



THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
SAFE STREETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Monday, November 27, 2017
7:00 PM
Committee Room

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- (3) Dovedale Drive (Continued from previous meeting). Staff to post speed sign.
- (4) Campaign (continued discussion).
- (5) New area(s) of interest for further investigation (ongoing agenda item).
- (6) 2018 Budget, update if available.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED**13. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Next meeting Monday, January 22, 2017.



THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
SAFE STREETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, October 23, 2017
7:00 PM
Committee Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were present:
Regional Councillor Naomi Davison, Chair
Marc Lavergne, Vice Chair
Tanya Hilton
Rob Bassie
Cathy Hasted

The following Committee members were absent with regrets:
Gavin James
Mike Roots, Sergeant

The following staff members were in attendance:
Scott Edwards, Road Supervisor
Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS

(1) Potential event as Other Business item (10)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Rob Bassie, Seconded by Tanya Hilton

RESOLUTION NO. GSSC-2017-0028

That the agenda for the Georgina Safe Streets Committee for August 28, 2017, be approved as amended.

1. Potential event as Other Business item (10)

Carried.

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - *None*

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(1) Minutes of the GSSC meeting held on September 25, 2017.

Moved by Rob Bassie, Seconded by Cathy Hasted

RESOLUTION NO. GSSC-2017- 0029

That the Georgina Safe Streets Committee adopt the meeting minutes of September 25, 2017.

Carried.

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS

8. PRESENTATIONS

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA

(1) Safe Streets Complaints, inquiries, tracker and follow-up. Regular update by Scott Edwards if available.

Scott Edwards, Road Supervisor, provided an update to the tracker.

Moved by Rob Bassie, Seconded by Marc Lavergne

RESOLUTION NO. GSSC-2017- 0030

That the Georgina Safe Streets receive the tracker regular update by Scott Edwards, Road Supervisor.

Carried.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) Walk to School Videos are now LIVE

The Committee requested Communications be asked to promote the walk to school videos.

(2) Regional ASRTS Committee Terms of Reference

(3) Ontario Cracking Down on Careless and Distracted Driving with Tough New

Penalties

Moved by Cathy Hasted, Seconded by Marc Lavergne

RESOLUTION NO. GSSC-2017- 0030

That the Georgina Safe Streets Committee receive the following Communication items:

1. Walk to School Videos are now LIVE
2. Regional ASRTS Committee Terms of Reference
3. Ontario Cracking Down on Careless and Distracted Driving with Tough New Penalties

Carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) Arlington, three way stop, 'stop ahead' sign request (Continued from previous meeting).

The Committee is waiting for the criteria from the province and the traffic study that was carried out in relation to the request for the 'stop ahead sign' at Arlington.

- (2) Joe Dales sub-division, (Continued from previous meeting).

The Committee was advised staff are waiting for battery to post speed board in the Joe Dales area.

- (3) Dovedale Drive

The Committee advised the area still needs speed sign to be installed.

- (4) Ravenshoe and Warden.

Regional Councillor Davison provided an update to the Committee relating the speeding on Ravenshoe. The Committee was advised York Region is considering a larger speed sign, and a 'speed reduced' sign ahead to advise 'motorists of the reducing speed change.

- (5) Subdivision Plan review request, update if available.

There were no updates on the Committee being able to review subdivision plans.

- (6) Campaign (continued discussion).

The Committee was advised the request for the campaign has been sent to Clerks to be included on an upcoming Council agenda.

(7) New area(s) of interest for further investigation (ongoing agenda item). - *None*

(8) 2018 Budget:

The Committee was advised the request for a 2018 budget has been sent to Clerks to be included on an upcoming Council agenda.

(9) Potential event.

The Committee was advised by Regional Councillor Davison that she and Mayor met with and York Region Police last week to discuss Ravenshoe Road safety concerns and the number of accidents and fatalities that have occurred on Ravenshoe Road. It was suggested that an event be hosted to spread awareness.

It was suggested the Committee be involved. The Committee suggested the event feature a speaker who has caused an accident by impaired or distracted driving.

The event is being planned for November 21, 2017, and will be open to the public.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED - *None*

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

(1) Next meeting Monday, November 27, 2017.

