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INFORMATION EVENING
Thursday, November 18, 2004
at 7:00 p.m.

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(for September 2005 entry)
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West Nile no problem in 2004

REGION DIGEST

ROY GREEN
Staff Writer

The region's health department reports a low incidence of West Nile virus in the region this summer, with 11 birds and one mosquito pool testing positive for the virus.

No locally contracted human cases were reported. Last year, there were two human cases, nine birds and six mosquito pools.

Many factors contributed to the low incidence, according to health commissioner Dr. Helena Jaczek, including education programs, mosquito, bird and human surveillance and mosquito control activities.

"Many thanks to all those who reported dead birds through the health connection information line, who reduced mosquito breeding grounds around their homes and who made the effort to protect themselves from being bitten," Dr. Jaczek said.

As of the closure of the program Oct. 31, a total of 1,690 dead birds were collected and 65 were tested.

LED lights will pay for themselves

The region's 19,000 traffic signals have been converted to light-emitting diode technology in a two-year, \$2.7-million project.

The project was originally scheduled for completion in 2006 and carried a budget of \$4.6 million until roads staff was able to find a number of efficiencies.

LED technology is superior to incandescent bulbs for visibility, maintenance and power costs.

They do not have to be replaced as often and use 90 per cent less power.

With the conversion complete, the program is expected to pay for itself in three years.

Smile, you're on a red light camera

Regional council has endorsed the use of red light cameras to improve the safety of regional road intersections.

Staff will now examine which of the region's intersections would be best served by the cameras, with a proposal to purchase four cameras to rotate through 12 to 16 intersections.

The cameras cost \$250,000 each and the annual operating cost for the entire program is \$380,000.

Updating growth plans

Regional staff is embarking on a new work plan related to growth management and urban development.

It is designed to determine the amount of growth the region will accommodate in the next 27 years and where and how that growth will occur.

The plan will review population forecasts for the region and the nine area municipalities, determine how much land will be required to accommodate growth, an inventory of vacant employment land and an assessment of the costs of infrastructure and services required.

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