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REPORTS

Item No. 2 **Membership on proposed Blue Ribbon Panel on Insect Control – Civic Environmental Committee**
File E-7

CIVIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 12, 2005, the Civic Environmental Committee recommended that the Administration be requested to consider adding the Civic Environmental Committee as a fifth organization to be invited to nominate one representative to the (proposed) Blue Ribbon Panel on Mosquito Control.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

CIVIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 12, 2005, the Civic Environmental Committee passed the following motion, namely:

> WHEREAS on September 12, 2005, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services referred the July 27, 2005 Council motion to the administration for report back to the Committee at its meeting on October 13, 2005.
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> AND WHEREAS the Civic Environmental Committee is desirous in being represented on the Blue-Ribbon Panel;
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the administration be requested to consider adding the Civic Environmental Committee as a fifth organization to be invited to nominate one representative to the panel,

and forwarded the matter to Executive Policy Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 12, 2005, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services referred the matter to the Administration for report back to the Committee at its meeting on October 13, 2005.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 27, 2005, Council automatically referred the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services:

WHEREAS City Council on October 27, 2004, approved a motion from the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services regarding the City's policy on Insect Control;

AND WHEREAS the motion requested the Winnipeg public service to report on the relative costs and effectiveness of Malathion as a means of controlling adult mosquitoes;

AND WHEREAS the subsequent report outlined a new policy regarding mosquito control, but did not review any of the scientific literature regarding Malathion;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND WHEREAS City Council endorsed the Blueprint for Action on mosquito control in April, 2003, which called for a Blue-Ribbon Panel of Experts to "provide advice relative to the most effective and environmentally sensitive mosquito control methods;"

AND WHEREAS that panel was not established;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment has called Malathion "a dangerous nerve poison" linked to nerve, kidney and lung damage and childhood leukemia, and called for the City of Winnipeg to halt its use;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council establish a Blue-Ribbon Panel of Experts to review the scientific literature and report on the safety, efficacy, costs and benefits of Malathion for mosquito adulticiding in the Winnipeg context;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the panel shall consist of:

1. The City of Winnipeg Entomologist
2. A senior administrator from the Community Services Department;
3. A chairperson who is not employed by the City of Winnipeg;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following organizations be invited to nominate one representative each to the panel:

1. The Province of Manitoba
2. The University of Manitoba
3. The University of Winnipeg
4. The Manitoba Eco-Network

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the panel shall report its preliminary findings, based on the scientific literature, to Council before December 31, 2005;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the panel shall then hold public hearings on its findings with at least one public hearing to be held in each of the community committee areas before March 31, 2006;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the panel shall then make a final report to Council before April 30, 2006.