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■ HISTORY

Honorary colonel worked on replica of historic plane

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OAKVILLE — When Gerald Haddon looks out the windows of an airplane at its wings, he sees the mind of his grandfather.

It's the hinged flap on the wing that does it. The device, called an aileron, helps steer the plane. It was developed by Haddon's grandfather John Alexander Douglas McCurdy during the dawn of aviation in the early 20th century.

Then a radical innovator, the aileron is commonplace today.

"I still do it every time I get on an aircraft. It's a reminder of what he accomplished. He was a hero to me."

His passion for planes has been recognized by the Canadian Air Force. Last month, he was

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Gerald Haddon on his grandfather, who developed the aileron, which helps steer a plane.

made an honorary colonel at a ceremony at CFB Borden.

Haddon grew up at the feet of his grandfather hearing the stories of he and his roommates at Aerial Experiment Association who were at the cutting edge of developing flying machines.

They built the Silver Dart, the first powered plane in Canadian history which flew in Nova Scotia in 1909.

The stories of his grandfather



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crained Haddon to fall in love with flying, a passion that stays with the Oakville man in this day.

In his travels, he talks in groups and at schools about the air force. Flying and the work of his grandfather.

Last year, Haddon came to Niagara Falls to join a group of volunteers building a replica of the Silver Dart. He worked on the final construction of the plane before it was taken in Nova Scotia to recreate the flight of the original.

"Obviously, I am humbled and honoured to be recognized by the Air Force," Haddon said.

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INQUEST DELAYED

THOROLD — The inquest into the death of Glen Bocsett, previously scheduled to begin Monday has been postponed.

The 58-year-old died June 20, 2007, while in custody at Niagara Detention Centre in Thorold. An inquest is mandatory under the Coroners Act.

The inquest will examine the events surrounding Bocsett's death. The jury may make recommendations aimed at preventing similar deaths.

No mandate for the inquest has been set and no reason was given for the delay in a news release issued under Dr. Jack Stanborough, regional supervising coroner for the west region, Hamilton office.

STOLEN GOODS FOUND
ST. CATHARINES — Two search warrants executed on St. Paul St. W. properties in St. Catharines by the OPP Peterborough detachment and Niagara Regional Police has resulted in the recovery of number of stolen municipal vehicles worth some \$400,000.

Police seized an asphalt rolling machine, gas, an SUV, a speed boat and two all-terrain vehicles. Police also recovered

stolen property that was related to thefts from tractor trailers.

All of the property had been stolen from the Town of Cobourg, the City of Peterborough, Halton Region, Durham Region and Niagara Region.

Shawn Woodard, 34, of St. Catharines was arrested at 207 St. Paul St. W. on Thursday and has been charged with possession of stolen property obtained by crime. There are further charges pending.

COMPANY FINED

WELLAND — Formerly known as liquid waste management company Direct Line Environmental Services Inc., 1780226 Ontario Inc. was fined \$30,000 on Wednesday for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that caused an injury to a worker.

Lyndon Tagley, a supervisor from the company, was fined \$7,500 in relation to the same incident, said a Ministry of Labour news release. On Aug. 5, 2008, the company was in construction on a project at an industrial plant in Thorold. The plant was decommissioning its equipment. Removal of the equipment left large holes in the floor called press pits. Direct Line Environmental Services Inc. was

clearing out the press pits. While cleaning out a trench leading into one of the pits, a worker fell 4.55 metres into the pit.

A ministry investigation found that the worker was not protected by a guardrail or a fall protection system.

The numbered company pleaded guilty in Welland court, as an employer, to failing to ensure that the worker was adequately protected by a guardrail system. Tagley pleaded guilty, as a supervisor, to failing to ensure the same.

The fines were imposed by Justice of the Peace Frouse. In addition to the fines, the court imposed a 25% victim fine surcharge, as required by the Provincial Offences Act.

6/49 GAMBLE PAYS

NIAGARA FALLS — Niagara Falls resident Joanne Cassib won \$61,594 as a result of playing the Nov. 20 Lotto 6/49.

"This is quite funny, because my husband won a big prize about five years ago, just after he retired and he made a joke that you have to retire to win the lottery," said Cassib.

"Now I just retired and I won the lottery, too."

■ PARADE BOOSTERS



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo
The Welland Downtown BIA, represented by chair Greg D'Amico, presents the city, represented by community development and volunteer co-ordinator Sarah Doherty, with a \$1,000 sponsorship cheque for the Santa Claus Parade. Tonight's parade starts at 6:30 at the Canadian Tire Financial Services parking lot, at the corner of Wellington and East Main Sts., and ends with a celebration at Welland Civic Square.

■ ACCESSIBILITY: Businesses must be aware of new rules coming into effect January 2012

'The legislation is just so complex'

MARYANNE FIRTH
Tribune Staff

WELLAND — Barriers can be more than physical.

That's the lesson Russ Findlay hoped local business owners learned during an information session at Welland Civic Square.

The chair of Welland's accessibility committee spent Friday morning helping more than 30 business representatives gain an understanding of the province's new accessibility legislation, with a focus on customer service standards.

"Business owners can't expect to understand and implement these customer service standards on their own," Findlay said.

"The legislation is just so complex. It's hard to find your way through the language of the customer service standards."

The legislation, he said, will mean changes need to be implemented by Jan. 1, 2012 in how businesses are operated.

Findlay said it's important for business owners to understand the different types of disabilities that people may have, whether visible or hidden. Disabilities can also come in different extremes, he said, which people should be cognizant of.

He hoped those people in attendance learned the different barriers that can exist for people with disabilities.

"It's not necessarily just a step, it can be an attitude, a perception that a person with a disability needs help or wants help all the time," he said.

Findlay said he was happy with the session's turnout, though he's hoping it reach out to even more businesses within the community.

"We'll do as many sessions as necessary until we've exhausted all the businesses in Welland."

In the next year, the city will also be hosting information sessions on making buildings accessible, communication standards followed by people who are blind, deaf or hard of hearing, as well as employment standards including traits in which employers should interview, hire and dismiss people with disabilities.

In an effort to assist local businesses, the accessibility committee is also working to implement the Welland Easy Ramp Access Project, which assists businesses in obtaining portable aluminum wheelchair ramps.

A draw took place during Friday's session for one of the



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ramps, which was won by King's Machining Services on King St.

Business owners looking for more information on the accessibility legislation may contact Richard Morwald at 905-735-1700 ext. 4007.

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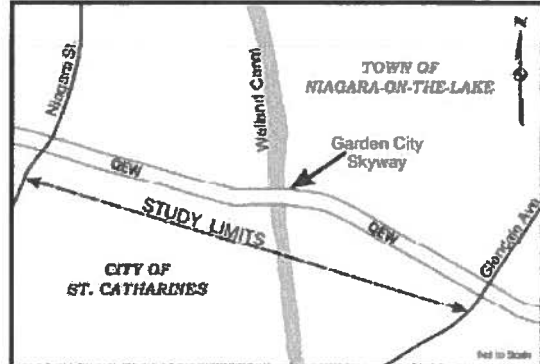
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HOCKEY

Greater Ontario Junior

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St. Catharines	25	21	3	1	116	61
Thorold	25	20	4	1	131	74
Major's Falls	23	16	6	1	127	76
Midland	22	12	7	3	110	77
Port Colborne	24	11	10	3	109	91
Stoney Creek	20	10	10	0	107	85
Whitby	25	7	17	1	98	105
Port Hope	23	7	16	4	147	93

Note: Teams not in print for loss in overtime or shootout (O/S) which are not counted in total columns. All teams make the playoffs.

