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Highway 34 in Vankleek Hill

Fourth accident injures driver and passenger

By Todd Hyslop

VANKLEEK HILL — A dangerous corner on Highway 34 in Vankleek Hill has claimed its fourth car in the past year.

At approximately 3 a.m. July 6, a black 1988 BMW drove off the road and slammed into the side of Methot's General Store, injuring both the driver and the car's passenger.

Taken to hospital were the driver, Richard Priboda, 27, of 7107 Dollery St. in St. Leonard, PQ, and passenger Marie Robert, 30, of Brossard, PQ.

Although the extent of the injuries is unknown, a family member said Robert has been given a 40 per cent chance of surviving while Priboda is suffering from some internal injuries.

At present, there are charges pending against the driver of the car but no charges have yet been laid.

Hawkesbury OPP Sergeant Andy VanSleusen stated there was "No indication of mechanical failure. It was a single vehicle accident where he just went straight through."

Concerned with the number of

injuries, VKH Mayor Aurele Fournier said he is in contact with the Ministry of Transportation concerning putting a flashing warning light on the corner to warn drivers.

"I expect an answer some time (July 10) as to whether the Ministry's Finance Department will subsidize the warning sign.

"I think it would solve the problem. A barrier would probably still cause a lot of deaths. We want to prevent the problem and a light and an arrow would help," he said.



(photo by T. Hyslop)

Rescue workers fight to remove Marie Robert, 30, from the twisted wreck of a BMW which slammed into the wall of Methot's General Store July 6.

