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Boy, 9, killed as taxi collides with tractor-trailer



Halton Regional Police are still investigating an accident involving a taxicab and tractor-trailer that resulted in the death of a nine-year-old Georgetown boy Wednesday

afternoon. The Milton woman driving the cab received serious injuries in the crash.

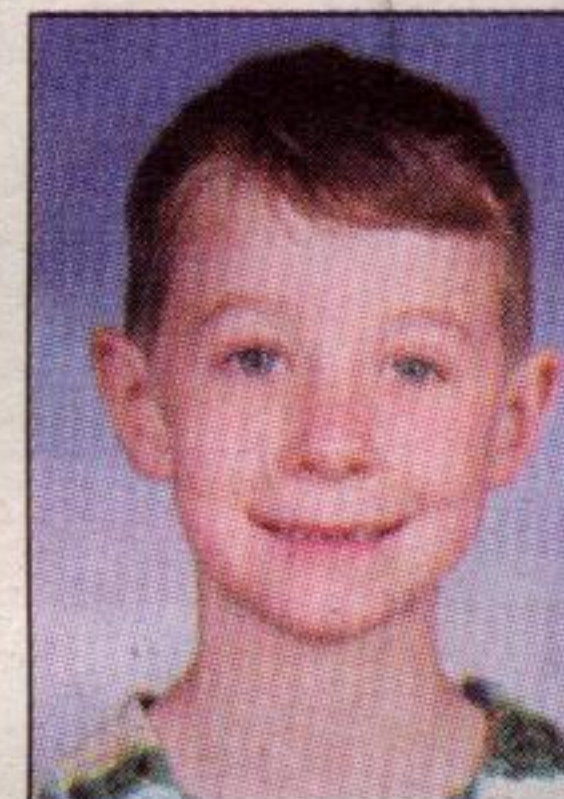
Photo by Ted Brown

Cab driver in serious condition in Toronto hospital

A Georgetown boy described, as a "happy" kid is dead after a taxicab and tractor-trailer collided on Ninth Line Wednesday afternoon.

Alex Bonehill, 9, of Albert St. died at the Hospital for Sick Children Wednesday night from injuries he suffered in the crash.

Halton Police report Alex and another 10-year-old boy from Georgetown, whose name was not released, were in the back seat of a Milton Taxi cab returning home from Percy Merry School in Milton when the accident occurred. Alex was sitting behind the driver.



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At press time police did not release details of the accident, which was still under investigation, but said it occurred in the southbound lane at 3:15 p.m. north of Five Sideroad. The truck, from Neilson Dairy, was traveling in the southbound lane and the cab, driven by 36-year-old Milton woman, was northbound.

The cab driver, identified as Lisa Broatch by Harry Brar of Milton Taxi, and one of the boys had to be extricated from the car by Halton Hills Fire Department.

Broatch was reported to be in serious but stable condition at St. Michael's Hospital at press time Thursday. The other boy in the cab was treated and released from Georgetown hospital and the truck driver was not injured.

Both Alex and Broatch were airlifted to Toronto hospitals from Georgetown hospital.

"Both boys were in the back seat and they both had their seat-belts on," said a police spokesperson. She added they were both students from Harrison Public School participating in a six-week

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Bonnette adds name to race for mayor

With the municipal election still months away, the mayor's race is already heating up.

Wards 1 and 2 Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette has tossed his hat into the ring, filing his nomination papers for mayor Wednesday afternoon. Wards 3 and 4 Regional Councillor John Day filed for the position earlier in the day and Mayor Kathy Gastle declared in January.

Bonnette, 47, a Halton Hills councillor (both local and regional) for 21 years, said he has been asked several

times throughout his political career to run for mayor, and thought about it during past terms and over the past week.

"I just thought this year will be the year," said Bonnette who added he might not have declared so early if Day hadn't entered the race.

When asked about Kathy Gastle's performance as mayor Bonnette said the "last thing I want do is take shots



RICK BONNETTE

at anybody at this stage." He added he hopes the three candidates will continue to show professionalism and proper decorum around the council table.

Bonnette said he plans to tackle several issues if elected mayor, including traffic gridlock in both Georgetown and Acton, attracting industrial growth to town, protection of farmland, seniors housing, sports fields, rural roads, and the town's future expenses in light of the town's limited industrial base.

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