

1.3M drivers fell asleep at wheel: study

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We've all done it. One moment you're driving along, late at night or early in the morning, when those heavy eyelids droop closed. A second later, your head snaps up and try to shake the sleep out of your eyes.

New research from the Traffic Injury Research Foundation shows nearly 1.3 million Ontarians spent at least a second or two asleep at the wheel in the past year.

In fact, more than 100,000 took a rolling respite five or more times. That's a real worry for foundation research associate Ward Vanlaar.

"The number of fatigued and drowsy drivers in Ontario is a matter of major concern because of the elevated crash risk they pose," Mr. Vanlaar said. "These drivers accounted for 5.5 million driving trips during which they fell asleep or nodded off."

The poll suggests the

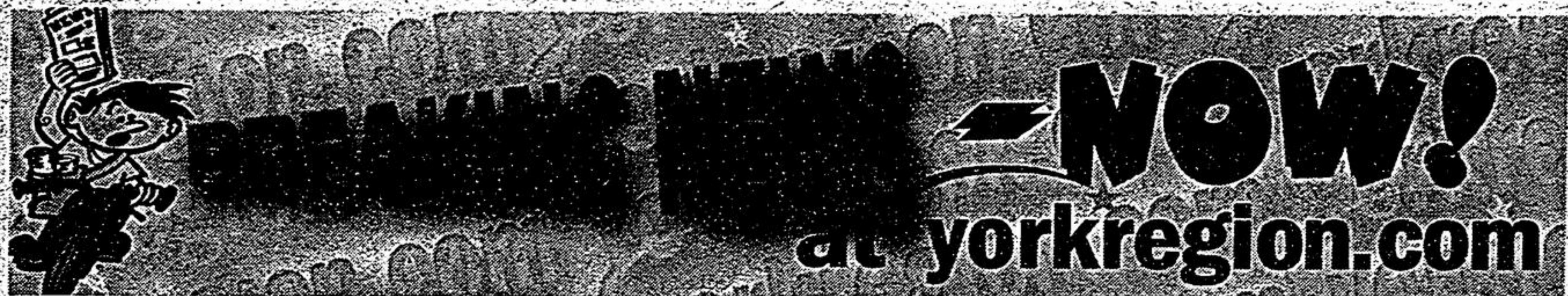
number of drivers involved in a fatigue-related accident may be as high as 167,000 and that doesn't include the near misses. Many drivers polled said they had to brake hard or swerve to avoid a collision upon awakening.

Drowsy driving needs to be addressed on area roads, York Regional Police Sgt. Brad Bulmer said.

"We've seen collisions occur as a result of excessive fatigue," he said.

There is a campaign called Operation Stay Focused that aims to keep drivers paying attention to the road, Sgt. Bulmer said. Part of the operation includes a wake-up call to drowsy drivers.

It's not always the easiest thing to spot, but there are signs a driver might be suffering from fatigue. In those cases, Sgt. Bulmer encourages other motorists to call 911 and report the vehicle as they would for a suspected impaired driver.



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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PASS AN AMENDING BY-LAW TO REMOVE A HOLDING (-H) SYMBOL

Tuesday August 14th, 2007 7:00 p.m.

Lebovic Enterprises Ltd.

Part of Lots 32, 33 & 34, Concession 9 (M)

File No. ZBA06.003

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville intends to consider the passage of a By-law to amend General Zoning By-law 87-34 to remove the Holding (-h) Symbol from a portion of the subdivision lands located in Part of Lots 32, 33 & 34, Concession 9 (M). The general location of the lands are shown on the attached map. It is proposed that fifty-two (52) dwellings be constructed within the area that is subject to this Amendment.

The amending By-law is being considered by Council pursuant to Section 36 of the Planning Act. The release of the 52 dwellings represents a continuation of the first stage of development on the subject lands where 548 dwellings are now occupied or substantially complete. The ultimate subdivision has in excess of 1,444 approved lots / units.

As part of the original establishment of the residential zone classifications on this property through the passage of By-law No. 2003-104-ZO [June 23/03], the release of the Holding (-h) Symbol for Stage I is contingent upon the clearance of three Conditions as follows:

- the execution of a subdivision agreement with the Town;
- a minimum of 25% of the Ninth Line York-Durham Sanitary Sewer project being completed; and
- approval from GO Transit for a rail crossing for Park Drive (now known as Reeves Way Blvd.)

The removal of the Holding (-h) Symbol will permit the construction of 52 dwelling units consistent with the approved plan of subdivision [File No. 19T(W)-98006] and the applicable regulatory provisions of General Zoning By-law 87-34.

