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City of Winnipeg buffer zone is now reduced to 90 metres in an adult nuisance mosquito control program

Winnipeg, MB. – The City of Winnipeg has received approval from the Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch, Manitoba Conservation to amend the City’s pesticide use permit and reduce the buffer zone from 100 metres to 90 metres in an adult nuisance mosquito control program.

The City had proposed a Malathion drift study, to determine scientifically if a greater reduction to less than 90 meters would be appropriate. However, the testing will not be conducted, as the City has been advised that the 10 metre reduction will be the maximum allowable under the current pesticide use permit from Manitoba Conservation.

Property owners not wanting insecticides applied on or adjacent to their principal residence may register as “Anti-Pesticide Registrants” for cankerworm and/or adult nuisance mosquito control programs. Those who wish to register must provide identification that ties the registrant to the address being registered for a buffer zone.

There are four different options to register: In writing to Insect Control Branch at 3 Grey Street, R2L 1V2; by faxing or e-mailing 311; or in person at 1539 Waverley Street. Please remember a minimum 72-hour turnaround time is required for processing.

Citizens may also register for email notification regarding cankerworm and/or adult nuisance mosquito control programs by visiting the Insect Control [website](#). They can also register for telephone notification by calling 311 and leaving their name, address and phone number. Once registered, residents will receive automated phone or email notification identifying the area(s) of the City in which the Insect Control Crews are intending to work, weather permitting.

Interested individuals may acquire more information by contacting 311, or by visiting the City’s Insect Control [website](#).

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