

James Hatridge Accident Diary

Motor Vehicle Collision Injury and Property Claim

James D. Hatridge

VS

Graham J. McGill

Wawanesa Insurance
Claim number 1128385

Thursday, Aug 19, 2021: DAY - 1

Outline of the Accident – On August 19, 2021 at approximately 12:30 PM, it had started to rain. I was helping to paint a fence at 2011 43 street S.E. Because of the rain, I packed up my things and proceeded to go home.

At approximately 12:45 PM, I (James Hatridge) was **traveling on the road heading westbound on 19th Ave S.E** on my bicycle. When I approached **37th street S.E, I noticed a southbound** white pick-up truck approaching the stop sign at 19th Ave.

I could not make eye contact with the person driving the vehicle because the vehicle had a tinted window on the left drivers side. When I had seen that the truck was slowing down for the stop sign, I anticipated that the vehicle would be stopping.

As I continued riding west, at approximately 10- 15 km per hour, I was struck by the centre of the truck on the right side of my bicycle crushing my right leg against the bumper of the truck and my bicycle frame.

I was looking forward at the time of impact. I remember twisting my back, taking both hands off of the bicycle's handle bars, and attempted to block the truck with my arms. The impact of the collision caused me and my bicycle to crash to the pavement in the middle of 19th ave.

The driver immediately came to my aid and tried to help me up. He said that he was looking the other way and did not see me. I was too stunned to get up so I stayed on the ground while the driver of the truck called 911. My first thought was that the driver had

been talking on his cell phone because I had noticed that when he got out of the truck, he had already had his cell phone in his hand.

The fire department arrived within 2 minutes, where I was helped to the curb by a fireman and assessed for injuries. My right shin was bleeding and it was rapidly swelling up. He told me my leg did not appear to be broken. Fortunately, I did not hit my head.

After the fireman informed me that EMS was on its way to the accident scene, and they arrived approximately 5 minutes later. EMS asked if I wanted to go to the hospital but I declined. EMS informed me that the police would be arriving soon and they left the scene.

I was worried about my bicycle because it is my only transportation. I did not want to leave my bicycle behind. The fire department picked up my bike and placed it on the sidewalk. They told me to wait under the tree for the police to come, where it was not so wet from the rain.

Approximately 10-15 minutes later two police SUV vehicles arrived. I was assisted into the back of one of the police vehicles, while the driver of the truck was placed in the other police vehicle to take our statements. I was very shaky while writing my statement for the police.

After the statement was completed, the police officers loaded my bicycle into the back of their SUV and drove me home. The officer gave me a copy of my statement and an envelope with the driver's first name and phone number. The only information on the envelope was (Graham – 403-975-6606).

The police officer informed me that the driver admitted wrong doing but that he would rather not go through his insurance company and wanted to pay for the damages to my bicycle himself.

When I got home, I cleaned and disinfected my wounded shin and I placed a bag of frozen peas on my leg to take down the swelling.

Just noticed that my watch had stopped working and was stuck on the time and date of the accident. It was a 1996 Werner Swiss Army standard issue. Best watch I ever owned. Hopefully it will be fixed with my bike.

Friday, Aug 20, 2021: Day – 2

I woke up stiff and sore. My back seemed sore. Did not expect the back pain because I thought only my leg was hurt. Shin is black and blue with a painful lump on mid-part of my shin.

I am really concerned about getting my bicycle fixed with no other transportation to me.

I called Grayham McGill (the guy who hit me with his truck) He spoke of keeping it out of the insurance company and he would fix or replace my badly damaged bike, on the condition that I get three different appraisals from three separate bike shops.

I forgot to mention the watch

Saturday & Sunday , Aug 21& 22, 2021: Day – 3 & 4

It's Saturday and I feel bad because I can not do my volunteer work finishing painting the fence at my previous address at 2011 43 street s.e. I called the owner to let him know of the accident and that I no longer had transportation (bicycle) to get to work.

- Back pain worsening.
- Difficulty sleeping as I can not get comfortable. Painful to shift body in bed.
- Difficulty getting out of bed in the night to use the bathroom.
- Leg even more discolored than before and painful to the touch.