

Halton Region working to control West Nile virus

Doing our part to protect the health of Halton residents is a responsibility that Halton Region takes very seriously. Since 2001, the Halton Region Health Department has been investing significant effort into the surveillance of West Nile virus (WNV), and taking action to reduce human illness caused by the virus. I welcome your assistance in our surveillance efforts and ask that you encourage your friends and neighbours to do their part to fight WNV and reduce the risk of human infection.

You can help to protect yourself and your family by reducing the number of mosquito breeding areas around your home. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. The type of mosquito that is most commonly associated with carrying WNV needs only a couple of centimetres of standing water to lay its eggs. Water that has been allowed to sit for seven days or longer is considered standing water, and is an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes.

There are many things you can do to remove standing water from around your home, including:

- Turn over or remove all water-holding containers (tin cans, plastic jugs) lying around your yard.
- Drill holes in the bottom of tire swings or any unused containers so water won't collect.
- Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use.
- Change the water and clean birdbaths weekly.
- Clear leaves and twigs from eaves troughs, storm and roof gutters throughout the summer.
- Remove dense brush and weeds where



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mosquitoes rest and hide during the day.

- Turn over compost piles on a regular basis.
- Fill in any low areas in lawns in which you have seen water collect.

WNV activity was found last year again in Halton Hills, and two Halton residents were infected with the virus while travelling outside the region. One mosquito pool and one crow tested positive for the virus. Residents of Halton Hills were essential in assisting the Halton Region Health Department to monitor the spread of the virus. In fact, in 2007 Halton Hills residents reported 97 dead birds to Halton Region. I urge you to call in any dead bird sightings.

To report a dead bird or standing water, or for more information about West Nile virus, please call Halton Region at 905-825-6000, toll free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866), TTY 905-827-9833, or visit our website at www.halton.ca/wnv.

Gary Carr is the chair of Halton Region.

Wanted: more \$ for recreation

The Town of Halton Hills is supporting a call by Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO) to get more funding for recreation and parks infrastructure from the provincial government.

"This is very important for us as it is for every municipality in Ontario," said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

There is a \$37 million shortfall in funding in the Town's 10-Year Capital Forecast to replace or build new sport, recreation and parks infrastructure in Halton Hills. That includes building new arenas and parks, completing the Trafalgar Rd. Sports Park, and creating trails.

PRO wants recreation infrastructure to be included in all provincial funding handout programs that are, instead, currently emphasizing municipal projects such as roads and bridges.

Wards 3&4 Regional Councillor Jane Fogal says this provincial direction is skewing the Town's budget as more money is being redirected into public works projects and less to recreation.

The Town's Recreation and Parks Supervisor of Community Development Frank Prospero is also the current past-president of the Parks and Recreation Ontario. He, along with the Town's Director of Recreation and Parks Terry Alyman, are actively lobbying the province on this matter.



NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

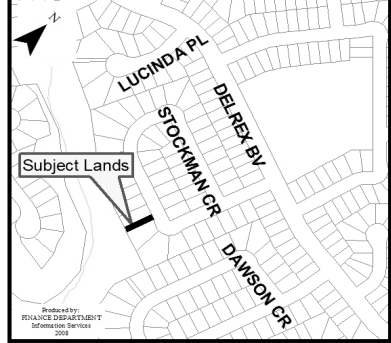
NOTICE is hereby given that Council for the Town of Halton Hills will be considering the passage of a By-law to authorize the sale of the following lands to the abutting owners, at its meeting to be held on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber in the Civic Centre, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown.

Block E, Plan 660, Stockman Crescent (Georgetown)

Inquiries regarding the proposed sale should be directed to Mr. Warren Harris, Manager of Parks and Open Space at (905) 873-2601 x 2274.

Council shall hear any person who claims to be prejudicially affected by the By-law and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the Clerk's Department prior to the meeting date. 78

Location of Subject Lands



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