



Help save Truro's RCMP Communications Centre

By Maurice Rees

Bill Casey's continuing effort to keep the RCMP Communications Centre in Truro and save 55 good paying jobs is showing success.

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Now that Casey's efforts has resulted in the engagement of an independent consultant, the public needs to take the next step by voicing their opinion. Someone needs to organize an on-line petition, and ask to appear before the consultant, but in the meantime they should send an e-mail requesting: "The RCMP Communications Centre remain open in Truro for the Safety of Nova Scotians".

In addition to yourself, please ask others send emails of support to:

Bill Casey: Bill.Casey.A1@parl.gc.ca
 Mayor Christine Blair: mayor@Colchester.ca
 Mayor Bill Mills: bmills@truro.ca

Independent Consultant to Examine RCMP Plans

Bill Casey's constant efforts to stop the relocation of the RCMP communications facility from Truro to HRM has resulted in an independent consultant will be hired to examine RCMP's plans. In a press release issued on May 16th Casey announced: The Minister of Public Safety, Hon Ralph Goodale has confirmed to MP Bill Casey that the RCMP will be engaging an independent consultant to examine the RCMP plan to cluster Nova Scotia's two largest police emergency communication systems together in Dartmouth.

Casey thanked the minister and the RCMP for taking this step to ensure that the safety of Nova Scotians comes first. "The study is being performed after questions were raised about the wisdom of placing the two



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Everyone Should Sign Petition

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Businesses in Town of Truro, Millbrook First Nation plus Municipalities of Colchester and Cumberland are encouraged to participate in a public petition requesting the RCMP Communications Centre, Truro NS, open.

As a result of MP Bill Casey's ongoing efforts, Minister of Public Safety, Hon Ralph Goodale has confirmed the RCMP will be engaging an independent consultant to examine the RCMP plan to cluster Nova Scotia's two largest police emergency communication systems together in Dartmouth.

Over a period of several years numerous studies and reports have recommended communication centers should be located in different communities. However, the RCMP announced plans to ignore the recommendations re-locate the Truro facility in HRM. Not only is it putting the safety of Nova Scotians at risk, but the Truro area would lose approximately 55 well-paying jobs.

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Businesses or community groups who wish to develop their own petition could use the following as sample fording for each page of the petition:

Petition statement could read:

We the undersigned residents request the Independent Consultant recommend to Government of Canada and RCMP, "The RCMP Communication Centre, Truro, Nova Scotia remain open".

The Shoreline Journal has distributed public petition forms to retail businesses in Debert, Masstown, Great Village, Bass River, Five Islands, and Parrsboro. Businesses have been asked to make the petition easily accessible to the public, and the public is being encouraged to sign petitions as soon as possible.

Volunteers who would distribute petitions to fire departments, and seek signatures from employees at their place of work are asked to contact, Maurice Rees, publisher, at 902-647-2968, or email: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

PHOTO CONTEST

The Shoreline Journal is conducting a photo contest for the best photos along the Shore from Truro to Advocate.

\$500 in Prizes

\$125 prize for each of four categories:

Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.

1st - \$50;
 2nd - \$35;
 3rd - \$20;
 4th - \$15;

Honourable Mention, \$5.

Take photos of each season. Submissions to be made in December 2019.

Judging and awards in January, 2020.

Complete rules and submission details announced in September.

Contact: Maurice Rees: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com



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