

Alpine slide for Kelso?

Since the first one was developed in West Germany in 1972, alpine slides have won the support of a pleasure-seeking public, who endure long lineups for a fast trip down the hill. But would you want one in your own community? That's the question faced by Halton Region Conservation Authority.

A Canadian firm wants to put an alpine slide, or superslide as it's also called, at Glen Eden. Halton Region Conservation Authority, under whose aegis the area falls, has been considering the proposal, which was first presented last fall. So far, each time the matter has come up at the authority's education advisory board, more information has been sought.

The decision involves not only the matter of whether or not to put a superslide at Glen Eden. Recently, HRCOA members have been debating how deeply the authority should get into recreation as opposed to conservation.

On the one hand, the slide is seen as a money-making venture — the authority stands to make about \$26,000 a season. On the other hand, the slide will attract more people and more traffic to the conservation area.

The slide consists of a ride down the mountain or hill on a specially-designed plastic sled in a concrete trough. The sleds are equipped with a braking mechanism which allows the rider to control the speed. According to promoters, the timid or the sightseer can go as slowly as he wishes, whereas the thrill-seeker can have a more exciting trip, reaching speeds of up to 25 m.p.h., depending on the grade.

Riders get up the hill on a chairlift and the sleds ride along on the lift as well.

One adult or an adult and

child can ride on one sled, and the ride is said to appeal to people of all ages.

Slide promoters say the slides, which are set into the ground to follow the natural contours of the land, do not disfigure the landscape.

The slide is made of asbestos cement. Its surface is treated for easy gliding.

The sleds themselves are plastic. Speed is regulated by a control stick. The rider can accelerate by pushing forward on the stick, lifting the sled up from its teflon runners onto wheels. To slow down, he pulls back on the stick. If the rider lets go of the stick, the sled stops automatically.

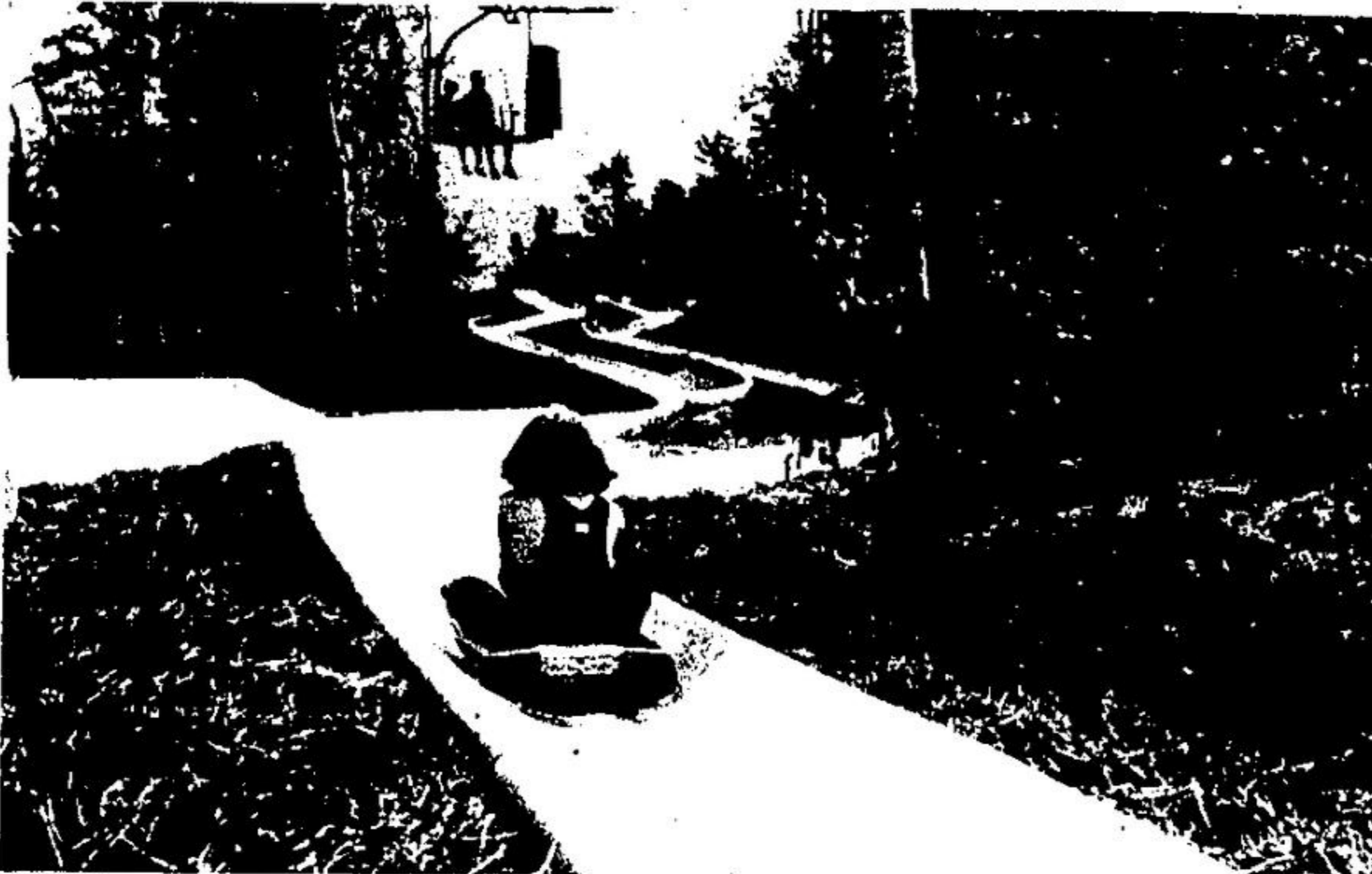
The Glen Eden proposal would see the slide built into the west side of the hill, adjacent to the triple chairlift. The lift would be used to carry riders up the hill. There would be two tracks or troughs, side by side.

