

REES' Pieces

Are we Losing the Battle?

The recent surge of CoVid-19 is disturbing, worrisome and causes my blood to boil. Today the 17th, we lost four more great Nova Scotians. The worrisome part is primarily because we have lost our edge, and quickly going downhill as we appear to be losing the battle.

I am not sure who to blame, as there are so many factors to the recent upsurge. To determine why, let's look at CoVid-19 activity for almost two years, when spring 2020 was the CoVid start on the east coast.

The previous government was adamant what they wanted us to do; expected us to do; directed us to "Stay the Blazes Home". Those few words drive home the point and it stuck with hundreds of t-shirts sporting the message.

For 18 months, most of us did exactly what we were told. It was tough, but we listened. As a result Nova Scotia was the envy across Canada, garnered a lot of attention globally. The prize, we were the leader with less infections, deaths and "long haul" suffers. We were proud being leaders, and appreciated McNeil and Strang seemingly dedicating every moment of their lives to ensure we were as safe as possible.

However, things started to change during the third quarter of 2021. Was it because "just enough" people became anti-vaxers; we got tired and took our eye off the ball; were the variants more easily spread causing us to go down a slippery slope, or did health professionals and government leaders take their foot off the pedal?

I am not going to point fingers, nor do I suggest you do, but there are some discouraging facts, or an alignment for a "perfect storm" which was unavoidable.

At this moment my question is "Why has there been a reduction in the emphasis on testing? In the beginning, we were told, testing, testing, testing and more testing is the way to manage CoVid-19.

Most recently, is the lessening of testing, because we do not have the supplies? If that is the case, who dropped the ball? Why weren't supplies ordered or sourced last August and September?

Was the lack of advance ordering as a result of switching governments? I fear not, or it should not be the onus of elected officials. There are plenty of highly paid professionals in the Health Authority and Department of Health carrying out tasks when new MLA's were trying to find the office keys.

The lack of testing kits goes back to what was done or not done as far back as September, early October. If a shortage had been anticipated, we should have been then, not mixed in with all the messaging around the holiday season.

This brings to mind another thing which really bothers me. Not once have I heard provincial, federal international government leaders or health professionals explain the correlation between Tuberculosis and CoVid-19.

If you wish to do your own online research simply Google "How many people die of Tuberculosis?" The following are two instant examples, which popped up on my computer screen within seconds:

Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease caused by germs spread person to person through the air. TB usually affects the lungs, but it can also affect other parts of the body, such as the brain, the kidneys, or the spine. A person with TB can die if they do not get treatment.

Tuberculosis (TB) is one of the top 10 causes of death worldwide. In 2018, 10.0 million people fell ill with TB and 1.5 million died from the disease (including 251,000 people with HIV). Over 95% of TB deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries.

You might not like wearing a mask, or constantly social distancing, but pay attention to my prediction: "CoVid-19 is never going away". If you don't remember, ask your parents or grandparents their fears of TB and how long it was "Top of Mind". Unborn children may be looking over their shoulder and keeping a mask handy when graduating from high school.

Yet undiscovered or to-be developed drugs will cause CoVid-19 to be treated like "the flu".

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Letters to the editor

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Forgotten Wars and Forgotten Battles, in 2022 our Veterans will not be Forgotten

War is death, it is destruction, and suffering. It is also a time when men and women, soldiers and civilians stand up and face great danger to stop wars and restore peace. But how do we remember them today?

The Government of France and the Republic of Korea would like to thank Canadian veterans for liberating their countries. The National Order of the Legion of Honour and Ambassador for Peace Medals are available to eligible veter-

ans.

If you are a Second World War veteran who participated in the campaign to liberate France from D-day June 6, 1944 to the end of August 1944, or Dieppe in 1942, you may be eligible for France's highest award. The Korean government is looking for Korean War veterans who participated in the Korean War, 1950 to 1953 or it's peace keeping phase which lasted until the end of 1955. Korea's Ambassador for Peace Medal may be awarded posthumously unlike the Legion of Honour.

This year marks the 80th

anniversary of the Dieppe Raid in 1942, when the allies tested the enemy with an amphibious landing on the French coast. Almost 5,000 Canadian soldiers took part in operation Jubilee, and only 2200 made it back. The Normandy battle in 1944 saw the lessons learned from Dieppe put to good use but Canadian war dead tallied over 5,000. The Korean War followed 5 years after the end the Second World War. Today it is seldom remembered but the valor of our Canadian veterans shines brightly with the people of South Korea who have not for-

gotten the 516 Canadian service men who died defending their country.

