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City of Winnipeg Fogging Program Progressing Well Despite Recent Weather

WINNIPEG, MB – Despite the storms over the past few days the City of Winnipeg Insect Control Branch has completed fogging in approximately 85% of the City. Forty three of the 51 Insect Management Areas have been completed over the past 4 nights. Fogging will continue throughout the entire city as long as the AFA remains high and trap counts are in the range of 100 in one or more quadrants.

Taz Stuart, City Entomologist reports that “The rain has come in heavy downpours each night and has not continued for long periods at a time. The fogging trucks stop temporarily when the rain is heavy or the winds are significant, and then are able to carry on. We have 18 trucks out there each night which allows for a lot of ground to be covered. We are working 10 hour shifts and this helps us to work around the storms.”

A full larviciding program is also continuing. The heavy rains continue to create larval development sites. The Insect Control Branch surveillance crews are monitoring larvae development in all of the sites. Four helicopters and ground crews are treating and re-treating 18,000 hectares of standing water sites as necessary throughout the City and the 10km treatment area surrounding Winnipeg.

The AFA remains at high given the recent heavy rainfalls; the warm temperatures; continued larval development; and the current adult mosquito population. Information on current AFA factors is available on the Insect Control Branch Website at Winnipeg.ca/bugline.

Fogging is being carried out on a daily basis between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Daily public service announcements will continue to be issued to the

media at least 8 hours in advance of fogging to identify fogging activities for that evening.

It is important to note that fogging does not occur when temperatures are below 13 degrees Celsius and/or wind speeds are not conducive for fogging.

Due to the cooler weather overnight, the City of Winnipeg was not able to complete all the areas scheduled for Adult Nuisance Mosquito fogging for June 26, 2007. Insect Management Areas 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 were fully completed. Only portions of the remaining Insect Management Areas were completed. These remaining areas are scheduled to be completed tonight, weather permitting.

Tonight, June 27, 2007, crews will continue treatment in Insect Management Areas 9, 11, 13 and 14. Upon completion of these areas crews will begin treatment in Insect Management Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 27, 28, 29, 39, 43 and 44.

Insect Management Area	Neighbourhoods
Insect Management Areas to be completed from June 26 scheduled fogging program	
9	Dugald, Melrose, Mission Gardens, Transcona South, Transcona Yards, St. Boniface Industrial Park
11	Glenwood, Norwood East, Norwood West
13	Alpine Place, Elm Park, Lavalee, St. George, Varennes, Worthington
14	Kingston Crescent, Minnetonka, Norberry, Pulberry, Victoria Crescent
New Insect Management Areas to be treated tonight upon completion of above scheduled areas	
1	Kilcona Park, River East, Springfield North, Valhalla
2	Kildonan Drive, Rossmere A
3	Eaglemere, Grassie, McLeod Industrial, North Transcona Yards, Springfield South, Valley Gardens
4	Munroe West, Rossmere B
5	Chalmers, Glenelm
6	East Elmwood, Kildonan Crossing, Munroe East, Talbot Grey, Tyne Tees
7	Griffin, Meadows, Peguis, Radisson, Regent, Victoria West
8	Cantebury Park, Kern Park, Kildare Redonda, Transcona North
27	Elmhurst, Eric Coy, Marlton, Ridgedale, Varsity View, Vialoux
28	Assiniboine Park

29	Edgeland, Old Tuxedo, South Tuxedo, Tuxedo,
39	Brooklands, Sargent Park, St. James Industrial
43	North Inkster Industrial, Oakpoint Highway, Omand's Creek Industrial, Tyndall Park
44	Burrows - Keewatin, Inkster Industrial Park, Mynarski, Pacific Industrial, Shaughnessy Park, Weston, Weston Shops

All buffer zones will be respected. Crews will ensure that the insecticide sprayer is turned off 100 meters on each side of a registered property on the front street, side street, and rear lane. (Please note that although the sprayer has been turned off the sound of the sprayer's engine will continue to be heard.) Residents who wish to have their primary residence excluded from the fogging program can register in writing to the Insect Control Branch at 3 Grey Street, Winnipeg, MB, R2L 1V2, online at winnipeg.ca/bugline or by fax at 986-4868. Visit our website for more information on how to register for buffer zones. Please allow up to 72 hours for processing.

The insecticide Malathion for ultra low volume (ULV) applications will be used. This insecticide has been approved for use in Canada by Health Canada's - Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). Malathion will be used in accordance with federally-approved label directions by licensed pesticide applicators.

For information on where City crews will be fogging, citizens are encouraged to visit the website at winnipeg.ca/bugline or call the Bugline at 986-3210. A Public Service Announcement will be issued daily, providing a minimum of eight (8) hours advanced notification, to advise citizens as to where fogging operations will specifically be occurring on that given night, weather permitting.

Information on all fogging activities will be provided by referencing the specific Insect Management Area in which they are being carried out. All Winnipeg neighbourhoods have been grouped into 51 Insect Management Areas. One way of finding out your Insect Management Area is to go the website at winnipeg.ca/bugline. Or you can call our Insect Control's Bugline at 986-3210. Residents will now be able to type in their address and click on "Find your insect management area" to find out what Insect Management Area they reside. Copies of this map, including buffer zone registration forms, are in the back of the 2007 MTS White Pages. They are also available at your local library.

Media inquiries may be directed to the City of Winnipeg Media Inquiry Line at (204) 986-6000 or via email at MediaInquiry@winnipeg.ca