

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

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You can ban what you want

If the feds do not move, you can't enforce it

As I say, the really bad actors, fine. My sense, which I hope is wrong, is Ernie is in the "ban everything" camp. Asking for the inevitable staff report. Rather than a report, why not explore it in principle. How far and in how many fields do we want to overlap the laws and regs of our other three levels of government? (I do not have a great answer but I suspect the answer is - only where absolutely necessary).

As for us "amateurs", don't expect a ban to work. Education might.

We could ban lots of things at the municipal level - smoky cars, diesel fuel, and asphalt paving, cooking oil all of which probably have more effect on our water than sprays at the residential level. I suspect the major source would be farms.

See one slide attached from a recent speech -look who the second worse actor is in the oceans.

By the way, if you watched the news a few nights ago, they are finding medical drugs in Lake Ontario because humans excrete drugs they are given. I am afraid to ask what ban that will cause!

John

-----Original Message-----

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Cc: FONVCA; Ernie Crist

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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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