

Pesticide Toxicity Report

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There are those who think that returning to a pre-industrial age of pest and weed control is somehow a state of advancement. But just as our own souls have to be weeded from unproductive and invasive activities that crowd out productive growth, the same is true of nature. Nature we have learned from our earliest ancestors is far from being in a state of perfect balance. We learn on the excavations of past civilizations who have faded away, being dissolved into the surroundings by the jungle or by the desert.

We are told that Nature can manifest as abnormal and unbalanced. "The ground will produce thorns and thistles...you will eat from it by means of painful labor." When we apply this observation to the Urban environment, we see that keeping a civilized non jungle environment, requires a great deal of work. Whether it be the threats of SnowTember, the 2013 flood, a harsh winter, or a carbon tax to freeze us out of our homes, life in Calgary is not a utopian work free Shangri-La.

There are those of Socialust mentality who so believe in egalitarianism, that an acceptable result. is equal impoverishment and misery for all. But this is not the road to a civilized Calgary. The voters are not asking for the current despicable state of park and boulevard care that we are seeing. Our grass has been literally deluged by dandelions, which makes residential maintenance very onerous and lowers the standards of orderliness citywide. In fact, it indirectly encourages the growth of crime, both property and personal.

The way that grass is not weeded or cut until just before Stampede, great contributes to the slumification of our great City of Calgary. Living in slums amidst Hooverville shantytown conditions CityWide, while monumental projects are built in the Core is not an equitable solution. Our preceding City fathers, would react in horror at the standards of neglect that are beginning to predominate our everyday practices. Even the starvation of waste landfill hours reflects this extreme detachment from reality and fuels garbage dumping on private and public lands.

The neglect of the gopher infestations that took place over five months last summer, just two blocks north of this City Hall, on Memorial Drive, and the Rundle ruins show the negative effects this back to crude nature retroprimitivism. These are Third World Standards we are descending to. And some indeed want to exact that revenge on us.

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