PLAYOFF RESULTS
 St. Catharines 9, Port Hope 4 (OT)
 Major's Falls 5, Stoney Creek 4 (OT)

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 Port Colborne at Midland, 7 p.m.

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■ OFSAA ROUNDUP

Eden Flyers win way to final in boys volleyball championship

Standard Staff

The second-seeded Eden Flyers won a pair of games to advance to the final at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations senior boys AA volleyball championships in Mississauga.

The four-time defending champions topped Norwell District 25-11, 25-19 in a quarter final, then defeated PE Middle 25-15, 25-8 in a semifinal. Eden completed pool play at 4-0 by defeating L'Escafe 2-0 (25-14 and 25-14) and Peterborough 2-0 (25-11 and 25-20).

At the senior A boys volleyball championships in Mississauga, the Beacon Blues, seeded 12th, defeated Holy Trinity 16-25, 25-21, 15-12 in a quarter-final before dropping a 25-20, 16-25, 7-15 decision to No. 1 ranked St. Thomas Aquinas in a semifinal. Beacon finished pool play at 3-1 after losing 2-0 (25-18 and 25-11) to Quinte Christian and defeating Mere Teresa 3-0 (33, 31, 25-21).

At the AAA volleyball championships in Mississauga, 10th-seeded Sir Winston Churchill

lost 15-6 to Luckery in a tie-breaking game to determine which team advanced to the quarter-finals.

Churchill completed pool play 2-2 after beating Loyola 2-0 (25-14, 25-14) and losing 2-0 (25-15, 25-18) to Luckery in a playoff to determine who advanced to the quarter-finals.

At the senior girls AA basketball championships in Saratua, the St. Francis Phoenix were eliminated following a 61-56 loss in Peterborough's Holy Cross. Ielena Mamie scored 21 and Sarah Slattery contributed 19.

Zone 3 champion E.L. Croswley advanced to a quarter-final with a 50-37 triumph over Smithroy at Holy Cross. Natalie Tavares led the Cyclone with 16 points and Megan Clinchage added a dozen.

The Cyclone were then eliminated with a 46-34 loss to St. Basil. Kristen Daley had 14 for Croswley.

At the senior girls A basketball championships in Welland, all three local teams advanced to the quarter-finals.

Hitley College moved on with a 61-21 victory over Runnymede, led by 17 points by Anstey

Cameron-Peccock and eight by Laura Voightlander.

The Tigers then defeated Algonquin 42-24 behind 22 by Cameron-Peccock and seven by Voightlander.

Confederation advanced to a quarter-final with a 48-21 triumph over Nouvelle-Alliance, led by 14 points by Courtney McPherson and 12 by Danielle Marlow.

Confederation then moved on with a 29-28 win over Elmwood as Courtney McPherson, Kaitlyn McPherson and Marlin had 12 each.

Ilean Vanier moved on to the quarter-finals with a 33-22 victory over Kapuskasing as Brooke-Lyn Murdoch had 11 and Atlantic Tanguay nine before losing 33-43 to Bidou.

Sarah Dillon had 15 in a losing cause for the Welland-based team.

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■ FALCONS

D'lario perfect in three starts

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Suchita, who is suffering from a lower body injury, could be out for one to two weeks. D'lario, a 36-year-old rookie, is now 3-0 in his three starts.

"We're not going to push him at this time of year," Larriere said. "We'll re-evaluate him at the start of next week and go from there."

Atletico's general manager Tony Passero was thrilled to be in a position to win the game leading into the third.

"It was exciting going into the third and not being down 0-1 or 0-2 like we always are down here," Passero said. "We were pumped and then we scored to have the lead and that screwed us up."

"It woke them up and we don't understand what it means to have a lead," Passero said. "We were furious with the Falcons coaching staff for a fight late in the game between Kelly Baraban of St. Catharines and Chris Langdon."

"They started that fight," Passero said. "I've never sent a player out to fight in my life," Larriere

responded.

Falcon fans John Williamson (suspension), Sielcia (lower body), Nick Ilvonen (lower body), Kenny Bradford (upper body) and Jesse Miller (suspension) did not dress for the Falcons... Falcon's assistant equipment manager Jim Gustafson was sporting a new Windsor Spiffers Taylor Hall jersey. Gustafson has one of the largest collections of hockey jerseys known to man... DeWolfe and Langdon, a former Falcon, are cousins.

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TWINS GET NISHIOKA

NEW YORK — The Minnesota Twins have won the bidding battle for Japanese infielder Tsuyoshi Nishioka of the Chiba Lotte Marines Major League Baseball (MLB) said Friday.

According to MLB, the Pacific League (PL) team in Japan's Nippon Professional Baseball accepted the bid submitted by the Twins for negotiating rights to the 26-year-old shortstop.

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BASEBALL

Dodgers get back Garland from Padres

Reuters
LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers strengthened their starting rotation Friday by signing former All-Star pitcher Jon Garland to a one-year contract with a vesting option for 2012.

The 31-year-old, who returns to the Dodgers after playing for the San Diego Padres last season, will link up with fellow pitchers Chad Billingsley, Clayton Kershaw, Hiroki Kuroda and Ted Lilly in Los Angeles.

"We're very pleased to have Jon join this group and give us five very strong starters going into spring training," Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said in a statement.

Each of last quintet won at least 10 games in 2010, with Garland going 14-12.

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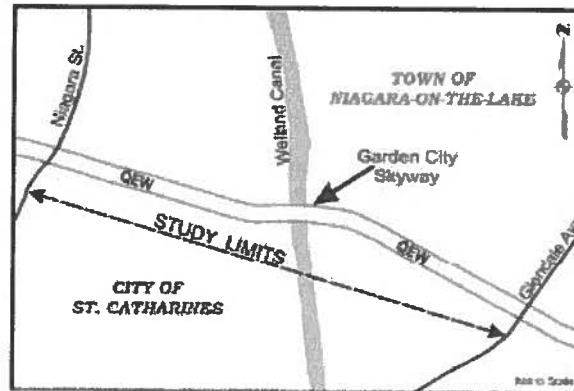
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■ TOURISM

U.S. travel spending in Canada rose in third quarter

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More U.S. visitors came to Canada in the third quarter and spent more during their stay, helping narrow the travel deficit here from a record high, according to government figures.

The travel deficit fell to \$3.4 billion in the period from a record \$3.7 billion in the second quarter, Statistics Canada said. Spending by for-

ign visitors rose 2.3% to \$4.1 billion while Canadian spending abroad dropped 1.8% to \$7.5 billion.

U.S. travellers increased their spending in Canada by 1.2% from the second quarter to \$1.8 billion as the number of visitors increased by 2.9%.

The improvement in U.S. travel to Canada comes despite a strong loonie, which makes travel north of the border relatively more expensive for U.S.

citizens.