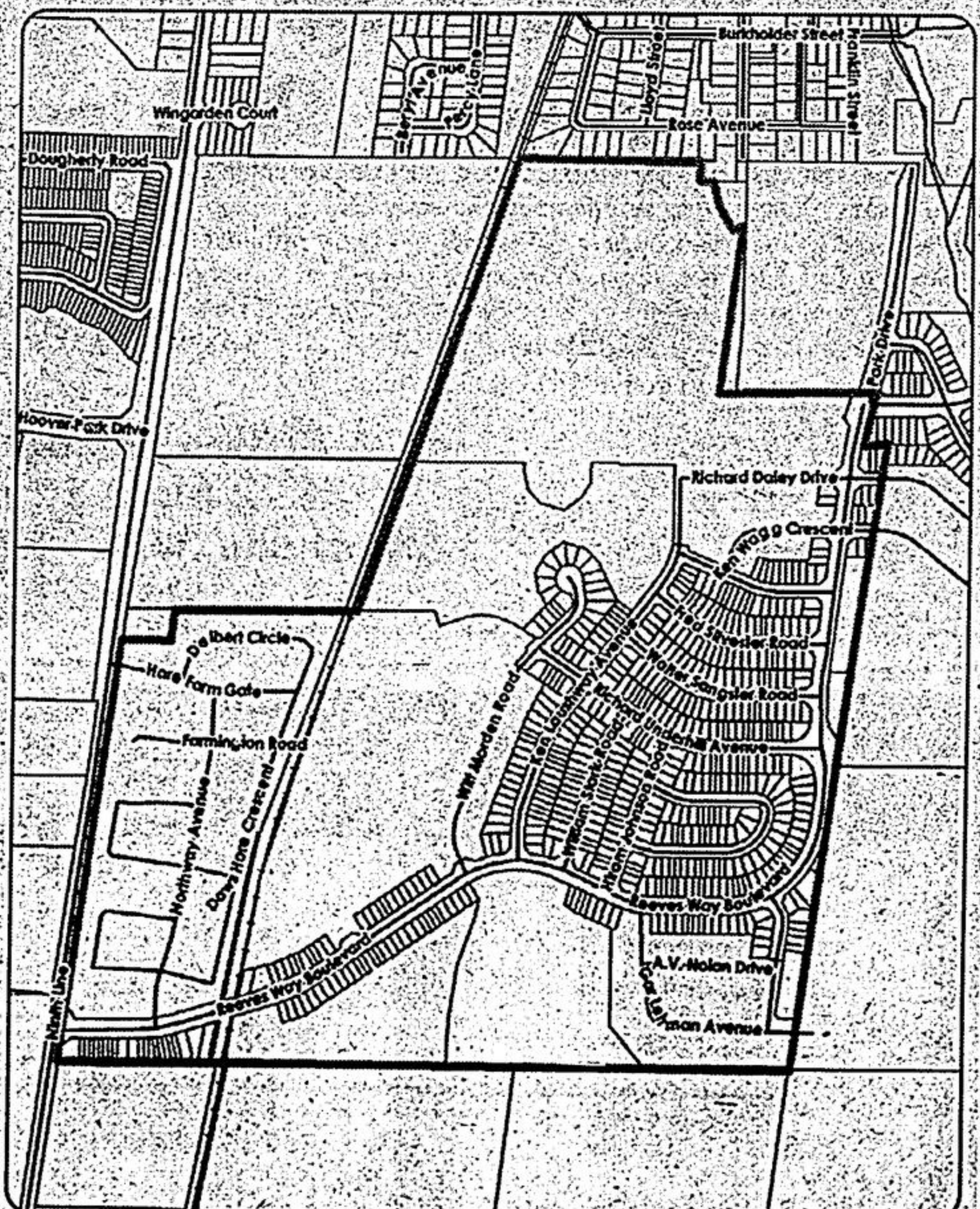
The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will consider the proposed amending By-law not earlier than its meeting of Tuesday August 14th, 2007 to be held in the Council Chambers, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, Stouffville. A Report on this matter will be considered by Council at their August 14th meeting which commences at 7:00 p.m.

Additional Information relating to the proposed amending By-law is available for inspection at the Development Services Department located on the 4th Floor, 37 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville, during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Development Services Department, Telephone Nos. (905) 640-1900 or 895-2423.

DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 25th day of July, 2007

Michele Kennedy, Clerk
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

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