Please contact me for further information or assistance in applying for these two important medals. There is no cost involved. I am an unofficial volunteer who has helped more than 800 veterans receive these awards. Send an email to Korea19501953@Yahoo.com and use the subject "Veteran".

Guy Black
Recipient, Medal of Civil Merit
(Republic of Korea)

James A Warren speaks out

Dear Shoreline Journal:

As advertised on Page 3, December 2021 issue Higgins Mountain "Open House" was not without Vax. As usual I stay "The Blazes Home" and without a mask, not allowed in. This excuse gives corporate bullies, "their way". Every think today is internet and tablets, which I have none.

It's 3:25 Sunday morning; can't sleep because of the hum, whine, scream on power lines below my property. These vaxed people think they are immune they don't wear masks. There are the

spreaders.

Most people in Canada are not very smart. They can build these power generators, but and not stop the noise going down the power line. I didn't get to see anyone about this. You can give these to the lady who had a write-up in the previous issue.

Keep up the good newspaper, I look forward to it every month.

James A Warren
Parrsboro, NS

Power line Noise - miles from any turbines and generators. Sound travels on wires (telephone effect)

I was one year locating noise. It kept changing sound, direction it came from. Motor hum, to bee's "hum". The 3 dog even covered her ears. It would start our loud and after a while it may die down - anytime after 11:00 pm, 12:30 am, 1:20 am, 2:30 am, 4:20 am and 5:20 am. Could not sleep at night.

Now like loud scream, whine, hum, changes to various noises almost 24/7. The electrician says "It's a guitar effect on grid line. Gerald Redmond, a former line worker said they had this years ago on Economy Mountain at Chester MacBurnie's farm p he was tempted to move out. Gerry and crew found it. The wires were too tight, also insulator trouble. They fixed it.

This noise is on-line here and at David Reads" on Eastern Avenue - hum and whine everywhere else. Scott Leopold, line worker, changed the transformer at my driveway and that stopped the noise from coming up my line to the building, as power dropping and lights dimming. The hum, whine and screaming is almost 24/7 now.

I have called NSPC, MLA Tory Rushton's office, 211, 911, a lawyer, Charles A Ellis at

Hicks & Lemoine. The noise was coming at different times and dies out. When I told NSPC the hours it would die out that is when they would send someone to check it out. The power company, NSPC got July O'Leary, co worker for NSPC to call me. She called me with her numbers to keep in contact.

NSPC sent Jason Cochran out on Sunday morning. Noise was just starting. He listened as it got louder. After a while he said he couldn't hear it, as he was tone deaf. NSPC knew this in advance. When I called 911 on Tuesday a female RCMP constable came one hour before the dark of night, when the turbine noise starts. She said she was marking this as a criminal offence and for me to contact my family doctor - Dr Dean Harrison, Amherst Superstore - he could not fix the power line noise as it was not my ears. The lady officer asked if NSPC was doing this on purpose. I said NO, they were purposefully not trying to fix it. Until power personnel can stop noise from power generator hum following the power lines grid, they should not be permitted to install any generator power.

They are "corporate bullies" as are our people elected government. Going green is nice. How is it we have to stop polluting gases, when they can

start firing rockets off at Canso, Guysborough County? It is not very nice listening to this hydro noise. I am miles from any turbines. It's a guitar effect. If they can't fix, they should not build it.

Furthermore they don't care about the people. Seems like their concern is just the corporate bully pocket. Judy O'Leary was nice at first, when I told her what it was doing. It first sounded like motor hum, change to bee's nest sound, then whine and scream. During the day after 10:20 am die out until 11:20 pm, changing the direction it was coming from.

I was a year finding where it was coming from. On February 1, 2021 called NSP many times to explain. Then NSPC got Judy O'Leary, who was working from home. David Reid, the electrician, I have worked with has the same noise at his place on Eastern Avenue. David talked to Judy, but to no good. NSPC is doing nothing and no one comes to talk about it.

I describe things this way: sometimes there is a rumbling noise; "ear piercing" scream when it's raining; loud, wear ear plugs to stop "sharp, shrill noise; cloudy day "bad"

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Parrsboro, NS

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