The stronger dollar also failed to deter spending by visitors from countries excluding the U.S. Overseas visitor spending rebounded by 3.2% to a record high of \$2.3 billion.

Spending by Canadians in countries other than the United States also reached a record high in the third quarter. They spent \$3.2 billion in overseas countries, up 2.7% from the second quarter.

■ MEDIA

Magazine names Peladeau one of three CEOs of the year

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MONTREAL — Quebecor boss Pierre Karl Peladeau has been named one of three CEOs of the year by Report on Business Magazine.

Anthony Lacavera of Globalive Communications Corp. and Jim Shaw of Shaw Communications Inc. were also honoured.

The article, published in the December issue and titled 'Revenge of the scallywags,' praises the three for shaking up Canada's domestic wireless service industry and its incumbent players, Bell, Telus and Rogers. "The trio have some things in common," writes reporter Iain Marlow. "They all want to build wireless networks, they're all new at this, and they all want to steal customers from the Big Three."

The business magazine calls Peladeau "Canada's poster boy for convergence" for building a media and communications empire that dominates the



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Quebecor president and CEO Pierre Karl Peladeau.

Quebec landscape. The company also recently launched a new wireless service in the

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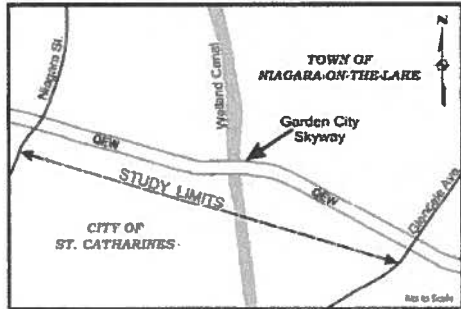
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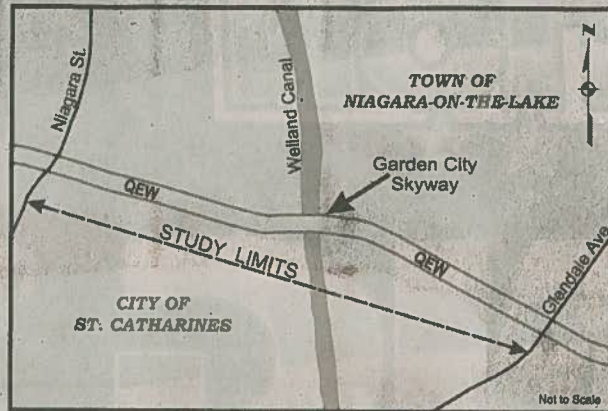
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Place: Best Western (formerly Holiday Inn)
 2 North Service Road (east of Lake Street)
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Time: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (drop-in)
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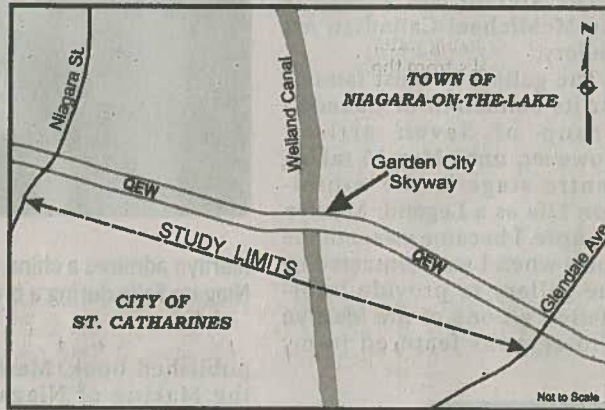
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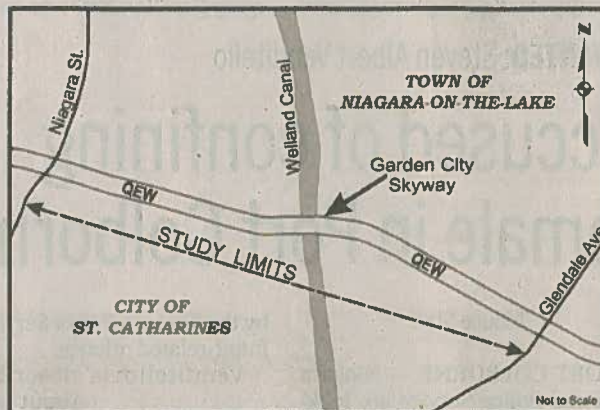
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WORLDNEWS

■ POLITICS: Republican Senator Bob Corker warns that if Congress is not closer to a deal by Sunday, things are going to get volatile



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House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan's column that urged a negotiated end to the stalemate aided a slight shift in Congress on Wednesday and provided signs of hope.

Congress sees signs of hope

DAVID LAWDER
and **SUSAN HEAVEY**
Reuters
WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats in Congress saw signs of hope on Wednesday for a break in their fiscal impasse, as members of both parties floated the possibility of a short-term increase in the debt limit to allow time for broader negotiations on the budget.

The slight shift in tone was added by a column by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, who urged a negotiated end to the stale-

mate but did not mention Republican demands for linking changes in the federal healthcare law with government funding.

"Right now, we need to find common ground," Ryan, the party's 2012 vice-presidential nominee who had been largely silent in the confrontation, wrote in *The Wall Street Journal*.

"We need to open the federal government. We need to pay our bills today and make sure we can pay our bills tomorrow. So let's negotiate an agreement to make modest reforms to entitlement programs and the tax code," he said.

President Barack Obama scolded Republicans on Tuesday for threatening economic chaos, but said he would talk about anything, including the healthcare law, if Republicans re-opened the government and lifted the debt ceiling even for the short term.

House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner rejected that idea as "unconditional surrender," but other Republicans have showed a willingness to consider a short-term deal if there was a framework in place for negotiations.

"I am beginning, by the way, to be a little hopeful regarding our current situation. It looks like the House is beginning to focus on the right things," Republican Senator Bob Corker of Tennessee said on CNBC, pointing to Ryan's column.

"We're beginning to talk about the right kinds of things here. We're beginning to move now in the right direction," Corker said, but he warned: "Around the 13th of this month sometime, things are going to get very volatile if we're not



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close to a deal." Chris Van Hollen, the ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee, said he saw rays of hope in the stalemate.

"There could be a little glimmer here. I think we're on a very risky trajectory right now, but I think there is a possible opening here. But, again, it depends on if Republicans on the Hill are willing to jump on it," he said.

The impasse has shut the government for nine days and rattled markets, with the threat that the country's \$16.7 trillion borrowing limit will not be raised before an Oct. 17 deadline identified by Treasury Secretary Jack Lew.

