

REES' Pieces

Worry, agony, harm, eventually success

What we didn't want to see, occurred on January 20th. Yes, Donald Trump is President, United States of America. For over 18 months we worried and fretted hoping it would not happen. But it has. Now we have to take other actions and for our own health accept the facts and not get ulcers. As the headline says, YES, we will still worry, but let's force other thoughts into our brain. Positive thoughts can be helpful to make things better.

Let's promise and help each other to do so...stop wringing our hands in frustration, but use the same energy to create situations, which countries need what we have to sell. In the other direction we need to find sources of the products we need to import. Maybe there are a number of two way deals to reduce our trading reliance on the USA. Will untrump Trump. You know we can do it. Think back about 80 years when our forefathers, grandfathers, maybe even our fathers went over the beaches at Normandy and changed the war.

Let's be as dedicated as they were. If we muster the strength and cohesiveness we will have a totally different outlook. Positive thinking will be our biggest asset to win against Trump. His mindset is totally negative; always looking back; using threats and intimidation to bad mouth others and he is the victim.

We are better people than that.

I don't want to give the impression if we constantly smile and think positively all will be well. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Even while suffering pain - from worry, economic challenges, loss of some jobs, its our attitude and determination which will be different. Think back about the family stories when women were working in the ammunition shops; clothier factories making uniforms, etc. A nice exercise for us is to spend time asking elder relatives, or searching family history to learn what family members did to contribute to the war effort.

Today is the same. WE ARE AT WAR. The only difference is the enemy is different. Once you complete searching who did what during the war effort, please spend time on self-reflection figuring out what you can do to help Canada win this war in 2025.

While we are developing our battle plans and implementing our attack there will be hardship to the economy and job losses when Trump implements his 25% tariffs. We have started a movement, which should last for years, the federal government and the premiers and territorial leaders are working collectively to combat Trump. Hopefully, the momentum will be expanded in two directions first to see which.

When we get our act totally together, Donald J Trump will wish he had not issued threats and bullying us Canadians. Let's have him for lunch.

Will some someone volunteer to send Trump a history lesson reminding him who changed the outcome of WWII at Normandy?

Now I want to turn your attention to two very important local stories, which are featured on Page 1.

Congratulations to Greg Whalen (L), a former RCMP member, and Nigel Leggitt (C), Chief of the Valley-Kemp town & District Fire Brigade, and a Medical First Responder not only for being awarded Colchester Courage Award, but for their brave efforts. What they did should be primary training lesson for those using AED's. Colchester needs to be commended for presenting the award. Maybe the AED manufacturer will hire writers to get this story in hands of every community, not only in Nova Scotia, but across Canada.

I'll give them permission to use our front page as part of the media campaign.

With regard to the first page 1 story, the request by the RECC volunteer board's request for a \$1.629-million loan from Colchester and Truro is unfortunate, but necessary. Let me explain. Taxpayer's need not worry. Their taxes will not increase. The request is a loan, and both municipalities will extract their respective share, approx. \$850,000 from reserve accounts when the request is approved. RECC's board did nothing wrong. The Federal Government offered the CoVid19 money, then approved the application. Now they are trying to Claw-Back. Read the story to understand the municipalities have no choice, to but approve.

Maurice

RCMP Activities in Colchester

The following is a summary of RCMP activities from various press releases.
RCMP charge man with murder after two homicides

The RCMP Northeast Nova Major Crime Unit (NEN MCU) has charged a Bathurst, New Brunswick, man with two counts of Murder (second degree) in relation to two homicides in Colchester County. (See item below for additional corresponding information)

On January 8, at approximately 3:30 p.m., 35-year-old Ronald Albert Canuel, who was wanted on an arrest warrant, was arrested after the vehicle he was driving was located by the New Brunswick RCMP's Provincial Crime Reduction Unit (PCRU) outside an apartment building in Campbellton. In consultation with NEN MCU, Campbellton RCMP, supported by the New Brunswick RCMP Police Dog Services team, PCRU, and a Remotely Piloted Aircraft System, responded to the scene and safely arrested Canuel outside the building. Canuel has been remanded into custody and transported back to Nova Scotia to appear in Truro Provincial Court.

Major Crime Unit investigating suspicious sudden death

RCMP Northeast Nova Major Crime Unit (NEN MCU) is investigating a suspicious sudden death in Bible Hill. On January 3 at approximately 9:30 am, Colchester County District RCMP responded to a home on Bomber Dr. as part of a wellbeing check and located a deceased 42-year-old woman and an unconscious man who was transported to hospital.

