Background Information:
Statistics Canada report regarding lawn care industry and pesticides by-law

Overview:

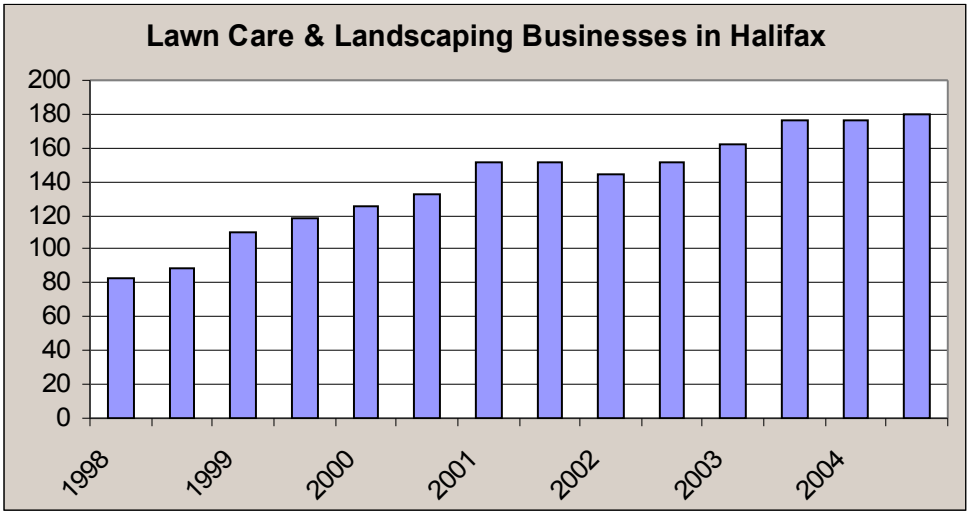
A report by a Statistics Canada released on Oct. 4, 2005, looked at the number of companies and employees in the landscaping sector in Halifax. The data is part of a study called Canadian Business Pattern (1998-2005.) The report indicates that the number of companies and employees of those companies in the Halifax landscaping sector has risen since the pesticide by-law was enacted there.

The Halifax pesticides by-law was enacted in 2000; the date it became effective for the majority of the community was April 2003.

In essence, the data shows there is no evidence that the enactment of a by-law restricting the use of pesticides in Halifax was detrimental to the landscaping services sector. In fact, the data shows just the opposite: the by-law appears to have been beneficial, with growth shown in both the areas of number of companies and number of jobs.

In particular:

- The number of landscaping firms in Halifax increased steadily since 1998;
- Growth was not interrupted by the enactment of a pesticide by-law in 2000 and its effective date for the majority of the community in April 2003;
- Since 2000, the number of firms has increased by 53% - from 118 to 180 companies;
- There has been growth in the size of landscaping firms in Halifax – in the past two years, the number of firms with 50 to 99 employees has increased from none to five; and
- Since 2000, there was growth in small businesses:
    - The number of businesses with 5-9 employees increased from 16 to 22;
    - The number of businesses with 10-19 employees increased from 14 to 20; and
    - The number of businesses with 20-49 employees increased from 5 to 12.



Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register, Canadian Business Pattern (1998-2005)

December 1998 - June 2005 Establishment counts by selected NAICS for the CSD of Halifax

NAICS 561730 - Landscaping Services*

Month and Year		Employee Size Ranges								
	Total # Companies	1-4	5-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	100-199	200-499	500+	Indeterminate
December 1998	83	47	8	12	3	1	1	0	0	11
June 1999	89	48	10	11	4	1	1	0	0	14
December 1999	110	49	8	16	6	0	1	0	0	30
June 2000	118	55	11	14	6	0	1	0	0	31
December 2000	125	59	16	14	5	0	1	0	0	30
June 2001	133	59	14	17	3	0	1	0	0	39
December 2001	151	73	14	16	4	0	1	0	0	43
June 2002	151	71	16	12	6	0	1	0	0	45
December 2002	144	60	15	11	7	0	1	0	0	50
June 2003	152	57	16	13	10	0	1	0	0	55
December 2003	162	51	17	17	14	0	1	0	0	62
June 2004	176	60	22	13	19	0	1	0	0	61
December 2004	176	56	20	17	15	2	1	0	0	65
June 2005	180	53	22	20	12	5	1	0	0	67

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- Definition of Landscaping Services (Category 56173): This industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in providing landscape care and maintenance services and/or installing trees, shrubs, plants, lawns or gardens, and establishments engaged in these activities along with the construction (installation) of walkways, retaining walls, decks, fences, ponds and similar structures.
- Exclusion(s) to this definition: Establishments primarily engaged in:
    - the construction (installation) of walkways, retaining walls, decks, fences, ponds and similar structures(23, Construction);
    - retailing, installing and maintaining landscaping materials, such as trees, shrubs and plants (44, Nursery and Garden Centres); and
    - planning and designing the development of land areas for projects such as parks and other recreational areas; airports; highways; hospitals; schools; land subdivisions; and commercial, industrial and residential areas (54132 Landscape Architectural Services).

North American Industry Classification System (Statistics Canada, Standards Division, 1997)

Note: Landscaping services in category 56173 includes companies that primarily provide landscape care and maintenance but may also provide services such as fencing, construction of walkways, etc. Companies that <u>primarily</u> provide these related services are captured in other categories listed in the exclusions portion of the definition.