

Residents asked to report dead birds

With the weather getting warmer, the Region is kicking off its West Nile virus (WNV) control program for the season.

The health department started its dead bird surveillance Monday and is asking residents to help track the presence of WNV in Halton by reporting

dead bird sightings.

This can be done by calling the health department at (905) 825-6000 or e-mailing wrv@halton.ca. When reporting a dead bird, it's important to provide as much of the following information as possible:

- Type or description of the bird

- Address or closest intersection to where the bird is located

- The length of time the bird has been there.

Dead crows and blue jays may be collected by staff and submitted for viral testing if suitable. If the bird isn't going to be picked up, staff will give instructions on how to dispose of it safely.

The health department says while it's interested in sightings of all dead birds, it won't be collecting every one.

"We encourage residents to do their part by reporting dead bird sightings and removing standing water from their properties," said Regional Chair Gary Carr. "By doing these things, Halton residents can and do make an impact in helping to safeguard the health of our community."

Standing water that has been sitting for seven days or more can create an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes. It often collects in objects like bird-baths, old tires, toys, plant saucers or clogged eaves troughs. Residents are encouraged to ensure water doesn't accumulate in these types of objects or remove them when possible.

The Region will begin its mosquito larviciding program when staff has identified mosquito larvae in catch basins or areas of standing water.

Notices regarding the start of surface water larviciding will be placed in local newspapers before it begins. In addition, signs will be posted at the sites when larvicides are applied. The locations will be listed at www.halton.ca/wrv.

Chudleigh signs letter for probe

Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh recently joined many of his colleagues in sending a joint letter to Ontario's auditor general asking him to investigate secret provincial funding made to select community groups in an undocumented, off-the-books program.

All 34 members of the Progressive Conservative and NDP caucuses signed the letter that calls on the auditor to initiate a full review of government year-end spending out of secret funds and report back before September 10.

The letter asks the auditor to probe how much money exists in secret funds, how it's being spent, for what purpose, who is receiving the funds and how the recipients are selected.

"This joint request represents an unprecedented level of co-operation between opposition parties and it underscores how seriously we regard this scandal," said Chudleigh. "The auditor general must fully investigate this growing scandal. This is not an issue about policy or political ideology — it is about a fundamental issue of accountability for taxpayers and fairness among those groups who seek this funding for their activities."

Government tight-lipped: Chudleigh

According to Chudleigh, Premier Dalton McGuinty, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Mike Colle and other members of the Liberal government have refused to answer direct questions regarding the funding.

He also noted that many of the groups in receipt of the secret grants have significant personal ties to the Ontario Liberal party.

"The opposition parties have asked 244 questions in the legislature, yet haven't received answers to one," said Chudleigh.

"Ontarians need and deserve an independent investigation. There is no reason not to have one unless the McGuinty Liberals have something to hide."

McGuinty has since agreed to the special investigation and is asking for the auditor's report by early July.



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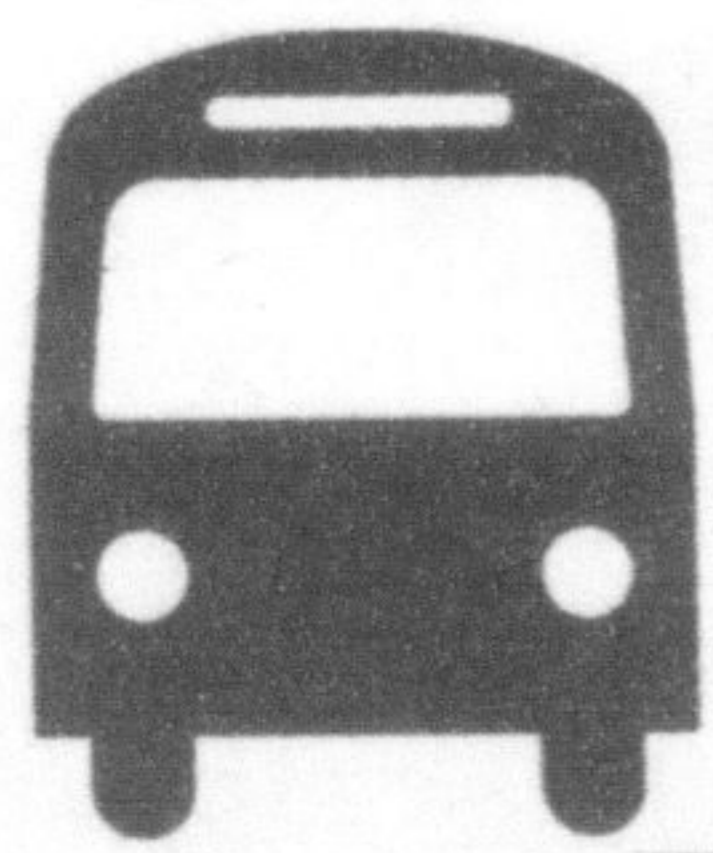
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