Moved by Tanya Hilton, Seconded by Marc Lavergne

RESOLUTION NO. GSSC-2017-0027

That the Georgina Safe Streets Committee meeting for October 23, 2017, be adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Carried

Councillor Naomi Davison,
Chair

C. Sarah A. Brislin, Committee
Services Coordinator



MEDIA RELEASE

24 IMPAIRED DRIVERS AND 77 DISTRACTED DRIVERS CHARGED LAST WEEK

York Regional Police removed 24 impaired drivers from our roadways and charged 77 distracted drivers in a seven-day period.

Twenty-one male drivers and three female drivers were charged with impaired-related driving offences between Monday, November 6, 2017, and Monday, November 13, 2017. Twenty drivers were charged for being impaired by alcohol, two drivers were charged with being impaired by drugs and two drivers were charged for failing to provide a breath sample. Nine of those drivers were stopped by officers conducting general patrol or at R.I.D.E. spot checks, four drivers were arrested after being involved in collisions and 11 impaired drivers were stopped as a result of calls from concerned citizens.

On Friday, November 10, 2017, at approximately 3:30 p.m., officers responded to a parking lot at 9505 Keele Street in the City of Vaughan, in the area of Keele Street and Rutherford Road, for a report of a man asleep at the wheel of a vehicle that was running. While en route officers were provided with an update that the driver had awoken, was revving the engine and drove towards one of the commercial units in the plaza. He ended up striking a cement garbage can. When officers arrived they located the vehicle up on a curb and were directed to the driver who was inside a nearby business. He was placed under arrest and taken to #4 District for a breath test, where he blew more than twice the legal limit.

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| Charged: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A 32-year-old man from the City of Mississauga | Charges: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Impaired DrivingOver 80Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle |
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York Regional Police is not giving up.

Our continued efforts to prevent senseless death and injury on our roads includes educating students and our community on ways to avoid impaired driving, including this festive season's campaign: Don't go Along for the R.I.D.E.

The York Regional Police R.I.D.E. program is a year-long initiative that is enhanced during the festive season. York Regional Police urges all drivers to take proactive measures if drinking by arranging for overnight accommodations, appointing a designated driver, taking a cab or using public transit.

The message is clear: **DO NOT DRINK ALCOHOL OR USE DRUGS AND DRIVE.**

York Regional Police thanks the citizens who chose to make the right decision this weekend to not drink and drive. We also want to thank the members of the community for helping us stop and arrest impaired drivers by calling 9-1-1 through the Safe Roads...Your Call program. We consider these incidents a life-threatening crime in progress and will continue to respond to these calls.

For more information, contact York Regional Police Corporate Communications at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 2664.



Can Daylight Savings Time play role in increased pedestrian collisions?

Community Nov 01, 2017 by [Dominik Kurek \(/yorkregion-author/dominik-kurek/acfc0202-1a4e-4dc5-a9d2-2a49fa6963aa/\)](mailto:dkurek@insidetoronto.com) [✉](mailto:dkurek@insidetoronto.com)
(<mailto:dkurek@insidetoronto.com>) North York Mirror

The clocks fall back an hour on Sunday, Nov. 5 and Toronto police are warning drivers that November is the worst month for collisions involving pedestrians in the city.

So, can the end of Daylight Saving Time play a role in the rise of pedestrians getting hit?

Toronto police don't believe so, saying there is no significant change right after the time change. The increase begins in the middle of September and ends by the middle of December, when daylight hours are generally shorter.

But, Dr. Mark Boulos, sleep neurologist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, who agrees that the shorter daylight hours and weather conditions play a role in the increase in collisions, says time change could also play a role.

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"The thing that messes people up is that our bodies are used to a 24-hour cycle, what we call the circuit and rhythm ... The body is very much in tune. That's why you tend to do the same thing over and over each day at around the same time, generally speaking, particularly sleep and wake cycles.

"When you mess things up by pushing it forward an hour or pushing it back an hour, you disrupt that," he said.

For some people, this can result in poor sleep or sleep fragmentation, which could factor into collisions.

"Disrupting the circuit and rhythm has also been linked, particularly with the spring change, to heart attacks, strokes and so on. That's certainly a medical issue that arises," he said.

Most people, Boulos said, can absorb a one-hour hit at night one way or the other, but people with sleep disorders such as insomnia are hit worse.

