

First local bust under new drinking, driving law

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Staff Reporter

Orangeville police have issued their first licence suspension under Ontario's strict new drinking and driving law, designed to make motorists and the hospital-ity sector rethink their mindset.

Police stopped a vehicle at about 3 a.m. Sunday near the intersection of Wellington Street and Townline. Detecting an odour of alcohol on the driver's breath, they administered a roadside breath test that gave a reading above .05 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood but below the .08 mg/100 mL required for an impaired driving conviction.

As a result of the new rules that came into effect May 1, a 21-year-old Mississauga man had his licence automatically suspended for three days. Before May 1, a similar reading would have produced a 12-hour suspension.

Under the new law a second such incident carries an automatic seven-day suspension and a

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support of at least four of the other seven municipalities. Based on responses to Mayor Taylor, this would appear unlikely.

Beyond representation by the two townships, Orangeville is seeking direct election of the warden. This would also require a triple majority vote.

This issue is to be discussed in a public meeting tonight, but isn't likely to come to a vote until at least next month.

Warden Gordon Montgomery said Wednesday he wouldn't expect a motion to be brought following the public meeting tonight.

"I just want to hear (the discussion)," he said. "I think it's an important decision to make," too important to make without a lot of consideration.

But there could be surprises. He said that is anyone were to bring a motion with a seconder there would have to be a discussion and a vote.

He added that he couldn't say "conclusively" what is likely to happen tonight.

mandatory alcohol education program. For third time and subsequent incidents, the consequences include a 30-day suspension, completion of a remedial alcohol treatment program and an ignition

interlock device.

The new laws have servers in the restaurant and bar industry rethinking their policy on serving alcohol.

"It's been that we take the number of drinks we

serve a person per hour and compare it against the size and sex of the person," said one Orangeville bartender. "There's now more of a fine line between what is considered over-serving and what is considered

within the legal limit.

"Perhaps we need to be re-educated as servers."

As for whether the new laws will have an adverse effect on business, the bartender said business "is already slow. We're in a recession. So, it's not going to change much."

Added one patron: "The bottom line is you can't drink and drive any more. You just can't."

Charts comparing a person's weight to the blood alcohol levels he or she reaches with each drink, suggest that a healthy individual who is 160 pounds or over will reach the 0.5 limit after two drinks in an hour.

According to the figures, a 160- or a 180-pound person's level will be .05 an hour after consuming the second drink. A 200-pound man's level will be .04. After a third drink in the hour, the chart says, the levels will be .08 at 160 pounds, .09 at 180 and .07 at 200.

Lighter individuals, meanwhile, should seriously consider cutting themselves off after a single drink. A 100-pound

person, for example, has a blood-alcohol level of .04 an hour after one drink and .09 an hour after consuming two. For those in the 120-pound range, the one- and two-drink levels are .03 and .08 respectively, and for 140-pounders, they are .02 and .06.

An hour after a third drink, these lighter individuals have alcohol levels of .15 (100 pounds), .12 (120) and .10 (140). When a driver is pulled over with these levels, charges are immediate and severe.

Const. Paul Nancekivell of the Dufferin OPP points out that such figures are only guidelines and don't necessarily ring true in all cases. "Everybody is different," he points out. "It depends on how quickly a body processes alcohol."

"The best thing is to not drink and drive at all. If you do, limit it to one or two drinks for the whole night."

He says that a larger person could actually have less tolerance than someone who is smaller. It's really a matter of which one has a stronger metabolism. Const. Nancekivell



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ENERGY CONSERVATION WEEK: Mayor Rob Adams has proclaimed May 17-23 as Energy Conservation Week in Orangeville. The town's Sustainability Action Team and Orangeville Hydro encourage residents to recognize the week and make the pledge to count themselves in by visiting the Town's website and saving energy. Mayor Adams is joined at the proclamation signing by Councillor Sylvia Bradley who chairs the Orangeville Sustainability Action Team, and Hiedi Murray, a member of the Town's Energy Sub-Committee.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT of the Town of Orangeville hereby appoints the 3rd day of June, 2009 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 87 Broadway, Orangeville, Ontario, for the hearing of all parties interested in supporting or opposing the applications as noted below.

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 197/96 (consent) and 200/96 (variance/permission), written comments may be delivered to the undersigned prior to the above Hearing date. The applicant or any authorized person acting on behalf of the applicant should attend this meeting.

Additional information regarding the application can be obtained by contacting Susan Lankheit, Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment, at (519) 941-0440, Ext. 223. Reports will be available for public inspection on Monday, June 1st, 2009.

A decision of the Committee of Adjustment may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal decisions with respect to applications for consent/minor variance to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf. If you wish to appeal a decision of the Committee of Adjustment to the Ontario Municipal Board, a copy of the appeal form is available from the OMB website at www.omb.gov.on.ca. A notice of appeal must be accompanied by a certified cheque or money order in the amount of \$125.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment and/or a possible Ontario Municipal Board hearing regarding these applications, you must make a written request to Susan Lankheit, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment, 87 Broadway, Orangeville, Ontario, L9W 1K1.

1. IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY Sunvale Homes for a minor variance to Zoning By-law 22-90, as amended, on property described as Lot 25, Registered Plan 7M-42, municipally known as 76 Meyer Drive, in the Town of Orangeville, in the County of Dufferin, under the provisions of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended. The subject property is zoned "Residential Fourth Density (R4) Zone, S.P. 24.169.

Explanatory Note:

The applicant is requesting a minor variance to increase the maximum permitted front yard set-back to the front wall of a dwelling from 7 metres (22.97 feet) to approximately 9.8 metres (32 feet) to accommodate a proposed dwelling model

DATED AT ORANGEVILLE, ONTARIO, THIS 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2009.

Susan Lankheit, Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment

NOTICE

Temporary Road Closure

Please be advised that Amelia Street between Hansen Boulevard and the northerly intersection with Walsh Crescent will be closed to through traffic from Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 a.m. until Friday, June 5th at 5:00 p.m.

This closure is necessary to facilitate the safe construction of underground services and surface works associated with the future development at Amelia Street and Hansen Boulevard.

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