The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

Prime Minister Carney's Defence Announcement

The following is a statement from Premier Tim Houston. Our government welcomes Prime Minister Carney's commitment to invest in Canada's armed forces.This will better protect our country. Nova Scotia is ready to step up to help protect Canada while creating good-paying jobs through manufacturing, technology and the development of the critical minerals and raw materials needed to rebuild our military right here. We have a proud history of military service, with the most military members per capita across Canada. Our province is home to a significant portion of Canada's military assets, including the country's most populated military base, CFB Halifax, the regional office of NATO's Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic (DIANA), and the Canadian Coast Guard College in Westmount. I look forward to hearing from Prime Minister Carney details for Nova Scotia's involvement in Canada's renewed focus on defence.

Millbrook First Nation defrauded of $4,380,986

Dawn Marie Ellis-Abbott, a former financial clerk at the Millbrook First Nation band office, pleaded guilty last week in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Truro to a charge of fraud over $5,000. She admitted defrauding the band of more than $4.3 million over a four-year period. Between Jan. 1, 2016, and Dec. 31, 2019, Ellis-Abbott defrauded Millbrook First Nation of $4,380,986 through various means, according to the case's agreed statement of facts.

During that time period, she had a corporate credit card in her name that was supposed to be used only for Millbrook business purposes. Instead, she used the card to incur $2,927,529 in charges for personal transactions.

Man arrested for flight from police

On June 5, at approximately 11:15 a.m. an RCMP officer from NETS attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle travelling on Hwy. 2 in Brookfield, for an expired plate. The driver of the Volkswagen Jetta refused to stop, accelerated and fled from police at a high rate of speed. In the interest of public safety, a pursuit was not initiated.

RCMP officers later located the Jetta abandoned on an isolated dead-end road in Pleasant Valley.

A search of the area, assisted by RCMP Police Dog Services, Colchester Country District RCMP, the Department of Natural Resources Air Services and an RCMP remotely piloted aircraft system operator, was successful in locating the driver and passenger fleeing the area on foot.

The 24-year-old male driver from Dutch Settlement was subsequently safely arrested. He was later released on conditions and will appear in Truro Provincial Court at a later date to face charges of Flight from Police (two counts) and Dangerous Operation of a Conveyance.

The driver was also issued summary offence tickets under the Motor Vehicle Act for: Driving a Motor Vehicle Without a Motor Vehicle Liability Policy; Operating and Unregistered Vehicle; Failing to Display Number Plates for Current Registration Year and Operator of Vehicle Operating Vehicle Without a Valid Inspection Sticker in Place or Possession Valid Certificate for Vehicle.

RCMP investigates fatal residential fire

Colchester County District RCMP is investigating a fatal house fire hat occurred in Alton. On June 16, at approximately 6:30 a.m., Colchester County District RCMP, fire services and EHS responded to a structure fire on Alton Rd. near the 4000 block.When RCMP officers arrived at the scene, the home was fully engulfed in flames.

Once the fire was extinguished, human remains were located inside the home.At this time, from the information and evidence gathered, the fire is not believed to be suspicious in nature.The investigation remains ongoing and is being assisted by the Nova Scotia Fire Marshal's Office and the Medical Examiner Service.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Colchester County District 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.

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We're in this together, and we're going to make some serious waves as we show folks what's possible when we don't let anything get in the way of good ideas that make life better.

With determination & appreciation,

*P.S. – Keep an eye out this summer for office opening announcements and community consultation schedules. Once we're up and running — you can count on me to ensure YOUR VOICE is heard in Ottawa.

Alana Hirtle is the newly ELECTED Member of Parliament for Cumberland Colchester and will provide a riding roundup here every month.

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money will come from.

The reality is that without new revenue streams that money will come from you through taxes.We can talk about Federal transfers but that is still your tax money. New projects will not only create good paying jobs for our children, they will attract new young families to work and help grow our economy and our province. It is unknown what the future will bring respecting economic activities.What is known is that right now the world desperately needs critical minerals and we need to take advantage.