The investigation is being led by the NEN MCU and is being supported by the Colchester County District RCMP, Truro Police Service, RCMP Forensic Identification Services (FIS), and the Nova Scotia Medical Examiner Service. There is no evidence at this time to suggest a risk to the public.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to

contact the NEN MCU at 902-896-5060 and reference file number 2025-10877. To remain anonymous, contact Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips App.

RCMP investigating fatal house fire

East Hants District RCMP is investigating a fatal house fire that occurred in Shubenacadie. At approximately 7:15 a.m. on December 31, East Hants District RCMP and fire services responded to a report of a house fire on Hwy. 215 in Shubenacadie. Two occupants of the home, a 65-year-old man and a 57-year-old woman, safely exited the home and were not injured. The third occupant of the home, a 73-year-old man, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The fire is not believed to be suspicious at this time, however, investigators continue to gather information and evidence.

The investigation is being assisted by the Nova Scotia Office of the Fire Marshal, the Nova Scotia Medical Examiner Service, Northeast Nova RCMP Major Crime and RCMP Forensic Identification Services.

Police seeking information in relation to two deaths ruled homicides

RCMP Northeast Nova Major Crime Unit (NEN MCU) is seeking information in relation to two deaths that have been ruled as homicides in Colchester County. On December 19, at approximately 9:15 p.m., Truro Police Service (TPS) received information that a 27-year-old Truro man and a 25-year-old Pictou Landing First Nation man attended hospital with serious injuries consistent with stab wounds. From the information gathered, investigators believe that the victims were assaulted by a person or persons in Colchester County. At this time, officers do not believe the incident was random.

On December 21, at approximately 11:50 a.m., Colchester



County District RCMP and EHS responded to a report of a male in medical distress at a home on Vincent Dr. in Upper Onslow. The 25-year-old man was pronounced deceased at the scene. On December 22, at approximately 10 a.m., Truro Police Service and EHS responded to a male in medical distress at a home on Lavinia Dr. in Truro. The 27-year-old man was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The deceased men were identified as the victims of the stabbings. On December 23, the Nova Scotia Medical Examiner Service ruled the deaths as homicides. The investigation is ongoing and is led by NEN MCU with assistance from TPS, Colchester County District RCMP, the Nova Scotia Medical Examiner Service and the Forensic Identification Services from both the RCMP and TPS.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the RCMP at 902-896-5000. To remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers, toll-free, at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips app.

Colchester County District RCMP charges man with firearms offences

Colchester County District RCMP has charged a man with firearms offences after a firearm was discharged inside a home in Economy on Christmas Day.

On December 25, at approximately 6:15 p.m., Colchester County District RCMP received a report that a firearm had been discharged inside a home on Etta Dr. in Economy. Responding officers learned there was an altercation between a man and woman known to each other inside the home, and immediately after the altercation, the man had discharged a firearm. No in-

juries resulted from the shot fired.

Officers seized two firearms and safely arrested the man at the home. During the arrest, the man attempted to strike one of the responding officers multiple times.

Tony Fleming Hingley, 61, of River John, has been charged with Careless Use of Firearm, Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose, Resist Arrest, and Failure to Comply with Order (two counts). He was remanded into custody and appeared in Truro Provincial Court on December 27.



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Dominion Chair Factory Store
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OH&S Coordinator was Hired in November

The following is the Personnel Policies section of Scott Fraser, Director Corporate Services, report circulated to Council Committee at its meeting on January 16, 2025

Personnel Policies:

Staff continue to update personnel policies for Council approval. A Municipal Vehicle policy is in the end stages of development, and a Recruitment and Retention Strategy is in the works.

Occupational Health & Safety:

The Municipality's OH&S Committee continues to meet monthly. First Aid/CPR training took place in the Fall, with a large number of staff getting certified or recertified. An Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator was hired in No-

vember and has taken the lead on advising on health and safety items.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee:

The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee continue to meet on a monthly basis. An EDI survey took place in the fall, which will inform the Committee on an EDI training plan for staff. An Equity and Anti-Racism Strategy is being developed as a joint project with Town of Truro,

Village of Bible Hill, and Town of Stewiacke. This strategy is in response to the provincial mandate for all municipalities to have such a plan in place before April 1, 2025.

Compensation Review:

A compensation review is underway to assess salaries of

all non-union positions. Staff have completed updating all job descriptions for non union positions. Based on the job descriptions, a job evaluation process to score each job on a set of criteria and classify them will take place to ensure internal compensation equity. An external market review will then be conducted to ensure external equity and competitiveness.

Performance Review:

Performance evaluations continue.



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