

Subject: RE: FW: pesticides and herbicides

Date: Thu, 4 Aug 2005 09:57:28 -0700

From: "Ernie Crist" <ernie_crist@dnv.org>

To: "Corrie Kost" <kost@triumf.ca>

CC: "Mayor and Council - DNV" <Council@dnv.org>, "Senior Management Committee" <managecomm@dnv.org>, "James Ridge" <James_Ridge@dnv.org>, <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Dear Dr. Kost:

On this one there is no meeting of the minds. I want to pursue a totally new approach - a quantum leap, as in organically grown food as in prohibiting the production, sale and smoking of cigarettes or as in treating and neutralising all effluents including storm waters, before discharging them into the water. This is a war and requires a more than business as usual approach. It is, in fact, part and parcel of a total war for survival - that is TOTAL WAR FOR SURVIVAL.

What you are suggesting would leave a loop hole and would require a huge and utterly ineffectual bureaucracy and an even more extensive degree of co-operation from a totally irresponsible and totally ignorant people, who could not care less about the environment. It is like asking a shark to co-operate to save seals. This is the majority I am talking about. I listen to them on CKNW Radio on occasion - it is frightening.

My mind is made up - the production, sale and use of all pesticides other than those organically grown and derived from natural products, must be banned. That's it for me.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

From: Corrie Kost [mailto:kost@triumf.ca]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2005 8:56 AM
To: Ernie Crist
Subject: Re: FW: pesticides and herbicides

Dear Councillor Crist,

I consider only Scientific American and Nature as reasonably reliable. I certainly do look at the big picture. That is why these type of bylaws bother me. They can put the whole environmental program in disrepute (eg. cry wolf syndrome). Of course the planet is being poisoned. With so many people it cannot be otherwise. There are no harmless products. Home pesticide remedies are often far less safe than the government approved products. It has not been shown that bylaws have been (all-inclusive) cost effective nor attained the desired effect - namely harm reduction. Note also that "Professionals", using far more potent (read "commercial" as opposed to "domestic") versions of products are far more likely to suffer related health problems and will tend to use solutions that result in repeat business (profit being paramount). It is important that public facilities play a leading role in realistic, believable, and cost effective environmental harm reduction. The adage "those in glass houses should not throw stones" comes to mind.

Corrie Kost

Ernie Crist wrote:

Dear Dr. Kost:

I read "Scientific American", "Nature", "Discover", "Der Spiegel", I even read "US Business" and the "Economist" and the message to varying degrees is, we must change course. If "US Business" rings the alarm bell, believe me we should all be concerned. I don't keep those magazines. It is a strategic necessity. Always remember the big picture. We must step outside the little box. The planet is being poisoned. It is a fact which in typical corporate fashion is being denied and or marginalised. As long as we make concessions there is no incentive to produce truly harmless products.

Ernie Crist.

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

From: Corrie Kost [<mailto:corrie@kost.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2005 11:33 PM
To: Ernie Crist
Subject: Re: FW: pesticides and herbicides

Dear Councillor Crist,

Too bad you did not save them.

You should know that every substance on this planet is harmful to life - it is only a matter of dosage. The statement "pesticides are harmful or they are not" is thus not a scientific statement. We should deal with this matter in a factual - not emotional, manner. Exaggerated risk underlies a lot of the junk science on this issue - leading to dogma and the resulting bad policies. I have to believe that reason and rational thinking will prevail. I look forward to a reasoned debate and trust you will keep an open mind in this issue.

Corrie Kost

Ernie Crist wrote:

Dear Dr. Kost

I did not save them. However, the evidence is overwhelming and the logic inescapable. The flaw in your position is evident in the statement "when used as indicated". Pesticides are either harmful or they are not.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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

From: Corrie Kost [<mailto:kost@triumf.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2005 5:20 PM
To: Ernie Crist
Subject: Re: FW: pesticides and herbicides

Dear Councillor Crist,

Kindly forward any and all articles which indicate that "domestic" grade pesticides are a health hazard when used as indicated on the package(s).

Corrie Kost

Ernie Crist wrote:

From: Ernie Crist
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2005 5:00 PM

To: 'Bob Huen'; DNVCouncil
Subject: RE: pesticides and herbicides

Dear Mr. Huen

Needless to say there is much logic in what you say and I would never

agree to a ban of pesticides no matter what, as long we ourselves
are using pesticides. Unfortunately, there is no support from the
senior

levels of government and it looks like we at the local level have to
strike the first blow and maybe this is the way it should be since
everything starts at the local level.

As for allowing private companies to continue using pesticides?....
this cannot be a long term solution either as those who live adjacent

to such properties will tell you not to mention the big picture which

is indeed frightening to say the least. The scientific material made

available to me for reading in the last few months is cause for alarm

and that is all I can tell you. However, this matter will be returned

to Council for further discussion and deliberation.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

From: Bob Huen [<mailto:bobhuen@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2005 3:03 PM
To: DNVCouncil
Subject: pesticides and herbicides

Mayor and Councilors,

I find it amazing that you would consider banning pesticides used by professional lawn care companies but allow private individuals to purchase these chemicals and possibly misuse them. I am equally astonished that you would allow the parks board and golf courses to use

them and expose the public to them while banning the use on private property where access is controlled. You have it backwards. I suggest

banning the sale and use of these products by private individuals and

only allow trained professionals to apply them. Your plan would only lead to a much greater misuse of these chemicals by private

individuals.

Bob Huen 920 Shakespeare Avenue North Vancouver V7K 2Y9