

Queen's Park Report

Ontario temporarily bans two herbicides

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The provincial government has decided to ban temporarily the use of two controversial herbicides (2,4,5-T and 2,4,5-TP) which contain minute quantities of dioxin, even though a government appointed committee and the federal departments of Agriculture and Health and Welfare have recommended that use of the chemicals be allowed.

In an interview following his announcement of the two year ban, the Minister of the Environment stated that the herbicides are being banned due to public anxiety over dioxin — the most toxic of man-made chemicals, traces of which have recently been found in two Lake Ontario fish.

Both the suspect herbicides are known to be contaminated by small amounts of dioxin, and U.S. researchers have stated that a mere 11,200th of a drop of pure dioxin would prove fatal.

To replace these two herbicides (which are incidentally used to control vegetation on Hydro rights-of-way and along highways) the government will allow the use of 2,4-D, other

phenoxy herbicides and Picoram. These are considered less toxic, though less effective, and contain no detectable levels of dioxin, but can control vegetation.

X-RAY MACHINES
A team of three physicists and an engineer have released a report stating that excessive radiation from X-ray machines is causing some 20 leukemia cases a year in Ontario.

The University of Toronto's Dr. Kenneth Taylor and his colleagues, who have been working on this problem, believe that these 20 cases can be reduced to two.

Dr. Taylor has been awarded \$300,000 over the next three years for a program to minimize radiation levels.

Based on a survey of 20 hospitals during 1977 and 1978, some 5 per cent of hospital X-ray machines emit exceptionally high doses of radiation because they are not adjusted properly. This figure is a statistical estimate based on preliminary findings.

In addition, the president of the 2,700-member Ontario Society for Radiological Technicians has stated that in this province

anyone is permitted to run an X-ray machine without specialized training or a licence.

She also stated that Ontario was warned at least ten years ago that some hospital patients were being exposed to dangerously high radiation levels when having X-rays.

MEDICARE
Provincial medicare continues to be a widespread topic of discussion. The Federal Minister of Health has stated that Ontario's contribution to health costs has "dwindled down to close to nothing" — a statement denied by the Provincial Treasurer.

Meanwhile, the Provincial Minister of Health has said that Ontario residents don't have to worry about a reduced standard of health care due to the federal threat to cut health care payments to the Province.

He considers the threat an election move, while his colleague, the Provincial Treasurer, says such a cut in funding is unthinkable.

The United Auto Workers union has said it may ask for a private health plan in contract negotiations if doctors continue to drop out of OHIP.

POLICE WEEK
Each year at this time "Police Week" is celebrated all over Canada. This special week to promote police-public co-operation is

traditionally the week which includes the 15th of May, running from Sunday to Saturday.

This practice was established in 1969, largely through the ef-

forts of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

There are opening ceremonies, special exhibits (for the most part in plazas) and the

public is welcome to tour our police forces, and to become more knowledgeable about their work and their problems.

It's a wonderful opportunity to pay tribute to our police forces, and to become more knowledgeable about their work and their problems.

Jobs are available for area students

The Student Employment Centre in Richmond Hill has a nice problem.

They have more jobs posted than people to fill the vacancies.

If you are a post-secondary student and are looking for work, they have the jobs and a good selection for you to choose from.

Some of the available jobs require some specialized skills, such as photography or welding, but if you have these skills, they can find you a job.

All you, as a student, need to do to get a job through the Student Employment Centre is drop by the office at 10144 Yonge Street between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and register. If you want to work, they can

send you immediately to see the employers who are looking for help.

The telephone number of the office is 884-1584.

The same applies to employers looking for seasonal help. They can call the office anytime and leave a list of requirements for their job.

The Student Employment Centre is hopeful that by the time the Secondary School students are out on the streets looking for work, they will have as many jobs as they do applicants.

There is work in Richmond Hill, and what the Student Employment Centre tries to do is bring the employer and the students together to everyone's satisfaction.

TO CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 18 TO THE APPROVED OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE RICHMOND HILL PLANNING AREA.

PLACE: Council Chambers, Municipal Offices
DATE: Tuesday, June 5th, 1979
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

This Amendment would amend the Approved Official Plan (Area 1) by designating the property outlined below from "Industrial" to "Residential" in order to permit a proposed plan of subdivision on Lot 47 and Part of Lots 49 and 50, Registered Plan 10030, Town of Richmond Hill.

The proposed subdivision would consist of 4.9 hectares subdivided into twenty-one (21) single family lots and thirty-five (35) semi-detached lots (91 units).

W.J. Power
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Councillor A. Duffy
Chairman, Planning Committee

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Sizes available: 40, 20 and 5 lbs.
Crabgrass Control 10-5-10
Kills crabgrass seeds before they germinate. Can also be used in the Fall. Do not use in summer or sow grass seed six weeks before or after application. Apply at 10 lbs. per 1,000 square feet.
Crabgrass Preventer 10-6-4 with Seeding Safety
Crabgrass Preventer will not harm grass seed — can be spread at the same time. Packaged in a 20 lb. bag. Treats and feeds 2,500 square feet.
- 2 LATE SPRING**
Super All Purpose 14-7-7 with 25% Milorganite
As the spring progresses the nitrogen content applied to the lawn should be lowered in relation to other plant nutrients. So-Green recommends this 2-1-1 ratio fertilizer. It contains Iron and 18 additional plant nutrients.
Size available: 15 Kg. Feeds 465 square metres (5,000 sq. ft.).
Weed & Feed 10-5-10
Weed & Feed contains Killax combined with an organic base to control dandelions, clover and most broadleaf weeds. High potash content provides grass with disease resistance.
Apply at: 10 lbs. per 1,000 square feet.
Sizes available: 60, 40, 20 and 5 lbs.
- 3 SUMMER**
High Organic 10-6-4 with 60% Milorganite
High Organic is the ideal summertime fertilizer. It will not burn, does not require watering in and feeds grass over a four month period. Contains 18 trace elements and 2 1/2% Iron to give a deep green grass all summer long. Apply at 1 Kg per 20 square metres (10 lbs per 1,000 sq. ft.).
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- 4 FALL**
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