

In search of Ernie or Beryl McKnight

Every once in a while, an interesting puzzle crosses my desk.

The most recent came from John Bevan, a former Toronto resident who now lives in the United Kingdom.

He contacted me to see if I could help him find a long-lost friend who lived in Georgetown in the late 1960s.

John and his wife Jo have been trying to locate Ernest James Knight and his wife Beryl, for some time now. John and Jo lost contact with the Knights when they left Canada to return to England in 1968.

And John and Ernie had been best friends since they were seven-years-old.

Through e-mails, I asked John to send me as much information as he could recall, to see if I could track down Ernie and Beryl.

"We met on his seventh birthday and grew up together, eventually emigrating to Canada," wrote John, "I know very little apart from the fact that Ernie was a semiconductor salesman and that my brother David met them in Georgetown on a visit in the 1980s."

"(As children) We lived a few houses

away from one another, he at 88 and I at 92 Westbourne Terrace Paddington London W2," continued John, "We briefly went to the same junior school then he went on to a grammar school Buckingham Gate."

As young boys, both Ernie and John attended football games in London, and grew up together. John eventually married Jo, and a few years later they had Miles, their son.

With dreams of the land of opportunity, John, Jo, their son Miles and Ernie, came to Canada in 1966. After searching for work in Quebec City and Ottawa, they caught a train to Toronto.

In Toronto, both John and Ernie found work. They were required to register their birth certificates with the local social services, and lived in Downsview, not far from Yorkdale Plaza.

Yorkdale turned out to be the location

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of an incredible coincidence. One day, while John and Jo were shopping at Yorkdale, John took their St. Bernard dog outside to cool off, and sat on a bench.

"It was then that I saw a little red change purse on the ground," wrote John, "You

have to remember that we knew no one in Toronto at the time. I bent down and picked up the purse. To my total and utter surprise there was 35 cents and Ernie's birth certificate. He was not aware he had lost it."

Later, when Ernie married Beryl, they moved to Georgetown, but John can't recall their address.

"He had just got married and we had decided to return to England via the USA, Mexico and Central America," wrote John, "According to my brother David, Ernie and Beryl had two daughters."

Ordinarily, John would ask his brother

for more info, but unfortunately, David died three years ago.

I searched various databases and sources, as well as directory assistance for Georgetown, Milton, Acton, and Brampton.

Looking for E. or B. Knight, I called some of the numbers that were possibilities, but with no luck.

So where did Ernie and Beryl get to?

John is 67 years-old and he says Ernie would be 66. If anyone has any info about Ernie or Beryl, give me a call, or e-mail me at the address below.

John sums it up best in his own words:

"I have so many happy memories of us laughing, playing football and cricket, camping, cycling but mostly sharing a friendship which I have never given up even though we have not seen each other since 1969. Needless to say I'm so grateful for anything that you may be able to do."

If you have any info, call me—I know a guy in London who'd be most pleased.

—Ted Brown can be reached at tbrown@independentfreepress.com



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Urban Yard Waste Collection

Only use paper yard waste bags or open, reusable, rigid containers labelled yard waste. If using a reusable, rigid container, drill holes on the bottom of the yard waste container for drainage.

Yard waste labels for reusable containers are available at no charge from Halton Region. Call Halton Region between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday at 905-825-6000 or 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866) or TTY 905-827-9833.

Containers may have a capacity up to 125 L (27 imperial gallons) and weigh no more than 23 kg (50 lbs).

Please do not use cardboard boxes, Blue Boxes, GreenCarts or plastic bags for yard waste collection.

Brush must be tied in bundles no larger than 1.2 m (4 ft) by 0.6 m (2 ft) wide, with branches a maximum of 7.5 cm (3 inches) in diameter.

In Collection Area 3, 4, and 5, yard waste is collected every other week, on the same day as your garbage. In Collection Areas 1 and 2, there is no yard waste collection.

Acceptable materials:

- Leaves
- Sticks and twigs
- Tree trimmings
- Fallen fruit from trees



Unacceptable materials:

- Grass
- Sod, soil and rocks
- Clay
- Plastic shopping or garbage bags
- Plastic flower/plant pots
- Flower/plant markers and tags
- Yard waste placed in plastic bags



NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC MEETING

Development Charges By-law

The 2008 Development Charges Background Study was released on February 27, 2008 with proposed by-law(s) that will replace the Region's existing region-wide residential and non-residential roads and general services development charges in By-law No. 99-04, region-wide and area specific residential and region-wide non-residential water and wastewater development charges in By-law No. 57-04, and area specific non-residential water and wastewater development charges in By-law No. 102-03. On March 19, 2008 a public meeting regarding the Background Study was held pursuant to the Development Charges Act, 1997. As a result of issues raised at this public meeting and through written submissions, Council determined that an addendum to the 2008 Development Charges Background Study be prepared and a second public meeting be held.

The 2008 Halton Development Charges Background Study for the Region's Development Charges By-law and the addendum to the Study are available in the office of the Regional Clerk at 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6M 3L1 commencing April 9, 2008.

Public Meeting

The purpose of this second public meeting under the Development Charges Act, 1997 is to present the addendum to the 2008 Halton Development Charges Background Study and proposed by-law(s) and to allow persons to make representations relating to the proposed by-law.

The public meeting will be held by the Regional Administration and Finance Committee as follows:

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2008
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Council Chambers, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario

All interested persons are invited to attend the public meeting and to make representations. Interested persons should note that the development charge proposals might change as a result of the meeting and any further staff reports. The final proposal and by-law will be presented to the Administration and Finance Committee at its regular meeting of **Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Halton Room.**

The final by-law will be presented to Council for approval on **Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.**

For Further Information

Any questions should be directed to Paula Kobli at 825-6000, ext. 7184, Toll Free 1-866-442-5866, Regional Municipality of Halton, Corporate Services Department, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6M 3L1.

If you wish to appear as a delegation at any of the meetings, including the public meeting, please call Ms. Sue Lathan, Deputy Clerk at 905-825-6000, ext. 7254.

Monica Wallenfels
Regional Clerk