— Reuters

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2
For the QEW Garden City Skyway

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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2
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2 North Service Road (east of Lake Street)
St. Catharines, ON L2M 4G9
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (open house drop-in)

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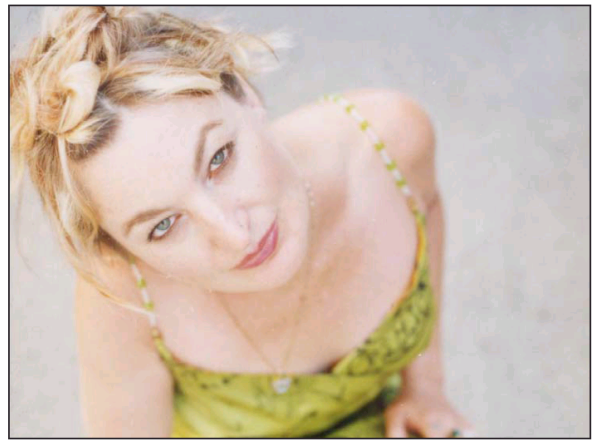
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Jane Siberry and Marc Jordan are set to play Brock University Oct. 16

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Classic Albums Live: Elton John - Greatest Hits, April 3, Taking Acrobats, April 4, Amy Helm, April 5, Just for Laughs Roadshow, April 12, Wingfield Lot and Fossil, April 13, 2:30 p.m., Michael Curto, April 24.

DEPARTMENT OF DRAMATIC ARTS

WALKER CULTURAL LEADER SERIES 2013/14: Patricia Baldwin will spend eight days teaching, speaking and giving demonstration classes at Brock and throughout the Niagara peninsula. For more information, contact: Gevorg Wilson, Dramatic Arts, dramatic@brocku.ca

DRAMA IN EDUCATION: Intensive Workshops, Oct. 5, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Centre Stage Theatre School and Productions, 2505 Mainway, Burlington. Free for DART students, all others \$20 to cover costs for refreshments and venue. Limited registration.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

ENCORE! Professional Concert Series - Sapphires, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m., Balkan-Gypsy-Master fusion. This award-winning group from Montreal pushes back the boundaries of world music. Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, Brock Un. Tickets: \$28.50 adults, \$22.50 seniors/student; \$5 evicor. Centre for the Arts Box Office, 905-688-5550 ext. 3237, www.brocku.ca/musc

DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL ARTS

WALKER CULTURAL LEADER SERIES 2013/14: Alina Davies will present two public talks: one on the role of culture in international development, and the other on Canadian cultural property legislation. For more info, contact: Prof. Sharlyn Ingram, Centre for Studies in Arts and Culture.

VIVA VOCE ORAL SERIES: Nations in Harmony: a Post-1512 Celebration (Avalon Anglican Church, 99 Ontario St., Thomas) \$20 Adults, \$15 seniors and students, \$5 children 18 & under, and evicor. Available at the door. 9:30 - 8:30 p.m., Ford Field, Brock Un. Free.

Chamber Singers' school: Chorus from the USA, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas Anglican Church, 99 Ontario St., Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$15 seniors and students, \$5 children 18 & under, and evicor. Available at the door.

RBC FOUNDATION MUSIC IN COMMON SERIES: Oct. 8, Enka Reiman, piano, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, Brock Un., Oct. 29, Patricia Dydramko, Flute and Enka Reiman, piano, Concordia Secondary Chapel, Brock Un.

PUBLIC LECTURE: Art, Taxes, and Public Good - how Canadian cultural property rules help artists, collectors, museums and the public, Oct. 24, 7 p.m., Rodman Hall Art Centre, 3075, Paul Crac, Free.

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STUDY

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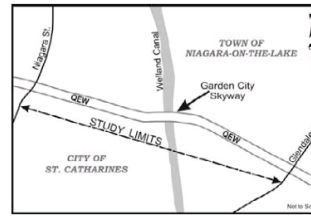
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NATIONAL NEWS

POD PEOPLE



Apparently downtown Ottawa workers are so sleep-deprived that one enterprising company believes they'll book a pod hotel for a 20-minute power nap. That's the idea behind the Pod Hotel, setting up shop on Sparks Street from Oct. 14 to 16. The individual pods, decked out with a mattress, pillow and respite from the daily grind, let urban dwellers sneak in a few extra zzz's over their lunch break.

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EGYPT

Canadians may be home soon

KELLY PEDRO
Bill Agency

LONDON, Ont. — The two Canadians who spent 50 days in an Egyptian prison and were prevented from leaving the country could be back on Canadian soil as early as Thursday, according to a local MP's tweet that was quickly deleted.

London North Centre MP Susan Truppe posted the message about London LI doctor Tarek Loubani and Toronto filmmaker Adnan Geyssou Wednesday afternoon.

"Pleased to learn that Tarek and Adnan will be (sic) free to travel home to Canada tomorrow. Looking fwd to welcoming Tarek back to London #LibOn!" the tweet from Truppe's Twitter account read.

It was quickly deleted and a spokesperson told CMT Agency to "ignore that tweet."

A colleague of Loubani's said he was surprised to hear the two men could be home-ward bound Thursday.

A spokeswoman for Lynne Yelich, Canada's minister of state for foreign affairs, said in an e-mail federal efforts to get the men home continue.

"Canadian officials continue to work tirelessly to facilitate Dr. Loubani and Mr. Geyssou's departure from Egypt. We look forward to seeing these two Canadians return home shortly," wrote Adnan Khasky.

The men's families declined to comment now that Loubani and Geyssou have been released and can speak for themselves.

They did just that Wednesday, releasing a video on YouTube from Egypt thanking supporters for helping them get out of Cairo's notorious Tora prison. In the video, the two say their ordeal isn't over.

"We are struck a bit," said Geyssou.

"Hope to see you soon," added Loubani.

The post appeared to be a good omen on the video.

—With files from free Press reporter John Mior

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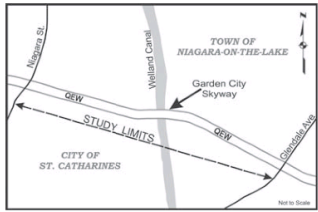
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LOCALNEWS

■ CONFERENCE

Food bank conference coming to Niagara



Jessica Manuel's life is as far removed from what it was a decade ago. She will be one of the key speakers addressing some 170 delegates Monday for the 2014 Ontario Association of Food Banks annual conference.

GRANT LARLECHE
Old Agency/Niagara

It is incredible for her to think about it now, but there was a time in Jessica Manuel's life when the simple act of buying dinner seemed like pure fantasy.

As a teenager, Manuel was homeless. Meals were nearly a luxury. Going out to a restaurant was simply impossible.

"I really didn't think that was something you could do," she says now. "The idea of going out and buying dinner, or buying it for someone else, just wasn't part of life as far as I was concerned."

Now 29 and a district manager for Mannington Commercial, Manuel's life is as far removed from what it was a decade ago. She's represented Niagara internationally through the Rotary Club and acted as a spokeswoman for a United Way fund-raising campaign.

But she hasn't forgotten the road she took to get here.

"I didn't do it alone," Manuel said. "Organizations like Community Care not only put in touch with the services that provided for my immediate needs, but they provided me with the tools and resources I needed for my future."

Manuel, who now lives in Hamilton, will be one of the key speakers addressing some 170 delegates Monday for the 2014 Ontario Association of Food Banks annual conference. The event, being held at Niagara College's Niagara-on-the-Lake campus, will bring together experts to talk about poverty and issues facing food banks.

Delegates are coming as far away as Thunder Bay for the conference which runs from Sunday to Tuesday, said Nancy McInosh, community and development

coordinator for Community Care of St. Catharines & Thorold.

