

Investigation into snowmobile death on Paudash Lake still ongoing

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Circumstances around the death of a 51-year-old man from Peterborough are still unclear following a snowmobile collision Jan. 30 on Paudash Lake in Highlands East.

OPP officers from the Bancroft detachment attended the scene of the collision on North Bay Beach Road, along with Highlands East firefighters, said acting chief Chris Baughman.

The man from Peterborough was transported to hospital by ambulance, but died before getting there, according to the OPP.

"They don't know if it was an accident first and then a medical condition or if he had a heart attack first and then collided," said Baughman.

The incident involved two snowmobiles travelling in the same direction, said the fire chief.

"We didn't go out on the ice to investigate at the scene, we just dealt with the patient on the shore," said Baughman. "The police themselves went out to the accident scene."

The name of the deceased has not yet been released as the investigation is still ongoing, said Bancroft OPP community service officer Susanne Cox.

The investigation could take a few weeks to complete, she said.