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Health Centre to receive \$12.4M funding boost

Cash part of \$471 million handed out by province Friday

William Osler Health Centre will share in \$471 million in funding announced Friday by the province to modernize hospital services.

Health and Long-Term Care Minister Elizabeth Witmer announced the health centre, with hospitals in Georgetown, Brampton and Etobicoke, would receive \$12.4 million.

"This announcement reflects our government's commitment to improving hospital services," said Witmer. "With this increase in funding, hospitals right across Ontario can better address the changing and rising costs of caring for patients."

"William Osler Health Centre's hospitals are located in the fastest growing

regions," said Leo N. Steven, president and chief executive officer.

Vicki Truman, William Osler's Vice President Finance and Corporate Services, said the corporation's operating plan, submitted to the Ministry of Health in June, included a \$21 million deficit due to volume growth in outpatient clinics, emergency rooms and acute care at all three hospital campuses.

"This \$12.4 million will obviously help us with that position," said Truman. She could not estimate how much



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of the funding would be coming to the Georgetown campus because the operating plan is done for the whole corporation.

An estimated 15,000 people move into the hospital's service area each year. To cope with emergency room pressure, the health centre has increased staff and services. In addition, 60 new acute care and critical care beds have been opened in the past year. The health centre has expanded its outpatient clinics, surgical services, laboratory and diagnostic imaging

to meet the needs of the area's rapidly growing population.

"Our government expects all area hospitals will use this funding to ensure continued access to quality hospital services for the residents of Halton," said Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh.

In June, the government announced a total of \$168 million in new funding for all hospitals, followed by another announcement in October with \$22 million for hospitals that provide dialysis services.

Friday's allocation is the first in a series of hospital announcements that will be made over the next few weeks.

—By Marta Marychuk, special with files by Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Stewarttown subdivision to get sewer hook-up by July 2002

By July 2002 Halton Hills Estates subdivision should finally be hooked up to municipal sewers after many years of septic problems.

Halton Region's Planning and Public Works Committee approved recommendations Wednesday to include \$398,000 in the

region's 2001 capital budget and \$204,000 in the 2002 budget to install wastewater laterals to the 34 homes in the Stewarttown subdivision. The recommendations have to be approved by council before they are official.

"I'm very pleased to see this and I feel good to have been part of the solution," said Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette. "It's been an issue for over 10 years."

Under the phasing plan the homes currently having their septic tanks pumped by Halton Region and those who have recently had septic problems will be the first homes hooked up this December. Money for that phase had already been budgeted.

