Vehicle driven into Newmarket home, Stouffville man charged with impaired

York Regional Police have charged a Stouffville man in connection to yesterday morning's crash in which a vehicle ploughed through a Newmarket house on Prospect Street.

The 43-year-old man faces charges of impaired driving and over 80mg.

At about 3:30 a.m., police were called to a crash where a vehicle had left the roadway and driven through a home.

Neither occupant of the house was injured because they were asleep in the basement at the time, since their house was being renovated.

Due to the force of impact, firefighters had to extract the man from the vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle suffered minor injuries.

New forest lands could add to trail system

The York Regional Forest has grown by 136 acres.

The forest's growth is attributable to a donation of land by the Drysdale family, a property sale and the region's greening strategy.

The land is adjacent to the Hollidge Tract on Hwy. 48 just south of Vivian Road in Whitchurch-Stouffville's north end.

The Drysdale property, which has been owned and managed by the family for 62 years, provides wildlife habitat, protection of the aquifer and may offer the opportunity for another trail system within the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail, said Bill Fisch, the region's chairperson and CEO in a media release.

"The Drysdale property offers a wealth of environmental benefits," he said. "York Region's residents and future residents are extremely fortunate to have this land protected."

The land is adjacent to the Hollidge Tract on Hwy. 48, south of Vivian Road in Whitchurch-Stouffville's north end.

In acknowledgement of the Drysdale family donation, the lands will carry the Drysdale name, according to the media release.

The additional 136 acres provide an opportunity for tree planting and restoration of forest cover, as well as recreational opportunities and trail linkages.

"As a region and as individuals, we are indebted to the Drysdale family for their donation of land," said Town of Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Vito Spatafora, chairperson of the region's environmental services committee.

"The Drysdale name has been synonymous with Christmas trees; we are very proud to now have their name associated with the York Regional Forest."

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