

Tories target tougher impaired driving laws

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The family of Matthew Deller, one of four teens killed in a crash on Oct. 22, attends his funeral at Church of Christ in Grande Prairie on Friday. A 21-year-old Grande Prairie man, Brendan Holubowich, faces numerous charges, including impaired driving, in connection with the crash.

Deaths of four teens in Grande Prairie fuel push for B.C.-style rules

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Two months after the province introduced tough new measures against distracted drivers, Premier Alison Redford has signalled that she wants to crack down on Albertans caught driving drunk.

And with the province still reeling from the deaths of four Grande Prairie teens in a collision with a suspected drunk driver last weekend, observers say there's never been greater appetite to change Alberta's impaired driving laws.

Transportation Minister Ray Danyluk said this week that he believes Albertans feel passionately about this issue.

"The tragedy that took place in Grande Prairie has really

made all Albertans aware," said Danyluk, who has taken the issue to caucus with the hope of having something ready for the legislature next month.

Danyluk also credited the new premier for getting aggressive on road safety.

"This is something that the premier holds dear to her heart, and I'm very happy about that because I really believe that we could do something to keep our roads safer," said Danyluk.

Last week, following a meeting with B.C. Premier Christy Clark, the former Alberta justice minister hinted that the province would consider tougher drunk driving laws similar to those in B.C.

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05 need not scare off social drinkers. Regulators and bar owners merely need to do a better job of making customers aware of their limits

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DRUNK DRIVING SNAPSHOT

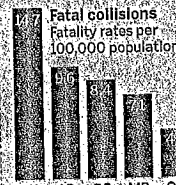
What's your limit?
The average 182-lb. man must consume five drinks in two hours to surpass the '08 legal limit.



... while the average 153-lb. woman would require four drinks in two hours.



Source: www.MADD.ca calculator



Source: Statistics Canada
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