

Erin woman killed in two-car collision

An 18-year-old Erin woman is dead following a two-car collision in which four other people including three from Georgetown were injured on Highway 24 just south of Erin Tuesday afternoon.

Allison Schultz was air-lifted to Sunnybrook Hospital, but died shortly afterwards. Hospital officials wouldn't release the cause of death.

Ms. Schultz's brother Greg, 21, and Georgetown residents

Monica Kerst, 25, Phyllis Kerst, 56, and Kyle Kerst, 3, were all treated and later released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

Ontario Provincial Police in Guelph say the vehicle driven southbound by Ms. Schultz went out of control and collided broadside with a vehicle driven northbound by Monica Kerst.

An investigation is ongoing, Guelph OPP say.

Higher fines are much better speeding deterrent, police say

Proposed increase in fines for speeding will act as a more effective deterrent than current fines, says Sergeant Ken Bonham of the Halton Regional Police traffic bureau.

"Today's fines are way out of wack. It doesn't seem fair that someone who is driving 20 km-hr over the speed limit should receive a fine of \$33 and someone caught not wearing a seat belt should be fined \$53. The new fines are more in line with today's economy," Sgt. Bonham said.

The provincial government's minister of transportation, William Wrye, recently announced proposed changes to the Highway Traffic Act calling for fines to tri-

ple in some cases.

While driving 60 km-hr over the speed limit now carries a \$125 fine, if the changes are implemented the fine would increase to \$585. Speeding 15 km-hr over the speed limit would result in a \$45 fine instead of today's \$18.75 fine.

Mr. Wrye said "the new fines will restore the deterrent factor which has been eroded by 20 years of inflation since the last increase."

He went on to say "the changes reflect our new (the government's) tough approach to drivers who deliberately endanger the lives of others by exceeding the posted speed limits."

Sgt. Bonham agreed saying that today's fines are too low so only the loss of a driver's points provides any kind of deterrent.

If the new legislation is passed Sgt. Bonham speculated there will be an initial influx of court cases with people arguing they can't afford the new fines.

Five injuries in crash

A 54-year-old Windsor man will face a Halton Regional Police charge of failing to stop after his car was involved in an accident in Georgetown Dec. 20 that sent five people to hospital and severely damaged two cars.

Police say a 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven by the Windsor man was southbound on Ninth Line near Sideroad 10 when it went out of control, spun around and landed facing northwest at the southeast corner of Ninth Line south of Hungry Hollow.

An eastbound 1982 Toyota Tercel driven by an Acton man, 44, swerved to avoid the Cutlass and landed in a ditch.

Police say the Windsor man received serious injuries in the accident. He was treated and released from Georgetown and

Severe damage

A Brampton man was charged with driving through a red light following a Thursday night collision in Norval that severely damaged two cars.

A 68-year-old Brampton man was driving a 1984 Pontiac that was northbound on Winston Churchill Boulevard around 7:30 p.m. when it struck a 1989 Mercury driven by a Georgetown man, also aged 68.

District Memorial Hospital. Four other people taken to hospital were treated and released for less serious injuries.

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