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Are Liberals planning tolls on new Highway 7?

Jeff Outthit, Record staff

WATERLOO REGION — A secret document obtained by The Record suggests the Liberal government may be investigating road tolls for the new Highway 7 between Kitchener and Guelph.

Ontario wants a private partner to design, finance and build the 18-kilometre freeway under a 30-year contract. It wants the federal government to pay up to 25 per cent of costs.

In applying last June for federal highway funding Ontario was asked: Are there potential revenues that could be generated by the project to offset the costs? The province wrote: "Under investigation."

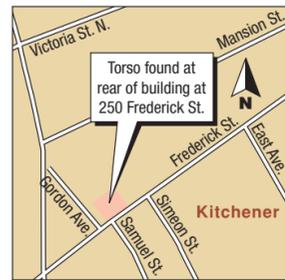
The Record obtained the funding application in a freedom-of-information request. The partly censored 19-page document is signed by an assistant deputy minister in the Ministry of Transportation.

"I don't think (tolls) are seriously under

investigation because that would be something that I think there would be virtually no support for, period," said Ian McLean, president of the Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce.

"Highway 7 is a necessity in terms of the economics of our region and the province, and they better find a way to pay for it that doesn't involve picking taxpayers' pockets."

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A human torso was discovered in an apartment building trash bin kept in an outdoor alcove visible from Gordon Avenue.

Missing persons focus for police in torso case

Remains found in garbage bin

Linda Givetash, Record staff

KITCHENER — A team of two dozen police officers is going through missing-person reports after a female torso was discovered on the weekend in an apartment building garbage bin.

"The discovery of human remains is something police are keenly aware is a concern in the community, especially for families who file a missing-persons report," said Olaf Heinzl, public affairs co-ordinator for Waterloo Regional Police.

Identifying the victim and the circumstances of her death is the top priority for police, Heinzl said. A preliminary examination revealed that the torso belonged to a Caucasian female. The torso was discovered in a bin located in an outdoor alcove at 250 Frederick St. Saturday morning.

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10 about 10

Here is one of 10 things you need to know about BlackBerry 10. The Record is publishing one item daily leading up to the Jan. 30 launch by Waterloo's Research In Motion. Track them all online at therecord.com.

#9 Catching up

The BlackBerry 10 phones will be Research In Motion's first 4G LTE devices.

4G means the fourth generation of mobile communications standards. It provides improved broadband access to the internet and the ability to handle richer content such as gaming, high-definition video and 3D television.

LTE refers to Long-Term Evolution. It's a standard of wireless communications for mobile phones and devices that transmit data at higher speeds and volumes.

"The bigger the pipe, the more you can put through it. And LTE is the biggest pipe from a wireless standard that's out there right now," says Andrew MacLeod, RIM's managing director for Canada.

Rivals such as the iPhone and Galaxy S3 are already on 4G LTE.

Global smartphone shipments featuring 4G LTE capability are expected to grow to 275 million units in 2013 from 90 million in 2012, says market research firm Strategy Analytics.

MORE ON RIM

Local leaders invited to watch BB10 launch

RIM counting on its loyal customers

Make or break for Thorsten Heins See Business, D1

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Can RIM make a comeback with BlackBerry 10? Discussing RIM's new product release on Wednesday. Go to Videos.

BEFORE SUNDAY'S EXPLOSION AT 429 ACTIVA AVE.



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AFTER THE BLAST



ROBERT WILSON, RECORD STAFF

House explosion leaves four hurt in Kitchener

Police say late-night blast that levelled home isn't suspicious

Chris Herhalt and Kevin Swayze, Record staff

KITCHENER — A family of four was in bed sleeping when their home was levelled by an explosion and fire Sunday night.

But everyone escaped the Activa Avenue home in Kitchener with non life-threatening injuries.

"The dad was in the worst shape," said Randy Knipping, who lives down the street from 429 Activa Ave.

"They took him on a stretcher. Everyone else was carried."



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Three family members have been released from hospital, while another remains in hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries, fire officials said at the scene.

Firefighters found one of the occupants wandering in the debris-strewn backyard of the property.

Police and fire officials have not named the family.

Kitchener Utilities shut off gas service to nearby homes about 1 a.m. Monday.

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Apartment building tenants left in limbo after Saturday's fire | Local, B1

St. Anne Catholic School in Cambridge to remain open

Liz Monteiro, Record staff

KITCHENER — For the parents of St. Anne Catholic School in Cambridge, it was a battle worth fighting.

Waterloo Catholic District School Board trustees voted unanimously to keep St. Anne's open at a board meeting Monday night.

Parents in the audience were joyous, energetically applauding

the decision after the vote.

"It's awesome," said parent Diane Da Silva, who's been a driving force to keep the school open.

"At the beginning it was tough. But toward the end, I thought if we fought hard, we had a chance," she said.

"They listened to us. It's a great school and we are glad we saved it," said parent Diane Oliveira.

"We believed in something and if you work hard enough, it can happen.

"Now we can have a victory party," said Natalie Holden.

Under an original board proposal, three older schools in the Galt area were recommended for closure: St. Anne, St. Ambrose and St. Francis.

