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Item No. 3 Mosquito Adulticiding Program
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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation and recommends to Council:

1. That the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be granted an extension of time of one hundred and twenty (120) days in order for the Administration to report back on the matter.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 14, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommended that Council grant an extension of time of one hundred and twenty (120) days in order for the Administration to report back on the matter.

On September 13, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services laid over consideration of the matter pending its further consideration of the July 21, 2004, Council Motion requesting the Insect Control Services to prepare a cost-benefit analysis of the use of malathion to control nuisance mosquitoes and mosquitoes which may bear West Nile Virus or other diseases.

COUNCIL:

On July 21, 2004, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services:

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Moved 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;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

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.