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Vous trouverez ci-joint la matrice correspondant aux **Manifestation contre le gaz de schiste – Rexton, Nouveau-Brunswick.** Les renseignements ont été mis à jour le **21 octobre 2013, à 14h** HAE. Pour plus de commodité, la nouvelle information est en caractère **gras.**

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Events Related to the Shale Gas Protest, Rexton, NB (information valid as of 14:00 EDT on 21 Oct 2013) New information in bold

British Columbia									
Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
22-Oct-13	Vancouver				Caravan expected to leave Vancouver on 22 Oct, travelling to NB, may involve several vehicles.	RCMP	79		

Manitoba									
Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
23-Oct-13		**Griswold**			**Potential Railway Blockade**	**RCMP**			

Ontario									
Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
26-Oct-13	Cornwall Island	Cornwall			Undetermined at this time	CBSA			

New Brunswick									
Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
21-Oct-13		**Saint John**			**Rally**	**RCMP**			

Les nouveaux renseignements sont en caractères gras pour vous aider.

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Activités liées à la manifestation sur les gaz de schiste, à Rexton, au N. B. (renseignements mis à jour à 14 h (HAE) le 21 octobre 2013) Nouvelle information en caractère gras

Colombie-Britannique

Date de l'événement prévu	Endroit	Ville	Organisation	Heure	Événement	Source	Nombre de participants	Heure de début réelle	Heure de fin réelle
22-Oct-13	Vancouver				Convoi prévoit partir de Vancouver **le 22** octobre en direction du Nouveau-Brunswick. Pourrait inclure plusieurs véhicules.	GRC	79		

Manitoba

Date de l'événement prévu	Endroit	Ville	Organisation	Heure	Événement	Source	Nombre de participants	Heure de début réelle	Heure de fin réelle
23-Oct-13		**Griswold**			**Blocage potentiel de la voie ferrée**	**GRC**			

Ontario

Date de l'événement prévu	Endroit	Ville	Organisation	Heure	Événement	Source	Nombre de participants	Heure de début réelle	Heure de fin réelle
26-Oct-13	Cornwall Island	Cornwall			Indéterminé	ASFC			

Nouveau-Brunswick

Date de l'événement prévu	Endroit	Ville	Organisation	Heure	Événement	Source	Nombre de participants	Heure de début réelle	Heure de fin réelle
21-Oct-13		**Saint John**			**Rassemblement**	**GRC**			

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Centre des opérations du gouvernement (COG)

Rapport de situation

Numéro de l'incident : ST232-13A

Incident : Manifestation contre les gaz de schiste – Rexton, Nouveu-Brunswick

Date : Renseignements valides en date du 17 octobre 2013, à 21 h (HAE)

Description de l'incident : Le matin du 17 octobre 2013, la GRC a émis une injonction à l'intention de manifestants contre le gaz de schiste bloquant une autoroute de liaison près de Rexton (N-B). En raison de la violence survenue tard dans l'après-midi du 17 octobre 2013, la GRC a arrêté au moins 40 personnes pour diverses infractions liées aux armes à feu, à la profération de menaces, à l'intimidation, à la commission de méfaits et au refus de respecter une injonction de la cour. Au moins un coup de feu a été tiré par une personne autre qu'un policier. Des cocktails Molotov ont été lancés vers les policiers, et au moins cinq véhicules de la GRC ont été détruits par les flammes. De plus, la GRC mène une enquête concernant la présence présumée de dispositifs explosifs sur les lieux.

Les médias indiquent que la majorité des policiers ont quitté les lieux de la manifestation vers 18 h (HAE).

Après les événements, différents partisans de la manifestation ont demandé à leurs pairs, via les médias sociaux tels que Twitter et Facebook, de poser des gestes pacifiques de solidarité envers les manifestants de Rexton.

À Listuguj, des manifestants ont bloqué le pont Listuguj à la frontière entre le Québec et le Nouveau-Brunswick. En Ontario, des manifestants des Six Nations ont bloqué une partie de la route 6 près de Caledonia; des sources ouvertes signalent que la route 6 a été débloquée vers 19 h (HAE).

On a rapporté de petites manifestations à New York et à Washington D.C., à l'extérieur des missions canadiennes. On a également signalé des promesses de rassemblements pour faire brûler des feux sacrés dans des grandes villes telles que Montréal, Ottawa, Winnipeg et Edmonton ce soir.

Les leaders du mouvement Idle No More, à Lethbridge, Alberta, ont affirmé sur Twitter avoir sans tarder rassemblé un groupe pour organiser une marche dans la rue principale de la ville, jeudi après-midi.

Des activités sont prévues pour la côte Ouest demain.

Voici la liste des endroits où auront lieu les activités pour la période du 17 au 19 octobre 2013 :

Le 17 octobre 2013 :

- Montréal, Québec, 20 h HAE, au Square Cabot
- Ottawa, Ontario, 17 h 30 HAE, rassemblement au Monument des droits de la personne, et marche vers la colline du Parlement, à 18 h HAE
- Toronto, Ontario, 19 h HAE, Centre pour Autochtones, 16 chemin Spadina
- Winnipeg, Manitoba, 15 h HAE, Canadian Human Rights Museum
- Regina, Saskatchewan, 20 h HAE, poste de la GRC
- Lethbridge, Alberta, 17 h HAE, parc Henderson

Le 18 octobre 2013 :

- Montréal, Québec, 17 h HAE, Square Cabot
- Première Nation Eagle Lake, Ontario, 19 h HAE, 1220 promenade Ojibway
- Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, 12 h HAE, pavillon d'apprentissage à Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gaming
- Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, 18 h HAE
- Première Nation Alderville, Ontario, 10 h HAE, autoroute 45, à Alderville, Ontario
- Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 10 h 30 HAE, au coin du chemin College et de l'avenue Wiggins
- Fort McMurray, Alberta, de 16 h à 19 h HAE, poste de la GRC
- Edmonton, Alberta, à 16 h HAE
- Vancouver, Colombie-Britannique, 18 h 30 HAE, à Vancouver Art Gallery
- Victoria, Colombie-Britannique, à 14 h HAE, du Centennial Square au parlement provincial

Le 19 octobre 2013

- Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, à 17 h HAE
- Nanaimo, Colombie-Britannique, 17 h HAE

Sources des renseignements : Reportages des médias et de sources ouvertes, bureau régional de SP au Nouveau-Brunswick, GRC.

Mesures en cours :

Le COG continue de surveiller étroitement la situation, et a établi des liens avec les partenaires et les bureaux régions de SP afin de maintenir un échange d'information cohérent.

La gestion des incidents ayant trait aux manifestations relève des administrations et des organismes d'application de la loi de la ville.

Autres mesures : Le COG tiendra une téléconférence avec ses partenaires, le vendredi 18 octobre 2013, pour coordonner les efforts et évaluer les conséquences.

Évalution et analyse : Outre les incidents survenus à Rexton (N.-B.), jusqu'à présent, les appels ont été lancés pour organiser des manifestations pacifiques. La plupart des manifestations organisées dans le cadre du mouvement Idle No More, d'activités liées à l'environnement ou de questions ayant trait aux Premières Nations ont été pacifiques.

Les ministères et organismes qui disposent d'autres renseignements sur l'incident sont priés de les soumettre au COG.

Autres rapports de situation : D'autres rapports de situation seront produits lorsque des renseignements supplémentaires seront disponibles.

Autres produits : Un produit de géomatique fut diffusé précédemment.

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Government Operations Centre (GOC)

Situation Report

Incident Number: ST232-13A

Incident: Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB

Date: Information valid as of 17 Oct 2013, 21:00 EDT

Description of current incident: On the morning of 17 Oct 2013, the RCMP served an injunction on protesters at an anti-shale gas protest blocking a rural highway near Rexton, NB. Due to violence which occurred later in the afternoon of 17 Oct, the RCMP arrested at least 40 people for various offences including firearms offences, uttering threats, intimidation, mischief, and for refusing to abide by a court injunction. At least one shot was fired by someone other than police. Molotov cocktails were thrown at police, and at least five RCMP vehicles were destroyed by fire. In addition, the RCMP is also investigating suspected explosive devices at the scene.

Media reports that a majority of the police left the scene of the protest at around 18:00 EDT.

Following these events, various supporters of the protest called for peaceful actions of solidarity in support of the protesters at Rexton using social media sites like Twitter and Facebook.

In Listuguj, supporters blocked the Listuguj bridge on the QC/NB border. In ON, a section of Highway 6 near Caledonia was closed on 17 Oct by supporters from Six Nations; open sources report that Highway 6 was reopened at around 19:30 EDT.

There were reports of small demonstrations of support in New York City and Washington, D.C. outside the Canadian missions. There are also reports of promises to gather and light sacred fires in major cities like Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg and Edmonton tonight.

The creators of Idle No More in Lethbridge, AB, said via Twitter that they wasted no time in getting a group together to march down the city's main drag Thursday afternoon.

Events are planned for the West Coast tomorrow.

The following is a list of locations for events over the period of 17-19 Oct 2013:

17 Oct 2013:

- Montreal, QC, 20:00 EDT, at Cabot Square
- Ottawa, ON, 17:30 EDT, at Human Rights Monument, then march to Parliament Hill at 18:00 EDT
- Toronto, ON, 19:00 EDT, Native Centre, 16 Spadina Road

- Winnipeg, MB, 15:00 EDT, at Canadian Human Rights Museum
- Regina, SK, 20:00 EDT, at RCMP Barracks
- Lethbridge, AB, 17:00 EDT, Henderson Park

18 Oct 2013:
- Montreal, QC, 17;00 EDT, Cabot Square
- Eagle Lake First Nation, ON, 19:00 EDT, 1220 Ojibway Drive
- Sault Ste. Marie, ON, 12:00 EDT, at the teaching lodge at Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig
- Kitchener-Waterloo, ON, 18:00 EDT
- Alderville First Nation, ON, 10:00 EDT, at Highway 45 in Alderville, ON
- Saskatoon, SK, 10:30 EDT, corner of College Drive and Wiggins Avenue
- Fort McMurray, AB, 16:00-19:00 EDT, at RCMP Station
- Edmonton, AB, 16:00 EDT
- Vancouver, BC, 18:30 EDT, at Vancouver Art Gallery
- Victoria, BC, 14:00 EDT, Centennial Square to Provincial Parliament

19 Oct 2013:
- Kitchener-Waterloo, ON, 17:00 EDT
- Nanaimo, BC, 17:00 EDT

Source(s) of reporting: Media/open source reporting, PS NB Regional Office, RCMP.

Current actions:

The GOC continues to monitor the situation closely and has established contact with partners and PS Regional Offices in order to maintain cohesive information sharing.

Event management of the protests falls under the purview of local jurisdictions and local law enforcement agencies, as appropriate.

Future actions: The GOC will be hosting a conference call with partners on Friday, 18 OCT 2013 to coordinate efforts and to assess impacts.

Assessment/Analysis: Other than the events at Rexton, NB, so far the calls are for peaceful action. Most of the protest activity to date under the Idle No More banner or related environmental or First Nations issues activities have been peaceful.

Departments and Agencies with further information on this incident are asked to report to the GOC.

Additional situation reports: Further situation reports will be issued as more information becomes available.

Additional Products: A geomatics product will follow under separate cover.

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Bonjour,

Le BRQ est en contact avec la Sûreté du Québec en Gaspésie et suit la situation de près. Toutefois, les manifestations ne sont pas dans les communautés et ne menacent ni la santé/sécurité des personnes ni les programmes et services essentiels aux membres des communautés.

Une dizaine de personnes de Gasgapegiag assurent une présence et bloque partiellement la route 132 de façon sporadique. Des membres de la communauté de Listuguj font partie des groupes de manifestants qui ralentissent la circulation sur le pont Van Horn. Ces manifestations sont en appui aux communautés du Nouveau-Brunswick.

Suzie Malouin

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Executive Summary

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Please find attached **ST232-13B – Shale Gas, NB.** Information valid as of 18 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT. For your convenience, new information has been bolded.

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Hi Bill

Do you have anything to add in addition to what's in the matrix for NS?

Thanks again

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Events Related to the Shale Gas Protest, Rexton, NB (Information valid as of 12:00 EDT on 20 Oct 2013)

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Alberta

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time

Saskatchewan

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time

Manitoba

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time

Ontario

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
20-Oct-13	Queen's Park	Toronto		14:00 EDT	Rally		100		
21-Oct-13	Carleton University	Ottawa		11:30 EDT	Protest our Mother Earth Flash Mob Round Dance	RCMP	43		
26-Oct-13	Cornwall Island	Cornwall			Undetermined at this time	CBSA			

Québec

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time

New Brunswick

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
20-Oct-13	Elsipogtog First Nation	Rexton		10:00 EDT		Open	Unknown		

Nova Scotia

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
20-Oct-13	Waycobah				ongoing		10		
20-Oct-13	Membertou				ongoing		20		

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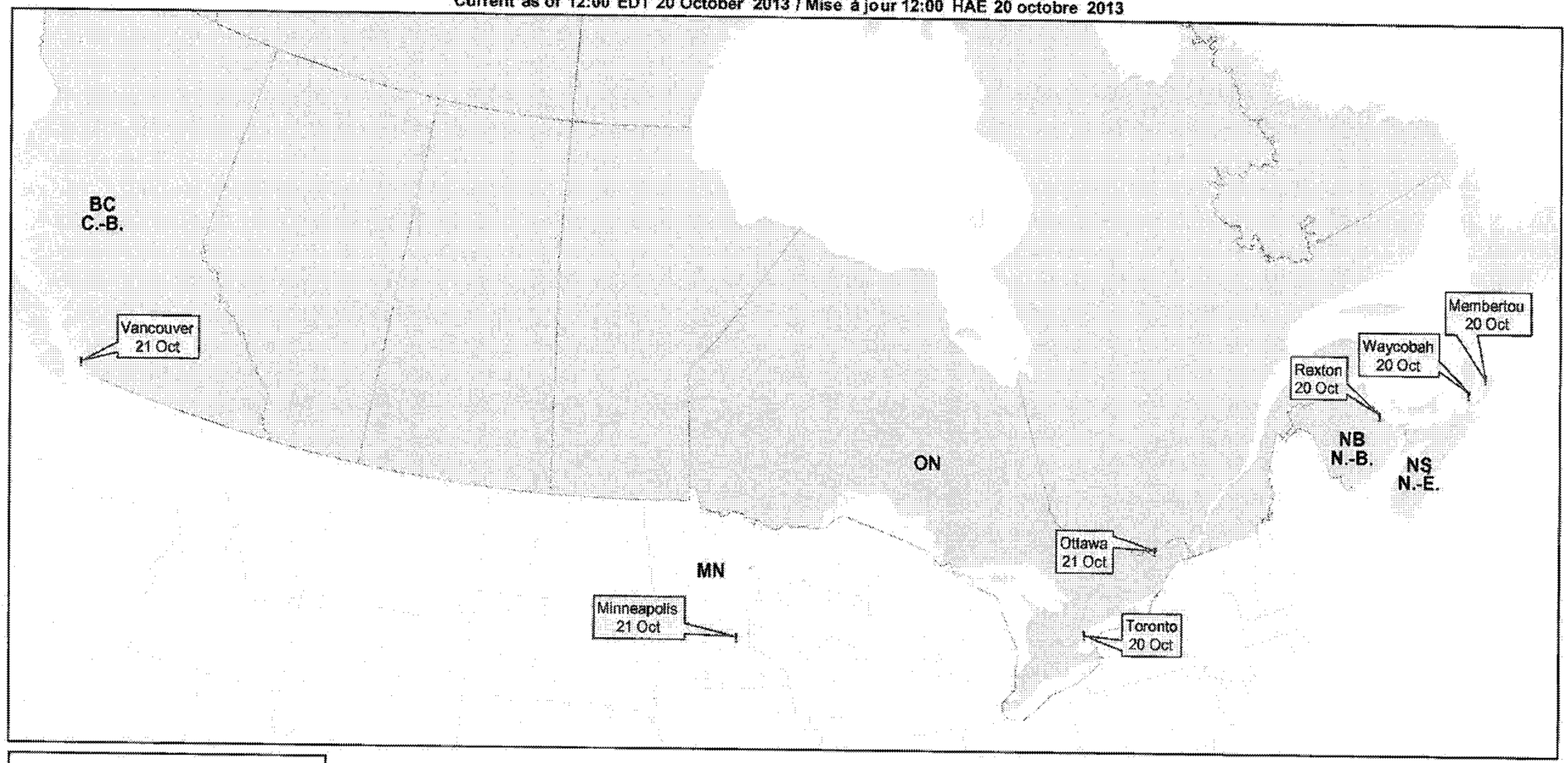
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ST232-13D
Events Related to the Shale Gas Protest, Rexton, NB /
Événements relies aux manifestations contre les gaz schiste, Rexton, Nouveau-Brunswick
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Legend / Légende

1 Protest site / Lieu de manifestation

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British Columbia

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
21-Oct-13	Vancouver	Vancouver			Caravan expected to leave Vancouver on 21 Oct, travelling to NB, may involve several vehicles.	RCMP	79		

Alberta

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time

Saskatchewan

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time

Manitoba

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time

Ontario

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
20-Oct-13	Queen's Park	Toronto		14:00 EDT	Rally		100		
21-Oct-13	Carleton University	Ottawa		11:30 EDT	Protect our Mother Earth Flash Mob Round Dance	RCMP	43		
26-Oct-13	Cornwall Island	Cornwall			Undetermined at this time	CBSA			

Québec

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New Brunswick

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
20-Oct-13	Elsipogtog First Nation.	Rexton		10:00 EDT		Open	Unknown		

Nova Scotia

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
20-Oct-13	Waycobah				ongoing		10		
20-Oct-13	Membertou				ongoing		20		

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Activités liées à la manifestation sur les gaz de schiste, à Rexton, N.-B. (renseignements mis à jour à 15 h [HAE] le 18 octobre 2013)

Colombie-Britannique

Date de l'événement prévu	Endroit	Ville	Organisation	Heure	Événement	Source	Nombre de participants	Heure de début réelle	Heure de fin réelle
21-Oct-13	Vancouver	Vancouver			Convoi prévoit partir de Vancouver le 21 octobre en direction du Nouveau-Brunswick. Pourrait inclure plusieurs véhicules.	GRC	75		

Alberta

Date de l'événement prévu	Endroit	Ville	Organisation	Heure	Événement	Source	Nombre de participants	Heure de début réelle	Heure de fin réelle

Saskatchewan

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Nouveau-Brunswick

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20-Oct-13	Première Nation Elsipogtog	Rexton		10:00 (HAE)		Ouvertes	Inconnu		

Nouvelle-Écosse

Date de l'événement prévu	Endroit	Ville	Organisation	Heure	Événement	Source	Nombre de participants	Heure de début réelle	Heure de fin réelle
20-Oct-13	Weymouth				En cours		10		
20-Oct-13	Membertou				En cours		20		

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Rapport de situation

Numéro de l'incident : ST232-13**D**

Incident : Événements liés à la manifestation contre le gaz de schiste – Rexton (N.-B.)

Date : Renseignements mis à jour le **20 octobre 2013 à 12 h (HAE)**

Description de l'incident en cours : Le matin du 17 octobre 2013, la GRC a mis en application une injonction contre des participants d'une manifestation contre le gaz de schiste bloquant une route rurale près de Rexton (N.-B.), puis a procédé à l'arrestation d'environ 40 personnes pour des infractions diverses. À la suite de ces événements, divers partisans de la manifestation ont lancé un appel pour des actes pacifiques de solidarité en appui aux manifestants de Rexton sur des médias sociaux comme Twitter et Facebook. Le 18 octobre, Aaron Sock, chef de la Première nation d'Elsipogtog, et David Alward, premier ministre du Nouveau-Brunswick, se sont rencontrés et se sont entendus sur une période d'accalmie. Les manifestations devraient s'atténuer, les parties retournant aux négociations.

Des activités de manifestation majoritairement pacifiques se sont déroulées les 17 et 18 octobre à divers endroits au Canada et au Consulat général du Canada à New York et à l'ambassade canadienne de Washington. Ces manifestations ont entraîné la fermeture de routes et des restrictions de circulation, tout particulièrement au N.-B. La circulation en direction sud sur le Pont international de la Voie maritime, qui relie Cornwall (Ontario) et Massena (NY), a été brièvement interrompue tôt le 19 octobre 2013. Les manifestants ont été écartés du pont, mais ont installé leur campement dans le secteur. **De courts barrages routiers ont également eu lieu sur les routes 11 et 134 au Nouveau-Brunswick. Des voies de détournement ont été établies et les manifestants ont collaboré avec les policiers afin d'assurer la sécurité. Les médias ont signalé qu'un petit groupe de manifestants a entouré et saisi du matériel et des véhicules appartenant à une organisation des médias.**

D'autres événements (p. ex. manifestations, marches, rassemblements, veillées, ateliers) ont eu lieu le 19 octobre à divers endroits en Colombie-Britannique, en Ontario, au Québec, au Nouveau-Brunswick et en Nouvelle-Écosse. À Toronto, des manifestants ont causé l'annulation de l'audience de l'Office national de l'énergie concernant la canalisation 9 d'Enbridge. Bien que leur manifestation n'était pas directement liée à celle contre le gaz de schiste, les manifestants ont exprimé leur solidarité avec les activités de protestation au Nouveau-Brunswick. Le COG distribue une liste des activités connues liées aux événements de Rexton (N.-B.) sous pli séparé.

On prévoit que la journée du 20 octobre sera relativement calme. Un rassemblement est prévu sur la route 11, au N.-B. Il plane également la menace d'une attaque du groupe

cyberactiviste Anonymous contre une entreprise du domaine de l'énergie ou une organisation d'application de la loi du Canada, mais aucun échéancier n'est disponible pour cette activité potentielle.

Le 20 octobre, l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC) rapportait que tout était calme à l'île Cornwall, mais une activité pourrait être prévue pour le 26 octobre. La nature de cette activité n'est pas connue pour l'instant.
Le ministère des Affaires étrangères, du Commerce et du Développement du Canada (MAECD) signale que les groupes Idle No More et Occupy Minnesota organiseront une manifestation le 21 octobre 2013 au Consulat général du Canada à Minneapolis en appui aux Guerriers Mi'kmaq du Canada. Des manifestations semblables pourraient également se produire ailleurs aux États-Unis.

