



The Glenholme Petro Canada sign was finally removed on Sept. 13th prior to an impending hurricane. In hurricane Fiona, several pieces of the high structure were blown off and Councillor Victoria Lomond had been requesting the sign removal from the company for several months. She had received word the end of August the sign was to be removed in the next few months. (Harrington Photos)

Bollywood is Back in Person October 14

Bollywood organizers are thrilled to announce this year's Bollywood event will be IN PERSON to celebrate 10 years of Bollywood with the community. Saturday, October 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

It's been 10 years since Om and Meena Khanna along with the Truro Rotary club started this wonderful event. In those 10 years, we've raised funds for many important initiatives, and community projects.

The Rotary Club of Truro depends on signature events such as our Bollywood evening to raise the funds necessary to support our community. In years past, the funds raised from this event have gone toward important charitable organizations and projects. Some of those include Boys and Girls Club, Camp Tidnish, Maggie's Place, CMHA Colchester East Hants Branch,

Colchester East Hants Hospice Society, Victoria Park Pool Restoration Project, and Steps on Arthur (previously Colchester Community Workshops). Funds raised also support community members in need with things such as hearing aids, crutches, and other medical necessities.

This year's event will be held at the Best Western Truro - Glengarry. Of course there will be delicious food once again, prepared by Chef Raj Gupta. It will be a buffet style dinner. Event will include entertainment, a silent auction and a cash bar.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.
Tickets are \$75.00 or table of 10 - \$750.
Tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/ca777029-5515-4719-a286-659c2c847a6e>

Two Youths Charged in Attempted Murder

Two youths have been charged in the attempted murder of an RCMP officer after an incident in North River, Colchester County, on September 10, 2023. At approximately 3:20 a.m., a uniformed RCMP officer, who had just finished his shift and was on his way home, stopped and exited his vehicle when he observed a suspicious school bus parked on Hwy. 311 in North River. The officer noted that a dark coloured sedan had been parked in front of the school bus and a male was standing outside of the car speaking to someone in the driver's seat. The vehicle then pulled away and the male then entered the school bus.

The officer identified himself and began asking questions about the bus. The male refused to identify himself and fled on foot. The officer chased after the male when he was intentionally struck by the dark coloured sedan. The male who had fled on foot got into the dark coloured sedan, which turned around and made a two more attempts to strike the officer. The officer was able to take cover behind the

bus and the sedan then fled the area. Numerous RCMP officers and the Truro Police Service responded to the area to try and locate the sedan, however it was not located.

The officer suffered serious injuries and was transported to hospital by ambulance. He has since been discharged from hospital and is recovering at home.

As the investigation unfolded, two suspects were identified and the bus was determined to have been stolen in Sackville, New Brunswick. Investigators also determined the two suspects had broken into a store on Hwy. 311 in North River, prior to the attempted murder of the officer. During the break-in the suspects stole energy drinks.

On September 13, the Miramichi Police Force safely arrested a 15-year-old male youth at a train station in Miramichi. The male youth was transported back to Nova Scotia and turned over to Colchester County District RCMP where he was held in custody.

On September 14, members of the Colchester County Dis-

trict RCMP, assisted by members of the Cumberland County District RCMP, Halifax District RCMP, HRP/RCMP Integrated Criminal Investigation Division General Investigation Section, RCMP Police Dog Services, and RCMP Federal Support Services, safely arrested a 17-year-old male youth in Halifax. The male youth was held in custody.

Both youths are charged with Attempted Murder, Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer, Assault on a Peace Officer with a Weapon, Dangerous Operation of a Conveyance Causing Bodily Harm, Failure to Stop at the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Bodily Harm, Flight from Police, Break and Enter with Intent and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime. Both youths appeared in Truro Provincial Court.

RCMP Digital Forensic Services provided significant assistance to this investigation.

Colchester County District RCMP would like to thank the Miramichi Police Force, the Truro Police Service and members of the public who came forward with information to help the investigation.

