

Flu cases leveling off

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Despite statistics released by Public Health Ontario showing flu cases are on the rise in Halton, the Region's health department is reporting cases are leveling off, much like other communities across Ontario.

Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Bob Nosal said the numbers released by the Province don't necessarily reflect what's happening in the community.

He said Halton reached its peak in flu cases during late December and based on the health department's own lab-confirmed cases and surveillance of hospitals and school, flu cases are going down.

Public Health Ontario reports show that in Halton from Dec. 9-15 there were 13 cases, followed by 28 cases from Dec. 16-29, 37 cases from Dec. 30-Jan. 5 and most recently 50 cases reported from Jan. 6-12.

But Nosal said the Region's numbers have been showing a decline in flu cases.

During Dec. 16-22 there were 24 lab-confirmed cases, followed by 38 cases from Dec. 23-29, 35 cases from Dec. 30-Jan. 5, 28 cases from Jan. 6-12.

Health officials continue to encourage residents get the flu shot to protect themselves and those around them.

A fact sheet developed by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care states that the flu is a serious illness that can lead to pneumonia. It also states that an Ontario study showed that every year, the flu shot eliminates the need for more than 200,000 visits to doctors' offices and 30,000 visits to hospital emergency departments. It also prevents approximately 300 deaths every year.

According to Public Health Ontario, there have been a total of 5,571 cases so far this flu season, including 1,247 hospitalizations and 92 deaths. The majority of hospitalizations and deaths occurred in influenza A cases.

The flu strain H3N2 is still the predominant circulating respiratory virus in Ontario currently.



DR. BOB NOSAL

Town, Diocese reach cemetery deal

By **CYNTHIA GAMBLE**
Staff Writer

Town of Halton Hills council recently authorized the mayor to sign an agreement with the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton to share a portion of the new Holy Redeemer Cemetery for a public cemetery.

Holy Redeemer Cemetery is the new 42-acre Catholic cemetery located on 17 Sideroad, just west of the Trafalgar Sports Park.

The Town had intended to develop an 8-acre portion of the Sports Park for a public cemetery but instead, began negotiations with the Diocese.

The Town's portion will be about 10 acres on the eastern edge of the Catholic cemetery, delineated by gates, and named Devereaux Cemetery after the family who farmed the land. The pub-

lic and Catholic cemetery-goers will share the driveway and main entrance. The public cemetery will be operated and maintained by the Catholic Diocese, which runs other similar shared cemeteries.

Councillor Bob Inglis, a member of the Town's Cemeteries Committee, said the agreement comes at a good time because, "At this point the limit of Greenwood Cemetery is being realized." He noted that it's taken a decade of negotiations to reach this point.

Warren Harris, Manager of Parks and Open Spaces, said the Town will now look at sport uses for the unused parcel in the Sports Park such as three to four more soccer fields, multi-use courts or a beach volleyball court. Harris will bring back to council an updated master plan for the Sports Park.

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Saturday February 9th	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	MoldMasters Arena
Wednesday February 13th	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Georgetown Mall (outside the Independent Offices)
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Saturday February 23rd	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	MoldMasters Arena

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