Le 19 octobre, des médias ont indiqué que l'Assemblée des chefs des Premières nations du Nouveau-Brunswick exhortait les manifestants luttant contre le gaz de schiste à se rassembler de façon pacifique et à cesser de bloquer les routes. Ils ont condamné la saisie de matériel et de véhicules de médias. Une rencontre est prévue dans la Première nation d'Elsipogtog le 20 octobre afin de discuter des prochaines étapes, selon les médias.

Sources des renseignements : Les bureaux régionaux de Sécurité publique Canada du Québec, du N.-B., de la N.-É., de l'Ontario et de l'Î.-P.-É., la GRC, AADNC, Transports Canada, le MAECD, l'ASFC, le Centre canadien de réponse aux incidents cybernétiques, le ministère de la Sécurité publique du Nouveau-Brunswick et les médias et sources ouvertes.

Mesures en cours

Le COG continue de surveiller la situation de près; il a communiqué avec les partenaires et les bureaux régionaux de SP en vue d'assurer un échange d'information homogène. Le COG a tenu une téléconférence avec ses partenaires pour coordonner les efforts et évaluer les répercussions.

La gestion de l'incident relève des administrations et des organismes d'application de la loi locaux, selon le cas.

Mesures à venir : Le COG tiendra une téléconférence avec ses partenaires le 21 octobre 2013.

Évaluation/Analyse : Bien que l'incident ait été à l'origine une manifestation environnementale, elle est liée à l'insatisfaction profonde des Premières nations en ce qui a trait à l'exploitation des ressources naturelles au Canada, ainsi qu'à l'insatisfaction générale incarnée par le mouvement Idle No More. La plupart des activités de protestation ayant eu lieu dans le cadre d'Idle No More ou des causes environnementales connexes ont été pacifiques, et, jusqu'à maintenant, les activités en réponse aux événements du 17 octobre à Rexton l'ont été aussi. La période d'accalmie négociée par le premier ministre Alward et le chef Sock pourrait aider à calmer la situation, et les négociations continueront. Bien que des manifestations et des activités connexes aient été signalées, il est possible que des activités aient lieu sans préavis (p. ex. le barrage routier sur le Pont international de la Voie maritime), **notamment en raison de l'utilisation des réseaux sociaux pour communiquer avec les partisans et les mobiliser.**

Les ministères et organismes ayant d'autres renseignements au sujet de cet incident sont priés de les signaler au COG.

Autres rapports de situation : D'autres rapports de situation seront diffusés à mesure que d'autres renseignements deviennent disponibles.

Autres produits : Un produit de géomatique et un **tableau des événements** seront envoyés sous pli séparé.

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19-Oct-13	N/A	Vancouver		00:00 EDT	Caravan being formed to send people to NB in to support protesters in #8.	RCMP		
19-Oct-13	New Hazelton Plaza	New Hazelton		16:00 EDT	March for Mother Earth to begin at the New Hazelton Plaza.	RCMP		
19-Oct-13	Roy-a-Home Lagoon	Nanaimo		17:00 EDT	March	Media & Email		

Alberta

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Actual start time	Actual end time
19-Oct-13	Fantasyland	Edmonton		15:00 EDT	Prayer Ceremony	Media		

Saskatchewan

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Actual start time	Actual end time
19-Oct-13	College Dr & Wiggins Ave	Saskatoon		09:29 EDT	Rally to support Stolopotoy and all Kanak anti-fracking blockade to take place at the corner of College Dr & Wiggins Ave	RCMP		
19-Oct-13	9th St W & 2nd Ave W	Prince Albert		17:30 EDT	Protest in solidarity with the "Stolopotoy Warriors" to take place at the corner of 19th St W and 2nd Ave W.	RCMP		

Manitoba

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Ontario

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Actual start time	Actual end time
19-Oct-13	Seaway Intl Bridge	Cornwall		01:00 EDT	Temporarily shut down southbound traffic on Seaway Intl Bridge linking Cornwall, ON and Massena, NY	FB	01:00 EDT	No	01:30 EDT
19-Oct-13	2730 Carling Ave	Ottawa		08:30 EDT	Political workshop at the Old Forge Community Resource Centre - 2730 Carling Ave	RCMP		
19-Oct-13	Authorest Highway 400	Bradford		09:00 EDT	Protest	ONTario		
19-Oct-13	Highway 40	Kenora/Ath		10:00 EDT	"Armed Desire and Flash Mob Patriotism pub and surrounding areas", a peaceful demonstration at Hwy 45 in Alderville First Nations.	RCMP		
19-Oct-13	Metro Convention Centre	Toronto		12:00 EDT	Protest "No Line 9! No Tar Sands Pipelines" at the Toronto Metro Convention Centre located at 255 Front St	RCMP		
19-Oct-13		Sault Ste Marie		12:00 EDT	Sit-in/ fire at the teaching lodge located at Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig.	RCMP		
19-Oct-13	Hwy 21 to Hwy 402	Forest		13:00-16:00 EDT	Rally and peaceful demonstration at Hwy 21 (at the overpass) and proceeding to Hwy 402 after which they will attend the London event at the London event at the RCMP detachment.	RCMP		
19-Oct-13		Kenora		18:00 EDT	Nearly3 Jingle Dress Healing Dance	RCMP		
19-Oct-13	Native Friendship Centre	Barrie		19:00 EDT	NWF "Idle No More/Lead, Nation and Jam session" event to take place at the Native Friendship Centre.	RCMP		
19-Oct-13	Tom Davies Square	Sudbury		16:00 EDT	Demolegist rally in support against EWN and fracking at the Tom Davies Square.	RCMP		
19-Oct-13		Kitchener/Waterloo		21:00 EDT	Rally with speakers Sylvia McAdam Saysewahum, Co-founder of Idle No More Movement, and Bridgette DePape.	RCMP		

Quebec

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Actual	Actual	Actual
19-Oct-13	Pie-IX Metro Station	Montreal		09:00-13:30 EDT	Fair organized by the Montreal History Centre and the First Nations Garden Centre d'Hatuara at the vicinity of Pie-IX metro station.	RCMP			
19-Oct-13	N/A	Montreal		17:00 EDT	March in support of the anti-fracking blockade at Oka! Square.				

New Brunswick

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19-Oct-13	Mountain Rd	Moncton		09:00 EDT	Protest "Moncton Joins the Global Frackdown" located on Mountain Rd south of the Wheeler Blvd Overpass.	RCMP				
19-Oct-13	Route 134	Kenton		09:00 EDT	Blockade on Route 134.	RCMP				

Nova Scotia

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Actual start time	Actual	Actual	Actual end time
19-Oct-13	Clock Park	Wolfville		09:00 EDT	Carshoot peace vigil to take place in Clock Park.	RCMP				

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Government Operations Centre (GOC)

Situation Report

Incident Number: ST232-13**C**

Incident: Events Related to Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB

Date: Information valid as of **19 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT**

Description of current incident: On the morning of 17 Oct 2013, the RCMP served an injunction on protesters at an anti-shale gas protest blocking a rural highway near Rexton, NB, resulting in the arrest of approximately 40 people for various offences. At least one shot was fired by someone other than police. Molotov cocktails were thrown at police, and at least five RCMP vehicles were destroyed by fire. In addition, **the RCMP seized a number of firearms, ammunition and improvised explosive devices at the scene.**

Chief Aaron Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation and Premier David Alward of New Brunswick met late on 18 Oct and agreed to a cooling off period. Protest activities are expected to be minimized as all parties resume negotiations.

Following these events, various supporters of the protest called for peaceful actions of solidarity in support of the protesters at Rexton using social media sites like Twitter and Facebook. A number of peaceful demonstrations took place on 17-18 Oct at various locations in Canada and at the Canadian Consulate General in New York and the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC. **These resulted in a number of road closures and traffic restrictions, particularly in NB. An expected blockade on the Confederation Bridge linking NB and PEI did not materialize on 18 Oct.**

On 19 Oct 2013, at approximately 01:30 EDT, protesters claiming solidarity with the Elsipogtog First Nation in NB temporarily shut down southbound traffic on the Seaway International Bridge linking Cornwall, ON, and Massena, New York. The protest lasted until 01:30 EDT, and included tires on fire. The protesters were removed but are camped in the area. Police are monitoring the situation and expect more protests later today. There is also a small blockade on Highway 134 in NB.

A number of events (e.g. protests, marches, rallies, round dances, vigils, workshops) are scheduled for 19 Oct at various locations in BC, AB, SK, ON, QC, NB and NS. The GOC is distributing a list of known activities related to the events in Rexton, NB, under separate cover.

The Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) reports that Idle No More and Occupy Minnesota will stage a protest on 21 Oct 2013 at the Canadian

Consulate General in Minneapolis in solidarity with the Mi'kmaq Warriors of Canada. Similar protests are also possible elsewhere in the United States.

Source(s) of reporting: PS QC, NB, NS, ON and PEI regional offices, RCMP, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Transport Canada, DFATD, Canada Border Services Agency, New Brunswick Public Safety, Media/open source reporting.

Current actions:

The GOC continues to monitor the situation closely and has established contact with partners and PS Regional Offices in order to maintain cohesive information sharing. GOC hosted a conference call with partners on 18 and 19 Oct.

Event management of the protests falls under the purview of local jurisdictions and local law enforcement agencies, as appropriate.

Future actions: The GOC will be hosting a conference call with partners on morning of Sunday, 20 Oct 2013 to coordinate efforts and to assess impacts.

Assessment/Analysis: While this incident was an environmental protest, it is linked to ongoing First Nation dissatisfaction with resource development and extraction in Canada, as well as general dissatisfaction embodied in the Idle No More movement. Most of the protest activity to date under the Idle No More banner or related environmental or First Nations issues activities have been peaceful, **and so far, activities in response to the 17 Oct event in Rexton have been peaceful. The cooling off period negotiated between Premier Alward and Chief Sock may serve to calm the situation as negotiations continue. Although a number of planned protests and or related have been identified, some activities may occur without notice (e.g. Seaway International Bridge).**

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Vous trouverez en pièce jointe le document **ST232-13C – Manifestation contre les gaz de schiste - Rexton, Nouveau-Brunswick**. Les renseignements ont été mis à jour le **19 octobre 2013, à 12h00 (HNE)**.

Rapport de situation distribué à : Personnes-ressources FPT

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Centre des opérations du gouvernement (COG)

Rapport de situation

Numéro de l'incident : ST232-13C

Incident : Événements liés à la manifestation contre le gaz de schiste – Rexton (N.-B.)

Date : Renseignements mis à jour le **19 Octobre 2013 à 12 h (HAE)**

Description de l'incident en cours : Le matin du 17 octobre 2013, la GRC a déposé une injonction contre des participants d'une manifestation contre le gaz de schiste bloquant une route rurale près de Rexton (N.-B.), puis a procédé à l'arrestation d'environ 40 personnes pour des infractions diverses. Au moins un coup d'arme à feu a été tiré par quelqu'un ne faisant pas parti des policiers. Des cocktails Molotov ont été lancés vers les policiers, et au moins cinq véhicules de la GRC ont été détruits par le feu. De plus, **la GRC a saisi des armes à feu, des munitions et des engins explosifs improvisés sur les lieux.**

Aaron Sock, chef de la Première nation d'Elsipogtog, et David Alward, premier ministre du Nouveau-Brunswick, se sont rencontrés tard le 18 octobre et se sont entendus sur une période d'accalmie. Les manifestations devraient s'atténuer, les parties retournant aux négociations.

À la suite de ces événements, divers partisans de la manifestation ont lancé un appel pour des actes pacifiques de solidarité en appui aux manifestants de Rexton sur des médias sociaux comme Twitter et Facebook. Des activités pacifiques de manifestation se sont déroulées les 17 et 18 octobre à divers endroits au Canada et au Consulat général du Canada à New York et à l'ambassade canadienne de Washington. **Ces manifestations ont entraîné la fermeture de routes et des restrictions de circulation, tout particulièrement au N.-B. On anticipait un barrage routier sur le pont de la Confédération reliant le N.-B. et l'Î.-P.-É. le 18 octobre, mais il ne s'est pas produit.**

Le 19 octobre 2013, vers 1 h 30 (HAE), des manifestants agissant par solidarité avec les manifestants de la Première nation d'Elsipogtog (N.-B.) ont temporairement fermé le Pont international de la Voie maritime, qui relie Cornwall (Ontario), Akwesasne et Massena (NY). La manifestation s'est déroulé jusqu'à environ 1 h 30 (HAE), et des pneus y ont été brûlés. Les manifestants ont été écartés du pont, mais ils ont installé leur campement dans le secteur. Les policiers surveillent la situation et s'attendent à d'autres manifestations plus tard en journée. Il y a également un petit barrage routier sur la route 134 au N.-B.

D'autres événements (p. ex. manifestations, marches, rassemblements, veillées, ateliers)

sont prévus le 19 octobre à divers endroits en Colombie-Britannique, en Alberta, en Saskatchewan, en Ontario, au Québec, au Nouveau-Brunswick et en Nouvelle-Écosse. Le COG distribue une liste des activités connues liées aux événements de Rexton (N.-B.) sous pli séparé.

Le ministère des Affaires étrangères, du Commerce et du Développement (MAECD) signale que les groupes Idle No More et Occupy Minnesota organiseront une manifestation le 21 octobre 2013 au Consulat général du Canada à Minneapolis en appui aux Guerriers Mi'kmaq du Canada. Des manifestations semblables pourraient également se produire ailleurs aux États-Unis.

Sources des renseignements : Les bureaux régionaux de Sécurité publique Canada du Québec, du N.-B., de la N.-É., de l'Ontario et de l'Î.-P.-É., la GRC, Transports Canada, le MAECD, l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada, le ministère de la Sécurité publique du Nouveau-Brunswick et les medias et sources ouvertes.

Mesures en cours

Le COG continue à surveiller la situation de près et a établi le contact avec des partenaires et les bureaux régionaux de SP afin d'assurer un échange cohérent de l'information. Le COG tiendra des téléconférences avec ses partenaires les 18 et 19 octobre.

La gestion des manifestations est du ressort des administrations et des forces de l'ordre locales.

Mesures à venir : Le COG tiendra une téléconférence matinale avec ses partenaires le dimanche 20 octobre 2013 afin de coordonner les efforts et d'évaluer les répercussions.

Évaluation/Analyse : Bien que l'incident ait été à l'origine une manifestation environnementale, elle est liée à l'insatisfaction profonde des Premières nations en ce qui a trait à l'exploitation des ressources naturelles au Canada, ainsi qu'à l'insatisfaction générale incarnée par le mouvement Idle No More. La plupart des activités de protestation ayant eu lieu dans le cadre d'Idle No More ou des causes environnementales connexes ont été pacifiques, **et, jusqu'à maintenant, les activités en réponse aux événements du 17 octobre à Rexton l'ont été aussi. La période d'accalmie négociée par le premier ministre Alward et le chef Sock pourrait aider à calmer la situation, et les négociations continueront. Bien que des manifestations et des activités connexes aient été signalées, il est possible que des activités aient lieu sans préavis (p. ex. le barrage routier sur le Pont international de la Voie maritime).**

Les ministères et organismes ayant d'autres renseignements au sujet de cet événement sont priés de les signaler au COG.

Autres rapports de situation : D'autres rapports de situation seront diffusés à mesure que d'autres renseignements deviennent disponibles.

Autres produits : Un produit de géomatique et un **tableau des événements** seront envoyés sous plis séparé.

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Please find attached **ST232-13D – Events Related to Shale Gas Protest, NB**. Information valid as of 20 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT. For your convenience, new information has been bolded.

Situation report provided to: F/P/T Contacts.

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Government Operations Centre (GOC)

Situation Report

Incident Number: ST232-13D

Incident: Events Related to Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB

Date: Information valid as of **20 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT**

Description of current incident: On the morning of 17 Oct 2013, the RCMP served an injunction on protesters at an anti-shale gas protest blocking a rural highway near Rexton, NB, resulting in the arrest of approximately 40 people for various offences. Following these events, various supporters of the protest called for peaceful actions of solidarity in support of the protesters at Rexton using social media sites like Twitter and Facebook. On 18 Oct, Chief Aaron Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation met with Premier David Alward of New Brunswick and agreed to a cooling off period. Protest activities are expected to decrease as the parties resume negotiations.

A number of generally peaceful demonstrations took place on 17-19 Oct at various locations in Canada and at the Canadian Consulate General in New York and the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC. These resulted in a number of road closures and traffic restrictions, particularly in NB. Southbound traffic on the Seaway International Bridge linking Cornwall, ON, and Massena, New York, was briefly interrupted early on 19 Oct 2013. The protesters were removed, but camped in the area. **There were also short-lived blockades on Highways 11 and 134 in NB. Alternate routes were established and protesters worked with police to ensure safety. Media reported that a small group of protesters surrounded and seized equipment and vehicles belonging to a news media organization.**

A number of other events (e.g. protests, marches, rallies, round dances, vigils, workshops) took place on 19 Oct at various locations in BC, ON, QC, NB and NS. In Toronto, protesters caused the cancellation of a National Energy Board hearing on the Enbridge Line 9 pipeline. Although not directly related to the shale gas protest, protesters also expressed solidarity with protests in NB. The GOC is distributing a list of known activities related to the events in Rexton, NB, under separate cover.

It is expected that 20 Oct will be relatively quiet. A gathering is expected on Highway 11 in NB. There is also a potential threat from the hacktivist group Anonymous against a Canadian energy company and/or a law enforcement agency, but there is no time frame available for this potential activity.

On 20 Oct, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) reported that all was quiet at Cornwall Island, but that there may be some sort of activity planned for 26 Oct. The nature of the activity is undetermined at this time.

The Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) reports that Idle No More and Occupy Minnesota will stage a protest on 21 Oct 2013 at the Canadian Consulate General in Minneapolis in solidarity with the Mi'kmaq Warriors of Canada. Similar protests are also possible elsewhere in the United States.

On 19 Oct, media reported that Assembly of First Nations chiefs in NB urged shale gas protesters to rally peacefully and stop blocking roads. They condemned the seizure of news media equipment and vehicles. A meeting is planned at Elsipogtog First Nation on 20 Oct to, according to news reports, discuss next steps.

Source(s) of reporting: PS QC, NB, NS, ON and PEI regional offices, RCMP, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Transport Canada, DFATD, CBSA, Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre, New Brunswick Public Safety, Media/open source reporting.

Current actions:

The GOC continues to monitor the situation closely and has established contact with partners and PS Regional Offices in order to maintain cohesive information sharing. GOC hosted a conference call with partners to coordinate efforts and to assess impacts.

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Future actions: The GOC will be hosting a conference call with partners on 21 Oct 2013.

Assessment/Analysis: While this incident was an environmental protest, it is linked to ongoing First Nation dissatisfaction with resource development and extraction in Canada, as well as general dissatisfaction embodied in the Idle No More movement. Most of the protest activity to date under the Idle No More banner or related environmental or First Nations issues activities have been peaceful, and so far, activities in response to the 17 Oct event in Rexton have been peaceful. The cooling off period negotiated between Premier Alward and Chief Sock may serve to calm the situation as negotiations continue. Although a number of planned protests and or related have been identified, some activities may occur without notice (e.g. Seaway International Bridge) **due, in part, to the use of social networks to communicate with and mobilize supporters.**

Departments and Agencies with further information on this incident are asked to report to the GOC.

Additional situation reports: Further situation reports will be issued as more information becomes available.

Additional Products: A geomatics product **and matrix of events** will follow under separate cover.

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Centre des opérations du gouvernement (COG)

Rapport de situation

Numéro de l'incident : ST232-13B

Incident : Manifestation contre le gaz de schiste – Rexton, N.-B.

Date : Renseignements valides en date du 18 octobre 2013, à 12 h (HAE)

Description de l'incident : Le matin du 17 octobre 2013, la GRC a émis une injonction à l'intention de manifestants contre le gaz de schiste bloquant une autoroute de liaison près de Rexton (N.-B.). En raison de la violence survenue tard dans l'après-midi du 17 octobre 2013, la GRC a arrêté au moins 40 personnes pour diverses infractions. Au moins un coup de feu a été tiré par une personne autre qu'un

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Les médias indiquent que la majorité des policiers ont quitté les lieux de la manifestation vers 18 h (HAE). Pendant la nuit, le matériel a été retiré, et les routes ont été débloquées. Les 40 personnes arrêtées hier se présenteront en cour le 18 octobre, à trois endroits différents (Moncton, Shediac et une troisième ville à confirmer). On prévoit la présence de manifestants aux trois endroits.

Le 18 octobre, environ 12 personnes sont retournées sur le site de Rexton. Selon les médias, un conseiller de la Première Nation d'Elsipogtog, qui fait partie des personnes arrêtées le 17 octobre, a indiqué que les manifestants tenteront de rester sur le site en dépit de l'injonction.

Les médias ont rapporté que le chef Aaron Sock de la Première Nation d'Elsipogtog rencontrera le premier ministre du Nouveau-Brunswick, David Alward, le 18 octobre en après-midi, à Fredericton.

Après les événements, différents partisans de la manifestation ont demandé à leurs pairs de poser des gestes pacifiques de solidarité envers les manifestants de Rexton dans les médias sociaux tels que Twitter et Facebook.

Voici une liste des lieux où se tiendront des activités du 17 au 19 octobre 2013.

