## **NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE**

## York Region West Nile virus Mosquito Control Program:

From May 16 to October 1, 2022, The Regional Municipality of York in conjunction with the York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board will be conducting a larvicide program under the authority of the Medical Officer of Health. The purpose of the program is to control larval mosquitoes to prevent their development into carriers of West Nile virus.

The pellet formulation of the larvicide methoprene (product name Altosid) with Registration No. 21809, Altosid XR briquets (methoprene) with Registration No. 27694 or Bacillus sphaericus (product name VectoLex WSP) with Registration No. 28009 under the Pest Control Products Act will be placed into catch basins along Regional and Municipal roads and in catch basins on private property, as required.

In addition, the biological larvicide Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies israelensis (product name Vectobac) with Registration No. 18158 or VectoLex CG Registration No. 28008 under the Pest Control Products Act may be placed in ditches and temporary or permanent pools, including storm water retention ponds, if evidence of mosquito breeding is found.

All larvicide will be applied by Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks licensed applicators or trained technicians.

Larviciding is a low risk and effective measure for the control of West Nile virus when used in accordance with label directions. The slow-release pellet formulation interferes with the mosquito life cycle, preventing the mosquito larvae from reaching maturity. It is not sprayed. The products have been approved by both the provincial and federal governments and are considered low risk for humans, pets and the environment.

For exact locations and dates of larvicide treatment contact:

York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-512-6228

York Region District School Board at 1-800-268-1660 or visit www2.yrdsb.ca/ student-support/healthy-schoolsworkplaces/health-issues

York Catholic District School Board 1-800-363-2711 or visit ycdsb.ca

Prevention and protection are the best ways to protect yourself and your family from West Nile virus. For simple and common sense precautions, contact York Region **Health Connection** at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-512-6228 or visit york.ca/westnile







## **BLUE DOOR: CREATING HOUSING PATHWAYS OUT OF HOMELESSNESS IN YORK REGION**

It would be an understatement to say that the last two years have been challenging to people experiencing housing insecurity and DOOR homelessness. We've experienced the perfect storm in the housing and homelessness sector

with the most pressing needs being the rising cost of living, housing, and food insecurity.

The reality is that housing is becoming less affordable and attainable for the general population, which has translated into a near impossible task of rehousing vulnerable and low-income individuals and families. The lack of affordable housing is likely contributing to the increasing number of people living in precarious housing and experiencing homelessness.

At Blue Door, we've taken on these challenging times by continuing to leverage available supports from our community and York Region, as well as thinking differently about how we support those most in need, especially through the pandemic. We remain committed to working with our community and partners to explore employment, health supports, and to expand existing pathways into housing.

Over the past year, we have housed and served individuals experiencing homelessness in community-based transitional housing

including a range of vulnerable populations such as seniors, families and 2SLGBTQ+ youth. We are excited to be collaborating with York Region on a new eighteen (18) unit transitional housing building in East Gwillimbury that will open its doors this summer.

We would like to thank the community and our partners for their support which allows us to continue doing critical work and together shine a light on the exceptional challenges facing the most vulnerable.

Learn more about Blue Door's life-changing services for people experiencing homelessness by visiting BlueDoor.ca

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