



The moon pic was taken at 6 am from my deck when I took the dogs out. Shocking from behind the branches. (Liza Madore photos)

## Police Review Public Engagement Meetings Wrap Up

By **Darrell Cole**

Residents in River Hebert told consultants studying the future of policing in Cumberland County on Tuesday, Oct. 4, that they want increased RCMP visibility in their community.

It was a theme heard throughout the five public engagement sessions hosted by the Municipality of Cumberland and Narrative Research as part of a review of policing services in the county.

Narrative Research will take what it learned during the five sessions in Parrsboro, Pugwash, Springhill, Upper Nappan and River Hebert, as well as stakeholder interviews and an online survey, and compile a report to the county's police review committee later in October.

"I think the visibility has to be there as well as the response time. It's pretty important," River Hebert village commission chair Darrell Fagan said following the final meeting.

Fagan appreciated having the meeting in River Hebert because public input is needed.

"People have to have an opportunity to say what they want to say," Fagan said. "I appreciate the municipality for having this meeting in River Hebert because it has been an issue here like in other areas."

Several residents attending the meeting pointed out the lack of efficient cell services to call for help, especially at times when there are extended power outages - like the days following post-tropical storm Fiona, which left the River Hebert-Joggins area without power for several days.

Residents also expressed concern about not seeing much of a police presence in the community, saying they'd prefer to see police in the community as much as possible.

"I can't remember the last time I saw a police

car down here. It would be nice to have some visibility," a resident told the consultants.

Residents said they'd like to see a branch office in the community, if that's possible, while also urging the RCMP to come up with a way to better communicate what it's doing to fight crime - whether it be through social media or even on the community bulletin board.

Another resident said increased visibility would make the roads in the area safer.

"I used to be a walker, but I don't feel safe on my road anymore. Sometimes it's like a speedway," the resident said of the Barronsfield Road.

Cumberland County Mayor Murray Scott said he is pleased with the input the consultants have received. He stressed again the purpose of the review service and it's not about saving money. He said the municipality wants to improve the service, who can provide that service and is asking residents for their input.

"I'm really happy with the input we've received and appreciative of the people who have come out to these five meetings across the county," the mayor said. "We heard a lot of the same themes at each meeting, things like visibility in the community and response times."

Scott said Narrative Research will compile the information from the public sessions and provide a report to the police review committee. Once that has been considered, the eight-person committee (with representatives from each district) will make a recommendation to council.

While the public meetings are over, the mayor is urging people to go to the municipality's website ([www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca](http://www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca)) to participate in a survey on policing. That survey will be live until Tuesday, Oct. 11.

## Amendments Strengthen Efficiency Nova Scotia

Efficiency Nova Scotia's ability to help Nova Scotia achieve its clean energy goals will be strengthened by amendments to the Public Utilities Act introduced today, October 21.

"Efficiency Nova Scotia delivers programs that help fight climate change and save Nova Scotians money on their energy bills," said Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables. "They are very good at this work, and the changes we're making will help them do it even better."

The amendments clarify Efficiency Nova Scotia's current role in helping Nova Scotians transition off oil.

— remove the end date in Efficiency Nova Scotia's agreement with the Province to give it stability and the ability to make longer term plans; remove the requirement to have Nova Scotia Power as a co-applicant when Efficiency Nova Scotia submits a demand side management plan to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review

Board (NSUARB); these plans outline Efficiency Nova Scotia's programs that help reduce energy demand through use of heat pumps, solar panels, etc. and direct the NSUARB to allow more programs for low-income households under Efficiency Nova Scotia's programming.

Efficiency Nova Scotia has been helping Nova Scotians improve energy use - saving \$180 million annually on their energy bills - since 2008; it is a key player in the residential and commercial retrofit market, moving homes and businesses off oil with products like insulation, heat pumps and solar panels; its programs have helped more than 21,000 low-income Nova Scotians get free home assessments and energy efficiency upgrades and its programs have reduced electricity demand by 12 per cent since 2008 and account for one million tonnes of greenhouse gas reductions each year.

## RCMP Charge Man with Firearms Offences

Jordan Donald Delorey, 25, of Greenwood, has been charged by Cumberland County District RCMP with firearms offences after an incident on Hwy. 104 in Upper Nappan on October 11, 2022.

At approximately 12:20 p.m., RCMP responded to a report of a traffic hazard on Hwy. 104. It was reported that a man, who was frantically waving, was standing on the side of the highway next to a Ford Escape towing a utility trailer. RCMP officers attended and determined that the vehicle was not registered, that the man did not have a driver's license and that the trailer was stolen. The man was safely arrested and during a search of the vehicle, RCMP officers located and seized a loaded revolver and ammunition.

Jordan Donald Delorey, 25, of Greenwood, has been charged with the following: Possession of a Prohibited Weapon with Ammunition; Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm; Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle; Possession of Property Obtained by Crime and Failure to Comply with Conditions of a Release Order.

Delorey was remanded into custody and will appear in Digby Provincial Court on October 13th.

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