18 octobre 2013 :
- Autoroute 104, Nouvelle-Écosse (N.-É.), heure non précisée
- Autoroute 102 (endroit exact inconnu), N.-É., 12 h (HAE)
- Auld's Cove (près de la levée de Canso), N.-É., 12 h (HAE)
- Sydney, N.-É., 12 h (HAE)
- Halifax (au coin des rues Robie et Charles), N.-É., 14 h (HAE)
- Autoroute 134, N.-B., heure non précisée
- Autoroute 105 près de Kingsclear, N.-B., heure non précisée
- Fredericton, N.-B., heure non précisée
- Palais de justice de Moncton, N.-B., heure non précisée
- Montréal, Québec (Qué.), 17 h (HAE), Square Cabot
- Montréal, Qué., voie barricadée sur l'autoroute 132, près de la voie d'accès du Pont Honoré-Mercier, et distribution de feuillets
- Route 132 (près de Gaspapegiag), Qué., en cours
- Pointe-à-la-Croix (Pont J.C. Van Horne), Qué., en cours
- Première Nation d'Eagle Lake, Ontario (Ont.), 19 h (HAE), 1220, promenade Ojibway
- Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., 12 h (HAE), au pavillon d'enseignement de Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig
- Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., 18 h (HAE)
- Première Nation d'Alderville, Ont., 10 h (HAE), à l'autoroute 45, à Alderville, Ont.
- Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 10 h 30 (HAE), au coin de la promenade College et de l'avenue Wiggins
- Fort McMurray, Alberta (Alb.), de 16 h à 19 h (HAE), au poste de la GRC
- Edmonton, Alb., 16 h (HAE)
- Vancouver, Colombie-Britannique (B.-C.), 18 h 30 (HAE), à la Galerie d'art de Vancouver
- Victoria, C.-B., 14 h (HAE), du Centennial Square aux bureaux du Parlement provincial

19 octobre 2013 :
- Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., 17 h (HAE)
- Nanaimo, C.-B., 17 h (HAE)

Source(s) des renseignements : Médias et information de sources ouvertes, bureaux régionaux (BR) de Sécurité publique Canada (SP) du Québec, du N.-B., de la N.-É. et de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard, GRC, Affaires autochtones et Développement du Nord Canada.

Mesures en cours :

Le COG continue de surveiller la situation de près; il a communiqué avec les partenaires et les bureaux régionaux de SP en vue d'assurer un échange d'information homogène. Le COG a tenu une téléconférence avec les partenaires, le vendredi 18 octobre 2013.

La gestion des manifestations relève des autorités et des organismes d'application de la loi locaux, le cas échéant.

Mesures à venir : Le COG tiendra une téléconférence avec les partenaires en matinée, le 19 octobre 2013, afin de coordonner les interventions et d'évaluer les répercussions.

Évaluation/analyse : Bien que l'incident en cours découle d'une manifestation pour l'environnement, il est lié à l'insatisfaction actuelle des Premières Nations en ce qui a trait au développement et à l'extraction de ressources au Canada, et à leur insatisfaction généralisée, incarnée dans le mouvement Idle No More. Jusqu'à maintenant, la majorité des manifestations organisées dans le cadre des activités d'Idle No More ou concernant des questions environnementales ou touchant les Premières Nations se sont déroulées de façon pacifique.

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Centre des opérations du gouvernement (COG)

Rapport de situation

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Rapport de situation

Numéro de l'incident : ST232-13B

Incident : Manifestation contre le gaz de schiste – Rexton, N.-B.

Date : Renseignements valides en date du **18 octobre 2013, à 12 h (HAE)**

Description de l'incident : Le matin du 17 octobre 2013, la GRC a émis une injonction à l'intention de manifestants contre le gaz de schiste bloquant une autoroute de liaison près de Rexton (N.-B.). En raison de la violence survenue tard dans l'après-midi du 17 octobre 2013, la GRC a arrêté au moins 40 personnes pour diverses infractions. Au moins un coup de feu a été tiré par une personne autre qu'un policier. Des cocktails Molotov ont été lancés vers les policiers, et au moins cinq véhicules de la GRC ont été détruits par les flammes. De plus, la GRC mène une enquête concernant la présence présumée de dispositifs explosifs sur les lieux.

Les médias indiquent que la majorité des policiers ont quitté les lieux de la manifestation vers 18 h (HAE). **Pendant la nuit, le matériel a été retiré, et les routes ont été débloquées. Les 40 personnes arrêtées hier se présenteront en cour le 18 octobre, à trois endroits différents (Moncton, Shediac et une troisième ville à confirmer). On prévoit la présence de manifestants aux trois endroits.**

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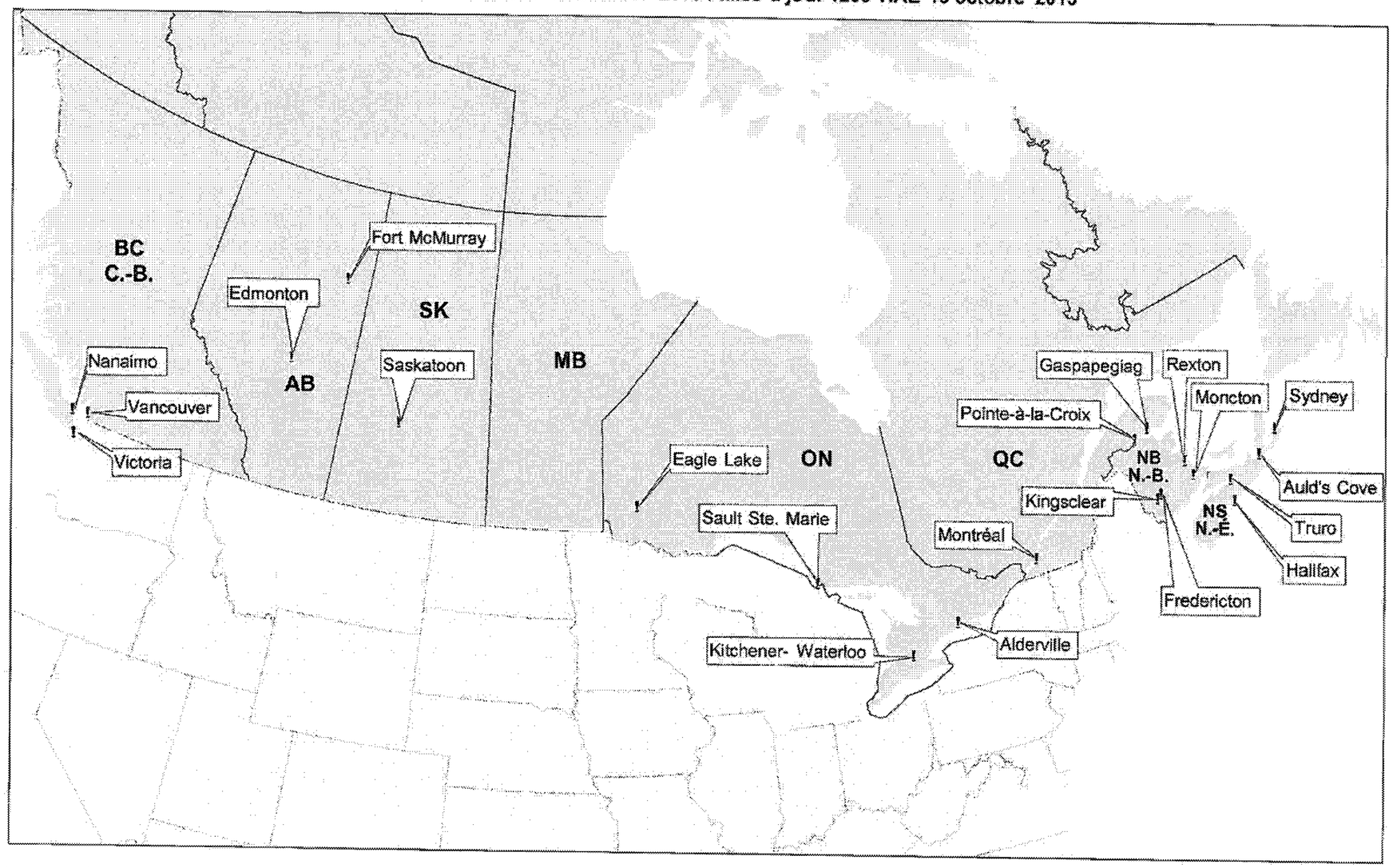
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Executive Summary

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A number of First Nations protests or demonstrations in response to the 17 Oct 2013 incident in Rexton, NB, are planned for 17-19 Oct 2013 across Canada. Organizers have called for peaceful actions.

Please find attached **ST232-13B – Shale Gas, NB.** Information valid as of 18 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT. For your convenience, new information has been bolded.

Situation report provided to: F/P/T Contacts.

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Government Operations Centre (GOC)

Situation Report

Incident Number: ST232-13**B**

Incident: Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB

Date: Information valid as of **18 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT**

Description of current incident: On the morning of 17 Oct 2013, the RCMP served an injunction on protesters at an anti-shale gas protest blocking a rural highway near Rexton, NB. Due to violence which occurred later in the afternoon of 17 Oct, the RCMP arrested at least 40 people for various offences. At least one shot was fired by someone other than police. Molotov cocktails were thrown at police, and at least five RCMP vehicles were destroyed by fire. In addition, the RCMP is also investigating suspected explosive devices at the scene.

Media reports that a majority of the police left the scene of the protest at around 18:00 EDT. **Overnight, equipment has been removed and roads are open. The 40 individuals that were arrested yesterday will appear in court on 18 Oct in three separate locations (Moncton, Shediac and 3rd site TBC). Protesters are expected at each location.**

On 18 Oct, approximately 12 people returned to the Rexton site. According to media reporting, an Elsipogtog First Nation councillor, who was among those arrested on 17 Oct, has stated that protesters will try to stay at the site, despite the injunction.

According to media reports, Chief Aaron Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation will be meeting with the Premier David Alward of New Brunswick on the afternoon of 18 Oct in Fredericton.

Following these events, various supporters of the protest called for peaceful actions of solidarity in support of the protesters at Rexton using social media sites like Twitter and Facebook.

The following is a list of locations for events over the period of 17-19 Oct 2013:

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- **Hwy 104, NS, Time NFI**
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- **Hwy 105 near Kingsclear, NB, Time NFI**

- **Fredericton, NB, Time NFI**
- **Moncton Courthouse, NB, Time NFI**
- Montreal, QC, 17:00 EDT, Cabot Square
- **Montreal, QC, lane blockage of Highway 132 near the access to the Mercier Bridge and leaflet distribution**
- **Road 132 (near Gaspapegiag), QC, ongoing**
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Source(s) of reporting: Media/open source reporting, PS QC, NB, NS and PEI regional offices, RCMP, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

Current actions:

The GOC continues to monitor the situation closely and has established contact with partners and PS Regional Offices in order to maintain cohesive information sharing. **GOC hosted a conference call with partners on Friday, 18 OCT 2013.**

Event management of the protests falls under the purview of local jurisdictions and local law enforcement agencies, as appropriate.

Future actions: The GOC will be hosting a conference call with partners on morning of Friday, 19 OCT 2013 to coordinate efforts and to assess impacts.

Assessment/Analysis: While this incident was an environmental protest, it is linked to ongoing First Nation dissatisfaction with resource development and extraction in Canada, as well as general dissatisfaction embodied in the Idle No More movement. Most of the protest activity to date under the Idle No More banner or related environmental or First Nations issues activities have been peaceful.

Departments and Agencies with further information on this incident are asked to report to the GOC.

Additional situation reports: Further situation reports will be issued as more information becomes available.

Additional Products: A geomatics product will follow under separate cover.

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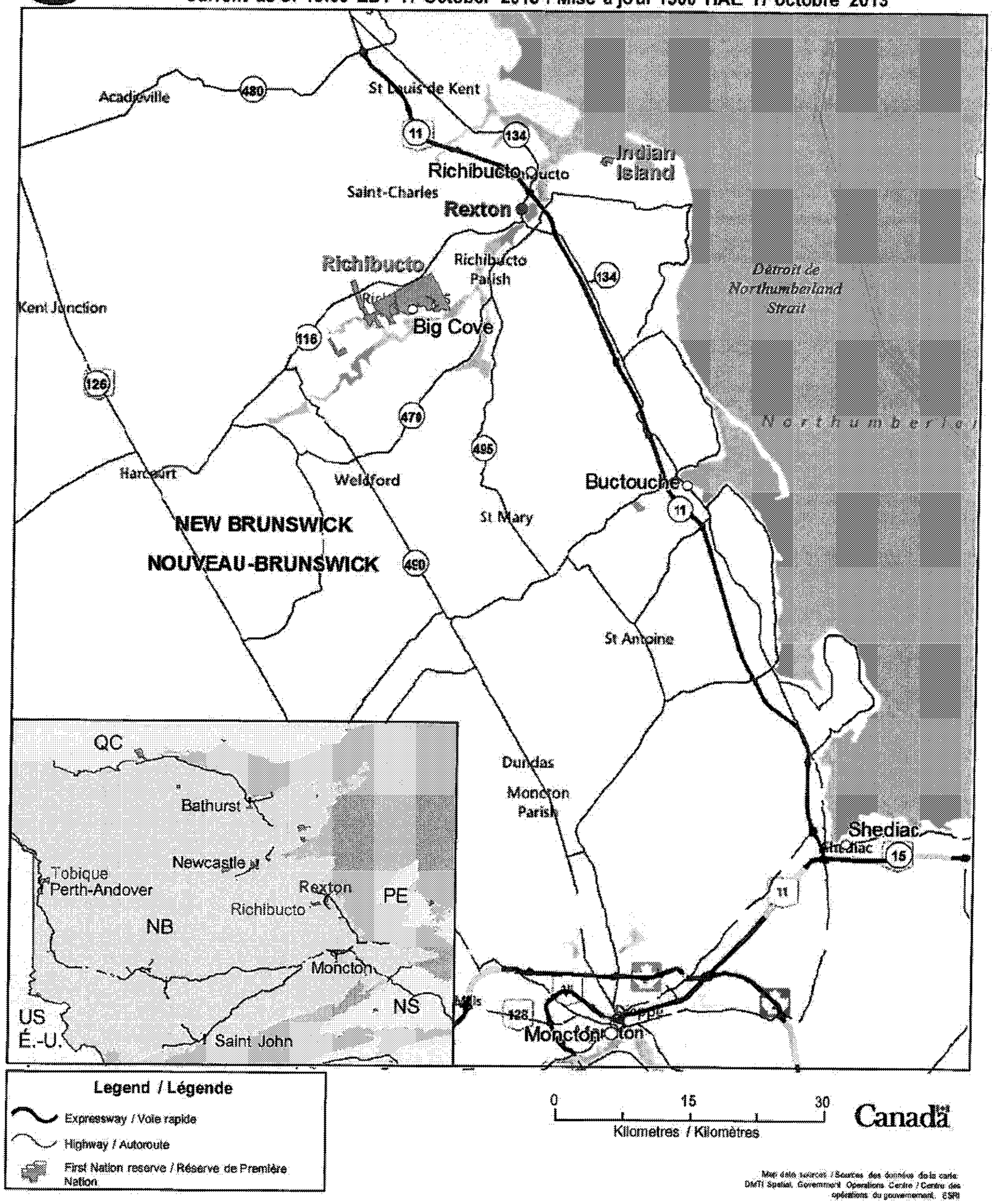
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Date: 10/3/2013 8:26 AM
Subject: Re: OCTOBER_2013_BLOACKADE_OF_ROUTE_134.DOC

In office around 11 am.
From/de Ronald Levesque via BlackBerry

>>> Steve Young 10/2/2013 9:09:49 PM >>>
Fyi.

>>> Ian Ketcheson 10/2/2013 9:08:42 PM >>>
As discussed with claudia, the key messages can go to mino tonight. Not the if pressed, though at this point. MO has asked for more info on land issues and it has been tasked by Daisy and DMO.

Steve/sandra/john: we will need media lines that respond to the claim of stewardship over all unoccupied alleged "Crown" land and particularly whether we are actually negotiating with them. Dougal/gina/susan were tasked with the question tonight. Our lines should flow from the response.

>>> Claudia Fournier 10/2/2013 8:22:26 PM >>>
Wonderful -

Sandra - key messages are lifted from our generic protest lines, let me know if there are concerns.

John - would TAG approve the if pressed? I think it is straightforward.

Ian - can we run quickly by TAG and RO (for the band council resolution part) and run by Bernie?

ISSUE
Anti-fracking protesters have blocked Route 134 near the junction of Highway 11 in southeastern New Brunswick and have promised to do so until SWN Resources leaves the province. (01/10/2013).

POSITIONING STATEMENT:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada is aware of the blockade and encourages resolution of the concerns raised by the protestors through a dialogue between the concerned parties.

KEY MESSAGES

- We encourage resolution of issues through dialogue in all cases.
- We recognize the public's right to engage in peaceful protests.
- Where demonstrations do occur, the matter becomes a public safety issue for the consideration of policing authorities.
- All Canadians are subject to the laws of Canada and it is our expectation that respect for the law will prevail.
- Working together to find common solutions is a much more constructive way of dealing with issues than planning or undertaking a blockade or protest.

If pressed on a possible role for AANDC in resolving this issue:

- The responsibility of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), with respect to land management, is limited to reserve land.

- Licensing for oil and gas exploration on provincial Crown land falls under provincial jurisdiction.

- The band's position does not impact upon the duties of AANDC at the present time.

BACKGROUND

These lines have been prepared in anticipation of any media call regarding the most recent (Fall 2013) protests on shale gas exploration in New Brunswick.

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Steve Young, Manager, Atlantic Communications, Oct. 1, 2013
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>>> Claudia Fournier 10/2/2013 7:59 PM >>>

Hi -

MO is asking for lines to respond to the following article -
http://rabble.ca/blogs/bloggers/krystalline-kraus/2013/10/activist-communique-news-release-elsipogtog-first-nations-s

In particular, MO is looking for lines / information on the two issues

1) stewardship claim and

2) Southwestern Energy (SWN) - shale gas developer - do we have any role to play? If not, why?

we have received these lines from Atlantic region.

The lines do speak to #2 - not so sure about stweardship of the land.

Do we have lines that speak to the land stewardship issue for Elsipogtog (as stated in the article)? Also, is it possible to run the lines in quick approvals - mo as requested lines for tomorrow morning.

Only section 2 of the lines would require approvals as the first part is our generic lines on demonstration and protest.

>>> Ronald Levesque 10/1/2013 3:15:26 PM >>> Claudia,

FYI, Proactive media lines about the blockade on Route 134 in NB...RDG approved.

Just in case, :-)

Ron

From: Ronald Levesque
To: Boisvert, Chantal
CC: Fournier, Claudia; Manchulenko, Lesia
Date: 10/28/2013 10:15 AM
Subject: AMHERST-#471346-v7-MEDIA_LINES_-_OCTOBER_2013_BLOCKADE_OF_ROUTE_134.DOC
Attachments: AMHERST-#471346-v7-MEDIA_LINES_-_OCTOBER_2013_BLOCKADE_OF_ROUTE_134.doc

Bonjour Chantal,

Suite à ton message téléphonique, voici les 'media lines' reliées au barrage des routes au sud-est du N.-B. en relation à l'exploration du gaz de schiste. Tu pourras aussi vérifier avec Claudia Fournier/Lesia Manchulenko pour voir si des modifications ont été faites à cette version une fois rendue à HQ.

Derniers développements - le chef d'Elsipogtog a dit vouloir apporter la cause en cours pour déterminer le 'land title' des terres au N.-B. (vous devez en être au courant?) et; en fin de semaine, les Malécites on érigé un 'longhouse' en face de l'édifice de l'assemblée législative du NB et signé un accord contre le développement du gaz de schiste..
Voir ici: http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/n-b-maliseet-sign-opposition-to-shale-gas-1.2253996

Ron

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT CANADA
RESPONSE TO MEDIA

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ISSUE:

RCMP have blocked access to Routes 11 and 134 in southeastern NB and are said to be preparing to act on a court injunction to remove protesters and allow SWN employees to begin seismic testing. (17/10/2013).

POSITIONING STATEMENT:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada is aware of the police action and as always, encourages resolution of the concerns raised by the protestors through a dialogue between the concerned parties. A forum for the negotiation of Aboriginal rights, including rights to lands and resources, exists with the Government of Canada, the Government of New Brunswick, and the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs of New Brunswick.

KEY MESSAGES

- We encourage resolution of issues through dialogue in all cases.
- We recognize the public's right to engage in peaceful protests.
- Where demonstrations do occur, the matter becomes a public safety issue for the consideration of policing authorities.
- All Canadians are subject to the laws of Canada and it is our expectation that respect for the law will prevail.
- Working together to find common solutions is a much more constructive way of dealing with issues than planning or undertaking a blockade or protest.

<u>If pressed on a possible role for AANDC in resolving this issue:</u>

- The responsibility of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), with respect to land management, is limited to reserve land.
- Licensing for oil and gas exploration on provincial Crown land falls under provincial jurisdiction.

If asked on Aboriginal rights negotiations with First Nations in New Brunswick:

- Canada, the Province of New Brunswick, and the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs of New Brunswick have established a process for the negotiation of Aboriginal and treaty rights in New Brunswick. Elsipogtog is a member of the Assembly, so is part of these negotiations.

- These negotiations are based on respect for historic treaties and treaty rights and will also bring clarity to outstanding issues of Aboriginal rights, including assertions of Aboriginal title.

- A framework agreement has been concluded by the parties and is awaiting signature at this time. This framework agreement will guide negotiations among the parties in the future.

BACKGROUND

These lines have been updated in light of the October 17 events.

AANDC became aware through media reports and tweets from official RCMP sources that RCMP were preparing October 17 to act on a court ordered injunction to remove protesters from Route 134. Media and RCMP both reported early in the morning that Routes 11 and 134 would be blocked by police as they moved to prepare to remove protesters from the Route 134. AANDC understands that schools have been locked down. Social media video from the protest site shows a stand-off between police and protesters.

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As the 1760 treaties were relationship agreements and did not address Aboriginal rights, these negotiations focus on both the implementation of the historic treaty and the reconciliation of Aboriginal rights, including Aboriginal title. Canada, the Province, and the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs of New Brunswick, which represents 14 New Brunswick First Nations (including Elsipogtog), achieved an umbrella agreement for the negotiation process in 2011 and have now concluded a framework agreement which will guide all future negotiations. This framework agreement is presently awaiting signature by the parties.

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CC: Ellis, Patricia; Pigeon, Elizabeth; Seibert, Amy
Date: 6/18/2013 8:12 AM
Subject: Re: (additional lines) Fwd: Mi'kmaq/Maliseet shale gas exploration protests in NB

Sylvain Vézina has drafted some updated lines that are in regional approvals.

Ron

>>> Susan Winger 6/17/2013 5:53 PM >>>
The role of AANDC on consultation here is good, the other lines should be adjusted to remove reference to AANDC supporting the provincial crown.

>>> Ronald Levesque 2013/06/17 2:18 PM >>>
There were also the following lines written in response to protests by the Mi'kmaq Nation in relation to the Made in NB and Made in NS process. -Ron

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ISSUE: Protest of Made in Nova Scotia Process and Made in New Brunswick Process by members of some Mi'kmaq communities in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick (28/02/13)

POSITIONING STATEMENT:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) is aware of the protest and encourages resolution of the concerns raised by the protestors through a dialogue with their leaders.

