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Graham Paine/Metroland

Forensic dig volunteers and anthropologists search a wooded area in Halton Hills for any trace of Marianne Schuett, who vanished from Kilbride in 1967 at the age of 10.

'I NEVER FORGOT THAT LITTLE FACE'

FORENSIC DIG CONDUCTED IN HUNT FOR GIRL MISSING SINCE 1967

MELANIE HENNESSEY
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Ella carefully sniffs a pile of soil, working hard to detect any scent of human decomposition. The highly-trained cadaver dog is

part of a larger team that was on the ground in rural Acton last weekend, searching for traces of Marianne Schuett, a 10-year-old Kilbride girl who was abducted on her way home from school in 1967.

While 54 years have passed, the volunteer group — led by two retired police investigators with a passion for cold cases — remains hopeful that their efforts will bring closure for a grieving family once and for all.

It doesn't take Ella long to find what she's looking for. She sits down beside the soil and barks excitedly — her method of indicating that she's discovered the human scent she's trained to pick up. The forensic dig team claps and cheers.

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