

Immunization clinics to be held for grade 7 students in Halton

The Halton Region Health Department will hold Men C (meningococcus group C) immunization clinics next month in local schools for grade 7 students.

Information packages about the Men C vaccine were sent home with students in early March.

"The health department is pleased to be working with local schools on Men C immunization," said Regional Chair Joyce Savoline. "This partnership is a great way to reach our common goal of maintaining children's health and protecting them from infections."

Youth who miss the clinic at their schools can receive the vaccine from their family doctors or at a health department community clinic, which will be held every Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. during April at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville.

Meningococcal bacteria have five groups — of which group C is one — that can cause meningitis, bacteremia or both. Meningitis is an infection of the membranes and fluid that cover the brain and spinal cord. Bacteremia is an infection of the bloodstream that, in its worst form, is called septicemia.

Illness can appear suddenly with fever, chills, a rash and a very sick, weak feeling. Severe headache and a stiff neck usually occur in the case of meningitis. About one in 10 patients die of the disease even with prompt diagnosis and appropriate treatment.

Meningococcal bacteria require close, direct contact to spread. Kissing, coughing and sneezing are the main routes, though sometimes it can also be spread through saliva when sharing things like cigarettes, lipstick, food or drinks via their utensils or containers, toothbrushes, toys, mouth guards or musical instruments with mouthpieces.

Meningococcus group C bacteria account for roughly one out of every four cases of meningococcal disease in Ontario and is most

common in the teen and young adult years. The Men C vaccine protects against group C, but not against other meningococcal groups.

The Men C immunization program is part of the recent expansion of the publicly-funded vaccines. Vaccines for chickenpox, Men C and pneumococcal disease are now available free of charge for those who meet the eligibility criteria.

For more information, visit www.region.halton.on.ca/health.

Manslaughter case in court in Orillia

An Orillia man charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of a Milton dentist will return to court May 2.

Adam Holland, 21, appeared at Ontario Court of Justice in Orillia March 14 to set the return date.

Dr. David Dumencu, 42, was found lying unconscious with head injuries in the parking lot of an Orillia-area tavern at about 2 a.m. July 16 of last year.

He was taken to an Orillia hospital and then transferred to Toronto Western Hospital where he died two days later.

A post mortem revealed the cause of death was a blunt force head injury.

Mattamy looks to build another subdivision here

Housing development giant Mattamy Homes has put forward plans for a new subdivision south of Derry Road, between Thompson Road and Regional Road 25.

The proposal for the approximate 95-acre piece of land that was formerly used for agricultural purposes includes 558 single-detached residential lots, a village square, linear park, open space and an internal road system.

The plans came before the Town's administration and planning committee Monday night and were received for information purposes.

Mattamy has also asked for a zoning bylaw amendment to change the land from a future development zone to residential medium density, greenlands and open space.

A number of reports and studies have been submitted to the Town in support of the application, including a traffic impact study, noise impact feasibility study, natural heritage review and archaeological assessment.

A technical report and staff recommendation on the plan's approval or refusal will be brought forward once a full review of the application has been completed.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES Niagara to GTA Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference

THE STUDY:

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is working to provide for the efficient movement of people and goods within the context of the province's draft Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. In order to realize the transportation objectives of the draft Plan, MTO has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Niagara to GTA corridor.

The draft Terms of Reference provides a framework for completing an Individual EA study that will define transportation problems and opportunities within the Niagara to GTA area; assess current and future transportation needs; and examine a full range of reasonable solutions.

THE PROCESS:

Prior to preparing an Individual EA, the *Environmental Assessment Act* requires that a proponent prepare a Terms of Reference (ToR). The Minister of the Environment (MOE) has the authority to approve the ToR. The Individual EA is then prepared in accordance with the approved ToR.

The draft ToR is being provided to facilitate consultation with interested stakeholders. Copies of the draft ToR are available on the project web site: www.niagara-gta.com. In addition, the documents are available for viewing at all libraries and main local and regional municipal offices within Niagara, Hamilton, Halton, and within the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES:

Public Information Centres (PICs) provide the public with opportunities to meet the Project Team, and review issues related to the Terms of Reference including the overall EA process and the proposed consultation plan for the Individual EA. The PICs will be informal drop-in events, held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the dates and locations provided below:

Thursday, March 31st, 2005
Renaissance Banquet and
Special Events Centre
2289 Barton Street East
Hamilton

Tuesday, April 5th, 2005
Atrium Conference Centre
5420 North Service Road
Burlington

Thursday, April 7th, 2005
Quality Hotel Parkway
Convention Centre
Merlot Ballroom
327 Ontario Street
St. Catharines

Tuesday, April 12th, 2005
Milton Memorial Arena
Lions Club Hall
77 Thompson Road South
Milton

Wednesday, April 13th, 2005
Rockton World's Fairground
812 Old Highway 8
Rockton

Thursday, April 14th, 2005
Royal Canadian Legion
383 Morningstar Avenue
Welland

COMMENTS:

Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the Ministry of Transportation in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

The time limit for comments on the draft ToR has been extended to **May 6th, 2005**.

If you have any questions regarding this project or wish to provide comments on the draft ToR document, please contact:

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