

There was no shortage of foolish games we'd play as youngsters

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We had no park within easy walking distance and were in sort of a triangle on our own, cut off from other areas by a river, a golf course and a major road we weren't supposed to cross.

I remember a couple years during school I spent part of almost every day standing in the hall. Usually, at the other end of the hall would be my brother.

We'd make sure we'd have marbles with us at all times so we could roll them down the hall at each other and have some fun. At least until the principal had me wait in his office one afternoon so I could think about the strap he was going to give me.

That put a serious cramp in our hallway fun for at least a week or two.

We were always getting into trouble during the summer, almost on a daily basis. It's as if it wasn't fun unless we were doing something we weren't supposed to do.

Naturally, we weren't smart enough to think of the consequences, or if our fun was an inconvenience to anyone else. 'Nicky Nicky Nine Doors' was a favourite pastime.

That's when you knocked on somebody's door and everybody would run and hide. Even more fun was to do it again at the same door, although not everybody was dumb enough to fall for it three times.

I found that out the hard way when a man was waiting for us after multiple knocks and opened up the door right away. We all

took off running down the street.

I wasn't too worried because I was a fast runner and ahead of everybody.

It's kind of like that joke with the bear — I don't have to outrun the bear, I only have to outrun you. Anyway, I fell, scraping my knees and my hands. Everybody else ran by me and the man picked me up by the back of the shirt and started marching me to my house.

I knew enough to do some whimpering, and he could see that I was hurt, and maybe felt sorry for me.

He explained to me that he often worked in the evenings and that he was worried about his wife being home alone. "We won't do it again, sir," I told him honestly, and I was off the hook. There was nothing worse than being punished and having to waste a summer day alone in your room.

About the worst thing we used to do, at least in terms of criminal activity, was hide on a certain hole of the golf course, and after the golfers' drives, we'd run out and take their golf balls. They had to come down a big hill by a roundabout route, so they couldn't see us.

We'd hide in the bushes and laugh our heads off when they couldn't find their ball.

Summer as a kid meant freedom and adventure. As an adult it means it's too hot and I can't wait for fall.



Lemon Chicken (Serves 4)

Ingredients:

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts

For marinade:

1 - 250 mL lemonade in Tetra Pak packaging

4 cloves garlic, crushed

Zest and juice of 1 lemon

1 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil

Fresh ground pepper

1. In a large resealable plastic bag combine all the marinade ingredients.

2. Add chicken, seal bag, shake, and

refrigerate for 4 - 8 hours.

3. Heat barbeque.

4. Remove chicken from bag and reserve liquid.

5. Grill chicken slowly until cooked.

6. Meanwhile, pour marinade liquid into a saucepan.

7. Bring to boil and then reduce heat to simmer. Simmer for 10 minutes.

8. Pour reduced sauce over cooked chicken and serve.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1 Mid-Peninsula Transportation Corridor EA Terms of Reference

THE STUDY:

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained URS Cole, Sherman & Associates Ltd. to prepare a Terms of Reference (ToR) to guide the future preparation of a Route Location/Concept Design Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Mid-Peninsula Transportation Corridor.

In June 2001, the Premier and the Minister of Transportation announced the completion of the Niagara Peninsula Transportation Needs Assessment initiative. The key product of the needs assessment is a multi-modal Transportation Development Strategy — a "road map" to guide transportation investment. The Mid-Peninsula Transportation Corridor has been identified as one of the key elements in the Transportation Development Strategy. As a result, MTO has initiated the environmental assessment (EA) process for the potential new transportation corridor. The first step in the EA process is the preparation of an Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference. Other elements identified in the needs assessment study (i.e. road widening, transit improvements, etc.) will be examined under separate initiatives.

THE PROCESS:

For an Individual EA, the Environmental Assessment Act requires that a proponent prepare a Terms of Reference (ToR) to define the scope of the proposed EA Study. The ToR requires approval by the Minister of Environment and Energy (MOEE) and the subsequent Individual EA is then prepared in accordance with the approved ToR.

The intention is to submit the ToR to MOEE for review in March 2003. The final product will be a ToR document which will provide a definitive scope for the subsequent Individual EA project.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES:

In preparing the ToR, the Project Team will seek public input and comment via five rounds of Public Information Centres (PICs). The first round of PICs has been arranged to present the overall study process and the Draft Transportation Needs Assessment.

The information centres will be held as follows:

Tuesday July 16th, 2002
3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
(Open House Format)
6:30 p.m. - Presentation
Farmers Market Square
(between Division St. and
Yonge St. off of King St.)
Welland

Wednesday July 17th, 2002
3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
(Open House Format)
6:30 p.m. - Presentation
Stoney Creek Municipal Hall
777 Highway 8
(at Jones Road)
Stoney Creek

Thursday July 18th, 2002
3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
(Open House Format)
6:30 p.m. - Presentation
Holiday Inn Burlington
Burlington Room
3063 South Service Road
Burlington

Additional PICs will be held in August 2002, to present the same material for those who can not attend on the above noted PIC dates. Notices advising of meeting times and locations will be published the week before the PICs.

Three more rounds of PICs and a round of public workshops will be held over the fall 2002 to winter 2003 period.

COMMENTS:

Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the Ministry of Transportation in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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Student named to RIT Dean's List

They say everything happens in threes.

For the third time in five years, Miltonian Derek Bell has been named to the Dean's List at New York's Rochester Institute of Technology.

Mr. Bell, who's studying communication at the College of Liberal Arts, earned a grade point average of 3.83 for the spring quarter of the academic year.

He graduated from E.C. Drury High School in 1996.

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