"We all face the same issues," she said. "We have a lot to learn from each other."

Manuel is scheduled to speak Monday morning. That evening the event's keynote speaker, Canadian actor and activist Tom Jackson will give an address.

McInosh said representatives from Ontario food banks will dive into poverty-related issues in workshops over the course of the conference.

For more information visit the Community Care website at www.communitycarescsc.ca

Jessica Manuel will also be a special guest during the Standard's provincial election live streaming coverage on June 12 on the paper's website.

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SPORTS

■ ABBEY

\$10K claiming race runs Sunday

FROM PAGE B1
"It's easier to hit in daylight," was the refrain.

Are there any asterisks in the Major League record books next to Babe Ruth's or Roger Maris' home run records?

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Note these are empty homes, at every track, who can run every two weeks, sometimes even after seven or 10 days.

Under the right circumstances, so could Granddaddy Joe, according to his trainer, Tony Erni.

"I'd say Joe's a typical modern thoroughbred, fast but fragile," said Erni of the six-year-old who has won 13 of 27 lifetime starts after finishing a hang-up third at Woodbine Wednesday, bringing his lifetime earnings to an impressive \$520,000.

He held the 8.5 furlong track

record at Woodbine for a time, but let's one of those who gives everything he has in every race and needs three to five weeks to recover.

"He had everything go his way in a race and you by three-four lengths, then he could come back in two weeks.

Added Erni: "The main issue is keeping a horse 'racing sound' and each one is an individual. Some horses can 'play with pain,' and some can't, just like some humans possess going to the dentist as long as possible."

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An open (to all) \$10,000 claiming race at about one mile on the turf course highlights Sunday's Fort Erie program, starting at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday twilight program begins at 4:15 p.m. A total coast follows the race card.

■ CANUCKS

Canucks rookie skate taking place June 15

FROM PAGE B1
"I've been here for three years now and the team hasn't been great. Last year, we were a sixth-place hockey team and the support locally was pretty good."

He believes junior B's pricing is the level's biggest attribute.

"It's a very good product, and we want to make it a better product."

That work to make it better begins immediately for Pietrangeli.

"There's lots to do obviously,"

he said. "Players are No. 1, trying to build the best team possible so that's where my focus is right now."

He also needs to get out in the community to raise tip sponsorships and the other elements that make a junior B hockey team successful.

Building the on-ice product will soon line it at Caledonia from 5 to 9 p.m. when the team holds its rookie skate.

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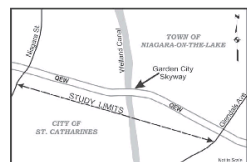
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Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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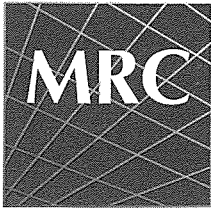
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SAMPLE

As sent to general contact list

Re: QEW Garden City Skyway Class Environmental Assessment
Notice of Study Commencement

Dear «Title» «LastName»:

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Study details are provided in the enclosed notice. Also enclosed is a comment sheet for your use in identifying your organization's interest in this study.

→ As applicable, insert agency specific blurb (MTC, INAC/MAA, MNR/NPCA/DFO)

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Yours truly,

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QEW GCS - Agency Specific Blurbs for Study Commencement Notification

The following additional text was added to the notification letters sent to the identified agencies:

Ministry of Tourism and Culture

As part of this study, the following archaeological and cultural heritage and documentation will be completed:

- Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment (New Directions Archaeology)
- Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report for the QEW Garden City Skyway (Golder Associates)
- Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report (Unterman McPhail Associates)
- Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (Unterman McPhail Associates)

INAC and MAA

The Project Team has sent study notification to the following Aboriginal communities and organizations:

- Niagara Region Métis Council
- Six Nations of the Grand River
- Six Nations of the Grand River Territory Confederacy Council
- Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation
- Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
- Union of Ontario Indians

If your agency is aware of any other Aboriginal communities or organizations that may be interested in this study we would appreciate receiving that information.

MNR, NPCA and DFO

This study will be completed in accordance with the MTO/DFO/OMNR Fisheries Protocol. It is anticipated that preliminary HADD determinations will be made during Preliminary Design (the current assignment) and Fisheries Protocol documentation will be submitted to DFO during Detail Design.

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT FOR THE QEW GARDEN CITY SKYWAY

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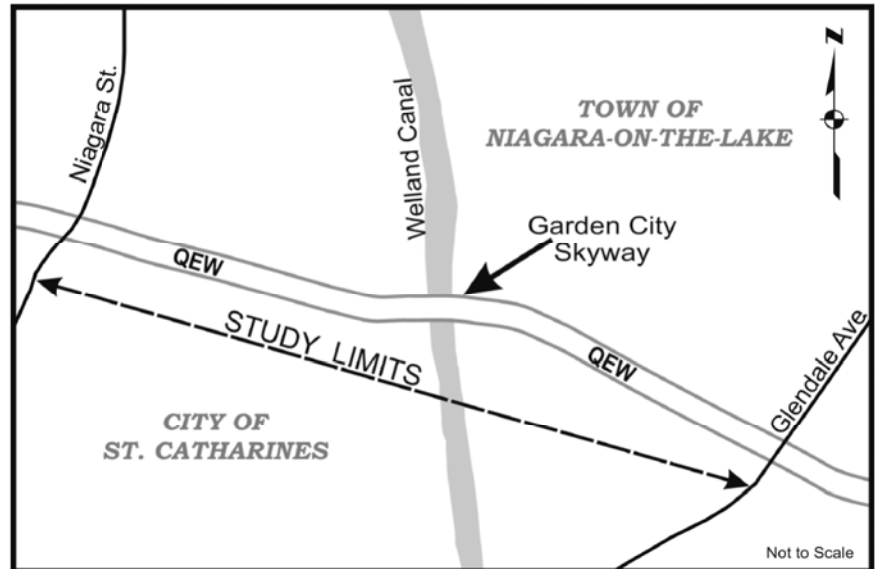
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SAMPLE

As sent to Aboriginal Representatives

Re: QEW Garden City Skyway Class Environmental Assessment
Notice of Study Commencement

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This notification is being provided to determine whether **INSERT GROUP NAME** holds an interest in this project. Ministry staff would be pleased to meet with you to discuss this project and any input that you provide to the Project Team will be considered during the Class Environmental Assessment. Should you require further information regarding this project or wish to discuss how your community would like to be involved, please feel free to contact myself, Bill Cung Project Manager, at 416-235-3434 or by email at bill.cung@ontario.ca or Sarah De Decker, MTO Regional Archaeologist, at 416-235-5489 or by email sarah.dedecker@ontario.ca.

Yours truly,

Bill Cung, P.Eng.
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c: Sarah De Decker – MTO
George Ivanoff – MTO
Michael Chiu – McCormick Rankin Corporation
J.A. (Sandy) Nairn – Ecoplans Limited

Encl.



Letter mailed to MPPs, MPs and elected officials on March 10, 2011

Letter mailed to Federal & Provincial agencies, municipal staff, elected officials, other agencies, emergency services, utilities and other stakeholders on March 14, 2011

March 10 / 14, 2011

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Re: QEW Garden City Skyway Class Environmental Assessment
Notice of Public Information Centre #1

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Date:	Wednesday, March 30, 2011
Place:	Best Western (formerly Holiday Inn) 2 North Service Road (east of Lake Street) St. Catharines, ON L2N 4G9

We look forward to your attendance at the external agency/municipality preview session.