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Colchester RCMP Activities

The following is listing of Colchester RCMP activities during the past month. Other major RCMP stories are located elsewhere in this issue.

Colchester County District RCMP charge former band director with sexual offences

Colchester County District RCMP has charged a former band director with sexual offences. On August 17, 2023, Colchester County District RCMP were notified about historical sexual assaults that occurred in Valley, Nova Scotia, between 2005 and 2007. With this information, Colchester County District RCMP began an investigation and was able to identify a survivor.

The survivor, who was a youth at the time, came forward and, on August 25, provided details about having been sexually assaulted by a former band director while she attended the Cobequid Educational Centre.

On August 25, RCMP officers arrested Lorna Elaine Letcher, age 65, of Valley. Letcher has been charged with Sexual Assault (3 counts) and Sexual Exploitation (3 counts). Letcher was released on conditions, including not to be in contact with anyone under age 18, and will appear in Truro Provincial Court on October 25, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Colchester County District RCMP is aware that Letcher volunteers at the Redcliff Middle School and has also provided music lessons from her residence in the past. Investigators believe there may be additional survivors, and is reaching out to offer support and encourage anyone who may be a survivor to come forward by contacting your local police or RCMP Detachment.

Police want survivors to know that they can contact them and discuss an incident before making a decision to further participate in the investigation and court process. The Colchester County District RCMP can be contacted at 902-893-6820.

Colchester County District RCMP arrest man for firearms offences

Colchester County District RCMP has arrested a man for firearms offences after an incident in Central Onslow. On August 27, 2023, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Colchester County District RCMP responded to a report of a man discharging a firearm in a home on Cobequid View Dr. in Central Onslow. RCMP officers learned that a 22-year-old man had gotten into a dispute with other people in the home. The man discharged a firearm into an air conditioning unit, before fleeing the scene in a vehicle. The firearm was located at the scene by RCMP officers, all parties are known to each other and no one was injured during the incident.

Colchester County District RCMP, with assistance from Cumberland County District RCMP, Millbrook RCMP and the Truro Police Service, began searching the area for the suspect.

At approximately 10 p.m., the suspect was located and safely arrested on Treaty Trail in Millbrook. The man was held in custody overnight and will appear in Truro Provincial Court today. He will be facing firearms related charges including Discharging a Firearm.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Colchester County District RCMP arrest man for firearms offences

Colchester County District RCMP has arrested a man for firearms offences after an incident in Little Dyke, Colchester County. On August 27, 2023, at approximately 7 p.m., Colchester County District RCMP responded to a report of a man discharging a firearm towards three people on ATVs near Glenholme Marsh Rd. in Little Dyke. RCMP officers learned that an 18-year-old Little Dyke man, a 16-year-old male youth and a 15-year-old male youth, had been driving their ATVs near Glenholme Marsh Rd. when a man exited a home



and discharged a firearm in their direction. As the victims were fleeing the area on their ATVs, the man discharged his firearm in their direction a second time. No one was injured during the incident.

RCMP officers secured the area around the home on Glenholme Marsh Rd. and speak to the suspect by phone. RCMP officers confirmed that the suspect was the only person home and they asked him to come out with his hands. The suspect complied and was safely arrested. The man was held in custody overnight and will appear in Truro Provincial Court today. He will be facing several firearms related charges including Discharging a Firearm.

RCMP officers executed a search warrant at the home on Glenholme Marsh Rd. and seized a firearm and ammunition. The investigation remains ongoing.

RCMP investigating Debort fatal collision

On September 17, at approximately 5:05 p.m., Colchester County District RCMP, fire and EHS, responded to a report of a collision on Masstown Rd. in Debort. RCMP officers learned that a man, operating a lawn tractor, was crossing the roadway when he was struck by a Chevrolet Cruze travelling on the roadway.

The operator of the lawn tractor, a 64-year-old Debort man, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver, and lone occupant of the sedan, a 60-year-old Debort woman, did not suffer injuries. A collision reconstructionist attended the scene and the investigation is ongoing. Masstown Rd. was closed for several hours.

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