

# Region committee offers its support to new diversity group

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With the establishment of the Halton Diversity Advisory Group (HDAG), Halton Region is taking a proactive approach to maintaining a strong community, says Elizabeth Carmichael, chair of the North Halton Cultural Awareness Council.

"This shows that the Region recognizes that Halton is changing and that we are prepared to face these changes in a proactive manner and also sending the message that we welcome everyone as an equal citizen in our community," she said at a Halton health and social services (HSS) committee meeting last Tuesday.

"We are pleased too that the original focus has changed from race relations to diversity, as it's our opinion, focusing only on race is narrow and limiting."

HSS committee members through their unanimous support behind the establishment of the HDAG.

"I've been approached several times to try to get some initiative going at the Region with regard to race relations and diversity. For various reasons, the timing didn't seem to be appropriate. The timing could be no more appropriate than now, following what we saw on September 11," said Regional Chair Joyce Savoline.

"It became apparent afterwards that we don't have as tolerant a society as we would like to move towards."

The purpose of the group is to identify specific actions and initiatives to create an environment of understanding within the region.

Regular reports to the HSS committee will provide recommendations for regional council to consider undertaking.

"The Region needs to be the driving force behind the groups and organizations and people within the community (already addressing diversity issues)," Liala Erikson, president of the Halton Multicultural Council said. "This is not addressing a crisis situation within the region... but looking very carefully at what is happening in our region and making sure we're ahead of what is happening."

HDAG will receive no funding from the Region this year, with the exception of an information gathering audit already allocated under the strategic plan initiatives. Additional funds may be sought from the federal government, should the audit require more financial support.

Regional council must still approve the HDAG committee before the group can be formed. Council is expected to address the issue tomorrow.

# Region is on virus watch

Halton Region plans to step up monitoring of the mosquito population this summer after seven birds were found in the region carrying the West Nile Virus last year.

Monitoring will be conducted across the region at likely mosquito breeding grounds to study whether or not infected mosquitoes exist locally.

No mosquitoes were found to be carrying the virus last year.

Should pockets of the virus be found, larvaside and/or adulticide spraying would be conducted.

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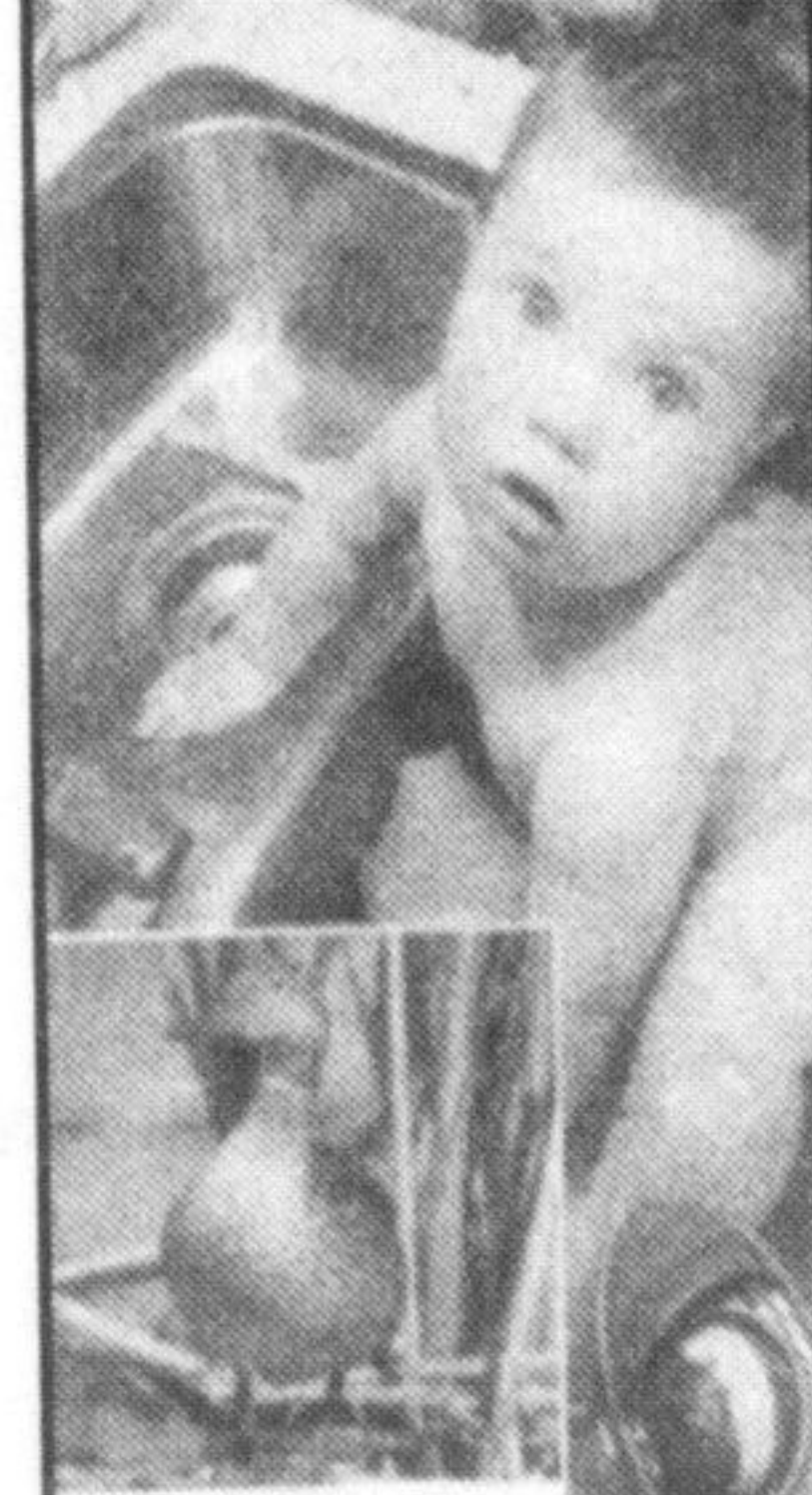
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