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**Letter mailed to Aboriginal
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Since our last correspondence, at the commencement of this study, we have been reviewing the existing conditions and the need and justification for the undertaking and have developed preliminary alternatives. This information and the next steps in the study will be presented at the first Public Information Centre (PIC) scheduled for:

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March 14, 2011

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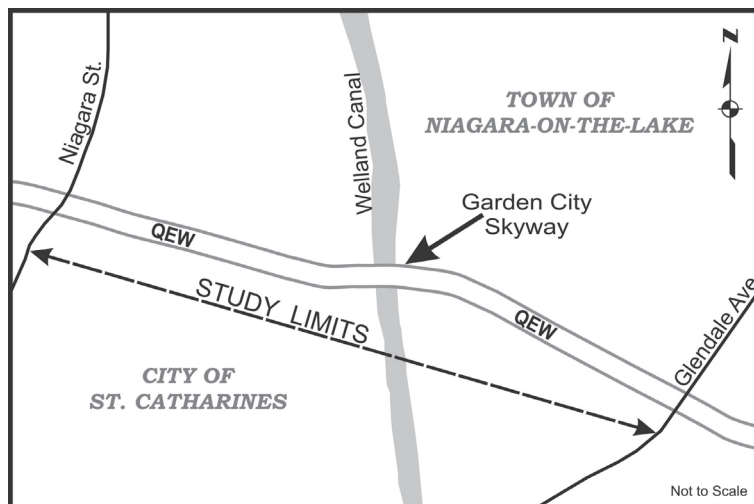
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March 14, 2011

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Re: QEW Garden City Skyway Class Environmental Assessment
Public Information Centre #1 and Potential CEAA Triggers

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SAMPLE

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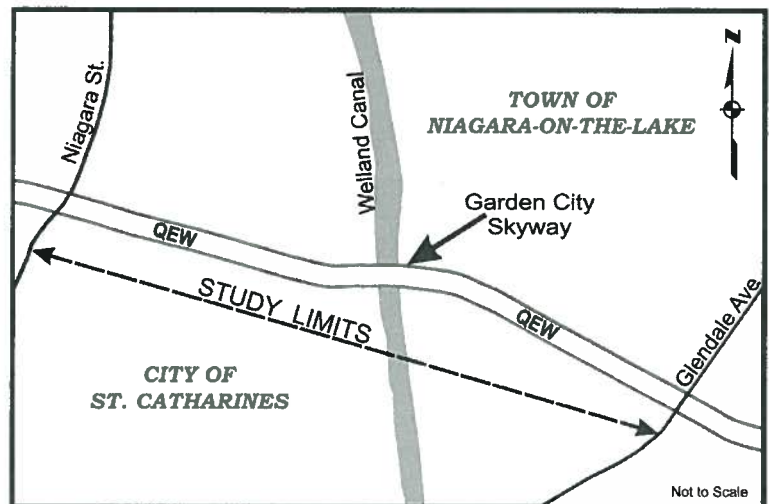
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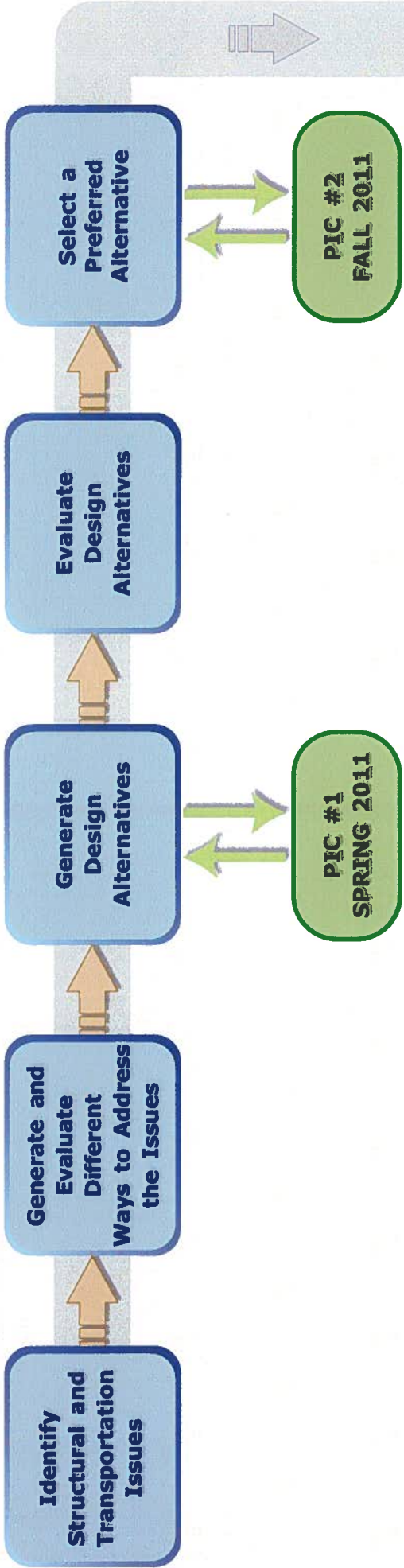
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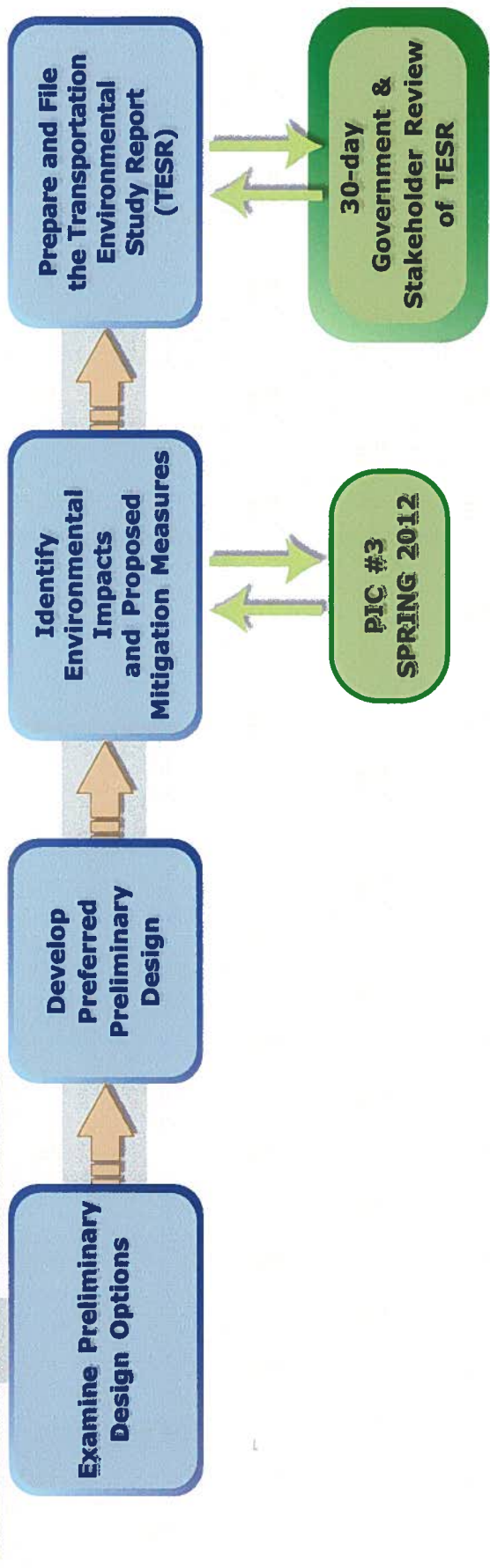
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**Letter mailed to Aboriginal
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October 4, 2013

