

# Mosquitoes with WNV...

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long-sleeved shirts and pants with tightly-woven fabric.

- Avoid being outdoors from early evening to morning when mosquitoes are most active and likely to bite, as well as at any time in shady, wooded areas.

- Use an approved insect repellent, such as one containing DEET, according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Mosquitoes breed in standing water. To reduce mosquito breeding sites around your home:

- Drain any areas of standing water.

- Change the water in bird-baths and empty rain barrels weekly.

- Remove old tires and turn over pails, toys, and wheelbarrows.

- Keep eavestroughs clear.

Information about WNV, as well as a map showing locations of WNV activity found in Halton is available on Halton's website at [www.halton.ca/wnv](http://www.halton.ca/wnv).

To report a dead bird or standing water, please call Halton Region at 905-825-6000, toll free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866), TTY 905-827-9833.



**LOCKS OF LOVE:** Monica Galway of Profile Hair Salon was pleased to cut 10-year-old Samantha Murray's hair. Samantha donated 14" of hair for wigs for cancer patients as well as raising \$695.00 for the Canadian Cancer Society in honour of her grandmother who is a 12 year cancer survivor.- Submitted photo

# Halton gets \$6,249,980 for schools

The McGuinty government has improved the funding formula for education by investing an additional \$309 million in public funding over the next two years.

Halton's boards of education will benefit from an additional \$6,249,989, made up of \$3,976,077 million for the Halton District School Board and an added \$2,273,912 million for the Halton Catholic District School Board.

The additional funds are targeted to support the following in Ontario:

- \$41 million to fund 300 more vice-principals

- \$20 million to improve the maintenance and operation of our schools

- \$12 million to continue transportation funding reform by ensuring boards receive funding that more accurately reflects the real costs of school bus operation and maintenance

- \$20 million to improve support for Education Assistants

- \$52 million to ensure funding for professionals, para-professionals, secretaries and supply teachers more closely reflects actual school board costs

- \$20 million to fund 240 more primary teachers to help with the implementation of smaller primary class sizes

- \$5 million for school office supplies

- \$12 million in additional support for rural schools

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# Air Cadet grads...

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and base commanding officers during their Basic Wing Graduation ceremony.

Congratulations are extended to these Cadets who return to 197 Typhoon Squadron in September.

Anyone between the ages of 12- 17 is invited to join the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, 197 Typhoon Squadron, when they resume in September, Tuesday nights from 7 – 9 pm at the Acton Legion. "Ad astra per aspera"

# Province to pick up benefits...

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said Regional Chair Gary Carr.."

Downloading of costs to municipalities for provincial social services began in the late 1990's by the Ontario government. Currently, municipal property taxes help to fund services such as Ontario Works, social housing, social assistance drug costs, public health, ambulance services, child care and services for seniors. Ontario is the only province that requires property taxes to fund social and health programs.

The 'Fairness for Halton' Campaign is a unanimously adopted regional council resolution advising the provincial government that Halton Region cannot accommodate the growth targets specified in the Province's Places to Grow Plan unless the Ontario government commits to providing the necessary financial tools and funding commitments to address municipal infrastructure and social service needs.

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