



RCMP cordoned off Highway 2 from Wilson's Go Store, Great Village to Highland Village during a stand-off with a man who had barricaded himself in a house. The man surrendered and appeared in Truro Court on June 17th and faces several charges. (Downloaded from Facebook)

Several Charges Following Critical Incident in Great Village

By **Maurice Rees**

Just after supertime on June 16th, the Shoreline Journal made its first Facebook posting concerning a critical incident in Great Village which resulted in several charges being laid against a man who assaulted an officer then barricaded himself in a house.

The first Facebook posting stated: "We have received information there is an "active situation" in Great Village. The RCMP are onsite. Councillor Tom Taggart has been communicating with RCMP, who advise there is "NO DANGER TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC".

Later a press release from Cpl. Jennifer Clarke, Public Information Officer, Nova Scotia RCMP stated, "At about 5:30 p.m. Colchester District RCMP responded to two related calls originating from the same address on Hwy 2 in Great Village. One call was of threats and the other was of an unwanted person".

The release also stated, while the responding RCMP officer was speaking with the complainant, the man began assaulting the officer without warning, striking him several times causing significant injuries to his face. A struggle ensued between the two, during which the officer attempted to de-escalate the situation.

The officer attempted to use a Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW), which was not successful. The man attempted to take the CEW from the officer, then attempted to take the officer's service pistol. He then threatened to shoot the officer, and barricaded himself inside the home. No

one else was inside the home at the time.

Additional RCMP officers responded to the scene. An RCMP Crisis Negotiator and Emergency Response Team (ERT) were called in. The Negotiator attempted several times to communicate with the complainant, however was not successful. A short time after the ERT surrounded the residence, the man exited the residence and he was taken into custody. The police officer who initially responded to the scene sustained serious, non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to hospital by EHS. No one else was injured.

The 49-year-old man from Great Village was held in custody overnight and appeared in Truro Provincial Court on Wednesday, June 21st. He is facing charges of Uttering Threats, Assaulting a Police Officer Causing Bodily Harm, and Obstruction. The investigation is ongoing.

The Shoreline's Facebook page received 1675 engagements and reached 9,223 people. In one of the postings, Jim Peppard posting perhaps summed up the overall situation the best: "Mental healths are being effected in so many ways beyond any of us ever experienced before., CoVid-19 tensions, mass murder tensions, loss of loved one tensions, loss of income tensions, self distancing tensions, bubble tensions, RCMP investigation tensions, public inquiry tensions, racism problems everywhere, social media tensions day after day...how can it not be affecting absolutely everyone"

Hammonds Plains Man Facing Charges

Micheal Joseph Hennigar, 25, from Hammonds Plains is facing criminal charges as the result of RCMP investigation following a 911 call in Brookfield on June 24th. Colchester District RCMP responded to a 911 reporting a two-vehicle collision in the parking lot of a service station in Brookfield.

The drivers got out of their vehicles and began yelling at one another. A third man arrived at the scene and had a handgun in his possession. Once the police were called, one of the drivers and the man with the handgun left the area. RCMP located the two men at a home in Brookfield a short time later and both were arrested without further incident.

During the search of the third man, RCMP officers seized five knives, brass knuckles, and a loaded .40 calibre handgun. In addition, police located additional .40 calibre ammunition, a shotgun round, and what is believed to be cocaine. Micheal Joseph Hennigar, 25, from Hammonds Plains is facing criminal charges of: Unsafe Transportation of a Firearm; Possession of a Prohibited Device; Unauthorized Possession of

a Weapon in a Vehicle; Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose and Possession of a Prohibited Weapon. He appeared in Truro Provincial Court the next day.



Debert Advisory Committee to be Formed

By **Maurice Rees**

Forming a Debert Business Park Advisory Committee was at the top of the list of six recommendations from Council's committee meeting on May 14th which were brought forward to the May 28th monthly meeting for ratification included:

Debert Business Park Advisory Committee Terms of Reference - Approval of the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Debert Business Park Advisory Committee with amendments relative to clarifications of voting membership and terms of appointment which includes the sitting councillor for District 9; Two other Colchester Councillors; Two representatives of the Debert Business Park business community and One member of the Debert residential community. The committee will also include Mayor and Deputy Mayor with one able to cast a vote, and the other participating in an ex-officio capacity.

Grants to Non-profit Policy Amendment - Council amended the grants to Non-profit Organizations with a deadline of January 31 for the subsequent upcoming fiscal year; Organizations may apply for any amount up to \$5,000; First-time applicants must make an in-person presen-

tation to County Council. An organization that has received three grants under the Grants to Non-Profit Organizations Policy must make an in-person presentation to County Council as part of a fourth application for support. Presentations are required every fourth application thereafter. In addition an organization receiving automatic annual funding previously approved by Council, will be required to make a presentation to Council at least once during each term of Council.

Low Income Municipal Tax Assistance Program - Council established new annual thresholds for the low income property tax program at: One person, 26,406, credit of \$321; two people, \$34,877, credit of \$427 and three or more in household, \$41,852, credit of \$533. On January 1 every year the annual income thresholds will be adjusted by the CPI rate as used by the Property Valuation Services Corporation.

Covid-19 Property Tax Financing Program Policy - a 30 month program to defer payment of property taxes. (See separate story, elsewhere in this issue).

Front Line Workers - Council is developing a "Thank you" program with a Frontline Workers sign in each district of the County.

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