KEY MESSAGES

Re: Protests (pre-approved messaging)

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Re: Made in NS and NB negotiation processes

Negotiations among Canada, the provinces, and First Nations representative groups in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are built upon respect for historic treaties. These negotiations will help to bring clarity to outstanding issues of Aboriginal rights, including assertions of Aboriginal title and treaty rights.

These processes are not intended as a re-negotiation of historic treaties, or as a means to terminate or extinguish treaty rights, and this has been agreed to by all of the parties.

The Government of Canada is negotiating Aboriginal and treaty rights and self-government in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and the Gaspé region of Québec. In February 2007, a Framework Agreement was signed by 13 Mikmaq Chiefs of Nova Scotia, Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada. The parties are working on strengthening their relationships and addressing outstanding Aboriginal and treaty rights.

For more information please visit the negotiations table update, which has information on both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick negotiations.

If asked on Shubenacadie withdrawal from the Made-in-Nova Scotia Process:

The First Nations in Nova Scotia are organized into an aggregate group called the Assembly of Nova Scotia Chiefs. Until recently the Assembly was comprised of all 13 of the First Nations in the province, However, on March 5, 2013, Shubenacadie (Indian Brook) pulled out of the negotiations. This is the prerogative of communities and the agreements include processes to allow First Nations to opt in or out of the negotiations.

If asked on Bill C-45 (DMO-approved messaging):
(Full set of lines available at CIDM #HQ5031394)

Our Government continues to take concrete steps to build the conditions necessary for First Nation communities to participate more fully in Canadas economy.
For First Nations operating under the Indian Act, land designation is a powerful key to unlocking on-reserve economic development across Canada.
The amendments to the Indian Acts land designation provisions respond directly to First Nations who have expressed frustration with the overly complex and lengthy processes currently involved in designating reserve land.
The amendments will speed up the process to designate reserve lands and, as a result, provide greater flexibility for First Nations to act on time-sensitive economic development opportunities.
Amending the land designation provisions of the Indian Act is a practical and incremental change that will increase economic development opportunities on reserve land while reducing red tape and unnecessary costs to Canada and First Nations.
The amendments to the land designation process have no impact on Aboriginal or Treaty interests or rights.

If asked on duty to consult lines (pre-approved messaging):

Canada takes its legal duty to consult with Aboriginal groups very seriously.
Canada has a legal duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate Aboriginal groups if it has been determined that treaty and Aboriginal rights could be impacted.
Canada endeavours to meet its legal duty to consult through meaningful and direct consultation with Aboriginal communities to ensure that Aboriginal views are taken into consideration when making decisions on projects that could adversely affect their rights.
The Crown has a legal duty to consult and, if appropriate, accommodate when contemplating conduct that might adversely impact potential or established section 35 or Treaty rights of Aboriginal groups as stated by the Supreme Court of Canada in the Haida and Taku River decisions.
The role of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada is to coordinate with, support, and advise federal officials on fulfilling the legal duty to consult. This role is designed to lead to a whole-of-government approach to Aboriginal consultation.
The Government of Canada takes it consultation obligations seriously and will consult Aboriginal groups should a federal activity have an adverse impact on an Aboriginal or Treaty right.

Background

On Feb 28, 2013, members of the Mi'kmaq Nation issued a press release announcing a protest of the Made in Nova Scotia Process and the Made in New Brunswick Process. They feel that their leadership has not consulted with them on the Made in Nova Scotia and Made in New Brunswick Processes. They also feel that their leadership should not be working with the federal government given the passing of Bill C-45. On Friday March 1st they are holding a press conference and some community members have already begun a hunger strike.

The full text of the press release is below:

Protesters Come together to denounce changes to Aboriginal Rights that are being stampeded by

Omnibus budget bill

MILLBROOK NS- Members of the Mi'kmaq Nation, are opposed to the impending framework agreements under the premises of economic opportunity, the Made in Nova Scotia Process, and the Made in New Brunswick Process.

"The framework agreements promise economic opportunity for a select group of Mi'kmaq people at the price of all Mi'kmaq peoples inherent treaties ", said Marina Young, "Our people are already living under a paternalistic government within the Indian Act itself where Chiefs tell the people how their community will be run. We have a voice and we say "NO!" to the Made in Nova Scotia Process and the Made in New Brunswick Process. Drastic measures have been implemented with the declaration of a hunger strike by a citizens assembly in the Mi'kmaq community comprised of members from each of the neighboring provinces. The lead fasters, who will consume only water throughout the duration, will be Idle No More organizer Shelley Young, a member of Eskasoni First Nation and Jean Sock, a member of the New Brunswick reservation Elsipogtog.

Jean and Shelley represent the communities who feel they have not yet been consulted about this process, and feel that their current leadership should not be dealing with a federal government who has openly disregarded First Nation's treaties with the passing of Bill C-45, which they say is a direct assault on Aboriginal communities and land designated for sale by Mi'kmaq leadership along with the Harper government to major oil and mining companies. The Fast will commence at midnight, Thursday, on the Millbrook reservation and will continue until a majority opts out of the process or is willing to halt the process until the Harper government is no longer in office.

"Our treaties are our identity, we are raised in our communities to understand the importance of our right to a sustainable living, and we understand that these were friendship treaties made to benefit all, but here we are. The Canadian government has benefited the most of all", says Bryson Syllboy of Indianbrook. "Bill C-45 and the Made In Nova Scotia process are very closely mirrored, one of 'Jobs and Growth' and the other 'Economic Opportunity."

"We've been protesting against the Harper Government since December for their lack of consultation with our leaders for C-45 and other impending bills, yet our own leaders fail to consult with us on negotiations that regard our rights, impact our lands and extinguish our treaties. Information sessions done in select few communities where a handful of people show is not deemed proper consultation. Band members should have complete understanding of these comprehensive claim policies and be in full support of them if they are to continue. These processes will ultimately be detrimental to our lands, Mi'kmaq people will have different rights in different provinces, our original treaties will be extinguished (labelled "certainty" in the federal policy), and will effect our children and future generations to come." says Shelley Young of Eskasoni.

The group is also asking for support from allies who are concerned about how these bills will affect them. The threat of modernizing treaties and negotiating with a government that clearly disrespects these contracts is crucial to the people of Canada.

"It has been stated that the Native people are Canada's last hope in protecting our lands and our waterways for all of us to enjoy.
Idle No More "Nation First" will be holding a Press Conference on Friday, March 1 at 10:00am. All persons concerned with the damages these modernized treaties will have on Canada's lakes and water ways, Canada's Human Rights Groups and Aboriginal Treaty Right is urged to attend.

All Mikmaq First Nations in Nova Scotia are represented by the Kwilmukw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO) at the negotiating table. The KMKNO has issued a news release on February 28, 2013, to respond to some of the questions raised by the members.

The negotiations are funded by Canada to support First Nations participation. The funding provided in Nova Scotia is comparable to what is provided to other negotiations across the country, subject to

Treasury Board guidelines and are based on the stage of the negotiations. Further, the funding covers the entire First Nation aggregate, all 13 communities.

The Made-in-Nova Scotia Process has been established by the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia, the Province and Canada to negotiate Aboriginal and treaty rights, including title.

The parties signed an Umbrella Agreement in 2002, and a Framework Agreement in 2007. Through the Framework Agreement, the parties have agreed to enter into a negotiation process which provides a constructive and practical way of addressing the treaty and Aboriginal rights and title of the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia. The parties are currently negotiating an Agreement-in-Principle. In 2010, the parties also signed the Terms of Reference for a Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Process. This Agreement streamlines and facilitates consultation by establishing an orderly process for Crown consultations with the 13 Mi'kmaq First Nations.

In New Brunswick, the Mi'gmag and Maliseet, the Province and Canada signed an Umbrella Agreement in 2011. This Agreement establishes an effective and orderly process to help guide discussions among the parties towards the conclusion of a Framework Agreement on Aboriginal and treaty rights and self-government and a Consultation Agreement.

The parties have also recently negotiated an Interim Consultation Protocol and a Framework Agreement with 14/15 of the NB First Nations. These agreements have yet to be formally signed by the parties. A signing ceremony is being contemplated for the near future.

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>>> Dorothy Haché 6/17/2013 2:23 PM >>>
Not that I am aware of, so cc'ing comms

>>> Ritu Sood 6/17/2013 1:46 PM >>>
Thanks ladies. Has region developed any media lines on this? I'm cc'ing Susan Winger given the alleged lack of consultation. Thanks

>>> Dorothy Haché 6/17/2013 12:18 PM >>>

>>> Ronald Levesque 6/17/2013 1:13 PM >>>
Latest CBC - NB story...includes references to whether or not province carried out its Duty to Consult. - Ron

CBC New Brunswick (web site)
Monday, June 17, 2013

Civil disobedience last resort for shale gas protesters

CBC News

The executive director of the Sierra Club of Canada is supporting New Brunswick demonstrators who have blocked seismic testing trucks during protests against shale gas exploration and development.

John Bennett says the Sierra Club's policy does not permit civil disobedience, but the board is currently in discussions to lift its ban.

"Because of the way government in Ottawa and elsewhere across the country have been behaving in terms of limiting our ability to participate in environmental decisions and limiting the people's ability to say no when they have good reasons for refusing industrial development," said Bennett.

In a survey of its members, Bennett says 94 per cent of 1890 respondents said the Sierra Club of Canada should consider using civil disobedience.

Bennett says it's no surprise that protesters in New Brunswick are resorting to civil disobedience. He says it is the final option for people who want to defy an unjust law or draw attention to one.

'They haven't even followed the proper consultation process with First Nations which is something that's in the Canadian Constitution so who is breaking the law here?'—John Bennett, Sierra Club of Canada

"It's no different what's happening in New Brunswick than what happened in the United States when black people were required to sit at the back of the bus and they walked up to the front of the bus and sat there. That was against the law. Was it wrong? I don't think so."

Bennett believes civil disobedience is "absolutely" appropriate in Kent County where protests have been going on for more than a week.

On Friday 12 protesters were arrested after blocking seismic testing trucks on Route 126.

"This is being imposed upon a community and imposed upon a First Nation without their permission and there has to be limits to what the government can do and what industry can do to force people to accept something that they don't want to accept."

Bennett says New Brunswickers have done everything they can to convince the provincial government to stop the shale gas industry but no one is listening.

"It's the last tactic, it's not the first tactic, you know everything is done properly in New Brunswick," said Bennett.

"There have been public meetings, there have been petition campaigns, there have been protests, people have clearly communicated to the government their refusal to accept this new technology being imposed upon them and what else can they do at this stage? There are no legal ways of doing this."

'Duty to Consult' Questioned

Bennett says the provincial government has also failed to listen to its First Nations people.

Elsibogtog's chief has come out publically against seismic testing and shale gas development, and many of the protesters on Route 126 are aboriginal.

"They haven't even followed the proper consultation process with First Nations which is something that's in the Canadian Constitution so who is breaking the law here," Bennett asked.

The position of the New Brunswick government is that there is a "sliding scale" when it comes to its duty to consult.

Energy Minister Craig Leonard has said that the provincial Aboriginal Affairs secretariat has determined that the level of "duty" depends on the activity.

In the case of seismic testing, Leonard says the province has determined that the duty to consult requirement has been met when the province notifies aboriginal communities that the testing is going on.

Ken Coates holds a Canada Research Chair in social innovation at the University of Saskatchewan and has studied aboriginal rights in the Maritimes.

"First Nations engagement in the resource sector is a wonderful, wonderful thing," Coates said. "It will change the way we actually see both first nations and resource development."

He says the protests in Kent County show how governments and companies are still getting used to newly recognized aboriginal rights when it comes to natural resource development.

"Canadians will find out that First Nations people make great partners because they're not antagonistic, they're not opposed to development automatically."

Coates says consultation isn't enough and it's important that governments negotiate agreements with First Nations.

He says New Brunswick is only now getting a taste of what other parts of the country have gone through in the past couple of years, citing a recent $600 million agreement over uranium development, between the community of English River in northern Saskatchewan and the companies Cameco and Areva.

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>>> Patricia Ellis 6/17/2013 12:52 PM >>>
I am not aware of anything but I have copied Ron as he is the Comms Officer for NB.

>>> Dorothy Haché 6/17/2013 12:08 PM >>>
anything?

>>> Ritu Sood 6/17/2013 12:07 PM >>>
Hi Ladies: Any developments on this in your world?

>>> Ritu Sood 6/17/2013 10:44 AM >>>
Bonjour Sylvain:

Over the weekend, Shelly Young (one of the hunger strikers from NS) posted the following on Facebook regarding the arrest of Mi'kmaq and Maliseet protestors in New Brunswick who are opposing shale gas exploration in Kent County:
Could you IMAGINE what would happen if this went down in Mohawk Territory?!? Protesters were in mid

ceremony and praying, never resisting arrest- yet they still faced police brutality. Maliseet man being cuffed is holding a peace pipe and a Mi'kmaq youth from Burnt Church was manhandled so badly during his arrest that they broke his hand!#WhereAreOurWarriors (https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/whereareourwarriors) #NB (https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/nb) #Route126 (https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/route126)

She also posted that she was heading down to NB because they "need everyone's help"... A group of people from NS posted some angry posts.

Have we had any media inquiries on this? Let me know if Comms feels we need some lines. The issue is primarily with Minister of Energy (and now RCMP), but given that the grounds for the protest are impact on Aboriginal and treaty rights, we should keep a close eye on developments.

Merci, Ritu

From: Ronald Levesque
To: Young, Steve
Date: 6/18/2013 8:58 AM
Subject: Fracking media lines to approve

Hey - care to review some media lines? This is HQ initiative re: recent posting in Facebook mentioned in background below.

These were prepared by Sylvain Vezina (TAG HQ, but working in Quebec). Teresa has made a few changes which I've incorporated.

Let me know if you feel changes are required via email or phone (902) 661-3148.

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Shelley Young, a member of Eskasoni First Nation, has posted information on her Facebook page about the arrest of the protesters. In March 2013, Shelley Young was one of the representatives of the communities who felt they had not yet been consulted about the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick negotiations processes. The group felt that their current leadership should not be dealing with a federal government that has openly disregarded First Nation's treaties with the passing of Bill C-45, which they say is a direct assault on Aboriginal communities and land designated for sale by Mi'kmaq leadership along with the Harper government to major oil and mining companies.

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Attachments: AMHERST-#471346-v3-MEDIA_LINES_-_OCTOBER_2013_BLOACKADE_OF_ROUTE_134.doc

Claudia,

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Just in case, :-)

Ron

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From: Ronald Levesque
To: Fournier, Claudia; Laughren, Sandra; Manchulenko, Lesia
CC: Ketcheson, Ian; Young, Steve
Date: 10/17/2013 11:46 AM
Subject: Re: David Common (CBC) Tweet on anti-shale protest

Lesia/Sandra/Claudia: Do you know if the lines we sent up early October were modified or changed during HQ approval process? Can you send latest version if readily available?

Ron

>>> Steve Young 10/17/2013 11:39 AM >>>
We will update the anticipatory lines we did and send them up.

>>> Lesia Manchulenko 10/17/2013 10:36:58 AM >>>
Hi Steve - You able to help? Thanks

>>> Erica Meekes 10/17/2013 10:32:56 AM >>>
Hey- can we get lines and info on this asap please?
Erica Meekes
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(613) 793-3876

>>> HQ Inform 10/17/2013 10:19:35 AM >>>
davidcommon (CBC)

RCMP in NB breaking up anti-shale gas protest. First Nations there. Police dogs. School locked down. Multi arrests: CBC reporter on scene.

Jim Hurcomb

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From: Ronald Levesque
To: Manchulenko, Lesia
Date: 10/17/2013 11:54 AM
Subject: Fwd: Rép. : Re: For MO approval: Updated Media Lines Anti-Fracking Protesters

These aren't it. They'd have "October 2013 blockage route 134" in the title....sent up October 1 or 2...

>>> Lesia Manchulenko 10/17/2013 11:52 AM >>>
Hi Ron - This is what came through earlier (a TAG lead, not RO this time). MO has this version, so please let us know re: any updates. Thanks, Lesia

>>> Claudia Fournier 2013-10-03 15:18 >>>
Thanks John and Amanda - I am sending the lines to MO.

However, I have a quick question - do we have lines / information on the framework agreement? Mo will certainly ask for this.

>>> Amanda Kaminski 10/3/2013 2:35 PM >>>
For MO approval:

Products: Updated Media Lines
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Timing: Requested by MO

Notes: I have embedded the lines and attached a copy as well. Previously approved by DG Comms, ADMO, DG, and DMO.

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From: Ronald Levesque
To: Hines, Harold; MacDonald, Dougal
Date: 10/17/2013 12:23 PM
Subject: URGENT for Dougal

Dougal,

HQ has added sections (in bold) to previously approved media lines (early October) on the shale gas protest.

I am sending to you for comment/approval, especially on the new sections (in bold if you can see them - deal mostly with negotiations between NB and FNs)

HQ is awaiting approval in order to respond to a media enquiry.
Ron

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To: Manchulenko, Lesia
Date: 10/17/2013 12:35 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: AMHERST-#471346-v3-MEDIA_LINES_-_OCTOBER_2013_BLOACKADE_OF_ROUTE_134.DOC

I've added the new TAG lines/background and sent to RDG for his info as he was not privy to the changes beforehand. Should hear back shortly.

>>> Lesia Manchulenko 10/17/2013 12:07 PM >>>
Yeah, there's a couple of additions from the regionally-approved....Sorry!

>>> Ronald Levesque 10/17/2013 11:06 AM >>>
Oh.... :-)

That's pretty much what I just updated and sent to you - doesn't look like anyone up there made changes that i can see.

Ron

>>> Lesia Manchulenko 10/17/2013 12:03 PM >>>
Check the original email I sent. The attachment is wrong, but the embedded text is right....

>>> Ronald Levesque 10/17/2013 10:58 AM >>>
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Steve Young - Media Call - Elsipogtog

From: Michelle Perron
To: Steve Young
Date: 10/21/2013 2:55 PM
Subject: Media Call - Elsipogtog
CC: Claudia Fournier; Lesia Manchulenko; Sandra Laughren; Sylvie Mercier;...

Hi Steve,

Can you please see below, I can't find anything on our website, do we have information? If so, can you share with the reporter?

Deadline today 3pm.

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Anthony Furey, National Affairs Columnist, Sun Media / Sun News Network, (613) 797-3233, anthony.furey@sunmedia.ca. Looking for an online explanatory note on the history of the Elsipogtog First Nation. The reporter is searching for something similar to this one we have posted on Barriere Lake: http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100016352/1100100016353#a5.

He is aware of the First Nation detail page on Elsipogtog (http://pse5-esd5.ainc-inac.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/FNMain.aspx?BAND_NUMBER=3&lang=eng), and this is not what he's requesting, but something with a historical breakdown.

Thanks,
Miche

Steve Young - Re: Fwd: (232) Events Related to the Shale Gas Protest - Rexton, NB / Manifestation contre le gaz de schiste - Rexton, Nouveau-Bruswick

From: Steve Young
To: William Nye
Date: 10/22/2013 3:06 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: (232) Events Related to the Shale Gas Protest - Rexton, NB / Manifestation contre le gaz de schiste - Rexton, Nouveau-Bruswick

thanks for sending

>>> William Nye 10/22/2013 1:51 PM >>>
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To: Young, Steve
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Subject: MEDIA LINES - OCTOBER 2013 BLOCKADE OF ROUTE 134
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Hi Lesia,

Here is update - yellow highlights for updated material from RDG approved version sent up in early October.

Key messages all same, background updated with today's events as of about noon our time.

Ron

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To: Manchulenko, Lesia
Date: 10/17/2013 12:07 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Media Lines Anti-Fracking Protesters

Done and sent to you.

>>> Lesia Manchulenko 10/17/2013 12:06 PM >>>
Folks - Sorry for confusion. For some reason the attachment was wrong on the one I sent earlier. This is the correct version of what went up to MO and needs to be checked for updates.

Ron: Could I ask you to please work from this version?

Thanks

>>> Claudia Fournier 10/17/2013 10:52 AM >>>
Attached are lines that were developed earlier on the anti-fracking protest.

We are checking if the lines need to be updated in regards to today's developments.

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Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada is aware of the blockade and encourages a resolution of the concerns raised by the protestors through dialogue among the concerned parties. A forum for the negotiation of Aboriginal rights, including rights to lands and resources, exists with the Government of Canada, the Government of New Brunswick, and the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs of New Brunswick.

KEY MESSAGES

- We encourage the resolution of issues through dialogue in all cases.

- We recognize the publics right to engage in peaceful protests.

- Where demonstrations do occur, the matter becomes a public safety issue for the consideration of policing authorities.

- All Canadians are subject to the laws of Canada and it is our expectation that respect for the law will prevail.

- Working together to find common solutions is a much more constructive way of dealing with issues than planning or undertaking a blockade or protest.

If pressed on a possible role for AANDC in resolving this issue:

- The responsibility of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), with respect to land management, is limited to reserve land.

•Licensing for oil and gas exploration on provincial Crown land falls under provincial jurisdiction.

If asked on Aboriginal rights negotiations with First Nations in New Brunswick:
•Canada, the Province of New Brunswick, and the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs of New Brunswick have established a process for the negotiation of Aboriginal and treaty rights in New Brunswick. Elsipogtog is a member of the Assembly, so is part of these negotiations.
•These negotiations are based on respect for historic treaties and treaty rights and will also bring clarity to outstanding issues of Aboriginal rights, including assertions of Aboriginal title.
•A framework agreement has been concluded by the parties and is awaiting signature at this time. This framework agreement will guide negotiations among the parties in the future.

BACKGROUND

These lines have been prepared in anticipation of any media call regarding the most recent (Fall 2013) protests on shale gas exploration in New Brunswick.

SWN Resources Canada (www.swnnb.ca), a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwestern Energy Company, will resume seismic testing soon in Kent County (New Brunswick) to see if there is viable gas industry in the area. In March 2010, the Province of New Brunswick accepted the companys bid for a licence to search, exploring 1 million hectares (2.5 million acres) in the province.