While it's tempting to stay up later Saturday night, Boulos suggests to people to take full advantage of the extra hour of sleep this weekend.

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"In the fall, don't play the clock. Get the full hours of sleep that you're entitled to," he said.

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Charges laid in Hwy. 48 Sutton collision that killed 2, sent 3 to hospital

News Oct 31, 2017 by [Heidi Riedner \(/simcoecounty-author/heidi-riedner/e89f9ced-d196-4a72-91d6-d812ab886485/\)](/simcoecounty-author/heidi-riedner/e89f9ced-d196-4a72-91d6-d812ab886485/) [✉ \(mailto:hriedner@yrmg.com\)](mailto:hriedner@yrmg.com) Georgina Advocate

A 31-year-old Scarborough man is facing a slew of charges regarding the horrific chain-reaction crash on Hwy. 48 in Sutton that killed two people and sent three others to hospital July 27.

Jatheesen Krishnamoorthy is charged with two counts each of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm and one count of dangerous driving, according to the Ontario Provincial Police, which put transport truck drivers “on notice” Oct. 26 after laying charges in three separate collisions involving tractor trailers that claimed the lives of six people this summer.

The other two collisions occurred on Hwy. 401 near Port Hope and Chatham-Kent.

Manjit Parmar, 52, of Brampton, was charged in the Chatham-Kent collision with two counts of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death and three counts of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm.

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Baljinder Singth, 56, also of Brampton, was charged in the Port Hope collision with two counts of dangerous driving causing death and two counts causing death by criminal negligence.

Two people were killed in each of the collisions, in which it's alleged a transport truck crashed into traffic that was stopped or had slowed down due to road construction or a collision, OPP commissioner Vince Hawkes said during the press conference Thursday.

The four men, one woman and 14-year-old boy who were killed in the crashes were all occupants of vehicles at the end of traffic queues.

"This series of horrific collisions is driver inattention at its worst," Hawkes said, calling them "the most tragic reminder in recent history of the tremendous toll on the lives of innocent citizens when commercial transport truck drivers are not paying full attention to the road or is fatigued."

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While Hawkes commended those in the commercial trucking industry that are driving safely and doing their part to “keep our roads safe,” he added transport truck drivers have a larger role to play than anybody else in accomplishing that.

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“There is zero room for error, carelessness, negligence or poor driving behaviour of any kind,” Hawkes said, adding inattentive truck drivers are “time bombs travelling down the highways.”

“We are putting drivers on notice that the OPP will pursue every investigative avenue following serious collisions and hold at-fault drivers accountable to the full extent of the law.”

The OPP plans to use every tool at its disposal to curb these kind of accidents, including a “heat map” of where the most accidents occur or potentially happen because of things like construction and then focusing resources in those areas.

The heat map can help compile data on where, when and why accidents are happening.

Officer training to deal with commercial vehicles will be increased and the OPP will strengthen its partnerships with the

From: Ontario News <newsroom@ontario.ca>
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To: Sarah Brislin
Subject: Keep Trick-Or-Treaters Safe this Halloween



News Release

Keep Trick-Or-Treaters Safe this Halloween

October 27, 2017

Be Aware and Follow the Rules of the Road

Ontario is reminding drivers and pedestrians to stay safe and be aware while ghouls, goblins and ghosts celebrate this Halloween.

To help protect excited trick-or-treaters who are on the streets after dark, drivers are reminded to:

- Slow down and stay alert, especially near stopped vehicles who may be dropping off children
- Always yield to crossing pedestrians, be aware of your surroundings and watch out for children darting onto the street
- Avoid any distractions - keep your [eyes on the road](#) and hands on the wheel
- Always communicate clearly with pedestrians and other drivers on the road, and use your turn signals
- Always drive sober

Parents and trick-or-treaters are encouraged to review safety precautions before heading out, including pedestrian and traffic safety rules, and are reminded to:

- Be seen -- there are many ways to make it easier for drivers to see you, like wearing costumes with bright fabrics or reflective material and carrying a flashlight
- Be alert and cautious of surroundings, especially on roadways
- Look both ways when crossing the street and make eye contact with drivers
- Always walk -- do not run from house to house
- Walk on the sidewalks whenever possible and always cross at pedestrian crossovers, crosswalks or marked intersections
- If a sidewalk is unavailable, walk on the left side of the street facing traffic
- Ensure children under the age of 12 have proper supervision