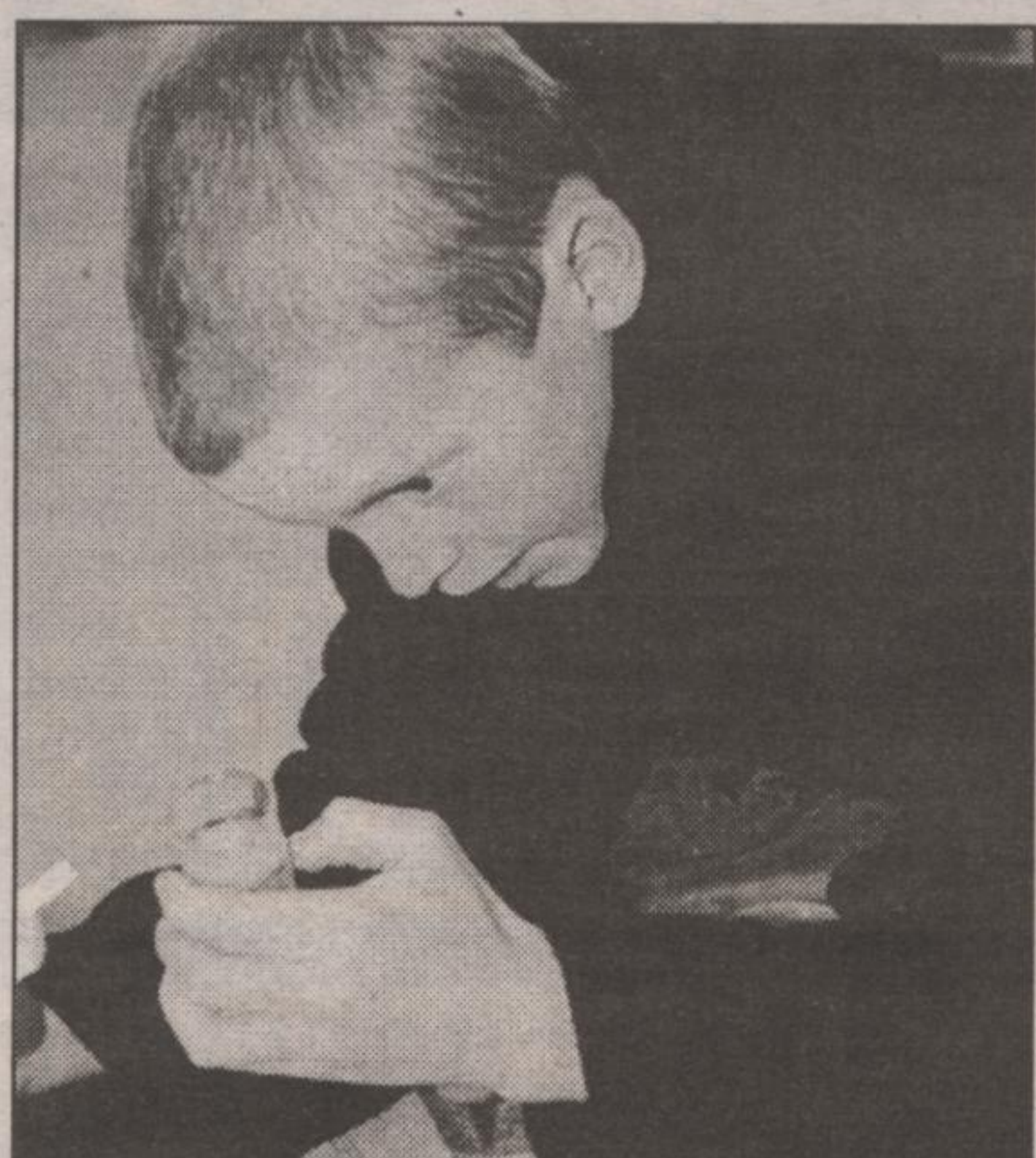
By July 2001 the properties that have previously had problems or are likely to will be hooked up and the six homes that have not yet had any septic problems will be connected by July 2002.

The region has set up a contingency of about \$50,000 to cover the cost of immediate hook-up for any home in the subdivision that has its septic system fail between now and the end of 2002.

"The residents felt that the implementation plan was well thought-out, and supported the phased implementation," said the region's Commissioner of Planning and Public Works Patrick Murphy in a report to committee.

Region staff are recommending the phase-in plan after no bids were received for the original tender to do all the work, and only one high bid came in after that tender was revised.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer



Mad scientist

Michael Coulter, 11, of Georgetown whips up some Halloween "slime" during the Recreation and Park's Department's Mad Science program held Saturday at the Cedarvale Park gym. The four-week program allows kids to conduct hands-on experiments.

Photo by Yvonne Gaynor

Early morning crash sends 7 to hospital

An early morning accident at Steeles Ave. and Eighth Line sent seven people to hospital.

The accident occurred about 2 a.m. when a vehicle driven southbound on Eighth Line by Maria Sonsogno, 21, of Robertson Cr. Milton, collided in the intersection with a vehicle heading westbound on Steeles Ave., driven by Everett McNish, 40, of Eglinton Ave. W., Mississauga.

Both drivers received serious injuries and the five passengers in Sonsogno's vehicle, Jason Pellegrini and Derek Lanthier of Georgetown, and Donna Powell, Jessie Powell and Stephanie Aggio of Milton, were treated and released from various hospitals.

Sonsogno was taken to Sunnybrook Hospital where she was in critical condition and McNish was taken to Milton District Hospital where he was in stable condition Tuesday.

The accident is still being investigated by Halton Police. Anyone with information should call Det. Const. Gary Schultz at 878-5511 ext. 5057.

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