The protesters have been holding demonstrations and blocked Route 134. Media reports state the protesters have claimed the road will remain blocked until SWN leaves the province. In a press release Sept. 30, Elsipogtog Chief Arren Sock announced a Band Council Resolution to undertake stewardship of all unoccupied Crown land would be publicly unveiled October 1. The Elsipogtog First Nation and the Signigtog District Grand Council state that the Original people of the territory, together with their hereditary and elected leaders, believe that their lands and waters are being badly mismanaged by Canada, the province and corporations to the point of ruin. Now facing complete destruction, they feel that the lands are no longer capable of providing enough to support the populations of the region.

The release further states that Mi'kmaq people of Signigtog are resuming stewardship of their lands and waters to correct the problems and are planning measures to restore them back to good health.
In 1999, the Supreme Court of Canada found in Marshall that the Mikmaq and Maliseet of the Atlantic provinces possess a historic treaty right to fish and harvest for a moderate livelihood based on the 1760 Peace and Friendship Treaties. In the wake of this decision, Canada began negotiations with Mikmaq and Maliseet groups in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec.
As the 1760 treaties were relationship agreements and did not address Aboriginal rights, these negotiations focus on both the implementation of the historic treaty and the reconciliation of Aboriginal rights, including Aboriginal title. Canada, the Province, and the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs of New Brunswick, which represents 14 New Brunswick First Nations (including Elsipogtog), achieved an umbrella agreement for the negotiation process in 2011 and have now concluded a framework agreement which will guide all future negotiations. This framework agreement is presently awaiting signature by the parties.

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The Honourable David Alward, MLA
Premier and Minister responsible for the
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Government of New Brunswick
PO Box 6000
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Dear Premier:

Thank you for your letter of October 2, 2013, confirming your government's support for the Elsipogtog First Nation's proposed additions to reserve. This will certainly facilitate the addition to reserve process and thereby advance the community and economic development aspirations of the First Nation.

I note in your letter that these four properties, currently under consideration for addition to reserve, are included in a provincial natural resource exploratory licence. Please have your officials provide a copy of this licence to the Department's Regional Manager of Lands, Environmental and Natural Resources, Mr. Larry Pardy.

As you can appreciate, we will need to ascertain whether the existence of this license, which applies to properties anticipated to become reserve land, may impact the addition to reserve process. In addition, I would kindly request your officials to work with the Atlantic regional office and the Elsipogtog First Nation to identify and address any access issues that may be associated with this licence.

Your support for this initiative and the overall well-being of First Nations in New Brunswick is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bernard Valcourt, PC, QC, MP

c.c.: Chief Arren Sock
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CC: Ellis, Patricia; Young, Steve
Date: 10/2/2013 1:15 PM
Subject: CBC-NB: Shale gas development spurs treaty debate in N.B.

CBC New Brunswick (web site)
New Brunswick, Wednesday, October 2, 2013
Shale gas development spurs treaty debate in N.B.
Ken Coates and T.J. Burke agree the provincial government needs a modern treaty with First Nations
CBC News

Aboriginal rights lawyer T.J. Burke says a move by the Elsipogtog First Nation's chief and council to reclaim its traditional territory currently held by the New Brunswick government as Crown land shouldn't come as a surprise to the Alward government.

On Tuesday, Chief Arren Sock issued an eviction notice to SWN Resources Canada as protesters continued to block Route 134 near Rexton to prevent the company from moving its exploration equipment.

'When you push a group of oppressed people into a corner, a little bit further into the corner, they're going to stand up and speak out and they don't just stand up and speak out individually they stand up and speak out united.'- T.J. Burke, lawyer representing Elsipogtog First Nation

Sock says for centuries the British Crown claimed to be holding the land in trust for his people, but since the land is being badly mismanaged First Nations people are taking it back.

Burke represents the Elsipogtog First Nation and says members of the band are being encouraged to exercise their inherent aboriginal and treaty rights, which means occupying land that is within their traditional boundaries.

"I don't think anybody from the community is going to go downtown Moncton or Richibucto or the outlying boundaries of Elsipogtog First Nation and say get out of your house this is Mi'kmaq territory," says Burke.

Ken Coates, a public policy professor at the University of Saskatchewan and the author of The Marshall Decision and Native Rights, says Sock's dramatic statement shows First Nations people in New Brunswick are becoming increasingly frustrated with the absence of a formal treaty in the province and the Maritimes.

"So I think what you're seeing is the past coming back to haunt the government of Canada and the Province of New Brunswick where the failure to resolve these issues in the past have left them open to interpretation and application in the present."

Burke also acknowledges the long-standing dispute.

"Largely in the province of New Brunswick there has never been any ceding of Crown land to the British Crown by the Mi'kmaq or Maliseet people."

Modern treaty overdue in NB

Burke warns that the province is going to have to respond and says the Alward government cannot continue to ignore the fact that members of the Elsipogtog First Nation object to the exploration for shale

gas.

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Coates says if there was a modern treaty signed in the Maritimes, then Crown land would be the primary source of settlement available to the governments of Canada and New Brunswick.

"What they're basically saying is if you guys keep developing these lands in the absence of a treaty, in the absence of a formal agreement you're basically taking the value out of those lands before we have a chance to get any claim to them."

Coates doesn't believe First Nations people want to stop development completely. Rather he says they want it stopped until there is a measure of environmental control and a negotiated financial return.

"They're tired of being left economically marginalized and without the opportunity to participate and they want the land and resources necessary to create a positive, constructive future for themselves and it seems to me to be a perfectly rational and reasonable argument and one that's overdue," said Coates.

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From: Ronald Levesque
To: Davis, Mark
Date: 10/4/2013 2:51 PM
Subject: Re: Acadian Treaty rights?

"Treaty of peace, good correspondence & neutrality in America" ?

http://eco.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.94055/7#4?r=0&s=1&_suid=138090887599802637496701711971 6

>>> Mark Davis 10/4/2013 2:37 PM >>>
First I heard but let's see if we can find the 1686 treaty?

>>> Ronald Levesque 10/4/2013 2:31 PM >>>
Any idea what they are referring to?
http://halifax.mediacoop.ca/story/8-women-8th-fire-lay-treaty-law-smack-down-rcmp-ne/19103

'8 Women of the 8th Fire' lay Treaty Law smack down on RCMP negotiators
Mi'kmaq Warrior Society defers to anti-shale women, who now leave police with much to ponder
by Miles Howe, Halifax Media Co-op

Rexton, New Brunswick As the stand-off along highway 134 continues, RCMP negotiators Marc Robichaud and Denise Vautour today asked the anti-shale gas activists who have blockaded and surrounded an Irving-owned compound by what authority they had blocked the highway, and in fact what they were doing there.

Robichaud and Vautour initially made the request of the Mi'kmaq Warriors Society. The Society, in deference to what is now and ostensibly has always been the true source of power in Mi'kma'ki, told the RCMP that it would be the women who would be providing the forthcoming answers. The written document, which has just been provided to the RCMP negotiators on the promise that the police will be providing it to the provincial government, is as follows:

'We are here for the water: To protect it and the Earth. We have been placed here on Turtle Island by our Creator, and we were granted Sacred Responsibilities by our Creator.

Our Rights are International, and protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Canadian Constitution.

We are uniting and standing in solidarity with grassroots people to assert our rights. **We are also uniting with our Acadian brothers and sisters, who also have Treaty Rights (1686)**

Our Rights:

1.Sui Generis Treaty Rights

2.Treaty Rights: **1686 (Acadian)**, 1724, 1725, 1752, 1760, 1763

3.Aboriginal Original Title

4.Aboriginal Rights

5.Our Inherited Authority and Sovereignty.

Signed: The 8 women of the 8th Fire Mi'kma'ki'

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Date: 10/18/2013 1:05 PM
Subject: Re: Demonstrations

Thanks Bill. Please keep me in the loop on any significant news. I was aware of the Confed Bridge rumours but like short on where, whens and what's.

----- Original Message -----
From: William Nye [mailto:William.Nye@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca]
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2013 12:01 PM
To: MacInnis, Michael
Cc: Dougal MacDonald <Dougal.MacDonald@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca>; Mark Davis <Mark.Davis@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca>; Steve Young <Steve.Young@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca>
Subject: Re: Demonstrations

Thus far we haven't had any word of possible protests involving the PEI First Nations. There is an unconfirmed report on social media about a possible demonstration at the Confederation Bridge but it didn't say which end or whether it would involve a slow down or stoppage of traffic.

>>> "MacInnis, Michael" <Michael.MacInnis@ps-sp.gc.ca> 10/18/2013 11:04:30 AM >>>
Hi Bill.

Would you happen to have details on any potential protests that may take place on or impact the Island? When, where, #s.

Thanks.

Mike

Michael A. MacInnis
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From: Ronald Levesque
To: MacDonald, Dougal; Nye, William; Tolley, Jennyfer; Young, Steve
CC: Ellis, Patricia
Date: 10/18/2013 3:48 PM
Subject: RCMP press release from today

Note mention of attempt to burn down RCMP station on-reserve. -Ron

RCMP respond to serious threat to public safety; explosives, firearms and knives seized, Rexton, N.B. 2013/10/18

http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/nb/news-nouvelles/releases-communiques/13-10-18-142855-eng.htm

The RCMP seized a number of firearms from an encampment at a protest site set up along Highway 134 in Rexton on October 17, 2013. Police also discovered improvised explosive devices, a large amount of ammunition, knives and bear spray.

During yesterday's police operation, several shots were fired from within the encampment, Molotov-style explosives were thrown at police, six RCMP vehicles were destroyed by fire, and several improvised explosive devices were discovered and defused. These explosives contained shrapnel and had the potential to seriously injure or kill people. There were no reported serious injuries to either police or people gathered in the area. The previous day, on October 16, death threats were made by some of the protestors against members of a private security firm at the compound being blocked.

"The weapons and explosives we seized show that this was no longer a peaceful protest and there was a serious threat to public safety. We took the action necessary to address that threat," says New Brunswick RCMP Commanding Officer Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown. "Police officers demonstrated incredible professionalism as they worked to resolve the situation under tremendously difficult and dangerous circumstances. Some in the crowd threw rocks and bottles at them and sprayed them with bear spray. Setting police cars on fire created a dangerous situation for everyone in the area, and it was at that point that police were forced to physically confront some in the crowd who refused to obey the law."

Forty people were arrested. Nine people are expected to appear in court on October 18 to face a variety of charges including pointing a firearm, mischief, assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest, obstruction of justice and failing to abide by a court injunction. Thirty-one other people were released on police undertakings and promises to appear in court at later dates. Our investigations continue and additional charges are expected.

At approximately 2:30 a.m. on October 18, an attempt was made to burn the Elsipogtog First Nation RCMP office. Minor damage was sustained, and the Elsipogtog Fire Department was able to put out the fire. This is a building owned by Elsipogtog First Nation.

"The RCMP respects the rights and traditions of aboriginal communities and we know that the criminal behaviour of some individuals yesterday is not representative of the greater First Nations community," says A/Commr. Brown. "I met with the Elsipogtog Chief and Council last night and I was reassured to hear them say they don't condone violence and want peaceful discussions. We urge all those who want to demonstrate to do so peacefully and lawfully and allow things to calm down."

The RCMP is asking anyone with information that can help identify those responsible for criminal acts to contact the RCMP, or to provide information anonymously through Crime Stoppers at www.crimenb.ca or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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William Nye - Fwd: Re: Heads-up or notification???? - Off-Reserve Protest - Impacting Business Continuity On-Reserve

From: Meghan-Tia Robertson
To: Nye, William
Date: 10/17/2013 2:44 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: Heads-up or notification???? - Off-Reserve Protest - Impacting Business Continuity On-Reserve
CC: Basque, Nicolas; Fisk, Jean; Kline-Martin, Emily

Hi Bill:

Can you please confirm that I summarized this information correctly?

We will be sending out a notification shortly.

Thanks!

Meghan

>>> Meghan-Tia Robertson 10/17/2013 1:41 PM >>>
The other thing to mention:

At this time, AANDC AT Regional Office is just monitoring the situation.

>>> Meghan-Tia Robertson 10/17/2013 1:39 PM >>>
Hi Richard:

Serge asked me to follow-up with the AT Region regarding a a protest in Rexton, New Brunswick against a shale gas development operated by SWN Resources Canada.

I spoke to Bill Nye about this and here's what he said:

A group of First Nations (known participants from Elsipogtog FN and Indian Island FN) and non-First Nations people have been protesting this development for several days and were blockading the entrance to the site. SWN Resources Canada recently got a court injunction to end the blockade. Up until today, the RCMP were holding off on enforcing the injunction because the Chief of Elsipogtog was in negotiations with the province and SWN to reach a solution.

Today, the RCMP was ordered to begin enforcing the injunction and, in doing so, 2 RCMP cars were set on fire, the RCMP apparently may have used rubber bullets and the Chief and several council members of Elsipogtog were taken into custody.

There are several people (First Nation and non-First Nation) opposed to this development. There is apparently a bit of a split amongst the current group of protesters - some more extreme and others willing to negotiate a settlement (including the Chief and several council members of Elsipogtog). There are also several elders from Elsipogtog who are working as advisors for SWN.

Although this is off-reserve, would you like us to forward this as a notification or a heads-up since the Chief and Council being taken into custody creates a business continuity issue?

Please advise asap.

Thanks!

Meghan

Meghan-Tia Robertson
Acting Manager/Gestionnaire intérimaire
Operations/Opérations
Emergency Management Directorate/Direction de la gestion des urgences
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William Nye - Elsi

From: Chantal St-Amand
To: William Nye
Date: 10/17/2013 2:59 PM
Subject: Elsi

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http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/shale-gas-protesters-clash-with-police-in-rexton-n-b-1.2100703

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William Nye - Re: Protest in NB

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Subject: Re: Protest in NB
CC: Hines, Harold <Harold.Hines@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca>; William.Nye@aandc-aadnc....

Thanks. I'll forward this to DMs.

>>> Dougal MacDonald 10/17/2013 2:25:11 PM >>>
Last week, a New Brunswick judge granted an injunction in response to a complaint from SWN Resources. The company is doing seismic testing to determine if land near Highway 134, north of Moncton, near the community of Rexton is suitable for the extraction of shale gas. SWN was granted the right to do testing on provincial crown land by the Government of New Brunswick.

The testing ceased in the summer, and was due to restart in the fall, when a group from the Elsipogtog First Nation set up a blockade to prevent SWN from accessing its equipment on the test site. The First Nation council made a declaration that they were taking back their traditional rights to the land in question and let SWN know they were no longer welcome. Protestors are both aboriginal and non-aboriginal.

The judge issued the injunction and the RCMP were placed into a position where they needed to follow the judge's direction. This morning, the RCMP took action beginning on Highway 11 in the area and then onto 134. This is the official position stated by the RCMP to the media.

Julie Rogers-Marsh, an RCMP spokeswoman, could not confirm how many officers were on the scene. "What I can confirm for you is that police are enforcing a court injunction and in order to ensure public safety we have closed the road until the situation is resolved," said Constable Rogers-Marsh. RCMP in Fredericton have confirmed as of 1:30 pm to Public Safety Canada that no one has been shot.

Some protestors were arrested including Chief Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation and some council members, (confirmed through CBC interview with TJ Burke, the First Nation's legal representative). Some police vehicles have been lit on fire that can be confirmed in pictures coming from the scene near Rexton.

Four AANDC employees were in the area on business unrelated to the protest. They have consulted departmental security and are making their way around the trouble zone and back to the regional office. School Board officials have elected to close three schools near the protest area as a precaution as well.

Some other First Nations have indicated that they may blockade other highways in New Brunswick in solidarity with Elsipogtog including the Trans Canada near Perth-Andover and have ended or cancelled interactions with at least one federal government department. Additional protestors are bound for Rexton from various First Nations throughout the Maritimes. Some additional First Nations in other regions are planning events as well.

Below is a RCMP press release issued this pm

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Dougal

RCMP PM Release

At least 40 people arrested for firearms offences, threats, intimidation and violating a court injunction, Rexton, N.B. 2013/10/17

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Date: 10/17/2013 4:05 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Protest in NB
CC: Budgell, Richard; OPSCentre - NOB

Thanks, Bill. After further discussion, we have decided not to notify on this at this time since it does not involve an emergency on reserve and is not really impacting business continuity on reserve. Also, since you and your Communications colleagues are already keeping senior management in the loop on the subject, there is no need for EMD to report on it further.

Please let us know if this changes in anyway and becomes a situation which EMD should report on. Thanks for this information.

Meghan

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Media Relations Officer
New Brunswick RCMP

William Nye - Elsipogtog First Nation Protest and Blockade

From: David Diabo <ddiabo@afn.ca>
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Date: 10/17/2013 4:48 PM
Subject: Elsipogtog First Nation Protest and Blockade
CC: Irving Leblanc <ileblanc@afn.ca>
Attachments: image003.jpg

Gentlemen,

Good Afternoon, the AFN has been earnestly following the events in New Brunswick as they unfold, and we are hopeful there may be a peaceful resolution to this event.

Could you share information and your respective assessments on the situation? We would like to establish an open line of communication with your departments for ongoing assessment and to facilitate and join in any discussion surrounding the event taking place.

Thank You,

David A. Diabo
CHSO/CSHS/GCSC
Special Advisor-Emergency Issues Management
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William Nye - Protestors

From: Tammy Pardy
To: William Nye
Date: 10/18/2013 10:20 AM
Subject: Protestors

Bill,

Do you know of any other protests going on in New Brunswick? I have heard that there are similar blockades (or were) in Tobique.

Please advise,
Tammy

William Nye - New Brunswick Protest - Looking for information from ALL Regions

From: OPSCentre - NOB
To: Regional EIM Coordinators (and AB EM e-mails)
Date: 10/18/2013 10:23 AM
Subject: New Brunswick Protest - Looking for information from ALL Regions

Greetings Everyone,
If anyone has information regarding protests in support of the New Brunswick protest against shale gas fracking, please email the OPSCentreNOB in order to let us know.
Thank you,
Nic Basque
EMD

From: "Scharf, Jo-Anne" <Jo-Anne.Scharf@ps-sp.gc.ca>
To: 'William Nye' <William.Nye@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca>
Date: 10/21/2013 10:16 AM
Subject: FW: (232) Events Related to the Shale Gas Protest, Rexton, NB (Information valid as of 12:00 EDT on 20 Oct 2013)
Attachments: Events Related to the Shale GasProtest Rexton NB Matrix Version 6.xlsx

Hi Bill

Do you have anything to add in addition to what's in the matrix for NS?

Thanks again

Jo-Anne Scharf

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Subject: (232) Events Related to the Shale Gas Protest, Rexton, NB (Information valid as of 12:00 EDT on 20 Oct 2013)

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(La version française sera envoyée sous pli séparé.)

Please find attached the corresponding event matrix on Events Related to the Shale Gas Protest, Rexton, NB. Information valid as of 12:00 EDT on 20 Oct 2013. For your convenience, new information has been bolded.

Matrix provided to: F/P/T Contacts

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From: Ronald Levesque
To: ATRegion
Date: 10/17/2013 9:36 AM
Subject: Re: NB Route 11

Radio-Canada is also reporting that in addition to Route 11, RCMP have also blocked New Brunswick Route 134 near Rexton, NB.

>>> Ronald Levesque 10/17/2013 9:13 AM >>>
We are advised that NB Route 11 is blocked between Bouctouche and St-Charles.

Staff heading to northeastern New Brunswick may wish to take an alternative route.

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William Nye - Fwd: Re: Rexton incident

From: Steve Young
To: Dougal MacDonald
Date: 10/17/2013 2:26 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: Rexton incident
CC: William Nye

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ill write something and then let bill touch it up.

>>> Dougal MacDonald 10/17/2013 2:25 PM >>>
Can you do a summary (brief) of the situation that I can forward to a number of parties, Richard/Serge and MO. Within the next hour.

>>> Dougal MacDonald 10/17/2013 2:17 PM >>>
Teresa is out today but we will be submitting an update. I am currently on the RO call with Serge and will provide Briefing but will also ask Bill Nye and Steve to prepare a summary. You are correct in that it is not taking place on reserve at this moment.

>>> Richard Budgell 10/17/2013 2:02 PM >>>
DMO is looking for info on what is going on. Serge Beaudoin is acting Senior ADM, RO. Could you please feed any info through him - I gather that while the incident may not be taking place on reserve, access to the reserve may be compromised?

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William Nye - FW: CBC News - RCMP move in on shale gas protesters in Rexton

From: "Ouellette, Paul" <Paul.Ouellette@ps-sp.gc.ca>
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Date: 10/17/2013 2:36 PM
Subject: FW: CBC News - RCMP move in on shale gas protesters in Rexton

FYI

From: Ouellette, Paul
Sent: October-17-13 1:42 PM
To: GOC-COG
Cc: Robichaud, Claude; Estabrooks, Kevin
Subject: RE: CBC News - RCMP move in on shale gas protesters in Rexton

Update as of 1:30PM AST

Please note that this information is **unconfirmed** [redacted]

The information he heard includes:

- the FN at Tobique has received reports that a FN protester was shot in the north (Rexton shale gas protest location)
- all FNs will be blocking hightways throughout the province soon.
- People are worried in Tobique and want the meetings rescheduled.
- People are gathering at the bingo hall for a protest.

As of 1:38PM AST the RCMP HQ in Fredericton has **confirmed** to us that no one has been shot at the site.

The NB RO will continue to monitor.

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From: Robichaud, Claude
Sent: October-17-13 11:42 AM
To: GOC-COG; * RO NB
Cc: Estabrooks, Kevin
Subject: RE: CBC News - RCMP move in on shale gas protesters in Rexton

Spoke to the RCMP J Division

The ERT and Tac team was deployed this morning

Numerous arrests were conducted, in excess of 20

There was a brief standoff with some protestors whom were armed

This standoff was resolved peacefully

The situation is now calm and under control

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From: GOC-COG
Sent: October-17-13 11:32 AM
To: * RO NB
Subject: FW: CBC News - RCMP move in on shale gas protesters in Rexton

Please see below for a media item concerning RCMP action vis-à-vis the shale protesters in Rexton, NB.

- Public notice was issued at 7:45 a.m. by the RCMP that Route 134 was closed.
- A subsequent notice was issued at 8:21 a.m. indicating Highway 11 was closed between Rexton and Sainte-Anne-de-Kent
- the Anglophone East School District posted a notice on its website that three schools in the area were open under lock-down conditions as a precaution

Do you any further information concerning this event?

