



PUBLIC NOTICE

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Edmonton's 2009 spring and summer nuisance mosquito control program is about to commence. The purpose of the program is to reduce mosquito populations at the aquatic larval stage of their life cycle, before they emerge stage and are typically found in standing bodies of water such as roadside ditches and non-permanent field pools. Campaigns to control nuisance mosquito larvae are conducted with helicopter and ground-based crews following snowmelt and periodically throughout the summer following heavy rainfall activity. The control of mosquito larvae is considerably more environmentally sound than the use of fogging or other methods of adult mosquito control. In general, adult mosquito control risks greater public exposure to repeated applications of pesticides which provide questionable effectiveness for a very short period of time.

The City of Edmonton will be monitoring *Culex* mosquitoes that can spread West Nile virus (WNV) in the later summer months. If public health officials judge it to be necessary to initiate controls, we are prepared. These efforts will not eliminate the risk of citizens contracting WNV. The best protection is to avoid mosquito bites by covering up and/or wearing mosquito repellents that contain DEET.

All products used in the City's mosquito control program are approved by Health Canada and are considered safe for their intended use. City mosquito control staff are certified by Alberta Environment to meet stringent standards in the application of mosquito control products. Ground crews and helicopters (aerial program) conduct mosquito control within the control boundaries illustrated on the map.

For further information on our control program contact River Valley, Forestry & Environmental Services.

Phone: 311

Fax: 780-944-7566

E-mail: treebugs@edmonton.ca

Web site: www.edmonton.ca/pest

Mailing address:

Parks

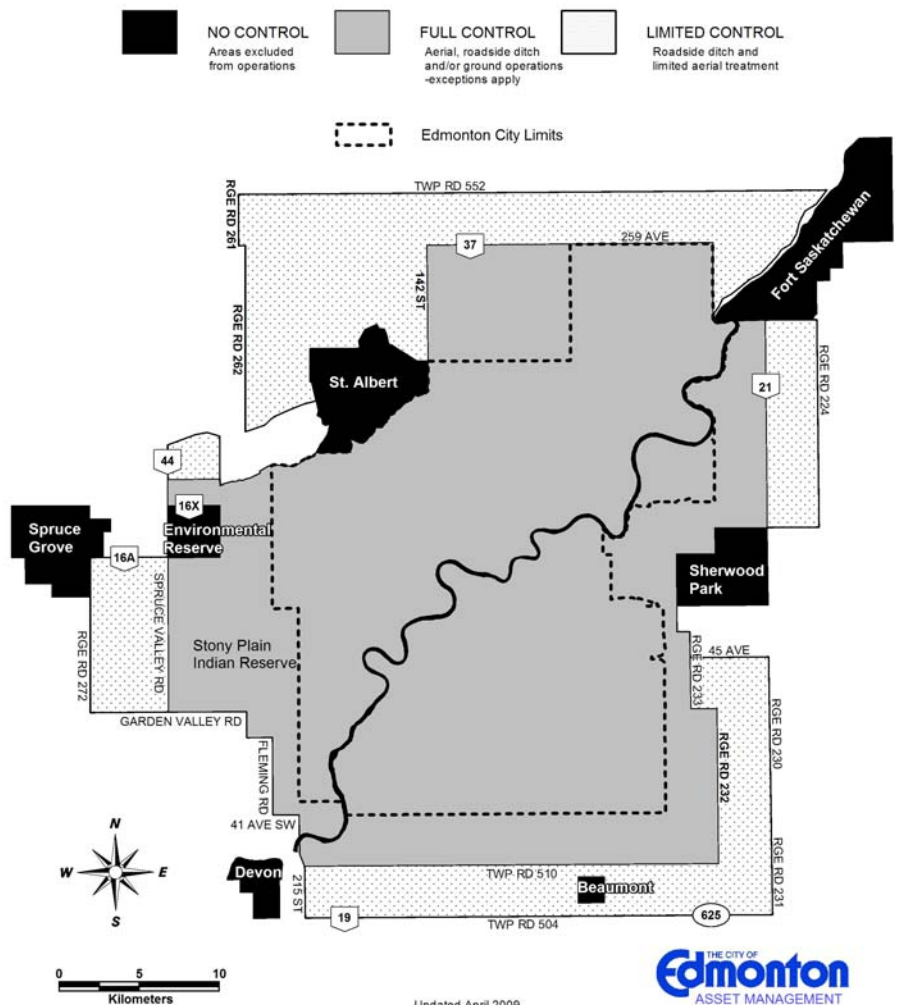
Central Service Yard

12304 - 107 Street

Edmonton, Alberta

T5G 2S7

BOUNDARIES FOR EDMONTON'S MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM



ASSET MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Updated April 2009

