

Woman dies when wheelchair struck

Police investigation continues into Sunday collision

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KITCHENER — A 52-year-old woman is dead after her wheelchair and a car collided on Victoria Street Sunday night.

Emergency crews raced to the scene east of Frederick Street about 8:45 p.m. The woman was transported to hospital by ambulance, where she was pronounced dead.

Her wheelchair sat crumpled in the middle of the road, a fluorescent safety vest still attached to the back. A Chevrolet Malibu with damage to its centre front sat nearby. The driver of the car was not injured.

A pylon marked the point of impact, a good 20 to 25 metres farther west along Victoria Street. Debris from the impact was scattered across the road.

Waterloo Regional Police Sgt. Fred Gregory said the woman was a resident of the nearby Thriftlodge motel. She was be-



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Waterloo Regional Police investigate a fatal collision involving a wheelchair on Victoria Street in Kitchener Sunday. A 52-year-old woman was killed when her wheelchair and a car collided.

lieved to have been by herself when the collision happened. It's not known if she was trying to cross the road at the time.

Victoria Street was closed in both directions for several blocks as police examined the scene.

This is the third serious in-

cident involving pedestrians in less than a week. On Thursday, two teen girls were struck by cars and seriously injured in Kitchener and Waterloo. Both victims were transported to Hamilton hospitals.

Police interviewed several

witnesses at the scene Sunday, but anyone else with information is asked to call the traffic branch at 519-650-8500 ext. 8856. Police said the investigation is continuing.

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