## STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

## MOTIONS

**Minute No. 579**
Moved Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,

WHEREAS the City undertakes a Mosquito Adulticiding Program (fogging) to control the adult mosquito population within the borders of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the authority to undertake said program is provided for in a Pesticide Use Permit issued to the City by the Manitoba Conservation Department of the Provincial Government;

AND WHEREAS the pesticide use permit allows individuals to register their objections to fogging in writing with the City;

AND WHEREAS the pesticide use permit requires that the City turn off fogging equipment 100 metres on each side of an objectors property in the front street, side street and rear lane;

AND WHEREAS the objectors portion of the permit has resulted in no fogging occurring in entire neighbourhoods due to the number of objectors;

AND WHEREAS the Province recently confirmed the presence of West Nile Virus in a dead crow in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS as a result of the West Nile Virus finding, on July 12, 2004 the Province modified the pesticide use permit issued to the City by deleting the 100 metre zone for objectors and allowing fogging to include all properties in the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the West Nile Virus is likely to increase in severity in future years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg ask the Province to delete the 100 metre fogging buffer zone section from all future pesticide use permits in order to ensure that all the citizens of Winnipeg receive the protection they require and deserve from West Nile Virus.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Angus,
That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

**Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – Motions (continued)**

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

Councillor Gerbasi called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Eadie, Angus, De Smedt, Lazarenko and O'Shaughnessy. 6

Nay: Councillors Benham, Clement, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Magnifico, Pagtakhan, Smith, Steeves, Thomas and Wyatt. 10

and the motion to suspend the rule was lost.

**Minute No. 580**
Moved by Councillor Benham,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS some scientists and residents have questioned both the efficiency and safety of malathion;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a responsibility to protect the health of its citizens from both chemical toxins and mosquito-borne diseases;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has committed to participating in research on alternative measures as part of its Blueprint Strategy on Mosquito Control;

AND WHEREAS City Councillors and the public must have the best available research data in order to make an informed decision about the use of malathion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Insect Control Services prepare a cost-benefit analysis of the use of malathion
   a. To control nuisance mosquitoes;
   b. To control mosquitoes which may bear West Nile Virus or other diseases.

2. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the analysis must include responses on the following issues:
   a. What research, if any, has been conducted on the efficiency and safety of malathion?
   b. What conclusions, if any, have been reached through such research?
   c. What has been the experience of other Canadian cities with the use of malathion?

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d. What are the effects of the current mosquito control program, both larviciding and adulticiding, on other insects?
e. How could the City promote an increase in dragonflies and other naturalpredators of the mosquito?
f. What other measures could the City take to reduce mosquitoes?

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

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law