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From: COMDO
Sent: October-17-13 10:23 AM
To: GOC-COG
Subject: CBC News - RCMP move in on shale gas protesters in Rexton

Update - RCMP move in on shale gas protesters in Rexton - Enforcement comes 14 days after court issued injuction to allow SWN Resources to access its vehicles

CBC News
October 17 2013, 11:16 AT

The RCMP moved in on shale gas protesters on Route 134 in Rexton early Thursday, enforcing a court injunction that was issued on Oct. 3.

Public notice was issued at 7:45 a.m. by the RCMP that Route 134 was closed. A subsequent notice was issued at 8:21 a.m. indicating Highway 11 was closed between Rexton and Sainte-Anne-de-Kent and that people should expect delays.

Video taken by protesters was submitted to CBC shortly after the police action.

The video shows police officers with dogs moving toward the protest encampment on the side of road. Protesters yell obscenities at police and inform them elders and children are present.

Meanwhile, the Anglophone East School District posted a notice on its website that three schools in the area were open under lock-down conditions as a precaution.

The schools affected are Rexton Elementary, Eleanor W. Graham Middle School and Bonar Law Memorial High School.

"Safety and security is paramount for our students and staff," stated the school district's public notice.

The road between Rexton and Highway 11 has been the scene of a protest by a coalition of native and non-natives opposed to shale gas exploration.

Protesters moved into the area on Sept. 30, initially establishing a barricade to the staging area used by SWN Resources Canada to park its exploration vehicles and equipment.

The protest progressed to the point where barricades were also established on the road, preventing through traffic.

SWN Resources went to the Court of Queen's Bench seeking an injunction to end the protest. The injunction was granted on Oct. 3.

The injunction authorized police to arrest and remove any in contravention of the order to allow traffic to pass on the highway for the SWN Resources employees to be able to access their vehicles and conduct exploration work without harassment. However, with negotiations taking place between the involved parties, the RCMP never enforced the injunction.

On Friday, the injunction was extended. A single lane of Route 134 was subsequently reopened.

More to come

Link

Barbara Robinson - Re: Elispogtog and shale gas issue

From: Susan Winger
To: Robinson, Barbara
Date: 10/7/2013 12:46 PM
Subject: Re: Elispogtog and shale gas issue

On the BCRs, I don't know about the 'duly noted' process. Stuart sent them directly to Johanne Chambers in TAG, who passed them on to me. I certainly didn't send any acknowledgement as I'd never heard of that requirement.

I've just had them sitting on my desk for the past year, not knowing where to file them, and thought it better that they be in your hands...If you need to send a letter, you can blame me for holding on to them all this time!

>>> Barbara Robinson 2013/10/07 10:59 AM >>>
The only potential I can see at this point might be the role of the RCMP in enforcing the injunction that was issued by a provincial court last week. The media reports that the RCMP are stating that it is not their role to serve the injunction or enforce it; they will remain on site, and respond to criminal code offences, but they would not enforce the injunction as it is a civil matter. If that's the case, I don't foresee any federal triggers.

On another note, I received the BCRs relating to NB First Nations empowering the Assembly to conduct procedural aspects of consultation on their behalf. As these were originally received by AANDC over the past couple of years, I am assuming that an acknowledgment has already been sent and you are giving me the originals for my reference and for filing her in the region (but not with the expectation that another 'duly noted' letter would be issued).

Barbara

>>> Susan Winger 10/7/2013 11:39 AM >>>
Interesting. Do you know if there are any federal triggers down the road?

>>> Barbara Robinson 2013/10/07 10:34 AM >>>
Ritu, in reviewing a media report from the ATV news, there was a quote from NB Minister of Energy, Craig Leonard, indicating that the Province would engage in consultation with aboriginal groups *if the exploration suggests that the shale gas industry should proceed in the province.* The meetings which took place in Moncton yesterday between the Premier and the Chief of Elsipgotog were not formal consultation.

Susan, I think this might be one of those strategic, higher level decision pieces. The province issued permits to SWN to explore shale gas potential. At this point, no one knows if there even is shale gas potential in the area that was being tested. It would appear that the Province's perspective is that there is no impact unless early testing reveals that there is actually some potential for shale gas extraction (ie if there is no gas, there would be no activity, and therefore no impact). If there is gas, however, and if the early exploration suggests that shale gas extraction would be viable, it could raise the question of whether issuing the permit to even engage in preliminary testing - as a stragegic higher level decision - might trigger the legal duty to consult.

Barbara

>>> Ritu Sood 10/3/2013 10:28 AM >>>
This is definitely related. It seemed to have been more general over the summer, but has now escalated with Elsipogtog

>>> Susan Winger 10/3/2013 9:20:47 AM >>>
Is it a different issue from what came up in the summer (see attached)?

>>> Ritu Sood 2013/10/03 1:42 AM >>>
Hi Everyone: I'm sure you've seen the media coverage on this issue. Is this provincial or federal crown land? And do we know if there was any consultation, or request for consultation?

Finally, does the province have any media lines they can share? We've been asked to draft something and it would be good to be consistent.

Thanks everyone for your prompt attention to this matter!!

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Subject: Re: Fwd: Mi'kmaq/Maliseet shale gas exploration protests in NB
There were MO Approved lines in November 2011 with HQ CIDM number CIDM # 3899428v7. I've pasted the text below. We have not received any media enquiries.

Ron

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ISSUE

Petroleum and Gas Exploration (01/11/11)

POSITIONING STATEMENT:

The Government of Canada is committed to protecting the health and safety of First Nation communities and the environmental integrity of land on reserve.

KEY MESSAGES

- The responsibility of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), with respect to land management, is limited to reserve land.

- Licensing for this type of exploration falls under provincial jurisdiction.

- We encourage concerned individuals to contact the Province.

If pressed on duty to consult:

- The Government of Canada and provincial governments are obligated to consult with Aboriginal groups where an activity may have an adverse impact on an Aboriginal or Treaty right.

- The Government of Canada takes its consultation obligations seriously and will consult Aboriginal groups where a proposed federal activity may have an adverse impact on an Aboriginal or Treaty right.

If pressed on the role of AANDC:

- AANDC works with other federal departments, provincial governments and aboriginal groups on developing collaborative processes and arrangements to ensure a coordinated approach on consultation and where appropriate; accommodation.

- AANDC assists the Crown as a whole, including other federal, provincial/territorial departments and agencies, in fulfilling the Crown's duty to consult.

- AANDC helps to strengthen the relationship with Canada's Aboriginal peoples by ensuring that Aboriginal consultation is integrated into Crown activities and industry practices.

OBJET

Exploration pétrolière et gazière (2011-11-01)

ÉNONCÉ DE POSITION

Le gouvernement du Canada s'engage à protéger la santé et la sécurité des collectivités des Premières Nations et l'intégrité des terres de réserve.

MESSAGES CLÉS

- La responsabilité d'Affaires autochtones et Développement du Nord Canada (AADNC), en ce qui a trait à la gestion des terres, se limite aux terres de réserve.

- L'émission de permis pour ce type d'exploration est de compétence provinciale.

- Nous encourageons les personnes concernées à communiquer avec le gouvernement provincial.

Si on insiste sur l'obligation de consulter :

• Le gouvernement du Canada et les gouvernements provinciaux sont tenus de consulter les groupes autochtones lorsqu'une activité peut avoir un effet négatif sur un droit ancestral ou issu d'un traité.

• Le gouvernement du Canada prend au sérieux son obligation de consulter et il consultera les groupes autochtones lorsqu'une activité proposée par le gouvernement fédéral pourrait avoir des effets négatifs sur un droit ancestral ou issu d'un traité.

Si on insiste sur le rôle d'AADNC :

• AADNC collabore avec d'autres ministères fédéraux, des gouvernements provinciaux et des groupes autochtones pour élaborer des processus et des ententes de collaboration afin d'assurer une approche coordonnée sur la consultation, et le cas échéant, pour les accommodements.

• AADNC aide la Couronne en général, y compris d'autres ministères et organismes fédéraux, provinciaux et territoriaux, pour respecter l'obligation de consulter qu'a la Couronne.
• AADNC contribue au renforcement de la relation avec les autochtones du Canada en s'assurant que la consultation des Autochtones est incluse dans les activités de la Couronne et les pratiques de l'industrie.

BACKGROUND

Since early spring 2011, there have been numerous articles in the media highlighting a number of First Nations in the Atlantic Region and their concerns about the potential harmful effects of exploratory oil and gas drilling in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. In September 2011, the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs passed a unanimous resolution which also supported the Saint Lawrence Coalition in its request for a moratorium on any gas and oil exploration and exploitation project in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence.

In Nova Scotia, a group called the "Waycobah Concerned Citizens Group" of Waycobah First Nation has stated through the media that proper consultation has not taken place to address concerns about the potential harmful effects of proposed exploratory oil and gas drilling in the Lake Ainslie area, approximately 10 kilometers from the First Nation. A 150-name petition presented to the Waycobah Band Council on March 23, 2011 requested that the Terms of Reference pertaining to the meaningful duty to consult with First Nations be upheld.

In New Brunswick, public protests including First Nations members gained momentum in early to mid August 2011 with a demonstration at the Centennial Building in Fredericton. Media at the time reported that NB Energy Minister said the province would not back down and that shale gas exploration would continue. The same day, the Chief of St. Mary's First Nation sent a letter to AANDC Minister and the Atlantic RDG outlining its opposition to all activities related to shale gas mining and exploration in the province, specifically in their traditional territory comprising the Nashwaak watershed, until consultation had taken place with the people of New Brunswick and Aboriginal Peoples. On November 19, 2011, media were reporting that people identifying themselves as members of St. Mary's First Nation had installed a teepee on the grounds of the NB Legislature as part of an anti-fracking rally leading up to the opening of the Legislative session November 23.

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>>> Dorothy Haché 6/17/2013 2:23 PM >>>
Not that I am aware of, so cc'ing comms

>>> Ritu Sood 6/17/2013 1:46 PM >>>
Thanks ladies. Has region developed any media lines on this? I'm cc'ing Susan Winger given the alleged lack of consultation. Thanks

>>> Dorothy Haché 6/17/2013 12:18 PM >>>

>>> Ronald Levesque 6/17/2013 1:13 PM >>>
Latest CBC - NB story...includes references to whether or not province carried out its Duty to Consult. -Ron

CBC New Brunswick (web site)
Monday, June 17, 2013

Civil disobedience last resort for shale gas protesters

CBC News

The executive director of the Sierra Club of Canada is supporting New Brunswick demonstrators who have

blocked seismic testing trucks during protests against shale gas exploration and development.

John Bennett says the Sierra Club's policy does not permit civil disobedience, but the board is currently in discussions to lift its ban.

"Because of the way government in Ottawa and elsewhere across the country have been behaving in terms of limiting our ability to participate in environmental decisions and limiting the people's ability to say no when they have good reasons for refusing industrial development," said Bennett.

In a survey of its members, Bennett says 94 per cent of 1890 respondents said the Sierra Club of Canada should consider using civil disobedience.

Bennett says it's no surprise that protesters in New Brunswick are resorting to civil disobedience. He says it is the final option for people who want to defy an unjust law or draw attention to one.

'They haven't even followed the proper consultation process with First Nations which is something that's in the Canadian Constitution so who is breaking the law here?'--John Bennett, Sierra Club of Canada

"It's no different what's happening in New Brunswick than what happened in the United States when black people were required to sit at the back of the bus and they walked up to the front of the bus and sat there. That was against the law. Was it wrong? I don't think so."

Bennett believes civil disobedience is "absolutely" appropriate in Kent County where protests have been going on for more than a week.

On Friday 12 protesters were arrested after blocking seismic testing trucks on Route 126.

"This is being imposed upon a community and imposed upon a First Nation without their permission and there has to be limits to what the government can do and what industry can do to force people to accept something that they don't want to accept."

Bennett says New Brunswickers have done everything they can to convince the provincial government to stop the shale gas industry but no one is listening.

"It's the last tactic, it's not the first tactic, you know everything is done properly in New Brunswick," said Bennett.

"There have been public meetings, there have been petition campaigns, there have been protests, people have clearly communicated to the government their refusal to accept this new technology being imposed upon them and what else can they do at this stage? There are no legal ways of doing this."

'Duty to Consult' Questioned

Bennett says the provincial government has also failed to listen to its First Nations people.

Elsibogtog's chief has come out publically against seismic testing and shale gas development, and many of the protesters on Route 126 are aboriginal.

"They haven't even followed the proper consultation process with First Nations which is something that's in the Canadian Constitution so who is breaking the law here," Bennett asked.

The position of the New Brunswick government is that there is a "sliding scale" when it comes to its duty to

consult.

Energy Minister Craig Leonard has said that the provincial Aboriginal Affairs secretariat has determined that the level of "duty" depends on the activity.

In the case of seismic testing, Leonard says the province has determined that the duty to consult requirement has been met when the province notifies aboriginal communities that the testing is going on.

Ken Coates holds a Canada Research Chair in social innovation at the University of Saskatchewan and has studied aboriginal rights in the Maritimes.

"First Nations engagement in the resource sector is a wonderful, wonderful thing," Coates said. "It will change the way we actually see both first nations and resource development."

He says the protests in Kent County show how governments and companies are still getting used to newly recognized aboriginal rights when it comes to natural resource development.

"Canadians will find out that First Nations people make great partners because they're not antagonistic, they're not opposed to development automatically."

Coates says consultation isn't enough and it's important that governments negotiate agreements with First Nations.

He says New Brunswick is only now getting a taste of what other parts of the country have gone through in the past couple of years, citing a recent $600 million agreement over uranium development, between the community of English River in northern Saskatchewan and the companies Cameco and Areva.

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>>> Patricia Ellis 6/17/2013 12:52 PM >>>
I am not aware of anything but I have copied Ron as he is the Comms Officer for NB.

>>> Dorothy Haché 6/17/2013 12:08 PM >>>
anything?

>>> Ritu Sood 6/17/2013 12:07 PM >>>
Hi Ladies: Any developments on this in your world?

>>> Ritu Sood 6/17/2013 10:44 AM >>>
Bonjour Sylvain:

Over the weekend, Shelly Young (one of the hunger strikers from NS) posted the following on Facebook regarding the arrest of Mi'kmaq and Maliseet protestors in New Brunswick who are opposing shale gas exploration in Kent County:

Could you IMAGINE what would happen if this went down in Mohawk Territory?!? Protesters were in mid ceremony and praying, never resisting arrest- yet they still faced police brutality. Maliseet man being cuffed is holding a peace pipe and a Mi'kmaq youth from Burnt Church was manhandled so badly during his arrest that they broke his hand!#WhereAreOurWarriors (https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/whereareourwarriors) #NB (https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/nb) #Route126 (https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/route126)

She also posted that she was heading down to NB because they "need everyone's help"... A group of people from NS posted some angry posts.

Have we had any media inquiries on this? Let me know if Comms feels we need some lines. The issue is primarily with Minister of Energy (and now RCMP), but given that the grounds for the protest are impact on Aboriginal and treaty rights, we should keep a close eye on developments.

Merci, Ritu

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Barbara Robinson - Re: Elispogtog and shale gas issue

From: Barbara Robinson
To: Ritu Sood
Date: 10/7/2013 9:51 AM
Subject: Re: Elispogtog and shale gas issue

It is my understanding from media reports that the land in question is provincial crown land. We have not received any requests for consultation through the Atlantic Regional Office, nor am I aware of any consultation requests through the CAU. I understand from media reports that the Premier of New Brunswick will be meeting with Chief Sock to try and resolve the issues, but there was no indication that this meeting would constitute consultation on the part of the province.

Barbara

>>> Ritu Sood 10/3/2013 2:42 AM >>>
Hi Everyone: I'm sure you've seen the media coverage on this issue. Is this provincial or federal crown land? And do we know if there was any consultation, or request for consultation?

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Thanks everyone for your prompt attention to this matter!!

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Barbara Robinson - Re: Clipping, shale gas (French)

From: Jeanne Cadorette
To: Robinson, Barbara
Date: 10/2/2013 9:35 AM
Subject: Re: Clipping, shale gas (French)
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Hi Barbara,

Yes. There is even more coverage today (see attached).
- bc69, French clipping
- fbd, English clipping (they mention "unoccupied reserve lands" but explain that they mean all unoccupied Crown lands)

Other clipping (b5d), Treaty Day and Chief Andrew Denny

Have a good day!

Jeanne

>>> Barbara Robinson 10/2/2013 8:05 AM >>>
Thanks, Jeanne. There has been quite a bit of coverage on local radio as well, and a short segment on the ATV news last night. Essentially, Chief Sock has stated that protestors will continue to blockage access to crown lands where shale gas exploration is occurring around Rexton, NB. In the print / radio / television coverage, this is not being presented as a consultation / accommodation issue, but a complete veto that is being framed by Chief Sock as the re-occupation of traditional territory for the express purpose of terminating all mineral / gas exploration.

Barbara

>>> Jeanne Cadorette 10/1/2013 10:45 AM >>>
FYI.

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Barbara Robinson - Re: Issues Management Bi-Weekly Report

From: Mark Davis
To: Behar, Joe; Joudrie, Teresa; Martin, Kathy; Matheson, Bette; Robinso...
Date: 10/9/2013 9:48 AM
Subject: Re: Issues Management Bi-Weekly Report
CC: St-Amand, Chantal

Barb - thanks for taking this topic, not sure who was suppose to respond.

>>> Barbara Robinson 10/9/2013 9:23 AM >>>
Nil for Consultation.

I noted there is a place marker for 'turmoil in Elsipogtog' but SWN shale gas exploration protests aren't on the list. I've verified that the exploration is taking place on provincial crown land (ie if issuing a permit to allow for preliminary testing could be viewed as a strategic higher level decision, any duty to consult would rest with the provincial crown). The province's position is that exploration activities alone would not trigger the duty to consult, but if testing reveals that gas extraction would be viable, they would consult with aboriginal groups before issuing any further permits for the project to go forward.

Barbara

>>> Bette Matheson 10/8/2013 8:52 AM >>>
Due to Director Noon **Thursday, October 10th**

Reminder to highlight all changes in yellow.

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Please review the information contained within the last Issues Management Report and make any additions or deletions to the report under **CIDM # 381324**. **Highlight all changes in yellow** and advise RS if you have a NIL Response.

The Issues Management Bi-weekly Report should be considered a living document, and as such can be accessed under Cidm # 381324 by regional staff at any time so that they may update or add new information as it becomes available.

This report is due in the DMO's office at noon every other Tuesday. The Regional Secretariat **does send out a reminder** to all Directors that the report is due in RS by the close of business on the Friday before the report is due. This is so the content of the report can be discussed at REC on Monday and any subsequent changes made and submitted to Regional Secretariat by the EOB on Monday. This allows the RDG time to sign off on the report and submit by Tuesday noon to the DM's office.

Updates/changes for week ending October 18, 2013 due by EOB Friday, October 11, 2013

Thank you

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Tammy Pardy - Security Issue - Rexton, NB - Update

From: Jean-Francois Legault
To: DM MIN
Date: 10/17/2013 3:19 PM
Subject: Security Issue - Rexton, NB - Update
CC: Beaudoin, Serge; Budgell, Richard; Lévesque, Marie-Josée; Pardy, Tammy

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Our four employees have left the reserved unharmed.

Incident now reported by CBC:

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/shale-gas-protesters-clash-with-police-in-rexton-n-b-1.2100703

Extract: T.J. Burke, the lawyer for the Elsipogtog First Nation, confirmed Chief Arren Sock has been arrested.

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>>> Jean-Francois Legault 13:09 17-Oct-13 >>>
Pour Mme Swords et le SM - info pour ce moment.

En résumé, nous avons quatre employés sur la réserve. Je demandé à ce qu'ils y sortent car la situation risque de s'envenimer. Pour le moment, leur sécurité n'est pas en danger mais nous ne prenons aucune chance.

Les opérations régionales ont été avisées.

Voir ci bas pour plus détails.

http://www.radio-canada.ca/regions/atlantique/2013/10/17/005-grc-injonction-nouveau-brunswick.shtml

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From: Dougal MacDonald
To: Harold Hines; Mark Davis; Tammy Pardy
Date: 10/17/2013 3:17 PM
Subject: Re: Security Issue
CC: Jean-Francois Legault; William Nye

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good news

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To: Pardy, Tammy
Date: 10/17/2013 3:17 PM
Subject: Re: Security Issue

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Date: 10/17/2013 2:01 PM
Subject: Re: Security Issue
CC: Legault, Jean-Francois <JeanFrancois.Legault@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca>

Thank you

>>> Tammy Pardy 10/17/2013 1:00:19 PM >>>
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From: Ronald Levesque
To: Ellis, Patricia; Young, Steve
Date: 10/2/2013 11:46 AM
Subject: Fwd: T.J. Burke interview on Moncton Information Morning

Forgot to include you - just sent this to Dougal, Teresa, Denis, Mark, Jennyfer.

>>> Ronald Levesque 10/2/2013 11:43 AM >>>
Elsipogtog lawyer T.J. Burke was on CBC Information Morning this morning. A link to the interview is posted here and we've ordered a transcript for distribution later.

Wednesday October 2, 2013 | .Fracking face-off
Elsipogtog serves SWN Resources Canada with an eviction notice.

http://www.cbc.ca/informationmorningmoncton/2013/10/02/fracking-face-off/

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From: Ronald Levesque
To: Bonnell, Andrew; Carignan, Denis; Davis, Mark; Joudrie, Teresa; MacD...
CC: Ellis, Patricia; Young, Steve
Date: 10/18/2013 10:47 AM
Your file - Votre référence
Subject: Article: N.B. shale gas protest spurs premier-native leaders meeting
Our file - Notre référence

N.B. shale gas protest spurs premier-native leaders meeting
Arrest of Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock sparked violence that led to arrests, destruction of 5 police vehicles
CBC News Posted: Oct 18, 2013 9:00 AM AT|
Last Updated: Oct 18, 2013 9:58 AM AT

A councillor with the Elsipogtog First Nation in New Brunswick says meetings are planned for today between Chief Aaron Sock and Premier David Alward following yesterday's violence during a protest over land use for shale gas exploration in Rexton.

Sock and Elsipogtog Coun. Robert Levi were among 40 people arrested Thursday as RCMP enforced an injunction to end a weeks-long demonstration against shale gas exploration involving a coalition of native and non-native protesters. Five police vehicles were among six vehicles set ablaze and destroyed during the clash.

