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Bible Hill man charged in collision

The Colchester County RCMP's General Investigation Section (GIS) has laid multiple charges against a Bible Hill man in a fatal single vehicle collision on April 12 on Hwy. 246, in Oliver, Colchester County. The RCMP, Fire and EHS responded to the collision, where a truck veered off the roadway during a sharp turn, went over an embankment and landed on its side. A 30-year-old woman passenger from Westville died at the scene. The driver and two other passengers suffered non-life-threatening injuries. They left the scene before police arrived. The driver, Jason Edward Alexander, 37-years-old, of Bible Hill, is scheduled to appear in Truro Provincial Court on November 18, to face the following charges: Dangerous Operation; Dangerous Operation causing Bodily Harm X 2; Dangerous Operation causing Death; Operation while Impaired causing Bodily Harm X 2; Operation while Impaired causing Death; Failure to Stop after Accident resulting in Bodily Harm X 2 and Failure to Stop after Accident resulting in Death.



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Yes, the foregoing would result in drastic cuts to the public services. If the public service in Atlantic Canada was aligned with the population based average of the rest of Canada there would be 29,900 fewer employees: 13,253 in Newfoundland; 14,127 in Nova Scotia; 1,686 in PEI, and 834 in New Brunswick.

We can't expect the governments to "right size" to the Canadian average in one year. But to save us from total economic disaster they must implement the reductions on a 10 year program. Over 10 years, the average annual reduction would be 2,990 persons.

Simple math from the figures provided in the study released in September, 2014, annual payroll savings for 2,990 employees (those above the national average) would be in the vicinity of

\$201.7-Million for the first year, based on 2012-13 salary levels.

If this template was followed, at the end of five years, the annual payroll savings would be \$1.08-Billion for an aggregate five year total of \$3,025,730 (\$3.025-Billion).

After 10 years of reductions the aggregate payroll savings in Atlantic Canada would be \$11,093,830 (\$11.093-Billion) by reducing the public service by 29,900. Each year, following the 10th year, annual savings would be \$2,017,060 (\$2.017-Billion), which is higher than the annual budgeted debt of the four province based on 2012-13 data.

Would we enjoy having balanced budgets each year? Certainly we would appreciate the lower tax load.

Employees of thousands of Small Business have been seriously impacted by CoVid-19 pandemic. It is government's role to re-engineer and right-size the public service to the Canadian average.

The suggestions outlined above would provide a solution to repay CoVid-19 emergency funding and provide additional annual savings to pay down other long-term debt bringing the economy back to one of the best coast-to-coast.

Every taxpayer across the region should contact their local elected representatives to ensure small business and residents are given a fair chance for betterment.

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Treaty Education Partnership Renewed

Nova Scotia, Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey and Millbrook First Nation have renewed a memorandum of understanding creating a partnership to teach treaty education to children in all Nova Scotia schools. The agreement commits the three partners to teach treaty education in all classrooms and grades and ensures Nova Scotians and the civil service benefit from education about the treaty relationship. It continues the agreement signed on Oct. 1, 2015 that had a five-year lifespan. The new memorandum has no end date.

Treaty education helps to answer the following questions: Who are the Mi'kmaq, historically and today?; What are the treaties and why are

they important?; What has happened to the treaty relationship and How can we promote reconciliation?

Bob Gloade, chief of Millbrook First Nation said, "I'm pleased to see the commitment and work continue for treaty education. The importance of educating everyone in our shared history is vital for reconciliation to move forward."



Community Food Literacy and Access

With an investment of more than \$134,000 this year, the Community Food Literacy and Access Fund will further help improve access to affordable and healthy food while building food literacy. Thirty nine organizations have been approved for funding.

Maggie's Place, A Resource Centre for Families Association, was the only identifiable group from Colchester and

Cumberland Counties approved for funding with three projects as follows: "Seeds to Supper," \$2,406.00 23; "Kids Can Cook," \$2,860.00 24 and "Tablets for Online Food Program," \$2,860.00.

Registered Nova Scotia-based non-profit societies, co-operatives and Mi'kmaw communities are eligible for funding. More information about the Community Food

Literacy and Access Fund and list of recipients:

<https://cch.novascotia.ca/investing-in-our-future/community-food-access-and-literacy-fund>

Honda and MHL 'Thank you Week' to Kick Off 2020-2021 Season

Truro, N.S. (October 19, 2020)

The Maritime Junior Hockey League (MHL) will kick off the 2020-21 regular season on Friday, October 30th, 2020 with Honda MHL Thank You Week. Specially designed "Thank You" jerseys will be worn during each team's home opener in tribute to the workers on the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic. Every jersey will have a profession in the name bar. Honda Atlantic has come aboard as the title sponsor of the MHL's return to rinks across the Maritime provinces.

"It's taken a lot of planning and conversations to get us to the point where we can officially announce the return of Maritime Junior Hockey League regular season action," says MHL President Steve Dykeman. "Our goal has always been to keep players, staff, and our fans safe. The Honda MHL Thank You Week is our way of acknowledging the front-line workers who have helped all of us during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. People throughout the Maritimes continue to step up time and again, and we thank each and every one of them. We also thank Honda Atlantic for their help in making this week truly special for the teams and fans."

MHL teams will auction off the jerseys on their Facebook page throughout the Honda MHL Thank You Week. More information will

be released in the coming weeks leading up to opening night.

"The Atlantic Honda Dealers are honored to partner with the MHL to say thank you to the front-line workers in our communities," says Honda Atlantic Zone Manager Nathan Muir. "We, at Honda, believe in the 'Challenging Spirit' and feel that there is no better example than those individuals that risk their own safety to support their community. Thank you from Honda!"

The format of the regular season and the full schedule will be announced in the coming days. For the 2020-21 season, every team will qualify for the Canadian Tire Cup Playoffs. The exact format of the playoffs will be released at a later date.

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