



Mosquitoes, crow tested positive for WNV

Two batches of mosquitoes trapped by Halton Region's Health Department last week tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV).

One batch was trapped in the area of Main Street and Ontario Street South in Milton. The other was trapped in the area of Maple Avenue and Main Street South in Georgetown. They are Halton's first WNV positive mosquitoes of the year.

The Wildlife Health Centre in Guelph con-

firmed Friday that a dead crow picked up by Halton Health Department on August 14, 2007, has tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). The crow, found in the area of Main Street East and Ontario Street South, in Milton is the first WNV positive crow found in Halton this year.

Mosquitoes can transmit WNV to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of birds carrying the virus.

"We are increasing our surveillance to keep

track of West Nile virus activity in the Region," said Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton Medical Officer of Health. "We are in the peak risk period for human infection. Residents should continue to ensure their personal protection through the end of September."

To protect yourself from WNV the MOH advises;

- Cover up. Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting

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BASIC TRAINERS: Cadets Longstreet, Fritz, Geipel, Hilts and Aitken from 197 Typhoon Squadron were among the 300 air cadets who graduated from a two week training course at Canadian Forces Base Trenton.-Submitted photo.

Air Cadets graduate from Trenton

This summer five members of Royal Canadian Air Cadets 197 Typhoon Squadron travelled to Canada Forces Base Trenton to begin Basic Training-2nd intake, a two week program.

The Cadets were exposed to a complete Air Cadet Basic Course, which included physical education, outdoor

survival, and a variety of indoor and outdoor classroom and field activities including drill and uniform care. They also experienced a regimented part of Canadian forces life, residing in barracks, marching to and eating in the mess hall and eagerly taking in and demonstrating the basics required to advance

their position within their Squadron.

All their hard work paid off when Cadets, Aitken, Fritz, Geipel, Hilts and Longstreet, in the company of approximately 300 other cadets from across Ontario, eagerly demonstrated their drill regimens to a crowd of proud parents

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Province to pick up disability, drug benefits

Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr welcomes the Ontario government's recent announcement that Halton Region could potentially benefit by a \$10.6 million dollars savings over the next four years.

The announcement made at the annual AMO conference on Monday August 20, by the Premier means the Province will no longer use property taxes to fund disability support payments and drug benefits. These costs will be taken off the property tax base and uploaded back to the Ontario government over the next four years with full implementation in 2011.

Immediate savings to benefit Halton will be approximately \$1.3 million in 2008.

"Followed by the announcement earlier this year to eliminate GTA Pooling, this is the second win for Halton in its Fairness for Halton Campaign. We advocated for these changes and got them, and we will continue to push for the necessary financial tools and funding commitments we need to maintain the quality of life for Halton residents,"

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