- Trick-or-treat in familiar areas that are well lit

QUICK FACTS

- Motor vehicle collisions are a leading cause of death for Canadian children.
- On average, one person is killed on Ontario's roads every 17 hours. In 2014, pedestrians and cyclists made up approximately 25 per cent of Ontario's road fatalities.
- In May, Ontario passed legislation to [protect the most vulnerable](#) such as pedestrians and cyclists, by giving municipalities more tools to address speeding. These tools include the ability to set reduced default speed limits and use automated speed-enforcement systems on roads with speed limits below 80 km/h that are designated as community safety zones or in school zones.
- In June 2015, Ontario passed legislation to [toughen penalties](#) for offences such as distracted driving.
- In September, Ontario [announced](#) that it will [propose legislation](#) that, if passed, would help protect pedestrians and cyclists, and reduce the number of people killed or injured by impaired, distracted and dangerous drivers.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Safe Driving Practices](#)
- [Pedestrian Safety](#)

QUOTES

"Halloween is one of the most exciting days of the year. As a parent, I know how important it is to keep safety in mind during this eventful night. I encourage drivers and pedestrians to be extra cautious and alert. Whether you are dressed up as a ghoul, ghost or witch - we can all do our part to make sure this Halloween is an enjoyable one."

— *Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation*

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Media Scan – October 26, 2017

1:52 AM by [Lisa Queen](#) Vaughan Citizen

Does your route on York Region roads make the worst crash sites?



You are most likely to get into a collision on a York Region road on a Friday between 5 and 6 p.m. than any other time.

That's just one piece of information in the region's annual traveller safety report.

The report looks only at regional roads, not local streets.

Here's the report by the numbers:

- The location with the highest number of crashes is Major Mackenzie Drive and the GO carpool lot at Highway 400, where there were 167 collisions from 2014 to 2016. The rest of the Top 10 high-collision sites (with the number of crashes from 2014 to 2016 in brackets) were Highway 7 and Weston Road (143), Yonge Street and Green Lane (140), Weston and Rutherford Road (139), Hwy. 7 and Jane Street (132), Keele and Hwy. 7 (124), Major Mackenzie and Jane (113), Hwy. 7 and McCowan Road (112), Yonge Street and Carrville Road/16th Avenue (110) and Hwy. 7 and Pine Valley Drive (109).
- In Aurora, the Top 10 crash sites are Yonge and Wellington Street (80), Bayview and Wellington (56), Industrial Parkway and Wellington (55), Wellington and John West Way (42), Leslie and Wellington (40), John's Sideroad and Yonge (32), Bathurst and Bloomington Sideroad (30), First Commerce Drive and Wellington (30) and Yonge and Industrial Parkway (22).
- In East Gwillimbury, the Top 10 are Yonge and Green Lane (140), Green Lane and 2nd Concession Road/Main Street North (73), Leslie and Green Lane (71), Woodbine Avenue and Ravenshoe Road (57), Hwy. 11 and Bathurst (42), Hwy. 11 between Sherwood Glen and

Bathurst (31), Bathurst and Green Lane (30), Woodbine and Davis Drive (24), Green Lane between Yonge and Yonge/Green Lane Centre/Lowe's plaza (23) and Green Lane and Harry Walker Pkwy. (21).

- In Georgina, the Top 10 are Woodbine and Ravenshoe (57), Woodbine and Morton Avenue/Pollock Road (20), the Queensway and Glenwoods Avenue (18), the Queensway South and Metro Road/Morton (16), Kennedy Road and Ravenshoe (15), Woodbine and Baseline Road (14), Dalton Road and McDonough Avenue/High Street (14), the Queensway and Biscayne Boulevard (14), Dalton and Baseline (13) and Dalton and Black River Road (12).

- In King, the Top 10 are Davis and Bathurst (72), King Road and Hwy. 27 (46), Hwy. 11 and Bathurst (42), King and Bathurst (38), King and Dufferin Street (35), Hwy. 11 between Bathurst and Kalvers Street (33), Bathurst and Green Lane (30), Bathurst and Bloomington/15th Sideroad (30), Keele and King (28) and Davis and Keele (27).