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News from our Provincial Council - Dave Ritcey

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Regulations will: enhance productivity and accelerate the development of new modular housing; allow modular construction contractors to work to one national code, rather than individual provincial codes; position Nova Scotia as national leaders in housing innovation and reduction of interprovincial trade barriers and position Nova Scotia as an easy export destination for modular housing and invite reciprocal recognition for Nova Scotian manufacturers from other provinces and territories.

Gaelic Nova Scotia Month

Gaelic Nova Scotia Month Celebrates Living Language, Culture. During the month of May, Nova Scotia honoured its rich Gaelic heritage through the annual celebration of Gaelic Nova Scotia Month.

Our theme this year – Gaelic Lives in Nova Scotia – reminds us that Gaelic connects us to our history and shapes who we are today.This month is a chance for all Nova Scotians to discover or reconnect with the language-based culture and identity of the Gaels and to celebrate their lasting contributions to our province.

ATVANS AGM

I had the pleasure of attending and bringing greetings on behalf of the province to the members of the ATV Association of Nova Scotia at their Annual Meeting at the Inn on Prince in Truro.

I was joined by my colleague, Colchester North MLA Tom Taggart, and we spoke with the members on trail support programs, the industry's economic impact, along with the opportunity to further enhance the sports tourism sector within the province and the region.

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Drug Trafficking & Firearms Offences in Millbrook

Millbrook RCMP Detachment has charged Jaden Daniel Kennedy, 22, of Millbrook First Nation, with drug trafficking and firearms offences after executing a search warrant as part of an ongoing investigation.

On June 19, Millbrook RCMP Detachment, with the assistance of Colchester Country District RCMP and the Colchester County Street Crime Enforcement Unit, executed a search warrant at a residence on Siwk St. in Millbrook First Nation.

Officers safely arrested one man and seized a quantity of cocaine and drug paraphernalia, a loaded handgun, a shotgun, ammunition, sword, knife, and a quantity of cash.

Jaden Daniel Kennedy, 22, of Millbrook First Nation, has been charged with: Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking; Failure to Comply with Undertaking (two counts); Possession of Property Obtained by Crime; Unauthorized Possession of Firearm (two counts); Possession of Prohibited or Restricted Weapon with Ammunition; Careless Use of Firearm (two counts) and Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose (two counts)

Kennedy appeared in Truro Provincial Court on June 20 and was remanded into custody. He was scheduled to next appear on June 23.

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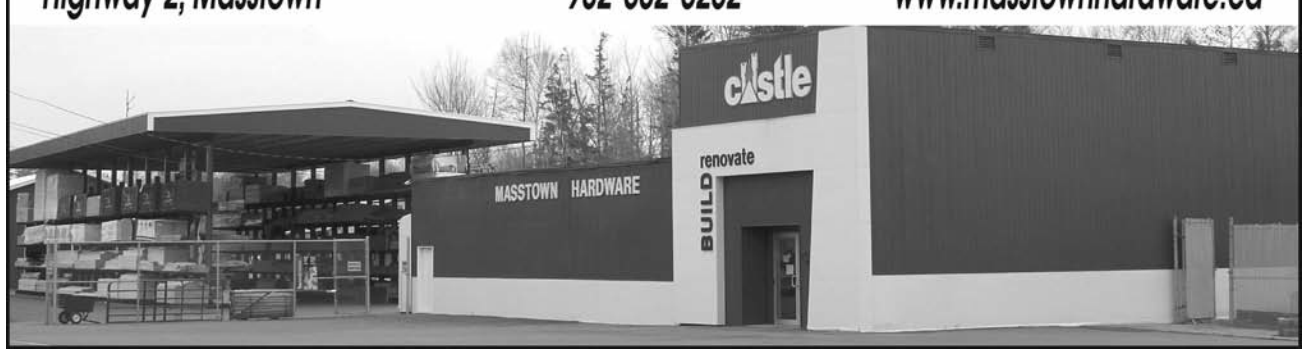
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