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STARS flight paramedics wheel a stretcher past the scene of a two-vehicle crash north of Steinbach Tuesday morning.

Teen critical after Giroux-area crash

by JORDAN ROSS

A 17-year-old male from Steinbach is clinging to life in a Winnipeg hospital following a two-vehicle crash at a rural intersection north of Steinbach on Tuesday. The teen was driving one of two silver sedans that collided just before 9 a.m. at the intersection of

Road 35E and Road 40N, also known as Plett Road, near Giroux.

Flight paramedics transferred the teen from a ground ambulance to a STARS helicopter that departed the scene at 10 a.m.

Hanover Fire Chief Paul Wiebe said firefighters had to first extricate the teen from his car. He was listed in critical condition at the time of transport, Blake Robert, a STARS

spokesperson, said.

The driver of the other car, a 45-year-old woman from Steinbach, was hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries.

The intersection, located a mile east of Highway 12 and a mile north of Provincial Road 311, is governed by a two-way stop that gives right-of-way to east-west traffic.

RCMP Sgt. Paul Manaigre said the

teen's car was travelling south and proceeded through the intersection, where it struck the woman's west-bound car.

Manaigre said the teen remains in hospital in unstable condition.

The intersection was closed to traffic for several hours while RCMP conducted an investigation.

Bernier eyes southern Manitoba for 2025

by NICOLE BUFFIE



NICOLE BUFFIE THE CARILLON

People's Party of Canada leader Maxime Bernier stopped in Steinbach Saturday evening for a meet and greet event at Smitty's. The federal leader revealed he's looking to relocate to Manitoba ahead of the 2025 election to earn a seat in the House of Commons.

People's Party of Canada leader Maxime Bernier says he may make Manitoba his home before the next federal election in order to turn a seat in the House of Commons purple.

Bernier made stops throughout Manitoba last weekend, with a few more scheduled this weekend, for meet and greet events and to take stock of ridings his party received the most votes in during the 2021 federal election.

The federal party leader revealed he's eyeing the Portage-Lisgar riding as one of his two options to run in in 2025.

"Our candidates did very well at the last election," Bernier told *The Carillon* while in Steinbach before speaking at a supporter event at Smitty's.

People's Party Candidate Solomon Wiebe garnered nearly 22.5 percent of the vote in the Portage-Lisgar riding in the last election, placing second behind Candice Bergen's 52.5 percent.

Bergen, the riding's MP and former interim leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, announced in September 2022 she wouldn't be running for office again after 14 years representing the riding. On Feb. 1 Bergen announced her resignation from parliament via Twitter.

Bernier is also considering settling in the Timmins-James Bay, ON riding where PPC candidate Stephen MacLeod captured 13 percent of the federal vote, but came in last place.

"We have strong organizations in these two ridings," Bernier said.

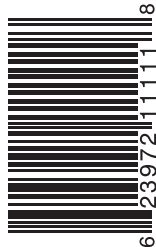
Bernier confirmed to *The Carillon* he will not be running in his home province of Quebec in 2025, the year of the next expected election, but adding he's unsure if he'll be ready to run in the upcoming by-election in Portage-Lisgar, citing his desire to ingrain himself into a community before representing it.

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