Minute No. 438
Report - Executive Policy Committee - June 23, 2010

Item No. 3 Mosquito Control Program
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COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee, as amended, and adopted the following:

1. The Winnipeg Public Service be directed to review the City of Winnipeg's Adult Mosquito Control Policy (the "Policy") and report back to the Executive Policy Committee within 30 days with recommendations on amending the Policy to reflect best practises and proactive options in areas including but not limited to:

    (a) criteria for conducting pre-emptive barrier treatments involving the application of environmentally-sensitive products onto localized areas of long grass and other identified areas to proactively combat adult mosquitoes in their resting place during the day;

    (b) adulticiding factor analysis guidelines, including the use of trap counts as a factor in determining whether and on what timeline adulticiding should take place;

    (c) the impact of Anti-Pesticide Registrant buffer zones on City-wide mosquito control efforts, and the desirability of maintaining such buffer zones; and

    (d) alternative methods of conducting larviciding and adulticiding operations;

    (e) the methods and systems engaged by the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota, for adult mosquito control and the resources required for a one day / city-wide service for adulticiding operations, versus the present city methods of a city-wide spray that can take up to seven days.

2. The Winnipeg Public Service be directed to consult with the Province of Manitoba to ensure that the provincially-issued Pesticide Use Permit reflects the best practises referenced in clause (1).

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,
That the Item be amended by adding the following:

1. (e) methods and systems engaged by the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota, for adult mosquito control and report back to Executive Policy Committee within 30 days with recommendations on the resources required for a one day / city-wide service for adulticiding operations, versus the present city methods of a city-wide spray that can take up to seven days.

The motion for adoption of the amendment was put and declared carried.

The motion for adoption of the item, as amended, was put and declared carried.

Councillor Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against the item, as amended, in accordance with Rule 47(7) of the Procedure By-law 50/2007.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 23, 2010, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS temperatures and rainfall levels can have a dramatic effect on mosquito populations;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has received approximately 150% above normal rainfall for the month of May, with the bulk of this rainfall occurring over two days, resulting in the creation of a large amount of habitat conducive for developing large numbers of adult mosquitoes;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued)

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba issues the City of Winnipeg a Pesticide Use Permit that sets out certain restrictions, terms and conditions under which the City can carry out its adult mosquito larviciding and adulticiding program;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is also bound by the guidelines set forth in the Adult Mosquito Control Policy (contained within the Mosquito Control Strategy) passed unanimously by Council in March, 2005;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council that:

(i) the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to review the City of Winnipeg's Adult Mosquito Control Policy (the "Policy") and report back to the Executive Policy Committee within 30 days with recommendations on amending the Policy to reflect best practises and proactive options in areas including but not limited to:

    (a) criteria for conducting pre-emptive barrier treatments involving the application of environmentally-sensitive products onto localized areas of long grass and other identified areas to proactively combat adult mosquitoes in their resting place during the day;

    (b) adulticiding factor analysis guidelines, including the use of trap counts as a factor in determining whether and on what timeline adulticiding should take place;

    (c) the impact of Anti-Pesticide Registrant buffer zones on City-wide mosquito control efforts, and the desirability of maintaining such buffer zones; and

    (d) alternative methods of conducting larviciding and adulticiding operations;

(ii) the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to consult with the Province of Manitoba to ensure that the provincially-issued Pesticide Use Permit reflects the best practises referenced in clause (i),

and submitted the matter to Council.