The proposal calls for a slide 1,600 feet — less than one-third of a mile long. (The slide at Blue Mountain Resorts in Collingwood is 3,000 feet long.)

It would operate during the summer season, but not on rainy days. Rides would cost \$1.50 for children and two dollars for adults. It is anticipated 200,000 rides will be taken.

No investment is involved for the conservation authority, says director of conservation services Bill Warwick. In return for providing the land, the authority would get a share of the profit. HRCOA's share is estimated at \$26,000 a season.

Since the first slide was installed there have been seven more added in Europe and 19 built in North America. Canada has three, one at Blue Mountain, one in the Gatineaus and one in the Laurentians.



AN ALPINE slide has been proposed for Glen Eden. The slide, at 1,600 feet, would be almost half as long as the one at Blue Mountain Resorts in Collingwood, shown in the photo. The ride

includes a ride up the hill on a chairlift and a trip down on a specially-designed plastic sled, which can be controlled by the rider.

Readin', 'ritin', 'rithmetic to continue through summer

The Halton Board of Education will conduct its summer program in sites across the Region in July and August of this year.

The Secondary Program will be conducted in Oakville at Queen Elizabeth Park School, 2301 Yolanda Drive, and in Burlington at Lord Elgin High School, 5151 New Street, from July 4 to August 11. Credit classes will be offered in Grades 9 to 13 for students who wish to pursue a new credit, and for those who must complete courses in which they were not successful during the school year.

Students wishing to receive a new credit will receive 110 hours of instruction. Since these classes will require four hours of instruction daily, only one course can be taken each day.

Repeat or make-up courses require 55 hours of instruction. Students may take one or two of these courses. There will be two hours of instruction daily in these make-up credits.

Adults are also invited to Summer School. Mature students interested in Summer School courses, or in an evaluation to determine the number and choice of subjects required to qualify for an Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma should apply to Willard Price at the Adult Education office of the Board of Education.

Other programs operating during the summer include a bilingual exchange with 44 students from Sorel, Quebec, driver education, general interest typing, and English for New Canadians (or anyone wishing to improve his or her spoken English).

The elementary program is a joint operation with the Halton Separate School Board. It is a five week program beginning July 4 and con-

tinuing until August 4. It offers remedial mathematics, remedial language, and special education classes at senior elementary schools where there is sufficient registration to form classes. The remedial mathematics and remedial language courses are designed to aid students who are achieving in the low average to two years below their grade placement.

Classes are open to Halton public and separate school students who would benefit from a reinforcement of skills and concepts.

The remedial language classes (Grades 6,7,8) are designed for students who would benefit from a program combining reading and writing with an emphasis on organizational and thinking skills, word structure, sentence structure and paragraph structure.

The remedial mathematics program (Grades 6,7,8) is a core program of the four operations in whole numbers and decimals.

Last year 1,094 students participated in the elementary program, and 1,296 students participated in the secondary program. Parents and students are requested to contact their home school for further information, or call the Summer School office, 335-3663.

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This week's recipe

Another delicious dish... from the Synchron Swim Team cook book.
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SWEET-SOUR CHICKEN
2 1/2 c. cut-up cooked chicken
1 egg, slightly beaten
1/4 c. cornstarch
2 tsp. shortening
1 - 13 1/2 oz. can pineapple chunks - drained (reserve syrup)
1/2 c. vinegar
1/2 c. sugar
1 med. green pepper, cut into 1" squares
1/4 c. water
2 tsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. soy sauce

1-16 oz. can small carrots - drained or fresh carrots (cut up)
3 c. hot cooked rice

Toss chicken and egg until all pieces are coated. Sprinkle 1/4 c. cornstarch over chicken until all pieces are coated. Melt shortening in med. skillet. Add chicken pieces, cook over med. Heat until brown. Remove chicken from skillet and set aside. Add enough water to reserved pineapple syrup to measure 1 c. Stir liquid, vinegar, and sugar into skillet. Heat to boiling, stir constantly. Stir in green peppers — heat to boiling. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 2 min.

Blend water and 2 tsp. cornstarch, stir into skillet. Cook, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir 1 min. Stir in pineapple chunks, soy sauce, carrots, and chicken. Heat thoroughly. Serve over rice. (4 servings)

Elizabeth Cooper

Hosts needed

The Junior Agriculturalist Program run by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food is now in full swing. This year, 300 young people will be placed on commercial farm operations throughout Ontario for nine weeks, starting June 19.

These people are 16 and 17 years of age with no previous farm experience. Many have already chosen agriculture as their future career, while others want to experience rural life before making their decision. The one thing they all have in common is their eagerness and willingness to work and learn about agriculture through practical experience.

Host farmers are urgently needed in this area to make this year's program a success. To qualify to be a host farmer you must run a commercial farm operation, be willing to teach and supervise an inexperienced young person from the city, accept them as a member of your family, and show a need for extra help. In return, the host farmer receives reliable help for the summer months and a chance to increase understanding between urban and rural lifestyles.

The Junior Agriculturalists receive \$11 per day plus room and board and are expected to work 12 days consecutively and then take two days off. Six dollars of the \$11 is provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The host farmer provides \$5 per day plus room and board.

Applications and more information about the program are available at the Halton agricultural office.

Snow

There are still banks of snow in the woods.

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