

## My Neighbourhood . . . 65 Million Years Ago

Thump. Thump. Thump. The Triceratops ran as fast as they could. A fearsome Tyrannosaurus rex was coming. The T. rex stopped right where Ruffin's Pet Store would later be built. He swung his tail and knocked the wind out of a Triceratops. It crashed to the ground at the future site of Sobeys (which has the best cheese samples). The other Triceratops kept on fleeing.

The skeleton of the Sobeys Triceratops is still undiscovered.

The Therizinosaurus was peacefully eating from a huge gingko tree. It didn't sense danger, so it lazily walked over to a small pond, where Brantford General Hospital now stands. It hadn't noticed the Spinosaurus standing perfectly still on the opposite end of the water. The Spinosaurus usually didn't eat non-aquatic creatures, but it hadn't eaten in two weeks. It roared and ran towards the Therizinosaurus! The Therizinosaurus fought the Spinosaurus for hours. Claws vs. jaws.

The Therizinosaurus' skeleton is yet to be found under ward four, the exact place where I was born.

The silly-yet-scary looking Troodons, with their deadly serrated teeth, were on the hunt. A nest of rat-like cynodonts began to flee as the Troodon pack bolted after them. Then the pack suddenly stopped. One of the Troodons rose into the air, snapped up by an enormous Quetzalcoatlus. The bird-like flying reptile had been eyeing them hungrily.

You can find a Quetzalcoatlus' skeleton with a Troodon in its stomach under my favorite fast-food restaurant, Burger King.

The Pachycephalosaurus head-butted its rival. There was not enough food. They continued their contest for what seemed like hours. They didn't notice a hungry Giganotosaurus approaching. It gobbled up the younger Pachycephalosaurus. The other Pachycephalosaurus tried to escape, but the Giganotosaurus stomped on its tail. Just then, right where the Gretzky Centre would be built, a T. rex roared loudly and charged towards the Giganotosaurus. The T. rex bit into the Giganotosaurus' leg and the battle began. A great one vs. the great one.

The skeleton of the Giganotosaurus and the injured Pachycephalosaurus are still buried under rink 1 of the Gretzky Centre, above which is the running track where my mom makes me run laps in preparation for cross country.

An Iguanodon strolled past the future location of Dairy Delite, where I always get birthday cake ice cream (just one scoop because I have six siblings). The Iguanodon was unaware that it was being hunted by a pack of Velociraptors. The Velociraptors struck. The Iguanodon ran as fast as it could—not fast enough.

The Iguanodon skeleton under a sidewalk section near Dairy Delite is yet to be found.

Crack. Crack. Crack! The Amargasaurus' eggs had finally hatched. Thump! The mother Amargasaurus stomped on an Oviraptor near the nest. She did not know that there were more Oviraptors near her nest. The Oviraptors ran towards the nest, and a few grabbed some unhatched eggs. Thump! Thump! Thump! The Amargasaurus stomped on all of them, but a few eggs got stomped on, too.

The fossilized eggshells remain buried deep under Coles, my favorite store in Lynden Park Mall.

Some hand-sized mouse-like things scurried into the safety of their nest. Nemegtbaatar was almost always being hunted. It was the perfect food for the Pteranodon standing where West Brant's Tim Horton's would be built. The Nemegtbaatar was kind of dumb. It scurried out of its nest to get some food. The Pteranodon didn't notice it. The Pteranodon snapped up a different mouse-like thing.

The scattered bones of a Nemegtbaatar are under West Brant Tim Horton's, where I go for vanilla dip donuts and hockey cards.

The Ankylosaurus had just finished eating. It walked near the river. It wasn't safe. A starving Mosasaur was waiting for its food to come. The Ankylosaurus started drinking from the river. The Mosasaur swam over quickly and suddenly dragged it into the river.

The Ankylosaurus' skeleton is in the Mosasaur's skeleton. You can find both of them near Lorne Bridge, under which now flows the Grand River, where I used to catch crayfish with my dad.

The T. rex was ready to attack. The Triceratops was ready to defend. The Velociraptors were ready to take advantage. The T. rex ran towards the Triceratops. A Velociraptor jumped on the T. rex and held on with its teeth. The other raptors did the same. The T. rex shook off three of them and stomped on them. The Triceratops charged at the struggling T. rex and speared it. It roared in agony and bit the Triceratops. The Velociraptors jumped off of the T. rex and while the T. rex was distracted, the Triceratops finished off the king.

That T. rex skeleton, the coolest one ever, is under my house, waiting to be discovered...hopefully by me.