

## **Mayoralty Candidates**

Katz and Cerelli and Kaj responded. Ron did not.

Katz believes that malathion is dangerous and causes cancer and that we should reduce our exposure to toxics. From these responses, we can safely assume that he will be working to eliminate malathion and other pesticides from use in the city.

Katz also said he is open to the ideas of the sub-committee on a pesticide bylaw.

Cerelli doesn't believe that fogging is effective and that malathion is dangerous and causes cancer. She also mentions the fact that there is no testing for pesticide resistance in mosquitoes. She says Winnipeg School Division's ban on pesticides shows good leadership.

Mr. Hasselrijs response is dissapointing. He doesn't realise that fogging is not effective on mosquito populations. There is no evidence to indicate any effect. He does think it's dangerous but doesn't cause cancer. It is moderately encouraging that he would support a cosmetic pesticide ban, but not a outright ban on all pesticides.

We are disappointed that Mr. Pollock didn't think this issue was important enough to respond to.

## **City Council Candidates**

Jenny Gerbasi was uncertain as to the effectiveness of mosquito control and believed that malathion causes cancer.

Donald Benham's answers were full of "possibly's". He didn't think that mosquito control was effective and that malathion was not dangerous, but might possibly be bad. He indicated that it didn't cause cancer, but it was also possibly carcinogenic. He also said that he would not support a total ban on pesticides in Winnipeg, but possibly might in the future.

Harvey Smith said that mosquito fogging is not effective because of wind, it's dangerous and causes cancer. Mr. Smith also takes the lead on this issue with his knowledge--at least among the incumbents. He says that he supports alternative mosquito control such as drainage. The example he cites is Vimmy Ridge park. He also believes that malthion causes cancer and other ailments due to interactions with other chemicals.

The Green candidates for city council answered as you might expect. Fogging isn't effective, it's dangerous and carcinogenic. They are in favour of alternatives as long as they are not chemical in nature. They also stress drainage as a means

of a long term effective means of controlling mosquitoes. They are very supportive of a city bylaw banning pesticides in Winnipeg.

### **School Trustee Candidates**

Only 12 of 100 responded.

One trustee did not respond and did not send in his sheet. He was afraid of the public backlash if his views were known. For very personal reasons he supports a ban on pesticides.

Everyone supports Winnipeg School Division's ban on pesticides!