

Man charged twice the same day

A 42-year-old man from Bolton and a Caledon OPP officer have to stop meeting.

They met twice the afternoon of March 18 in Bolton, and the man received two tickets for distracted driving for his troubles.

Police said the officer from the Traffic Unit was conducting distracted driving enforcement on Queen Street. Just before 2 p.m., he saw a blue 2006 Toyota Highlander heading south. The officer followed and noticed the driver was holding a cell phone in his hand. He was pulled over and charged under the highway Traffic Act with driving with an hand-held communication device.

A little more than an hour later, at about 3:05, the same officer observed the same vehicle and driver heading north on Queen, near King Street, committing the same offence, according to police. He was charged again.

Police report 2017 marked the fifth consecutive year that inattentive drivers were behind the highest number of lives lost on OPP-patrolled roads over the other three main road death causal factors (impaired driving, aggressive driving and lack of seat belt use). Every driver has a responsibility to direct their entire attention to driving safely, they stress.