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An Acton man is dead following last week's crash in Halton Hills.

ACTON DRIVER KILLED IN CRASH

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A multi-vehicle crash in Halton Hills last Thursday (Apr. 14) claimed the life of an Acton man.

Halton police Const. Steve Elms said police received a call just after 11:30 a.m. for reports of a vehicle off the roadway in the area of Trafalgar Road and Highway 7.

Elms confirmed the incident was a fatality investigation and the OPP had taken charge of the

investigation.

OPP Sgt. Kerry Schmidt said a delivery truck was eastbound on Hwy. 7 and collided with an eastbound car that entered the westbound lanes.

The 43-year-old driver of the car was "pronounced deceased" at the scene after colliding "head-on" with the truck, Schmidt said.

The truck went into the ditch and was leaking fuel, but the truck driver wasn't seriously hurt.

No other details were available at press time.

TOWN INVESTIGATING HOW TO TACKLE FLAGS WITH HATE MESSAGING

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Halton Hills councillors have tasked town staff with finding ways to address offensive flags being displayed by local residents.

During their April 11 meeting, the politicians passed a motion from Coun. Moya Johnson that directs staff to research amending the current sign bylaw to include flags.

The resolution says that recent protests about COVID-19 pandemic precautions have resulted in flags being flown by some people that contain hate messages, foul language or symbols associated with white supremacy, or wording that encourages harm being done to certain political figures.

"I brought this forward as I've had a number of complaints, and I know others have as well," said



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Halton Hills councillors say they've received complaints about offensive flags.

Johnson, noting there's concern about children being exposed to such messaging in the community. "Symbols of hate or intent to harm are certainly offensive to all, not just children. I felt we needed to do something."

While the resolution garnered support from most around the council table, councillors Clark Somerville and Wendy Farrow-Reed questioned the need to

bring it forward on short notice as an emergency matter.

Somerville said he would rather see the item posted as a notice of motion for the next council meeting, giving residents time to see it first.

"There are offensive signs out there — I find them offensive — but we have to make sure we follow a manner that's transparent for the public," he said.

But several of his colleagues contended that since the motion only asked staff to investigate the issue, with no decisions being made, a notice of motion process wasn't warranted.

"I think this is a critical issue that should be addressed as soon as possible," noted Coun. Jon Hurst.

Somerville's motion to defer the matter was voted down.

Staff will bring a report on the topic back to a future council meeting.

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