

RCMP Charge Man After Officer Injured

Cumberland County District RCMP has charged one man with several offences after a police officer was injured during an arrest.

On September 2, at approximately 3:00 p.m., officers from RCMP Northeast Traffic Services responded to a report of a Toyota Camry being driven in an erratic manner on Hwy. 104. As officers conducted patrols in the area, they received another report that the vehicle was in the ditch near Salt Springs.

When an officer located and approached the vehicle, the driver became aggressive and struck and kicked the officer. The officer was assisted by bystanders who provided initial first aid. Other officers attended immediately.

The officer sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was



transported to hospital.

The driver, Thomas Julian, 30, from Antigonish County, was arrested without further incident. He has been charged with Assaulting a Peace Officer Causing Bodily Harm, Resist Arrest, Impaired Operation of a Conveyance (motor vehicle), and Impaired Operation over 80mg%.

Julian had a first court appearance on September 3 at Amherst Provincial Court and was released by the courts on

conditions pending future court appearances.

Cumberland County District RCMP appreciate assistance from other drivers – those who initially reported the erratic driving and those who observed the assault and stopped to support the officer with first aid.

Anyone who has dashcam video showing a grey Toyota Camry driving erratically in the westbound lanes of Hwy. 104 before 3:00 p.m. on September 2 or that shows the arrest and assault is asked to contact Cumberland County District RCMP at 902-597-3779. To remain anonymous, contact 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.



The Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre in Springhill was visited by a group of geoscience students from Dalhousie University's Earth and Environmental Sciences program. Darrell Cole – Municipality of Cumberland photo.

Dal Geo-Science Students learn about GEO-Thermal

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of tidal energy in the Minas Passage near Parrsboro.

The presence of coal in Springhill was first recorded by Abraham Gesner in the 1830s. Of 60 coal seams five were mined extensively before large scale coal mining ended in the 1950s with the explosion of 1956 and the 1958 Bump. Many of the remaining mines were abandoned in the 1970s and many mine workings began to fill with water.

Geothermal wells have been drilled in Springhill since the 1990s and 17 are currently being utilized.

Municipality of Cumberland Mayor Rod Gilroy was joined by director of Development and Planning Glen Boone and Climate Change and Special Projects special advisor Steve Ferguson in welcoming the students to the community.

The municipality is partnering with the Nova Scotia Community College in a study by the provincial Natural Resources and Renewables Department to determine how to take advantage of the geothermal resource.

"It's great for us as a municipality to be able to share how effective geothermal energy can be and what the possibilities are for us," the mayor said. "There's a huge untapped resource here and hopefully they will go back and brainstorm some ideas that will

help us out."

The mayor said a geothermal committee has done a lot of work the past two years on collecting the data.

"A lot of great things have happened in the last six to eight months. We have a great committee and we're at the point now that we need to find a partner and some programs to apply the geothermal resource to," Gilroy said. "There are all kinds of applications to consider using geothermal. We're open to everything and we're actively trying to get a project going."

Cumberland South MLA

and Natural Resources and Renewables Minister Tory Rushton said he has been working on the geothermal file almost from the time he was first elected eight years ago.

"We've done a lot of studies on this and now we're looking to move forward. We have some actual action items as a committee and with these students coming here today, what we're doing is being seen all over the world," Rushton said.

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New Funding to Advance Tidal Energy Monitoring in the Bay of Fundy

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Energy Innovation Program, which advances clean energy technologies that will help Canada maintain a competitive, reliable, and affordable energy system while transitioning to a low-carbon economy.

Acadia University is the project's central research partner, providing scientific leadership, experimental design, data analysis, and student training in fish sensing through the Acadia Tidal Energy Institute.

The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq will support OSIP with a Mi'kmaq Ecological Knowledge Study, ensuring Indigenous perspectives inform monitoring priorities.

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory will advise on study design, sensor configuration and data interpretation. Innovasea will provide support and expertise with fish tracking and monitoring technology.

Orbital Marine Power, reconcept, and Nova Innovation will provide input on study design and technical considerations for monitoring platforms and equipment.

Huntley's Diving and Marine will provide vessel services enabling deployment, recovery, and maintenance of bottom-mounted platforms.

Ocean Tracking Network (OTN) will loan acoustic tracking receivers and offer expert support in designing, deploying, and maintaining receiver arrays. Data collected will be stored in OTN's system and shared per FAIR principles and OTN's data policy.

The University of the Highlands and Islands – Environmental Research Institute will contribute expertise in sensor platform design, sensor selection, field deployments and data analysis.

Additional partners, including regulators, researchers and industry suppliers, will engage in field trials and data interpretation, ensuring OSIP findings meet real-world needs.

How it works

The OSIP platforms will allow multiple instruments to be mounted, reconfigured as needed, and tested for monitoring effectiveness. A dedicated vessel will support crew transfers and equipment handling. Wireless connectivity will deliver near real-time data to shore, where it will be



Parliamentary Secretary Kody Blois announces new tidal energy research funding from Natural Resources Canada at K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre, Acadia University

processed and shared openly through an online portal.

Timeline

2025: Study design, platform design and fabrication.

Late 2025: Vessel-based and subsea platform testing begins at the FORCE test site.

2026-2027: Floating platform deployment, subsea platform deployments, and continued evaluation of monitoring technologies and approaches.

2027-2028: Expanded trials, reporting, and dissemination of results.

Broader impact

The Bay of Fundy is home to the world's highest tides, offering an enormous source of clean, predictable energy. Unlocking this potential can help Canada meet climate goals, strengthen local economies, and reduce fossil fuel use. The Bay of Fundy is also a complex ecosystem and a sacred Mi'kmaq watershed. Harnessing this power responsibly requires rigorous science, respectful collaboration, and trust with the people who live, work, and depend on the Bay.

OSIP directly responds to recommendations from the federal Task Force on Sustainable Tidal Energy Development in the Bay of Fundy, led by NRCan and DFO. The Task Force called for better ways to assess environmental risk and to establish Canada as a knowledge hub in marine energy.

OSIP is more than a technical project—it is an innovation hub. It creates a shared lab for scientists, Indigenous Knowledge Holders, communities, and industry to work together. By blending advanced monitoring with Mi'kmaq knowledge, OSIP aims to be guided

by the principle of Two-Eyed Seeing, ensuring different ways of knowing strengthen one another. Ultimately, OSIP will help Canada harness clean power from the world's strongest tides while protecting marine life. It is a step toward a future where tidal energy is not only viable, but environmentally responsible.

Quick facts

The current provincial call for new tidal projects could add up to 13 megawatts of power, enough for about 6,000 homes. Six tidal stream energy devices have been built in Nova Scotia so far. Minas Passage witnesses up to 14 billion tonnes of water on every tide cycle, with speeds over 5 meters per second. Site activity can be viewed from the public visitor centre, open from May to October. The idea to harness tidal energy in Minas Passage dates back to 1915 at Acadia University.



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