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Ontario Government Notice

Application of Larvicide for Mosquito Control on Ministry of Transportation Property

As part of the Ontario government's commitment to reduce the health risks from West Nile virus in Halton Region, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) will treat catch basins from June to October 2019. Larvicide will be applied to control the mosquito population.

The larvicide methoprene (Altosid Briquettes, Registration #27694 under the Pest Control Products Act, Canada) will be applied to catch basins on King's Highways, MTO service centres, patrol yards, carpool lots and truck inspection stations. All larvicide will be applied by provincially licensed exterminators and trained technicians.

For more information on the locations and dates of application, please contact MTO at westnileinfo@ontario.ca or call 416-235-5462 (collect calls accepted).

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NEWS

HALTON POLICE WORKING TO COUNTER IMPACTS OF OPIOID CRISIS

Since the beginning of the year, Halton police say they have seen an increase in the number of suspected opioid overdoses in the communities they serve.

As a result, the organization is reaching out to offer information and connect those who use drugs and their friends and family members to resources that may help prevent another needless tragedy.

"Each of these overdoses comes with its own emotional and physical toll," said Halton police Inspector Kevin Maher in a press release.

"Across the country, an estimated 4,400 people died after apparent opioid overdoses in 2018. Each of these lives - the lives of mothers, sons, brothers, daughters, fathers, sisters, friends - makes the opioid crisis a significant public safety concern."

Maher said Halton Region is

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not immune to the impact of the opioid crisis.

He is reminding those who use drugs and their family members and friends to:

- Never use alone. If an overdose occurs, having another person nearby can save your life.

- Remember that any drug can be cut with, or contaminated by, other agents or drugs (e.g. fentanyl), which in very small amounts can be harmful or fatal.

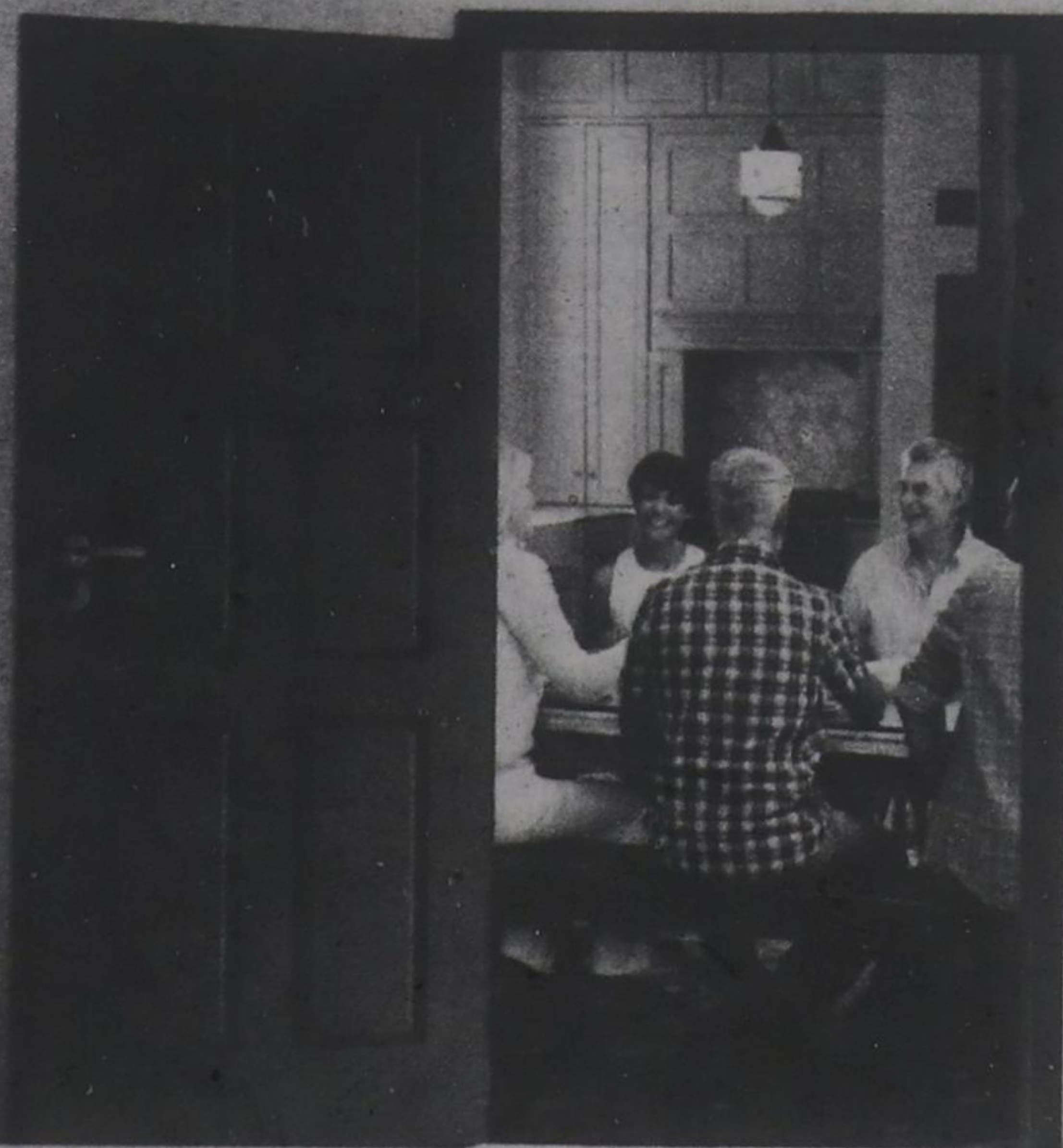
- Know your tolerance and al-

ways use a small amount of a drug first to check the strength.

- Carry naloxone, a drug that can temporarily reverse an opioid overdose. Naloxone is available free-of charge at Halton Region clinics, at the Halton Region Needle Exchange Program and some local pharmacies.

- Don't run. Call 911. Maher said an overdose is a medical emergency and those who see someone having an overdose should call 911 because Halton police frontline officers and other first responders carry naloxone. He said the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act provides broad legal protections for anyone seeking emergency support during an overdose, including the person experiencing the overdose. This means citizens,

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