Levi says he and Sock are to meet with Alward in Fredericton on Friday.

Susan Levi-Peters, a protester from Elsipogtog and former band chief, says aboriginal leaders will be demanding Alward consult with the aboriginal community about shale gas exploration and development in New Brunswick.

"It was a Supreme Court ruling there should be public consultation about accommodation and agreement with the government, saying there's supposed to be public consultation, accommodation, before anything like this happened," said Levi-Peters. "That's all we've been asking."

The 40 who were arrested are scheduled for court Friday morning in three different communities.

As events unfolded Friday, First Nations elsewhere in New Brunswick established roadblocks in their communities in solidarity with the Rexton protest. Solidarity protests also took place elsewhere across the country, including Ottawa, Winnipeg and Calgary.

The solidarity protest movement continues Friday. In Fredericton, protesters gathered near an intersection on the Vanier Highway, a key thoroughfare leading to the Trans-Canada Highway.

The protest on Route 134 in Rexton began on Sept. 30 when protesters erected a barricade on the road leading to the compound where SWN Resources Canada had parked its shale gas exploration vehicles. Barricades were subsequently established on Route 134.

A court injunction was issued on Oct. 3, ordering an end to the protest. That led to negotiations between the province, protesters and leaders from Elsipogtog, but the protest remained in place, although one lane of the highway was reopened on Oct. 12.

Energy Minister Craig Leonard said Friday those negotiations seemed to be deteriorating.

"Unfortunately, over the last week or so, the discussions -- as the premier indicated yesterday -- he was having trouble getting in touch with the chief ," said Leonard. "And clearly tensions were starting to escalate at the blockade and the RCMP felt it was time to move in to ensure the safety of everybody."

On Thursday, more than 100 RCMP officers with guns and dogs moved in on the protesters to enforce the injunction. SWN Resources, which said it was losing $60,000 a day due to the blockade of its

exploration equipment, was allowed to remove its vehicles from the compound Thursday.

Leonard believes "outside influences had somewhat taken over the situation" at the protest.

Your file - Votre référence

"It got to the point where security guards looking after equipment were getting threats, there were weapons at the site," he said. "The RCMP, while looking for a peaceful resolution, they obviously thought moving in yesterday was the proper approach to ensure safety for everybody."

Violence erupted after chief arrested

Levi-Peters said the tipping point in Thursday's violence was when word spread that Sock had been arrested.

"It was heating up because the elders were being sprayed with pepper spray and rubber bullets were being shot, and there were dogs put on the people and everything like that."

An RCMP spokesperson denied rubber bullets were used, but said "sock rounds" -- a type of non-lethal bullet -- were employed on two occasions to diffuse the situation when protesters were throwing rocks, bottles and spraying police officers.

"The chief and council were behind the barricade negotiating with everybody and then the people on the other side heard -- we heard they were put in jail and everybody got really upset and trying to go through the barricade because the chief and council were arrested.

"Then everything else blew up and the RCMP tried to push the crowd toward -- there were RCMP vehicles there and the next thing you know they were up in flames," she said. "It was chaos, really crazy."

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To: 'William Nye' <William.Nye@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca>
Date: 10/18/2013 10:59 AM
Subject: RE: News

Your file - Votre référence

Our file - Notre référence

Thanks very much for the information and in reference to our discussion this morning, can you provide the names of the Reserves you mentioned along highway 104?

Thanks again

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-----Original Message-----
From: William Nye [mailto:William.Nye@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 9:44 PM
To: Dougal MacDonald; Steve Young
Cc: Mark Davis; Scharf, Jo-Anne
Subject: News

There's a posting on facebook of a planned demonstration in Halifax tomorrow at 1500 hrs at the corner of Robie and Charles Streets. According to the post, over 150 demonstrators are planning to attend. The demonstration is in solidarity with the protest in Rexton.
Also, a protest is planned for the Canso Causeway tomorrow.

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From: Ronald Levesque
To: Young, Steve
Date: 10/1/2013 2:04 PM
Subject: Fwd: NB-Shale-Gas - Audio Clip AT05

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>>> Command News <fp.NEWS.RLEVESQUE@commandnews.com> 10/1/2013 12:42 PM >>>
Profile: RLEVESQUE / My Drawer / Aboriginal (News) - Clip 15 (limit 100)
Oct 01 2013 10:42:00 - Source: BN_AUDIO [The Canadian Press - Audio]

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HALIFAX. x--11s. New Brunswick's minister of energy says if protests over shale gas exploration break laws, then matters will be turned over to the police. Craig Leonard made the comments in Nova Scotia when asked about a protest in Rexton, New Brunswick today.

(``... to proceed.") (SOURCE:The Canadian Press) (1205p)

TAG: Leonard was in Halifax to deliver the keynote lecture at an annual energy conference by the Maritimes Energy Association.
Leonard says he has met with municipal politicians and **>First Nations<** groups in Kent County, and he is willing to meet again after the exploration phase is complete and there is more information available.

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From: Ronald Levesque
To: Davis, Mark; Joudrie, Teresa; MacDonald, Dougal; Tolley, Jennyfer
CC: Ellis, Patricia; Young, Steve
Date: 10/1/2013 3:26 PM
Subject: First Nations chief issues eviction notice to SWN Resources

Note: thereporter's quote on the BCR below says 'unoccupied reserve lands', however the press release yesterday said 'unoccupied Crown lands'. I'm guessing it should be the latter. -Ron

New
First Nations chief issues eviction notice to SWN Resources
Elsipogtog Chief Arren Sock says council is reclaiming unoccupied reserve lands
CBC News Posted: Oct 01, 2013 2:15 PM AT
Last Updated: Oct 01, 2013 2:15 PM AT

The Chief of the Elsipogtog First Nation delivered an eviction notice to SWN Resources Canada Tuesday, as dozens of protesters continue to block Route 134 in Rexton to prevent the oil and gas company from moving its exploration equipment.

"We have been compelled to act to save our water, land and animals from ruin," said Chief Arren Sock to cheers from the crowd.

"Be it therefore resolved, at a duly convened council meeting in Elsipogtog, let it be known to all that we, as a chief and council of Elsipogtog are reclaiming all unoccupied reserve lands, and put it back in the trust of our people," he said.

A Department of Energy and Mines spokesperson told CBC News exploration will continue.

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From: Ronald Levesque
To: Nye, William
Date: 6/4/2013 3:49 PM
Subject: Fwd: FYI: CBC - SWN truck seized by group near Elsipogtog

>>> Ronald Levesque 6/4/2013 3:28 PM >>>

SWN truck seized by group near Elsipogtog
Chief said earlier in day band council does not support shale gas exploration
CBC News Posted: Jun 4, 2013 2:29 PM AT Last Updated: Jun 4, 2013 3:20 PM AT

SWN Resources Canada had one of its vehicles seized by a group of people near Elsipogtog First Nation on Tuesday, RCMP confirm.

A company truck was taken from a gas bar along New Brunswick's Route 116, police said, referring to it as a peaceful incident.

The truck is now at the RCMP detachment, where it will remain for the time being, police said.

An SWN official described the incident to CBC News as a "security event."

Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock had said earlier in the day his council does not welcome SWN's seismic testing in New Brunswick.

Meanwhile, an aboriginal consulting firm in the province is supporting SWN Resources Canada and its seismic testing program in Kent County this summer.

Chief to Chief Consulting Group has been hired by SWN to monitor its work as it continues exploring for shale gas.

Stephen Sewell, a director of the firm and a member of the Pabineau First Nation, said employees will serve as subcontractors, using their traditional knowledge of the land to protect the water, wildlife and traditional medicines.

Sewell believes SWN Resources Canada has an undeserved bad reputation that he blames on anti-shale gas groups.

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From: Ronald Levesque
To: Young, Steve
Date: 6/10/2013 1:44 PM
Subject: Route 126 tweets

FYI, thrid one, Brian Gallant is Liberal opposition leader in NB.

P.R. @plrsTweet 4m Protestors on highway 126. Who's blocking the road? #nbpoli #idlenomore #INM #bcpoli #abpoli #nspoli #peipoli pic.twitter.com/HXFwZDgpnc

Warren Clinton @ruthclinton5i 24m RCMP in #NB have totally been bought out by SWN Resources Canada,and #Media eats up the pablum SWN feeds them. #LIES #nbpoli #idlenomoreRetweeted by P.R.

P.R. @plrsTweet 48m Brian Gallant will be on Rte 126,St-Paul where the thumper trucks are at 4:00pm today #nbpoli #idlenomore #INM Ppl in #kent are not happy.

P.R. @plrsTweet 1h Suzanne Patles,Treaty Scholar from #NovaScotia arrested during prayer on HWY 126 has been released #nspoli #idlenomore #nbpoli #fracking

P.R. @plrsTweet 1h Codiac RCMP #Moncton continue to detain Suzanne Patles,Treaty Scholar from #NovaScotia who was arrested during prayer #nspoli #idlenomore

P.R. @plrsTweet 2h RCMP continue to hold #NSpoli Treaty Scholar because she is from out of province and had no ID. #nbpoli #idlenomore ppl are heading to stn.

P.R. @plrsTweet 2h Rally in #Moncton Wednesday in support of #Kent County. 2 pm in Victoria Park #Fredericton #SaintJohn #Miramichi Rally Against #Fracking

From: Ronald Levesque
To: Young, Steve
Date: 6/10/2013 1:48 PM
Subject: Info on Wed. rally in Moncton

http://moncton.kijiji.ca/c-ViewAd?AdId=493135928

Main text: We will be gathering in solidarity with the supporters who have been out on the 126 this past week expressing their concerns about the seismic testing taking place in our province. We are bringing it to you Moncton so all who have it in their hearts can join in and lend their voices and support. We will start at Victoria park and make our way to City Hall

We are staging a peaceful protest march in Moncton, at 2 PM, on Wednesday June the 12th, meeting at Victoria Park on Weldon Street, it is open for anyone from all walks of life to protest Shale Gas Fracking in New Brunswick. We invite you to bring your family, and show you support.. This is very important because this type of oil exploration is untested as to long term health effects... Be there! if you are native, bring your drums, if you are Acadian, lets see the flags being flown, all groups should attend.

From: Ronald Levesque
To: Bonnell, Andrew; Carignan, Denis; Davis, Mark; Joudrie, Teresa; MacD...
CC: Ellis, Patricia; Young, Steve
Date: 10/1/2013 1:11 PM
Subject: Elsipogtog news release

Signigtog Mi'kmaq Reclaim Stewardship of Native Lands
by Chief and council and Elsipogtog First Nation

"There will be no more of our lands being held in trust by governments."

Elsipogtog First Nation Chief and Council will announce their resolution to reclaim their stewardship over all unoccupied alleged "Crown" land. The Band Council Resolution (BCR) will be publicly unveiled at a media conference at the Rexton shale gas resistance site at the junction of Highway 11 & 134 at 11 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

Compelled to action by their people to save their waters, lands and animals from ruin, the Elsipogtog First Nation and Signigtog District Grand Council are reclaiming responsibility for stewardship of all unoccupied reserved native lands in their territory.

The lands of the Signigtog Mi'kmaq have never been ceded or sold; for centuries, the British Crown claimed to be holding the lands in trust for them. However, the Original people of the territory, together with their hereditary and elected leaders, believe that their lands and waters are being badly mismanaged by Canada, the province and corporations to the point of ruin. Now facing complete destruction, they feel that the lands are no longer capable of providing enough to support the populations of the region.

Because of these threats to their survival and way of life, the Mi'kmaq people of Signigtog are resuming stewardship of their lands and waters to correct the problems and are planning measures to restore them back to good health. Last July, the Signigtog District Grand Council notified the province of New Brunswick that they had served shale gas developer Southwestern Energy (SWN) with an eviction notice.

Elsipogtog Chief Arren Sock states, "We will respect everyone who lives and works in our territories and respects the Treaties of Peace and Friendship and our authority over our lands. We intend to be fair to everyone."

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CC: Ellis, Patricia; Young, Steve
Date: 9/30/2013 1:37 PM
Subject: This morning's news coverage - fracking protests in Kent Co. NB

Protesters block access to shale gas equipment near Rexton, N.B.
By Brion Robinson Video Journalist
globalnews.ca
Protesters trying to stop shale gas exploration in Kent County N.B. continue to block access to equipment despite a heavy police presence. Brion Robinson/Global News

REXTON, N.B. - Protesters trying to stop shale gas exploration in Kent County N.B. continue to block access to equipment despite a heavy police presence.

SWN Resources has been using seismic testing trucks -- called "thumper" trucks -- to explore Kent County. The shale gas mining company has permission to explore the area. The company says its work is environmentally friendly.

However, the protesters are worried about pollution if shale gas mining begins.

Lorraine Clair said this protest will be different than the ones that preceded it.

"This is it. This is the last stand," she said. "We're back here and we're still taking a stand."

So far the RCMP says no arrests have been made.

Protesters say their gate-block will continue until SWN promises to leave the province.

"I'm going to be here all night. I have school tomorrow morning, but I'm going to be here all night," said Raven Chanelle.

"I'm here with my baby and I want them to see him he's our future," said Amanda Polchies.

Protestors have been trying to stop exploration since it started this summer.

Despite the trucks also being blocked repeatedl along Route 126 in June, the work continued.

"This is the only way we can send a message to the government, because they keep ignoring us," said Al Mclaughlin.

The protesters vow this is the beginning of the end of SWN's work in New Brunswick.

"We're here [and] we're going to let them know we're not leaving," said Clair.

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Two Arrests at ongoing New Brunswick Anti-Frack Stand-off
RCMP block auto access to highway 134, stand-off continues into night
by Miles Howe

Rexton, New Brunswick - RCMP have currently closed off automobile access to the Irving-owned compound that houses five of SWN Resource Canada's seismic testing trucks, or 'thumpers'. The police have closed off both north and south exits to highway 134 off the highway 11, as well as the 134 itself in

both directions. Walk-in access to the compound is currently the only way in and out.

At about 3pm, the call went out through social media that the RCMP had blocked off access to the compound, which, in effect, acted as a rallying cry to local community members opposed to SWN's attempts to seismic test in Kenty County. Seismic testing is the precursor to hydraulic fracturing, the highly-polluting and water-intensive technique meant to extract natural gas from shale rock. Hydraulic fracturing, or 'fracking', has already caused extensive environmental problems in Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Texas, Colorado and other states.

By 4pm, about 100 anti-shale activists had gathered at the gated entrance to the compound. Twenty minutes later, tensions momentarily flared when a police cruiser, driven by Sergeant Lemire, struck Elsipogtog local resident Lorraine Clair in the leg. Clair had been standing in front of the cruiser when Lemire put the car into drive and rolled into her. Members of the Mi'gmaw Warriors Society demanded that Lemire be escorted away from the scene, as his presence had become potentially incendiary to the peacefully gathered crowd.

At about 6pm, with both north and south access routes to the compound being blocked, Greg Cook, moderator of the popular Facebook site 'Shale Gas Alerts New Brunswick', attempted to bring water to the compound by driving his car around the RCMP road block. Cook navigated around a first line of cruisers, but was blocked, stopped and arrested by a second line of RCMP. He was dragged from his automobile and was bleeding from a laceration above his left eye, suffered when the police put his head to the pavement.

Another Mi'gmaw youth was subsequently arrested for simply leaning on a police cruiser.

By 9pm, an attempt at negotiations between representatives of the various community groups present and the RCMP had begun. Demands from the representatives varied from an outright call to end hydraulic fracturing in New Brunswick, to removing the K9 unit that is currently stationed at the northerly end of the police blockade.

As night falls, the stand-off continues.

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Cop Block turns to Road Block
Mi'gmaw Warriors Society fells trees, lights fire, creating inner road block on highway 134, New Brunswick
by Miles Howe

Rexton, New Brunswick - Anti-fracking activists in Kent County, New Brunswick have responded to last night's RCMP-imposed block of both sides of highway 134, near the off ramp of highway 11, by creating an inner road block of their own.

Members of the Mi'gmaw Warriors Society, an independently-run group that self-describe themselves as a 'Homeland Security' force, have felled several pine trees and are in the process of lighting fires along the highway. One van and numerous pine trees now also block access to the Irving-owned, gated compound that currently houses five of SWN Resources Canada's seismic testing trucks, or 'thumpers'. The thumpers are perceived by the activists to be a key piece of SWN's equipment, without which the Texas-based gas giant will be unable to continue seismic testing in New Brunswick.

Jim Pictou of the Mi'gmaw Warriors Society notes that this action is a direct response to the RCMP moving their line of police cruisers closer to the make-shift encampment earlier this morning.

"The RCMP acted aggressively, so we've responded with an aggressively action," says Pictou of the road bock. "This doesn't mean that negotiations are over."

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There are reports on Facebook of First Nations shale gas development protestors being arrested on Main Street in Moncton this morning.

One post mentions they are members of the First Nation Warrior protection...

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Two articles mention Chief Ginnish and Shale gas development....

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CBC New Brunswick (web site)
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Former First Nations leader urges peace in shale gas debate

CBC News

A former First Nations leader says both sides in the shale gas development controversy should cool off before tensions get even worse.

Susan Levi-Peters, who once was chief of the Elsipogtog band, says the growing number of protesters and police at demonstrations in Kent County is a cause for concern.

Carrying a peace and treaty medallion from the 1700s, she showed up at the legislature in Fredericton on Wednesday with a plea for Premier David Alward to intervene and bring all the parties together.

"I've been at those protests and what I'm scared of is that there will be a casualty soon if something doesn't happen, if it's not stopped," said Levi-Peters.

"And it's only escalating, the RCMP are getting more aggressive, and the protest is getting more big. So what you're going to have is a big confrontation pretty soon."

Twenty people have been arrested so far this month at protests along Highway 126 near Harcourt, where SWN Resources Canada is conducting seismic testing.

Protests could hurt First Nations

Lawyer Kelly Lamrock, who represents the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs in New Brunswick, says there's another reason to ask for calm.

The chiefs are concerned about the consequences of non-natives protesting fracking on aboriginal lands, he said.

Illegal demonstrations and arrests could affect any potential deals between the poverty-stricken First Nations communities and the industry, said Lamrock.

Although protection of the environment is a primary concern, before condemning the industry outright, the chiefs want to be fully informed of the risks and benefits, he said.

"That ability to review is essential even if one wanted to stop fracking dead. It would be absolutely reckless and irresponsible for the chiefs not to exercise the constitutional First Nations right to have those studies done so they can be used."

The Assembly of First Nations Chiefs in New Brunswick has said First Nations would only work with government and industries that care for the environment and will develop resources responsibly with them.

Chiefs want fair share

Chiefs want to be at the table to ensure their concerns are heard, said assembly co-chair George Ginnish of Eel Ground.

They are also looking for an across-the-board share in any future developments, said Ginnish.

"New Brunswick has $11.8 billion worth of resource-related projects on the horizon and we're going to be at the table, we're going to have our say about that," he told CBC News.

"Our communities need an economic foundation and a percentage of all those developments should be put in trust for our children and our children's children. Many of these are non-renewable resources, we get one chance to get this right and we've got to do the diligence."

The chief of St. Mary's First Nations in Fredericton says the assembly should be calling for a four-day moratorium on shale gas exploration until aboriginal people talk about what they want out of the industry and what's important to them.

Candice Paul, who is not a member of the assembly, is also calling on the leaders to come to the protests and hear from people on the ground.

"Come and hear the grassroots people, go to the sacred fire, listen to the people, what they're saying," she said.

"There's too many what ifs, maybes and they need to come and hear the people. They need to come and stand with the people and listen to their concerns. That's what they're voted in for and they need to listen."

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First Nations chiefs want peaceful demonstrations ? Chairs of Assembly of First Nations' Chiefs in New Brunswick want all parties involved to make sure protests are peaceful, law-abiding

GINABETH ROBERTS TIMES &TRANSCRIPT STAFF ?

Native leaders across the province want protests surrounding local hydraulic fracturing tests to remain peaceful and are asking all parties involved to act calmly and respect one another.

In a statement written by Elsipogtog First Nation Chief Aaron Sock, First Nations chiefs, led by Eel Ground First Nation Chief George Ginnish and Madawaska Maliseet First Nation Chief Joanna Bernard, are calling for peace and law-abiding demonstrations from protestors, as well as asking for restraint from police, government and SWN Resources Canada officials.

"People have valid concerns for the sanctity of our treaties and the protection of the environment," said Bernard. "We must all work peacefully together as partners to achieve those goals."

Chiefs Ginnish and Bernard are also the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik co-chairs of the Assembly of First Nations' Chiefs in New Brunswick, the group that issued the statement.

Sock says they are asking the police, government and SWN officials to "respect protesters and their concerns about development and exploration of shale gas in the province including seismic testing."

"The Assembly is very concerned how the various authorities respond to people's heartfelt concerns," Ginnish added. "We must all respect the earth and we must all act to ensure everyone remains safe."

The chiefs are also asking protestors, including First Nations and non-First Nations peoples, to reciprocate the respect, calling for "calm and peaceful demonstrations from all parties opposed to the exploration activities."

Sock made a similar request last week when protest activity "escalated," prompting the Chiefs of the Assembly to follow suit.

"We must never be afraid to raise our voice to protect our rights and interests, yet we must have the resolve to do so peacefully," he said at this time. "This is the spirit and intent of the treaties that our ancestors had the wisdom to contemplate and these values must be respected."

Both co-chairs were not available for further comment yesterday afternoon.

Since protests began last week less than 10 people have been arrested at the protests near Route 126. All have been released, with some facing charges.

RCMP spokeswoman Cpl. Chantal Farrah previously told the Times &Transcript that, for the most part, the ongoing protests have been done co-operatively and within the confines of the law.

SWN is performing about 210 kilometres of 2D seismic imaging in various parts of Kent County. The majority of their program, 72 per cent, is expected to be on Crown land or Department of Transportation right of way. The work is expected to be completed within 90 days.

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The Moncton Times & Transcript
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Shale gas foes claim victory

cole hobson Times &TRANSCRIPT STAFF ?

The man who was at the centre of opposition against the shale gas industry proceeding in Kent County said he feels protesters have accomplished a great deal in the battle against work being done by SWN Resources Canada.

