

The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

Flags lowered at VMP

Flags have been lowered at Veteran's Memorial Park, Bass River for the 2 RCAF members killed in the Helicopter crash near Petawawa. Dr Karen Ewing said, "We lower flags when soldiers were killed until their bodies were repatriated. On this occasion we will keep the flags lowered until the funerals have been held".

Hockeyville back in Nova Scotia

First time around it was Salmon River celebrating Kraft Hockeyville. Now it's Sydney's turn. Kraft Heinz and the NHL have announced the NHL preseasont matchup to celebrate the Kraft Hockeyville 2022 winning community, Sydney, NS! Sydney's preseasont game will feature the Florida Panthers and Ottawa Senators facing off on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at Centre 200 in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

As the 2022 Kraft Hockeyville winner, Sydney has received \$250,000 in arena upgrades, in addition to their NHL® preseasont game. The NHLPA Goals & Dreams fund has also donated \$10,000 worth of youth hockey equipment to Sydney. While the game will be played in a nearby facility due to logistical requirements, the Canada Games Complex will be the beneficiary of the grand prize arena upgrades.

Seizure of privately made firearms

As part of the Equipe intégrée de lutte au trafic d'armes (EILTA) Montréal - alongside members from Sûreté du Québec, Service de police de la Ville de Montréal, and the Canada Border Services Agency - the RCMP participated in PROJECT REPRODUCTION on June 20th, a nationwide operation to crack down on the manufacturing and trafficking of privately made firearms (PMFs).

Police partners from across the country contributed to this landmark operation, conducting searches in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Since the beginning of the investigation, a total of 45 individuals were arrested and a number of illicit items were seized, including approximately 440 firearms (traditional and 3D) and 52 3D printers.

Working closely with the EILTA Montréal, the Ontario Provincial Police, and other police partners across the country, the RCMP received information about the distribution of 3D-printed parts used to assemble PMFs. Over 100 RCMP members took part in PROJECT REPRODUCTION, serving multiple search warrants in various provinces, and keeping guns off Canadian streets and out of criminal hands.

Police identified a Quebec resident as the primary suspect responsible for distributing these illegal parts - namely rails designed for 3D Glocks - across the country.

PMFs are illegal, untraceable, and unsafe, posing risks to the general public and the user, given their poor manufacturing quality. This operation helps shed light on the growing market for 3D-printed gun parts, and demonstrates the ways Canadian police organizations are working together to fight this emerging trend.

"Technology continues to change the face of crime as we know it, presenting new tools for criminals to exploit," said Chief Superintendent Mathieu Bertrand, DG of Serious and Organized Crime & Border Integrity at RCMP Federal Policing. "This nationwide operation demonstrates what law enforcement can achieve through collaboration, keeping pace with emerging criminal trends and ensuring the safety of our citizens."

PROJECT REPRODUCTION marks a milestone in efforts to disrupt the flow of illegal firearms in Canada and fight gun violence. The RCMP is proud to have played a part in this great display of cooperation at a national level, and commends the work of our EILTA Montreal counterparts and our provincial and municipal policing partners in carrying out this operation.

If you have any information related to illegal activities, or suspect illegal activities are taking place in your community, please report it to your local police service.

Link: <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2023/multi-province-partnership-leads-seizure私ately-made-firearms>

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Diabetes (type 1 + type 2 diagnosed + type 2 undiagnosed) in 2022 were 173,00, or 17 per cent of our province's population. In 2023, so far, there are an estimated 202,000 cases, or 20 per cent of the population. (Nova Scotia Health and Wellness)

Chronic diabetes in Cumberland-Colchester certainly has my attention. So, it was with a great deal of interest when I held a second meeting with representatives of Novo Nordisk, a leading global Diabetes healthcare company, to discuss implementation of the National Diabetes Framework, and to share details of a proposed new obesity and chronic disease prevention partnership.

Opioid crisis: Most of us have watched in disbelief the vivid opioid crisis that exists on Vancouver's downtown streets. Somehow, we consider drug abuse to be only a big city problem that's out of control. It's not.

Opioid abuse is a scourge across Canada, and particularly in Nova Scotia. The Department of Health and Wellness reports acute opioid toxicity deaths rose from 39 cases in 2021, to 61 deaths in 2022.

This is why I stood in the House, as your Member of Parliament, and called on the Trudeau government to redirect taxpayer-funded hard-drugs-controlled distribution, to addiction treatment and recovery programs.