- In Markham, the Top 10 are Hwy. 7 and McCowan (112), Kennedy and 14th Avenue (81), Hwy. 7 and Woodbine (80), Hwy. 7 and Leslie (75), Hwy. 7 and Kennedy Road (74), Hwy. 7 and Warden Avenue (73), Hwy. 7 and East Beaver Creek Road (69), 14th and Markham Road (66), Bayview and John Street (65), McCowan and 16th (64).

- In Newmarket, the Top 10 are Yonge and Davis (86), Davis and Bathurst (72), Yonge and Mulock Drive (68), Yonge and Eagle Street (65), Yonge and Kingston Road/Dawson Manor Boulevard (60), Leslie and Davis (58), Mulock and Bayview (50), Yonge and Savage Road/Sawmill Valley Road (40) and Yonge and Bristol Road/Aspenwood Drive. (37).

- In Richmond Hill, the Top 10 area Yonge and 16th/Carrville (110), Major Mackenzie and Bayview (91), Yonge and Elgin Mills Road (84), Major Mackenzie and Bathurst (78), Hwy. 7 and Leslie (75), Yonge and Major Mackenzie (73), Hwy. 7 and East Beaver Creek (69), Bayview and 16th (69), Yonge and Garden Avenue/Hwy. 7 at the Yonge ramp (69) and Hwy. 7 and the Bayview Avenue ramp (64).

- In Vaughan, the Top 10 are Major Mackenzie and the Hwy. 400 southbound off-ramp (167), Hwy. 7 and Weston (143), Weston and Rutherford (139), Hwy. 7 and Jane (132), Keele and Hwy. 7 (124), Major Mackenzie and Jane (113), Hwy. 7 and Pine Valley Drive (109), Islington Avenue and Rutherford (108), Jane and Rutherford (89) and Major Mackenzie and Bathurst (78).

- In Whitchurch-Stouffville, the Top 10 are Woodbine and Stouffville Road (27), Woodbine and Davis (24), Stouffville and Warden (21), Woodbine and Aurora Road (21), Stouffville Road and Main Street/Hwy. 48 (19), Woodbine and Bloomington (17), Bloomington and Hwy. 48 (14), Bloomington between Warden and Kennedy (14), Kennedy and Stouffville (13) and Stouffville and McCowan (13).

- There were 8,330 crashes on regional roads in 2014, 8,304 in 2015 and 7,848 in 2016, which is a 10-year low. The overall collision rate per 100,000 population has been decreasing each year. The region attributes the decrease to law enforcement, public education programs, road design, new technologies and fewer winter events over the last few years.
- There were 19 fatal accidents in 2014 and 13 in 2015. In 2016, there were 15 fatal collisions, including three pedestrians and one cyclist.
- January was the worst month for collisions in 2014, while in 2015 it was February and in 2016 it was November.
- Rear-end collision are the most frequent type of accident.

COLUMN: Work toward 2018 East Gwillimbury budget underway



It's that time year again, where we reflect on the current year and begin planning for 2018. The public process of the 2018 business plan and budget kicked off on Oct. 17 with a preliminary budget presentation that provided a background on the operating (day to day costs) and capital (one-time special projects) budgets and also outlined the two main drivers and cost pressures for the budget.

The two drivers proposed by staff for the 2018 budget are to maintain core services and programs with a budget increase aligned with inflation and to continue the town's multi-year focus on enhancing community safety to provide 24/7 emergency coverage.

As we begin the budget deliberation process, council will be looking for opportunities to save and mitigate pressures such as increased operating costs, specifically for waste collection as the previous 10-year contract has now expired and the cost of winter maintenance due to an increase in contractual costs and winter events.

Despite various pressures each year, council has ensured that any tax increases for base line services have been kept at or below the rate of inflation throughout this term of council. We

Media Scan – October 30, 2017

Newspaper Clippings

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: We're the solution to deadly roads

<https://www.yorkregion.com/opinion-story/7686854-letter-to-the-editor-we-re-the-solution-to-deadly-roads/>

OPINION 05:18 PM Georgina Advocate

Re: Petition puts public safety on radar over 'death trap' roads in Georgina, Oct. 4.

Ravenshoe Road in Georgina has been much discussed, especially of late, as there was a very tragic accident on that road just a few weeks ago.

