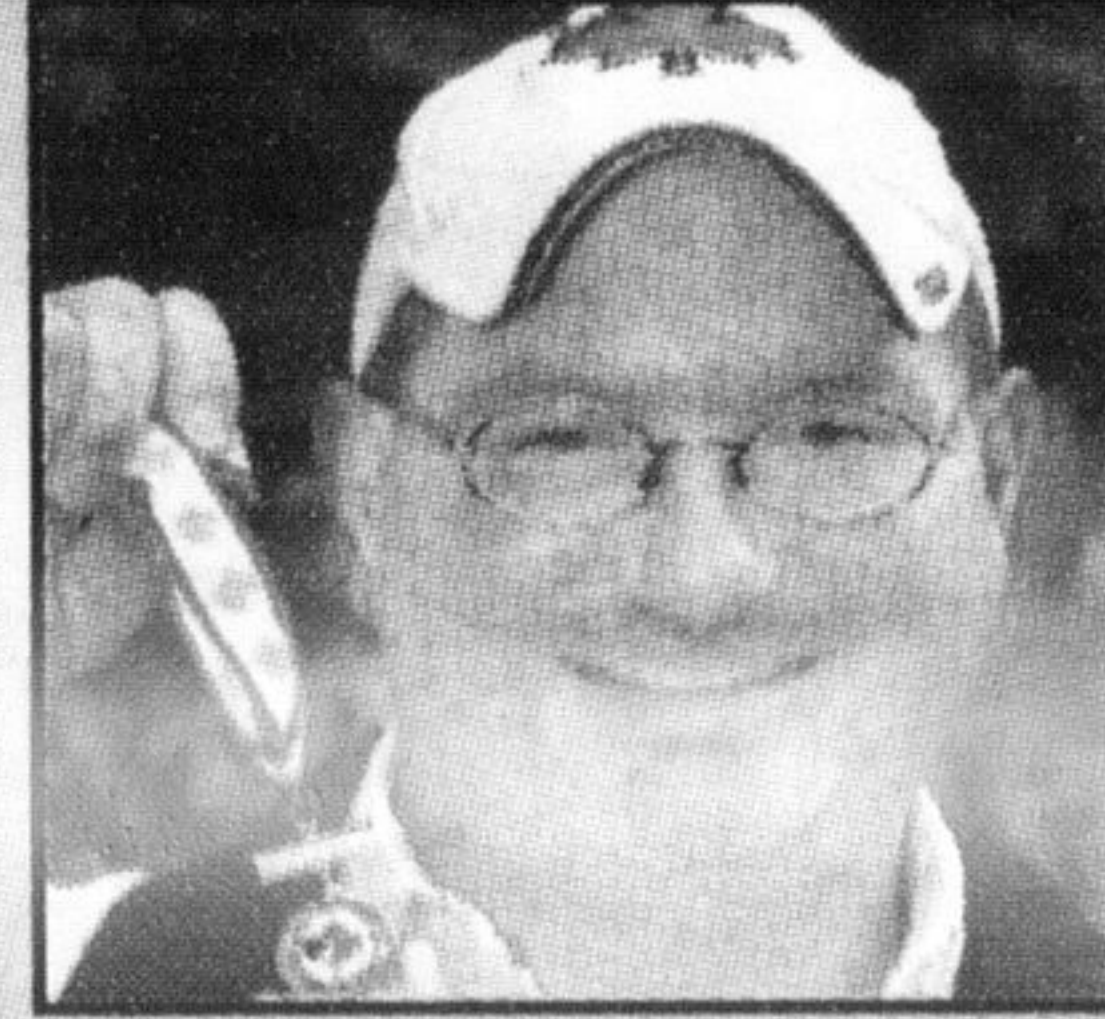


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## Confusion continues at Main St. turn lane

By **RICHARD VIVIAN**  
*The Champion*

Concerns over new lane alignments along the re-constructed Main Street continue to surface, says Councillor Wally Hunter.

"People are saying this is ridiculous. I'm confused as to how (Town) staff can say it's okay," he told council last week.

The most prominent concern is confusion over the left turning lane heading south onto Charles Street off Main Street, the councillor said. "In the left lane, coming through that set of lights (heading west at Commercial Street), there's not enough space before that next lane turns into a left turn lane to get over."

"It looks like that turn lane goes straight down Main Street. I'm used to it and I still make mistakes."

Prior to the re-construction, both lanes were through lanes, though the left lane was often halted for turning vehicles.

Further concerns have been raised regarding the reduction of Main Street from four lanes to two on the west side of Commercial Street, the councillor added.

The issue of going from two lanes to one after the intersection is only a temporary matter, responded Peter Linn, project manager for the Town.

"We will be re-building Main Street from Commercial to Ontario, which is scheduled for construction next year. We'll be building that section of road to a two-lane section, so there won't be conflict of two lanes converging into one at the Commercial Street intersection," he said.

In terms of the Charles Street intersection, Mr. Linn told council Town staff will take a closer look at the issue.



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## First day of school

Five-year-old Rachel Smith gets a big hug from mom Jayne as the senior kindergarten student prepares to take the bus for the first day of school this morning.

## Information about West Nile Virus coming in the mail

*Region steps up communication with public about dangerous virus*

By **LISA TALLYN**  
*Special to The Champion*

A flyer on West Nile Virus should be showing up in area mailboxes this week as Halton Region steps up its efforts to inform people on the importance of protecting themselves from mosquito bites.

"It's just part of our overall efforts to keep the public informed," said Halton Region communications specialist Stacey Bartlett.

The flyer, which is being mailed to all Halton homes, includes a message from Halton's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Robert Nosal as well as tips on how to avoid mosquito bites, how to report dead bird sightings, how to dispose of dead birds and how to remove standing water.

"Our monitoring activities in birds and mosquitoes indicate an increasing presence of West Nile Virus in Halton," said Dr. Nosal in the flyer.

"The risk to humans remains low but may be increasing. Therefore I am re-emphasizing the importance of trying to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes, as well as the need to remove mosquito breeding sites from around homes."

The Region recently received confirmation that mosquitoes in south Halton tested positive for the virus.

Previously, only birds in Halton tested positive for West Nile.

Mosquitoes, which get the virus by feeding on the blood of infected birds, can transmit West Nile to humans as well as animals.

People aged over 50 years and those with weakened immune systems have the highest risk of developing severe illness from the virus.

To date, however, there have been no cases of the virus in humans in Canada.

To report a dead bird or for more information on the West Nile Virus, call the Halton Region Health Department at 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866), or (905) 825-6187, or TTY (905) 827-9833. Information is also available at [www.region.halton.on.ca/health](http://www.region.halton.on.ca/health).

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