In my address to the House I said, "Given that Canada is in the midst of an opioid crisis that has killed over 35,000 people since 2016, and since 2017 the federal government has spent over \$800 million on its failed Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy, including over \$100 million in funding for hard-drug supply projects across Canada,

(ii) and plans to spend an additional \$74 million to "scale up" these projects over the next five years,

(iii) since tax-funded drug supply was ramped up in 2020, op-

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ergy bills and makes our economy stronger, without costing Nova Scotians more at the pumps. We set benchmarks to hold us accountable and asked the federal government to give us time to prove we will meet our goals.

Instead, the federal government is imposing a carbon tax that will make life more unaffordable.

Nova Scotians should be proud of the work they have done to fight climate change - work we've been doing for years without a

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bon tax on a litre of gas. My Mazda if close to empty will cost an additional \$5 per fill up.

In the very first Legislative session of this Government, Sept of 2021 we passed The Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act. No other jurisdiction has legislated environmental goals like we have. Nova Scotians are leaders and are on track to meet or possibly even exceed this legislated goal of 80% renewables by 2030 and yet we are still paying for the rest of the Country!! RURAL NOVA SCOTIANS ARE CARRYING AN UNFAIR BURDEN.

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I took part in 2 Nova Scotia Health Authority led community collaborative conversations regarding mental health needs in our rural communities. What does mental health look like for you? What do you need to be at your best? Do you need support? Do you need a place to feel a sense of belonging? Do you need to speak with a clinician or other professional? I would be happy to have these conversations with you. I encourage you to reach out; the more information I have to share with our community partners the better sense of where we should go and what residents need.

Truro's Victoria Park Pool Re-Opened June 26

The grand re-opening of Victoria Park Pool was held at the pool 2:30 pm on June 23rd. The celebration consisted of an informal tour of the facility,

oid deaths have only gone up, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada,

We call on the government to immediately reverse its wasteful, failing policies and redirect all money from taxpayer-funded hard drug programs, to addiction, treatment and recovery agendas.

My question this month for Cumberland-Colchester constituents is, "Do you believe that the federal government is wasting millions of taxpayer dollars on failed drug distribution policy, and that money ought to be directed toward treatment and recovery programs?"

Please contact me with your thoughts to drstephenellis@parl.gc.ca

Change to cancellation of Tidal Energy Project: I met FORCE and Sustainable Marine, and their project was the first ever to provide energy to the grid.

Sustainable Marine believes there is enough tidal energy to power all Atlantic Canada with clean, green, and renewable power.

The FORCE proposal was left in limbo, as the Department of Fisheries and Oceans refused to provide assurances for the project. They also refused to provide guidance on next steps for the tidal energy proposal.

I will continue to work with all sides that would enable tidal energy to become a reality.

This is a sad story for the Minas Basin and renewable energy.

Local acknowledgements: My staff also covered events such as the D-Day ceremony in Amherst; a Filipino flag raising in Truro; the grand opening of prominent artist Alan Syliboy's new gallery; Nova Scotia Community College graduations in Truro and Amherst; an Autism walk at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre; an event at the Confederation of Mainland Mi'kmaq Centre; and National Police Week ceremony in Springhill.

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carbon tax. We are leaders in Canada with a record of success.

My government remains firmly opposed to the federal government's carbon tax plans to start on Canada Day. We do not need the federal carbon tax on the gas, diesel and home heating fuels you currently depend on.

We ask all Nova Scotians to join us by speaking to your Member of Parliament and sending a message to the Government of Canada.

Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia can be reached at premier@novascotia.ca

Any of you who have been reading my rants for years will remember my previous tirades on Coal being shipped to China annually from the Port of Vancouver. I encourage you to simply google (How much coal is shipped from the Port of Vancouver annually). Then google how much carbon is created from one Tonne of coal.

For me it's a bit of a head scratcher how it can be acceptable to our Prime Minister! How he feels such a need to penalize the residents of Rural Nova Scotia but permits coal to be exported and used to make power or steel in a foreign Country.

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On June 22nd I had the pleasure of attending a garden party, hosted by their Honours, the Honorable Arthur J LeBlanc, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and Mrs. Patsy LeBlanc in celebration of the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla. It was a lovely afternoon!

As always, I love hearing from you!! Call me at 902-890-1493 or email vlonmond@colchester.ca

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