

Subject: RE: Pesticide Use

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

To: <dafcti@telus.net>, "Brian Platts" <bplatts@shaw.ca>

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

Dear Mr. Fromson:

I do not wish to engage in any further dialogue on this matter - you have an opinion and that is that. However, I do find your stance that "homeowners can (should) decide on their own, if they wish or not wish to use properly licensed pesticides" somewhat specious.

We do live in an interdependent society and in such a society IT IS the role of government including local government to enact legislation for the protection of the community. If this were not so than government had no right to make us wear seat belts or ban smoking in public places to use but two examples. Pesticides do impact the health and the well being of people to varying degrees, including possibly your neighbours and certainly the larger community. There is overwhelming evidence to that effect. This is what this controversy is all about.

Neither are licensed pesticides necessarily safe because it says so on the label. At one time similar claims were made with asbestos and tobacco. Manufacturers compiled extensive "evidence" that smoking was harmless for example, however, it was not.

You might be surprised how utterly deceitful and dishonest corporations and their spokespersons can be when money is at stake. To the extent that I believe them to be untruthful in many instances, I am indeed biased. The problem is compounded by the lack of action by Senior levels of government on behalf of the health and well being of the citizens of Canada.

As for my qualifications to make a considered judgment, please rest assured that I do my homework. Also, threats about getting elected or re-elected have never bothered me. I do and have done what I consider to be right and in line with my best judgment. However, I venture to say, you are relatively new in this municipality.

Thank you,

Ernie Crist

From: Doug Fromson [<mailto:dafcti@telus.net>]
Sent: Saturday, August 06, 2005 9:38 PM
To: 'Brian Platts'; Ernie Crist
Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV
Subject: RE: Pesticide Use

Mr. Platts

You are free to post my email if you wish, providing that you include my response.

Mr. Crist, you have missed my point. I am not questioning the authority of the District to prevent the use of pesticides; I have no knowledge on that matter. What I am questioning is the competence of the District to

take such action and the need to take a universal decision on behalf of homeowners who can decide on their own if they wish or do not wish to use properly licensed pesticides.

I do not disagree that Federal agencies may or may not be effective. The same is true for municipalities.

I perceive a very personal bias with your comment "mostly global corporations whose concern appear to extend to making profit only, regardless of the consequences to the environment and/or human health". I have a very different opinion on that matter as well, which I believe to be as valid as yours. If your focus on pesticides is an attempt to punish global corporations, I consider that you are derelict in your duties as a councilor.

As to the governance of the District, I will have an opportunity to express my choices at the next municipal election.

Douglas A. Fromson

From: Brian Platts [<mailto:bplatts@shaw.ca>]
Sent: August 6, 2005 8:50 PM
To: dafcti@telus.net
Subject: Re: Pesticide Use

Dear Mr. Fromson - in response to your e-mail, Ernie Crist copied the Federation of NV Community Associations for publication in the correspondence section of our web site at www.fonvca.org. I thought I should first seek your consent before the exchange is posted.

Sincerely,
Brian Platts
Federation of NV Community Associations

Ernie Crist wrote:

Dear Mr. Fromson:

I appreciate that this is a highly controversial issue. However, as you may be under the impression that municipalities do not have the authority and/or the power to regulate the use of pesticides within their borders, I am obliged to inform you that they DO have such powers. Also, you may not be aware that there has already been a considerable debate around this issue throughout Canada and some Canadian cities have already enacted such bylaws while many more are in the process of doing so.

It may be of interest to you to learn that one of the reasons why local governments have taken it upon themselves to act in this fashion is because the effects of the use of pesticides on the environment and human health are not taking place in some place called Canada but in the cities and municipalities of Canada. This is one reason. The other is that Federal jurisdictions have proven themselves to be utterly ineffective in coming to grips with this issue. It would appear that, as in many other instances the Government of Canada is unwilling to challenge what are mostly global corporations whose concern appear to extend to making profit only, regardless of the consequences to the environment and/or human health.

However, there will be an opportunity for further public input on this issue. To inform you about my personal stance on this issue I will send you relevant email exchanges between myself and members of the public which you might find interesting. These emails are exchanges to and from an elected official and as such are public property since the relevant parties have not indicated that their emails are not for publication.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

From: Doug Fromson [<mailto:dafcti@telus.net>]
Sent: Saturday, August 06, 2005 2:15 PM
To: Mayor and Council - DNV
Subject: Pesticide Use

Dear Mayor and Councilors


I use a licensed lawn contractor to take [care] of my lawns.

Most importantly, I want the contractor to be free to use any product that is approved for use by Canadian Federal authorities.

I consider any action that the District would take based on input from pressure groups to contradict Federal regulations to be irresponsible. The limited resources of the District to assess such matters are undoubtedly not adequate to make such a decision on my behalf. If other home owners wish to curtail use of certain products for lawn care they, of course, are free to do so.

Yours respectfully

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