Lincoln Avenue Public School would be purchased from the Waterloo Region District School

Board.

Students would move there in 2014 after a renovation to the building.

Along with the closures, renovations would be made to Holy Spirit and St. Vincent de Paul schools, which are both at capacity.

A new school would be built east of Dundas Street by 2017.

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RIM's BB10 comeback?

The Canadian Press reporters David Friend and Michael Oliveira discuss RIM's new product release on Wednesday. Go to Videos.

Today's question (posted until noon)
What do you hate most about winter?

Yesterday's results

Will premier-designate Kathleen Wynne be able to make peace with Ontario's teachers?

Responses: 335
Yes: 88 (26 per cent)
No: 247 (74 per cent)

Quote of the day

"One of the greatest victories you can gain over someone is to beat him at politeness."
Josh Billings (1818 - 1885)

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Difficulty Level ★

How to play

The object is to place the numbers 1 through 9 in empty squares so that each column, row and 3x3 box contains each number only once. The difficulty level of Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Torso one of several grisly discoveries in the region

Record staff

KITCHENER — A torso found in a garbage bin behind a Kitchener apartment building Saturday is not the only unsettling crime scene discovery over the years in Waterloo Region. Others include:

► **March 1998:** Acting on a tip, homicide detectives discovered the torso of Vincent Kraehling, 64, in a shallow grave near a community trail between Manitou Drive and Wabanaki Drive. The rest of his

body was never found.

Kraehling was last seen four months earlier getting out of a taxi at his apartment at 54 Indiana Rd., near Frederick Mall and down the street from Saturday's discovery at 250 Frederick St.

Kraehling shared the apartment with Linda Wagman who was originally convicted of second-degree murder in the fatal stabbing of Kraehling. She was later declared criminally not responsible.

► **December 1998:** The skeletal

remains of Robert Hessel, 62, of Kitchener were found by children in a swampy section of Stanley Park Conservation Area off River Road in Kitchener. A weeklong search by police recovered 40 bones, including a skull and a jaw with teeth.

Dental records identified Hessel who went missing five years earlier in July 1993. William Brown was charged with his murder, but was eventually set free in a Kitchener courtroom after Jesse Lord, a key witness, recanted a statement he

gave police about a jailhouse confession.

► **May 1995:** Pamela Bonn's body, bound in sheets and blankets, was found by two boys walking through Mausser Park, near Stirling Avenue South in Kitchener. Forensic evidence and witness accounts found that the 39-year-old Kitchener woman was beaten to death in Andy Vanezis's apartment at 105 Mausser Ave. and her body was wheeled in a large recycling bin to the neighbouring park.

After stubbornly maintaining his innocence for 12 years, Vanezis pleaded guilty to manslaughter in September 2007 for killing Bonn in a drunken rage. The admission came on the eve of his fourth murder trial, which would have made him the first Canadian to be tried four times for the same killing.

Vanezis was convicted twice by a jury, but each conviction was overturned by the Ontario Court of Appeal. His first trial ended in a hung jury.



PETER LEE, RECORD STAFF

A human torso was found on Saturday in a garbage bin located in this alcove, visible from Gordon Avenue, behind an apartment building at 250 Frederick St.

Police say number of reports on missing persons fluctuates

► **Torso** continued from A1

The number of missing-person reports to be looked at was unclear Monday.

"The number fluctuates and it can be by the hour, literally by the hour," said Insp. Kevin Thaler.

An autopsy was scheduled for Monday in Hamilton. Details on the findings were not released.

DNA of the victim could be of use to police, but only if a record of the victim's DNA exists in a database to determine a match, Heinzl explained.

"There are some challenges in this investigation that we don't typically have in a homicide, so what we're relying on is what the public can tell us and what science can tell us," Thaler said.

As of Monday, the torso was the only body part recovered.

A T-shirt found on the victim adorned with the words, "Forget princess, I want to be a vampire," is one of the few clues police possess that they have shared with the public.

"We're hoping that tips from the public will be instrumental in resolving this ... because they may recognize someone they haven't had contact with and perhaps the last time they saw them that's what they were wearing," Thaler explained.

Details of how common the T-shirt is or where it is sold have not been released, Thaler added.

Vampire-themed apparel has become popular in the last four to five years, according to Sarah Segal, public rela-

tions specialist for CafePress. Books and movies like the *Twilight* series have spurred the trend.

CafePress, an online company selling artist-designed apparel and accessories, features more than 1.6 million vampire-themed items available for sale worldwide, Segal said in an email.

A small number of those items are T-shirts with the same slogan as the one that was found with the victim.

Police are asking anyone who finds suspicious items on or near their property to call (519) 653-7700.

Anyone with information regarding the victim or who witnessed suspicious activity in the area of Frederick Street and Gordon Avenue are asked to contact the Kitchener Homicide Branch at (519) 650-8500, ext. 8666, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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CORRECTION

Re: Kennel owners want injunction against township

The lawyer for Menno and Viola Streicher is seeking an injunction against the Township of Perth East. Incorrect information appeared in a story on Jan. 23.

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