I came upon the most recent and very tragic accident on Ravenshoe Road, on September 19, 2017 when I attempted to travel west on Ravenshoe Road.

This accident resulted in the death of two people, with several others injured. It was a horrific sight and one I will not forget for a long time. It was a catastrophic event. I am, at this time, hesitant to travel Ravenshoe Road West. I saw that devastation and am still trying to work through the vision of the wreckage that was on display.

That being said, I want to relay the most recent experience I had concerning Ravenshoe Road in Georgina.

My spouse and I were travelling north along Warden Avenue and were stopped at the red light at Warden and Ravenshoe Road. This was Friday, October 13.

Imagine our dismay as we watched a tandem axle dump truck with a trailer cruise through the intersection of Warden and Ravenshoe Road at high speed on a red light. He was flying!

Imagine our further dismay as we witnessed a woman in a black SUV fly, at a high speed, sailing through the intersection behind the dump truck, on a full red light! She was tailgating the dump truck. Both were speeding along through a red light, without any attempt to stop.

Thankfully the red-light cameras flashed, so we know their transgressions were recorded. My only wish is that their names would be published and that they would be fined \$2,000 or more.

That said, we need to address the issues.

The issue with Ravenshoe Road (and all other roads) is not that there is not enough police presence. The issue is with us, the people driving these roads.

“We” have become complacent and ignorant, and some of us seem to believe the idea that we are self-important and beyond reproach. Do we really think we are beyond reproach? Do some of us really believe that running a red light makes us more important, that running a red light is justifiable because we feel we have obligations that supersede common decency and traffic laws?

I am disgusted by the acts of Mr. Dump Truck and Ms SUV. Who think they have the right to put other drivers at risk because they think they are more important than others on the road. They are the reason we have fatalities on our roads. They need to be held accountable for the fatalities on our roads.

What is wrong with our roads? US. Not the York Regional Police. Not the Town of Georgina. Not Ravenshoe Road or Warden Avenue or Kennedy Road. US. Plain and Simple. WE need to be accountable.

WE need to traverse our roads as though our loved ones are on the road. WE need to traverse our road as though our loved ones or other's loved ones, are on the roads. It's a pretty simple solution to our “problem” of “deadly roads”. Us.

WE need to be accountable for our actions. WE need to be aware of our actions, and how our actions may affect other people. And our own loved ones. Pretty simple math, if you actually take a second to think about it.

Michele Potter

Georgina

SUV collides with van near Keswick crash site – Woodbine and Ravenshoe

<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/7689766-suv-collides-with-van-near-keswick-crash-site-woodbine-and-ravenshoe/>

Crash occurred at 2 p.m., resulting in York Regional Police showing up on scene

NEWS Oct 28, 2017 by [Jeremy Grimaldi](#) Georgina Advocate



Woman is largely unscathed after originally complaining of chest pain following the crash. - Chris Payout

A woman involved in a frightening crash has left largely unscathed. The incident occurred at 2 p.m. at Ravenshoe Road and Woodbine Avenue, outside the Esso gas station. The intersection is no stranger to crashes.

It was in mid-September that two people died and five were injured in a large-scale crash near the intersection claiming the lives of Peter and Nell Prins of Aurora. The crash happened east of Woodbine, closer to Warden. A 25-year-old from Omemee was charged with impaired driving following the crash.

Toronto-York Spadina subway extension lures crowds with station sneak peeks

TTC holds open house at three of the new stations on the long-awaited Toronto-York Spadina subway.



The main building at the Highway 407 station features a stained-glass window. (STEVE RUSSELL / TORONTO STAR) | ORDER THIS PHOTO



Police cracking down on Markham unsafe pedestrian, driver behaviours

News 01:32 PM by [Tim Kelly \(/yorkregion-author/tim-kelly/440d66ec-07dc-464e-a8da-9bd3645cccb4/\)](/yorkregion-author/tim-kelly/440d66ec-07dc-464e-a8da-9bd3645cccb4/) [✉ \(mailto:tkelly@yrmg.com\)](mailto:tkelly@yrmg.com) Markham Economist & Sun

York Regional Police will be spending more time at high-collision intersections over the next few weeks in Markham, as they launch their Notice Me Now program.

With daylight-saving time coming to an end this Sunday, it will get darker earlier each evening and pedestrians will become even more difficult for drivers to see.

