



Classic Dunigan

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Winnipeg Blue Bomber quarterback Matt Dunigan, hammed it up with Argo lineman Blaine Schmidt, when he hosted the Matt Dunigan Quarterback Classic golf tournament at Milton's Greystone Golf Club on Monday. The tournament featured numerous CFL quarterbacks past and present and benefitted the Canadian Association for Community Living. The tournament was at Greystone for the second year in a row.

Cancer rates are lower among Halton residents

by BRAD REAUME
The Champion

Halton residents are less likely to get cancer than their fellow Ontarians, epidemiologist Terry Delmore told the regional health and social services committee Tuesday.

However, incidence of skin melanoma among Halton residents was significantly higher than expected.

Dr. Robert Nosal, Medical Officer of Health, explained disease reports are used to help determine methods used for prevention.

"This report reinforces our belief that what we are doing regarding early detection and education is correct," said Dr. Nosal. "It also points out that we should be targeting melanoma with our prevention program."

Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale said cancer information is valuable when the committee is faced with a debate on banning smoking.

"I'd like to see a marketing plan on how we're going to combat disease," said Ms Mulvale.

The information is also helpful in responding to complaints of cancer clusters in the region, added Dr. Nosal.

According to Mr. Delmore, cancer is not a modern disease, it is actually a family of approximately 100 diseases which were first identified in 400 B.C.

The slight increase in cancer rates in Ontario is largely attributable to the aging population, Mr. Delmore said. He explained cancer is more likely in the elderly, and the number of people older than 60 has risen to 16 per cent of the population in 1991, from just under 12 per cent in 1966.

Older people tend to get cancer more than young people, according to Mr. Delmore, because cancer is a cumulative disease. It's unlikely a person will contract lung cancer after smoking one cigarette, but the cumulative "hits" of many cigarettes over many years are much more likely to bring on the disease, he added.

Men are most likely to get prostate cancer (19.9 per cent), lung cancer (18.3 per cent) or colorectal cancer (15.3 per cent), while women are most likely to get breast cancer (32 per cent), colorectal cancer (11.9 per cent) and lung cancer (10 per cent).



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