STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 580

Councillor Benham questioned if the Chairperson would call a special meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services to discuss the mosquito control policy.

Councillor Steeves noted that the request for a special meeting came just a matter of days after the policy had been passed by Council and as Chairperson, he exercised his right not to call a special meeting in order to allow the administration and the new Entomologist time to try and implement the new policy.

Councillor Benham stated that circumstances regarding mosquitoes and the mosquito policy had changed since the implementation of the policy and asked why the chairperson would not want to call a special meeting to discuss the policy.

Councillor Steeves replied that the policy was in place and that the administration should be allowed the opportunity to make use of it, followed by a review once the mosquito season was completed.

Councillor Smith noted that Health Canada issued advice that after fogging for mosquitoes, play structures should be washed down and questioned why that advice was being ignored, to which Councillor Steeves replied he would take the question under advisement.

Councillor Wyatt noted statistics showing Winnipeg had the highest rates for crimes of all cities in Canada and questioned what was the strategy being used to deal with crime in Winnipeg and what discussions could be spearheaded to come up with a long term strategy.

Councillor Steeves stated that the Police could use more resources, funding and revenue and noted how difficult a task it would be to find the money within the City's operating budget.

Councillor Wyatt questioned if the City had a five year business plan for policing in the City to which Councillor Steeves replied that the City does extensive planning.