Police are urging pedestrians to be visible and not be distracted by their phones while walking on the roadway.

They are also ticketing drivers who fail to stop or yield, who are driving while distracted or drivers who fail to proceed when the light turns green because they are busy with their phones.

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The campaign kicked off this past Wednesday at the intersection of Highway 7 and McCowan Road, the eighth deadliest intersection in York Region with 112 collisions reported there last year.

Police are vigorously trying to crack down on the "Big 4 Dangers," which are the behaviours that put drivers, passengers, pedestrians and other vulnerable road users most at risk. These are impaired driving by alcohol and/or drugs, improper use or failure to use seatbelts, aggressive driving and distracted driving.

Police will be at various other Markham busy intersections in the weeks to come enforcing the Notice Me Now program.

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Ontario Preparing for Federal Cannabis Legalization

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Province Introduces New Legislation to Protect Youth, Keep Roads and Communities Safe

Ontario has introduced legislation that would, if passed, safely regulate the use and distribution of recreational cannabis when it is legalized by the federal government in July 2018.

Ontario's proposed *Cannabis Act, 2017* would support the province's safe and sensible transition to the federal legalization of cannabis.

The proposed legislation would:

- Create a new provincial retailer, overseen by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO), to ensure safe and socially responsible distribution of recreational cannabis through stand-alone stores and an online order service. Under the proposed approach, approximately 150 standalone stores will be opened by 2020, including 40 stores by July 2018 and rising to 80 by July 2019. Online distribution will also be available to service all regions of the province.
- Protect youth by setting a minimum age of 19 to use, buy, possess and cultivate cannabis in Ontario.
- Focus on harm reduction by allowing for the diversion of people under the age of 19 from the justice system into programs focused on education and prevention, avoiding unnecessary contact with the justice system.
- Ban the use of cannabis in public places, workplaces and motor vehicles, similar to alcohol.
- Regulate the smoking and vaping of medical cannabis under the proposed new *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*.
- Help eliminate the illicit market including illegal storefront dispensaries, by introducing new provincial offences with strict, escalating penalties.
- Keep Ontario roads safe by establishing [even tougher drug-impaired driving laws](#), including a zero-tolerance approach for young, novice and commercial drivers.

Other details of Ontario's approach would be set by regulation after passage of the legislation, and following consultation with municipalities, Indigenous communities, and other stakeholders.

The province will continue moving forward with its plans to support youth, young adults and other vulnerable populations through an integrated prevention and harm reduction approach. Ontario is also planning a public information campaign, coordinated with the federal government, to raise awareness of this transition and the new measures that will take effect.

QUICK FACTS

- The [LCBO will be engaging with municipalities](#) to discuss the process for siting stores. Updates are available at: lcbocannabisupdates.com.
- This legislation would include a proposed new *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*, which, if passed, would provide clarity on where medical cannabis can be smoked or vaped.
- The new *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* would also address vaping and the use of e-cigarettes to better protect people from second-hand smoke.
- Ontario's tough new measures to protect road safety would be in addition to penalties for impaired driving convictions under the [Criminal Code of Canada](#).
- The province [recently made changes](#) allowing police to immediately remove drivers from the road who they believe are impaired by drugs, including cannabis.
- According to a [2015 report](#) by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, 45 per cent of Ontario adults have used cannabis at least once in their lifetime, while about 15 per cent have used cannabis in the past year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- [Ontario's Plan to Regulate Legalized Cannabis](#)
- [Ontario's Cannabis Retail and Distribution Model](#)
- [Proposed New Measures for Drug-Impaired Driving](#)
- [Protecting People in Ontario from the Health Impacts of Cannabis](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Ontario Prepares for Cannabis Legalization](#)
- [Engaging Municipalities on Cannabis Store Locations](#)

QUOTES

"Our government has announced a safe and sensible transition to the federal legalization of cannabis. With this bill, we are taking an important step towards implementing an approach that will help eliminate the illegal market, protect young people and keep impaired drivers off the road."

— *Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General of Ontario*

"Our proposed legislation demonstrates to the people of Ontario that we are implementing a controlled and socially responsible recreational cannabis framework. We are focused on getting our plan right, in a way that makes sense for consumers, families and municipalities across the province."

— *Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance*

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