > *that are clearly very bad actors, and particularly if there are workable*
- > *options, perhaps OK at the municipal level.*
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- > *Your thoughts?*
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- > *John*
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