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Re: QEW Garden City Skyway Class Environmental Assessment
 Notice of Public Information Centre #2

Dear «Title» «LastName»:

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation has retained McCormick Rankin (MRC), a member of MMM Group Limited, to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design Study to determine a long-term strategy to address the structural, traffic safety, and operational needs of the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) crossing of the Welland Canal from Niagara Street in the City of St. Catharines to Glendale Avenue in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. This includes the generation and evaluation of alternatives for the QEW Garden City Skyway.

This Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design Study is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2014. In addition, a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment is currently being completed for the project area.

Input on the study is being facilitated through the study website (www.qewgcs.ca) and a series of Public Information Centres (PICs). A number of alternatives were presented at the first PIC, which was held on March 30, 2011. The alternatives were reviewed based on the input received at the PIC. The Project Team then undertook a formal assessment and evaluation process in order to identify a technically preferred alternative. The evaluation process considered a variety of natural, socio-economic, cultural and technical factors.

A second PIC is being arranged to provide interested persons an opportunity to review and comment on the results of the assessment and evaluation process, and to present the technically preferred alternative. The second PIC will be held on:

Public Information Centre #2	
Date:	Tuesday October 22, 2013
Place:	Best Western Hotel & Conference Centre 2 North Service Road (east of Lake Street) St. Catharines, ON L2N 4G9
Time:	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Open House Drop-In)

For additional details please see the enclosed notice. Following the PIC, a copy of the PIC displays will be posted to the project website: www.qewgcs.ca.

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Respectfully,

Bill Cung, P.Eng.
Project Manager
Ministry of Transportation

Encl.
cc: Leslie Currie – MTO; Chris Barber– MTO;
Michael Chiu – MRC; J.A. (Sandy) Nairn – Ecoplans

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

For the QEW Garden City Skyway

STUDY

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Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (open house drop-in)

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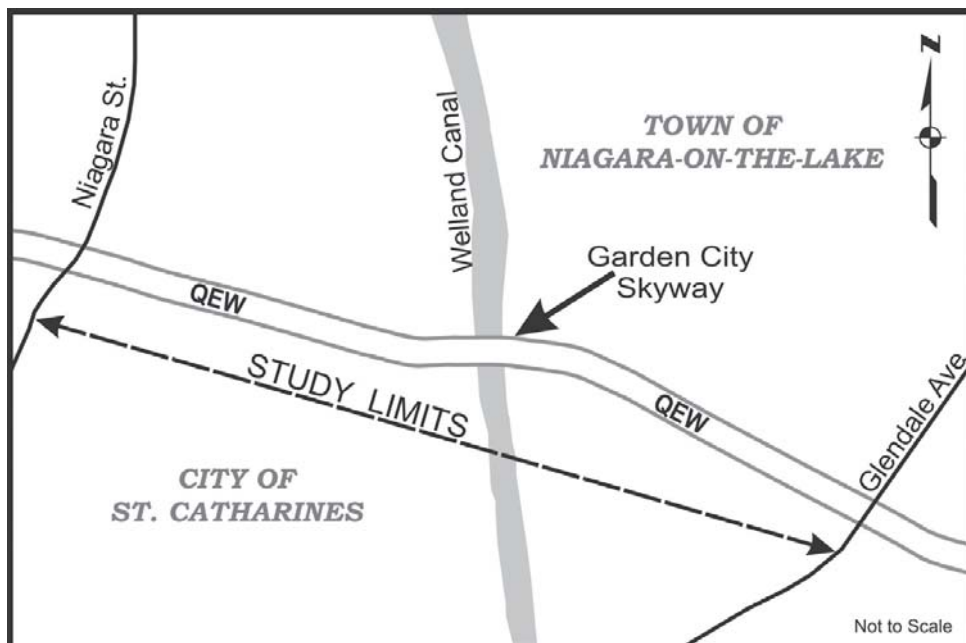
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October 4, 2013

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Yours truly,

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Notice of Potentially Impacted Property Owner Session

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The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend a session for potentially impacted property owners in advance of the PIC:

Potentially Impacted Property Owner Session	
Date:	Tuesday October 22, 2013
Place:	Best Western Hotel & Conference Centre 2 North Service Road (east of Lake Street) St. Catharines, ON L2N 4G9
Time:	12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Open House (Drop-In) Brief Presentation at 12:15 p.m.

You are also welcome to attend the PIC which will be open to the general public between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the same date at the same place.

We encourage you to attend the Potentially Impacted Property Owner Session as the technically preferred alternative is anticipated to impact your property in whole or in part. It is noteworthy that as design proceeds the property impacts and requirements will be refined.

If you would like to discuss this project and the anticipated property requirements with the Project Team in advance of October 22, you are encouraged to contact one of the following Project Team members:

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In addition, if you are unavailable to attend the Potentially Impacted Property Owner Session or Public Information Centre on October 22 and would like to arrange a separate meeting to discuss anticipated property requirements please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

For additional study details, please visit the study website at www.qewgcs.ca and please do not hesitate to follow-up with the above-listed contacts.

Yours truly,

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cc: Bill Cung – MTO; Chris Barber – MTO; Shelley Miller – MTO; J.A. (Sandy) Nairn – Ecoplans

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QEW GCS - Agency Specific Blurbs for PIC#2 Notification (Pre-PIC Invitees Letter)

The following additional text was added to the PIC#2 notification letters sent to the identified agencies:

Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

The following table provides an overview of the archaeological and cultural heritage documentation being completed in support of this study. Additional documentation may be required as the study progresses.

Documentation	Firm	Status
Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment	New Directions Archaeology	Ongoing. The report will be submitted to MTCS in accordance with Part VI of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c 0.18 and to be entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports.
Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) for the QEW Garden City Skyway	Golder Associates	Completed. MTCS (Karla Barboza) should already have a copy of this CHER and the Heritage Bridge Committee Decision Form.
Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report	Unterman McPhail Associates	Completed. This report has informed the evaluation of alternatives. The existing conditions information will be reflected in the Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (CHAR).
Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (CHAR)	Unterman McPhail Associates	Ongoing and to be completed prior to PIC#3 (Spring 2014).

Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport - Ontario Travel Information Centres

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CEA Agency

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Transport Canada

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It is anticipated that the need for approvals/permits will be identified during Preliminary Design (the current assignment) and obtained during the subsequent Detail Design stage. It is anticipated that the *Navigation Protection Act* (NPA) will be in effect during Detail Design. Since the Welland Canal is a listed navigable waterway under the NPA it is anticipated that submission for approval will be made under the NPA. As a result, Transport Canada will have a duty to consult Aboriginal communities as well as assessment requirements associated with Section 67 of CEAA (2012). It is also anticipated that the MTO Class Environmental Assessment consultation and environmental assessment documentation will be sufficient to address Transport Canada's needs. As part of the MTO Class Environmental Assessment process a Transportation Environmental Study Report will be prepared which will include details regarding the preliminary design, impacts, mitigation and consultation. To date, project notification and invitations to participate have been sent to the following Aboriginal communities:

- Niagara Region Métis Council
- Métis Nation of Ontario (Métis Consultation Unit)
- Six Nations of the Grand River
- Haudenosaunee Chiefs Confederacy Council
- Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation
- Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
- Union of Ontario Indians

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (then Indian and Northern Affairs Canada) and the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs were consulted regarding the list of communities notified. To date, none of the notified communities have expressed interest in the project but the Project Team is continuing to encourage participation through outreach notification letters at study milestones.

If Transport Canada foresees additional information or consultation requirements please let us know as those would be best addressed starting in Preliminary Design.

It is also noteworthy that Transport Canada owns lands within the study area and it is understood that those lands are associated with and adjacent to the St. Lawrence Seaway. The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation is a key stakeholder for this project and they have been, and will continue to be, involved in the study. For example, staff from the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation participated in the Value Engineering study associated with identification of the technically preferred alternative. The Project Team is also in contact with the Niagara District Airport regarding regulated airspace.

Environment Canada

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DFO

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June 3, 2014

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**Letter mailed to Aboriginal contacts on the
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Respectfully,

Bill Cung, P.Eng.
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Ministry of Transportation

Encl.

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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #3

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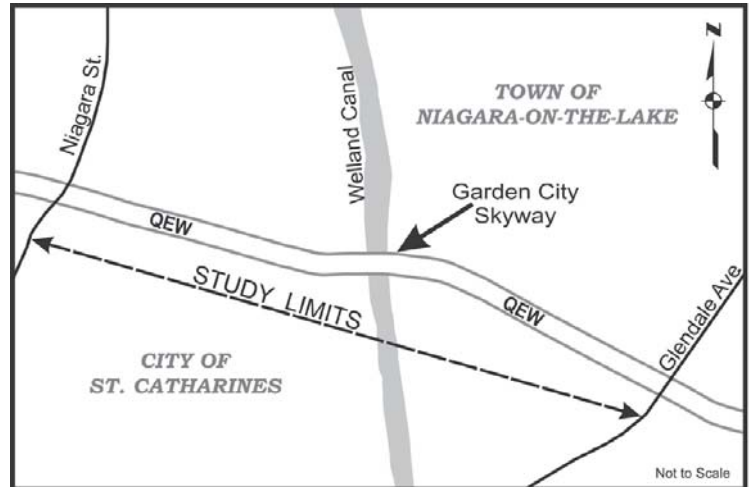
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QEW GCS - Agency Specific Blurb for PIC #3 Notification (Pre-PIC Invitees Letter)

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Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport - Ontario Travel Information Centres

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Add: We encourage you to attend the preview session as relocation of the St. Catharines Travel Information Centre (251 York Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake) will be required as a result of the preferred alternative. As part of a separate process, MTO is coordinating with MTCS and other stakeholders (e.g. municipal staff, GO Transit) regarding the long-term relocation plans for the Travel Information Centre.

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Notice of Public Information Centre #3

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Input on the study is being facilitated through the study website (www.qewgcs.ca) and a series of Public Information Centres (PICs). A number of alternatives were presented at the first PIC, which was held on March 30, 2011. The alternatives were reviewed based on the input received at the PIC. The Project Team then undertook a formal assessment and evaluation process in order to identify a technically preferred alternative. A second PIC was held on October 22, 2013, to provide an opportunity for interested persons to review and comment on the results of the assessment and evaluation process, and to present the technically preferred alternative (north twinning).

A third and final PIC is being arranged to provide interested persons with an opportunity to review and comment on the Preliminary Design of the preferred alternative, potential environmental effects, and proposed mitigation. The third PIC will be held on:

Public Information Centre #3	
Date:	Thursday, June 19, 2014
Place:	Best Western Hotel & Conference Centre 2 North Service Road (east of Lake Street) St. Catharines, ON L2N 4G9
Time:	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Open House Drop-In)

You are encouraged to attend the PIC. Members of the Project Team will be available to discuss the study and respond to questions or concerns. All comments will be reviewed and considered. For additional study details please visit the study website at www.qewgcs.ca.

Should you require further information regarding this study, please feel free to contact any of the Project Team members listed on the enclosed notice.

Yours truly,

Michael Chiu, P.Eng.
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June 3, 2014

Letter mailed on June 3, 2014 to property owners on the contact list whose properties were previously identified as potentially impacted but since PIC #2 are no longer anticipated to be impacted.

«Title»«FirstName»«LastName»
«JobTitle»
«Company»
«Branch»
«Address1»
«Address2»
«City», «Province»«PostalCode»

Re: QEW Garden City Skyway Class Environmental Assessment
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Since the second PIC it has been determined that your property that was previously identified as potentially being impacted is no longer anticipated to be directly impacted by the proposed works.

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**Letter sent via Priority registered mail
(1-day delivery method, signature
required) on June 12, 2014 to Impacted
Property Owners on the study contact
list.**

June 12, 2014

«Title» «FirstName» «LastName»
«JobTitle»
«Company»
«Branch»
«Address1»
«Address2»
«City», «Province» «PostalCode»

Re: QEW Garden City Skyway Class Environmental Assessment
Notice of Impacted Property Owner Session

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A third and final PIC is being arranged to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to review and comment on the Preliminary Design of the preferred alternative, potential environmental effects, and proposed mitigation. For additional details please see the enclosed notice.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend a session for impacted property owners in advance of the PIC:

Impacted Property Owner Session	
Date:	Thursday, June 19, 2014
Place:	Best Western Hotel & Conference Centre 2 North Service Road (east of Lake Street) St. Catharines, ON L2N 4G9
Time:	12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Open House (Drop-In) Brief Presentation at 12:15 p.m.

You are also welcome to attend the PIC which will be open to the general public between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the same date at the same place.

We encourage you to attend the Impacted Property Owner Session as the preferred alternative is anticipated to impact your property in whole or in part. A Ministry of Transportation Property representative will be available to speak with impacted property owners at both the Impacted Property Owner Session and PIC.

If you would like to discuss this project and the anticipated property requirements with the Project Team in advance of June 19, you are encouraged to contact one of the following Project Team members:

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In addition, if you are unavailable to attend the Impacted Property Owner Session or Public Information Centre on June 19 and would like to arrange a separate meeting to discuss anticipated property requirements please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

For additional study details, please visit the study website at www.qewgcs.ca and please do not hesitate to follow-up with the above-listed contacts.

Yours truly,

Brent Gotts, M.A.Sc.
Consultant Assistant Project Manager
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cc: Bill Cung – MTO; Chris Barber – MTO; Mark Patterson– MTO; J.A. (Sandy) Nairn – MMM