"It's a victory. We stalled them quite a bit, at times four days at a time (not working). It's a victory. We know we can't stop them (completely), not right now," said John Levi of Elsipogtog, who has been serving as warrior chief for the protest movement being waged along Highways 126 and 116. "The biggest thing that came out of this was we got to unite the people. Like the non-natives, like the Acadians, the English, Métis, all the cultures, so that's the biggest accomplishment here I see. We got to be working together for once and we all believe it's a good cause for protecting our waters and that's the best accomplishment to this."

Levi and like-minded individuals who oppose shale gas exploration in New Brunswick have for almost two months been at the site of a sacred fire, first at the intersection of Route 126 and Route 116 and then later on the 116, about two kilometres past Elsipogtog.

However, that sacred fire protest site is now being dismantled at Levi's request, in large part because he said SWN is no longer actively working in the area.

"They are pretty much done, SWN, they are done and they are not coming back until four to six weeks, sometime in September. And we're going to back off a little and the sacred fire, we shut it down (Monday), but we'll be here in the fall," Levi said. "We are still going to have scouters out, and if (SWN) are out there, we are going to be there."

While Levi and various social media reports on anti-shale gas groups have indicated that SWN is done with their summer exploration program, that fact could not be confirmed. Repeated requests for comment made with SWN as well as with the communications company that has been speaking on the company's behalf were not responded to by press time.

Levi also noted that while their protests had been peaceful and focused on non-violent forms of opposition, another group of protesters had travelled down to the work areas from Nova Scotia, which complicated the situation.

"They were getting directions from another fellow there, a self-appointed warrior. So I didn't want my supporters to get involved in something in between. It was kind of confusion going on, so we met with everybody (Monday) night and we said it's best to shut the fire down and we'll wait until the fall," Levi said, noting they didn't want any of the protests to "get out of hand."

"We really don't know them, so basically for the safety of everybody we just said 'Oh, let's stand back and wait until the fall,' since they are done anyway."

Wendall Nicholas, who spent almost a month at the site as a peacekeeper at the invitation of Elsipogtog

Chief Aaron Sock, said there was a lot of work behind the scenes to ensure that protesters could be heard and that protest was peaceful.

"Each time we've done our best to use our utmost respect and patience to see a peaceful outcome," Nicholas said, speaking from Montreal. "We work in a very respectful and patient manner - whether it's on a logging road in 40-degree heat or a telephone conversation."

Nicholas was asked to participate given his knowledge of the Public Safety Co-operation Protocol between the Assembly of First Nations and Royal Canadian Mounted Police, an agreement he worked on while he was a policy adviser to the Assembly of First Nations.

SWN had been doing approximately 210 kilometres of seismic exploration in various parts of Kent County. The majority of the company's exploration program, 72 per cent, was expected to be on Crown land or Department of Transportation right of way.

Levi estimated that they averaged between 125 to 150 people at the sacred fire site on most days, with upwards of 300 on busier days. He said in total they had as many as 2,000 different people visit the site throughout the summer.

Another victory Levi claimed from the situation is that RCMP gained a greater understanding of Aboriginal cultures and rituals. He said in the beginning of this effort the RCMP were somewhat "disrespectful" of their ceremonies, sacred objects and rituals.

"At the end, the RCMP they are respecting our objects, our ceremonies and our sacred objects, and so we taught them to be more sensitive," he said. "So that too is a victory on teaching them to our ways and our ceremonies."

While the protest efforts were largely peaceful and lawful, there were over 30 arrests related to the protester activity.

Included among those arrested was Levi himself, who spent a weekend in jail after being charged on July 5 with committing mischief and obstructing an RCMP officer.

Levi said he is scheduled to make an appearance in Moncton court today in relation to his charges.

"Not guilty," Levi quickly answered when asked about his legal issues. "They were just made up (charges) because they know I was on parole (for a previous conditional sentence) and they just wanted to get me for something and violating my conditions, I guess, so I'm going to fight it. I'm set up with a lawyer."

Const. Damien Thériault, acting spokesman for the RCMP in New Brunswick, said to his knowledge there have been no new arrests tied to the incident in at least two weeks.

"We are there to ensure everyone's safety, as usual," he said.

He said one weekend incident was reported on Saturday.

"Protesters blocked a truck that was working in the woods near Bronson Road. One woman chained herself to a truck in protest," he said. Police attended the scene, and the woman unchained herself several hours later. No arrests were made, and the matter remains under investigation.

Although his duties leading the day-to-day protest efforts are now over, the legal battle is just beginning for Levi, as in addition to his own charges, he said a larger court action is brewing.

"These people that we're fighting with, we are the First Nations and this is our territory and they never consulted us properly and they never consulted us about our hunting territories, our fishing, what's going to be damaged, our medicines, our waters," he said.

With SWN Resources Canada at the moment remaining silent about their operations in New Brunswick, it remains to be seen what will become of upcoming protest efforts. But Levi chooses to be optimistic.

"Right now I would call this a victory, since SWN is going to stand back for six weeks, assess the situation, look at everything. They were planning on doing (three different lines) all in one shot, back to back. Now they are standing back and they are going to asses everything: 'Is it worth doing this or not?'?" he said. "Maybe at the end they'll say 'No, it's not worth it.' So really, I would say we won."

? With files from Shawn Berry.

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Anti-shale gas fight not over, Kent County protesters vow

CBC News

Anti-shale gas protesters in Kent County say SWN Resources Canada is winding down its exploration activities after spending the past two months in the area.

Protester Ann Pohl referred to the news as "armistice day."

But she and others expect seismic testing will resume in mid-September and say they will be ready to continue to fight.

SWN officials declined to comment on the company's plans.

Former Elsipogtog chief Susan Levi-Peters says SWN Resources Canada should consult with the community before it resumes testing. (CBC)

Susan Levi-Peters, a member of Elsipogtog First Nation and a former chief, says SWN plans to do the next round of testing close to the borders of the reserve.

She wants the company to hold meetings with the community before crews return.

"If they were to come back in September, that they are not allowed to come back unless they get the full consent from the people of Elsipogtog. So now they have time to do consultation and get the consent from the people," said Levi-Peters.

"If they don't get that, we told them at the meeting that we won't allow testing in September and this time the warriors and us we'll be back again from Day 1," she said, referring to a meeting organized by the RCMP earlier this week.

Some charges to be droppedAbout 35 people were arrested during recent protests in Kent County. (CBC)

Peters has asked police to drop charges against the people who were arrested at protests in the area in

recent weeks.

Warrior chief John Levi told CBC News the RCMP have agreed to drop 25 of 35 charges.

Charges against people who have already entered the system, including Levi, are expected to proceed.

Earlier this month, a group of mayors from the area asked for a moratorium on shale gas exploration and a meeting with the province's energy minster.

The Kent Regional Service Commission voted 16-1 in favour on July 18. Chairman Marc Henri said they want more consultation and better communications between the communities, the provincial government and SWN Resources Canada.

Although regional service commissions do not usually intervene in this manner, Henri said members felt they had a moral mandate to speak up on the issue.

The Alward government has repeatedly rejected the idea of imposing a moratorium on the shale gas industry.

Premier David Alward called the Liberal party's demand for a moratorium on the industry "anti-jobs" in May.

Tensions have flared over the possible development of a shale gas industry in New Brunswick and in particular, the use of hydraulic fracturing, also known as hydro-fracking.

It is a process where exploration companies inject a mixture of water, sand and chemicals into the ground, creating cracks in shale rock formations, which allows companies to extract natural gas from areas that would otherwise go untapped.

Opponents have raised several concerns about the process, such as the use of chemicals, the potential to ruin water supplies, noise from the operations and the potential to damage the local environment.

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CBC New Brunswick (web site)
Thursday, June 6, 2013

RCMP arrest 3 anti-shale gas protesters in Kent County

CBC News

The RCMP arrested three people on Wednesday during an anti-shale gas protest in eastern New Brunswick.

The RCMP say officers arrested three of roughly 100 protesters who attended an anti-shale gas rally near Saint Paul.

The protesters blocked seismic testing trucks from advancing, held up anti-shale gas signs and there was traditional First Nations drumming and singing.

Three people were arrested at an anti-shale gas protest near Saint Paul on Wednesday. (Facebook)

More than 20 RCMP officers were on the scene.

Lorraine Clair, 44, said she was charged with mischief for her role in the demonstration.

Clair said she and others were gathered at a rally at Highway 126, blocking the trucks used in seismic testing.

Clair said she was singing and drumming her last song when she was arrested.

"Now they know that we mean what we say when we say we are going to protect our Mother Earth and we are going to exercise our treaty rights and that's exactly what I was going to do," she said.

She said she expects to participate in more protests against shale gas development in eastern New Brunswick, but she didn't know when they would occur.

Clair said she was released from custody with a promise to appear in court at a later date.

May seek injunction

A lawyer for Elsipogtog and several other First Nations in New Brunswick contends there would be a lot less opposition if SWN Resources Canada had consulted them before starting any shale gas exploration.

T.J. Burke told Terry Seguin of Information Morning Fredericton there is a lot of community interest in seeking an injunction that would force the company to suspend its work until consultation has taken place.

"The First Nation believes that because of the lack of consultation, because of the inability for the parties to communicate, because of the detrimental effects of fracking in that area and the ability of it to harm its natural resources, where the people live off that land, that an injunction would be a possibility," Burke said.

The former New Brunswick justice minister and environment minister said there is a mechanism for such consultation through the bilateral agreement the provincial government signed with First Nation communities, but it's being wasted.

Chief urges peace

Wednesday's protest was the second one this week in eastern New Brunswick.

On Tuesday, a group of protesters surrounded and seized a truck owned by a contractor for SWN Resources Canada. SWN Resources has a licence to test for shale gas in the region.

"Tensions have escalated," Elsipogtog First Nation Chief Aaron Sock said in a statement on Thursday morning.

He said he supports future protests, but is urging they be done "peacefully and lawfully."

'We must never be afraid to raise our voice to protect our rights and interests, yet we must have the resolve to do so peacefully.'--Elsipogtog First Nation Chief Aaron Sock

"[Mi'kmaq] peoples' connection to the land and Mother Earth is sacred. It is the source of our great resolve that has sustained ourselves as a Peoples since time immemorial," Sock said.

"We have asserted and court-established rights to the land and with these rights comes a responsibility to ensure our territory is protected for future generations," he said.

"We must never be afraid to raise our voice to protect our rights and interests, yet we must have the resolve to do so peacefully. This is the spirit and intent of the Treaties that our ancestors had the wisdom to contemplate and these values must be respected."

SWN quickly released a response, saying they "applaud" the chief's leadership and support his call for peaceful and law-abiding expression of views.

"We hope that people can safely and openly express themselves while allowing our work to continue in accordance with the licences and permits granted to us by government," an email from company spokeswoman Tracey Stephenson states.

"SWN Resources Canada is confident that if a commercially viable resource exists, then relationships with First Nations will be integral to achieving a goal of safe and responsible development in the province that First Nations can proudly participate in without compromising their rights, values and traditions."

Protesters vow to continue demonstrationsProtest organizers say they will continue to protest throughout the summer. (Facebook)

Organizers for the protests say the company should prepare for a summer of protests.

Heather McCabe, a Penobsquis resident, said opponents are concerned about the long-term effects of hydraulic fracturing.

"I think it's going to take a little while for them to realize that we're not going to back down," she said.

SWN Resources is not hydro-fracking in New Brunswick. The company is conducting seismic tests in parts of the province to see if there is enough shale gas locked under the ground worth developing an industry.

Hydro-fracking is a process where companies inject a mixture of water, sand and chemicals into the ground, creating cracks in shale rock formations. That process allows companies to extract natural gas from areas that would otherwise go untapped.

Opponents of the process say it could have a negative effect on local water supplies and many of them have held protests across the province

Michael McKinley, a member of the group Our Environment, Our Choice in Kent County, also promised to attend more protests throughout the summer if the seismic testing continued.

"As long as the industry is in Kent County, you're going to see that there's going to be protests and you're going to see a lot of non-violent protests and you're going to see concerned people coming together to show, to educate themselves and educate others," he said.

New shale gas rules

The New Brunswick government has already announced a series of legal and regulatory reforms that are intended to give the province some of the strictest oil and natural gas exploration rules in North America.

Energy and Mines Minister Craig Leonard said on Tuesday the government supported the protesters right to demonstrate "as long as it's done in a lawful manner."

Premier David Alward has said companies should be able to explore to see if there is enough of a resource available to create a shale gas industry.

Alward said revenue from a future shale gas sector could pay for social programs and employ citizens who are currently looking for work.

New Brunswick's unemployment has been stuck above 10 per cent since July 2012.

Former Liberal premier Frank McKenna said in February the shale gas industry could generate more than $7 billion in royalties and tax revenues for the province.

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Elsipogtog elder puts Idle No More walk to Amherst on hold

CBC News

A grandmother from Elsipogtog First Nation has had to put her plan to walk to Amherst, N.S., to promote the Idle No More movement on hold after injuring her foot.

"The journey's on pause, it's not over," Lorraine Clair told CBC News from her home on Monday afternoon.

Clair had set out on the 130-kilometre trek, called Walk for Future Generations, on Friday at sunrise, in an effort to continue the fight against shale gas development and a cross-Canada pipeline.

She had hoped to meet with Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Bernard Valcourt when she reached Amherst.

Clair made it as far as south of Scoudouc by Sunday night but then her support van bumped her by accident, causing her to stumble and hurt her foot, she said.

She had tried to keep going, but the pain was too much, so she took a break, she said. She removed her shoe and then couldn't get it back on.

'When I hear all of the horns beeping and everything, I know it's waking people up and I know that people are glad that somebody is doing something.'--Lorraine Clair

An emergency room doctor told her she pulled a ligament and ordered her to stay off her feet for three days, she said.

So Clair plans to wait until her daughter finishes school for the year, then she'll pick up where she left off and finish the journey in the name of her grandchildren.

Clair said she appreciates all the support she received from people along the route, who were honking and waving.

She chose to do the walk because it seemed like the best way to raise awareness, she had told CBC News on Sunday..

"It just seems to wake up people, because it's right there in their face. If we sit down and we do a protest, people can avoid it ... they can go around it. And that's why I'm doing it, a walk, because I'm getting the support," Clair said.

Keeping movement alive

"When I hear all of the horns beeping and everything, I know it's waking people up and I know that people are glad that somebody is doing something."

Sylvia McAdam, one of the Idle No More founders, said people like Clair are what's keeping the movement alive and what will ultimately make it successful.

"Power is with the people, not the leadership," said McAdam. "We can definitely change the leadership in the next election."

The Idle No More movement is fighting to have federal omnibus budget Bill C-45 struck down and to raise awareness about native issues.

The grassroots movement wants to "stop the Harper government from passing more laws and legislation that will further erode treaty and indigenous rights and the rights of all Canadians."

Its mission statement reads, "Idle No More calls on all people to join in a revolution which honours and fulfils Indigenous sovereignty which protects the land and water."

A national day of action in January saw demonstrators take to the streets at border crossings, bridges and railways. Other activities includes rallies and prayer circles.

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Gone for the summer - SWN Resources Canada folds 'til September
Shale gas company allowed to detonate 11 more un-exploded shot holes - charges against 25 of 35 will be dropped.
by Miles Howe

(Yesterday)
ELSIPOGTOG, NEW BRUNSWICK - Minutes ago, afternoon negotiations between the RCMP, Elsipogtog Chief Arren Sock, Elsipogtog War Chief John Levi, former Elsipogtog Chief Susan Levi-Peters, Mi'kmaq Warrior Society Chief 'Seven' and others concluded with a few key announcements.

*SWN Resources Canada will be permitted to detonate 11 un-exploded shot-holes along 'Line 5', the backwoods seismic testing line west of highway 126 that the company is currently attempting to test for shale gas. A team of observers from Elsipogtog First Nation, which will include 8 scouts, 3 Grandmothers and 2 Elsipogtog Peacekeepers will be tasked with observing the completion of SWN's work. No more testing will be allowed for these remaining 11 shot holes.
*Charges laid against 25 of the 35 arrested in the protests against SWN's seismic testing will be dropped, pending an unmolested completion of SWN's detonation work. This work is expected to be completed by Friday, August 2nd.
*People who have already entered the court system will not have their charges dropped. These include Elsipogtog War Chief John Levi and activist Susanne Patles, as well as others.
*SWN is expected to return to seismic test in Kent County in mid-September. It will then focus it's efforts on lines '3' and '4'. These seismic test lines are far closer to Elsipogtog First Nation, in some instances bordering the community by only a few kilometers. SWN's earlier attempts to seismic test these lines resulted in significant equipment destruction.

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Aboriginal anti-shale gas advocate jailed
John Levi, of the Elsipogtog First Nation, is charged with obstructing police and mischief
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A leading aboriginal voice against shale gas development in New Brunswick is behind bars until at least Monday.

John Levi, a self-described warrior chief from the Elsipogtog First Nation, is charged with obstructing police and mischief in connection with an anti-shale gas protest last month in Kent County, where SWN Resources Canada is conducting seismic testing.

He was one of 12 people arrested at the June 21 demonstration on Highway 126; one of about 34 protesters arrested in recent weeks.

Levi made a brief appearance in Moncton provincial court on Friday to face the charges, but the Crown objected to his release, saying he had breached a conditional sentence on another matter.

The judge ordered Levi to stay in jail until a bail hearing on Monday morning.

'Community service'
About 30 of Levi's supporters attended the court proceedings on Friday in Moncton. The supporters stood in court when Levi stood.

At one point, a man shouted, "That's community service this man is doing for us."

After Levi was led away, one man swore and stormed out of the courtroom. A woman asked to address the judge.

She said it was Levi, not the RCMP, keeping the peace in the eastern First Nations community and he should not be kept in custody.

The judge said the matter would have to be decided at the bail hearing.

Another supporter, Danny Leger, told CBC News he was disappointed by the proceedings.

"I've seen him at different times personally intervening between the folks up there and the RCMP, trying to keep things calm and it's very unfortunate that he's been taken out of that role by the courts today," Leger said.

Meanwhile, a 35-year-old man from Halifax, who was arrested on Thursday for allegedly uttering threats against a police officer on June 21 in the Rogersville area, has been released from custody, say RCMP.

The man has not yet been charged, but is scheduled to appear in court in September.

Media Co-op, an independent media organization, has identified the man as being one of its reporters, who has been covering the ongoing protests against seismic testing by SWN Resources Canada.

Opponents fear the hydraulic fracturing process used to extract natural gas will ruin the water supply and damage the surrounding environment.

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From: Ronald Levesque
To: Simon, Heidi Heather
Date: 10/4/2013 9:14 AM
Subject: Re: ATLANTIC REGION FRIDAY MORNING NEWS ROUNDUP

That's what the first article below says.

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Ron, its the RCMP that blocked traffic with 50 police cars on highway #11 from st charles to Ste anne.
Not the protesters last night.
Using BlackBerry Mobile
Heather (Heidi) Simon
AANDC - LENR
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RADIO INTERVIEWS
- Wednesday October 2, 2013
First Nation wants control of lands back
The Elsipogtog First Nation has served notice it intends to reclaim stewardship of unoccupied crown lands in its territory. We hear from Chief Arren Sock, and then from historian and public policy professor Ken Coates.
http://podcast.cbc.ca/mp3/podcasts/shiftnb_20131001_77435.mp3

- Thursday October 3, 2013
Elsipogtog follow
Terry talks with a law expert about the showdown between First Nations communities and SWN Resources.
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Court orders end to shale gas barricades on Route 134
SWN Resources applied for injunction to end blockade of its equipment near Rexton
CBC News Posted: Oct 03, 2013 4:57 PM AT
Last Updated: Oct 03, 2013 10:35 PM AT

A Court of Queen's Bench Judge has issued an order for shale gas protesters on Route 134 to remove

their barricades on the highway and allow SWN Resources Canada access to its equipment in the area.

The protesters have stopped traffic on the highway connecting Rexton with Highway 11 since Monday. They have also blocked the entrance to the area where SWN Resources has its shale gas exploration vehicles parked.

SWN Resources filed a motion with the Court of Queen's Bench in Moncton on Wednesday, seeking an injunction to order an end to the protest. Mr. Justice George Rideout granted the order on Thursday. The order remains in force until midnight, Oct. 12, 2013.

Protesters said the RCMP assured them officers would not enforce the injunction for 24 hours.

The order names Loraine Claire, Jim Pictou, Seven Bernard, Jason Okay, Greg Cook, Wilhemina (Willi) Nolan, Melanie Elward, Ann Pohl, Rachel Daigle, Suzanne Patles, John Doe and Jane Doe as respondents.

Among other things, the order restrains the respondents and any other person acting on their behalf from:

- Interfering or attempting to interfere with any authorized person from accessing the SWN Resources staging area and storage facility situated on Route 134;
- Interfering or attempting to interfere with any person on Route 134, Highway 11, or any public roadway, including any interference with any activities related to the seismic testing program;
- Causing a nuisance in the vicinity of SWN Resources equipment, including those activities related to the seismic testing program.

The order authorizes any peace officer to arrest, remove and remand anyone who is contravening the order.

Protesters form human chain
Some of the protest organizers held a meeting after they were informed of the injunction.

The group said they weren't sure what they would do in response. They said they are planning another meeting at the site of the protest for Friday evening.

While that meeting was wrapping up tensions flared at the protest site.

RCMP blocked off four exits from Highway 11 to Route 34 preventing any traffic from reaching the site of the blockade.

The police also kept the media well back from the scene.

But before reporters were pushed back, Radio-Canada's Michel Nogue said a group of protesters formed a human chain across Route 34.

He said it appeared an RCMP negotiator was speaking to the group as they sang.
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Les enjeux du gaz de schiste en Atlantique
Gaz de schiste : les manifestants au Nouveau-Brunswick restent déterminés
Mise à jour le vendredi 4 octobre 2013 à 5 h 29 HAE

Le campement des manifestants non loin de Rexton Photo : Michèle Brideau/Radio-Canada Des opposants au gaz de schiste dans la région de Rexton, au Nouveau-Brunswick, restent dans leur campement malgré une injonction de partir. De nombreux policiers sont sur place.

Un juge a autorisé une injonction pour forcer les opposants à lever la barricade érigée lundi, qui bloque le passage aux camions de l'entreprise SWN Resources. Cette dernière à l'intention d'effectuer des tests sismiques dans la région dans l'espoir de trouver du gaz.

L'injonction limite les activités des opposants qui ne peuvent plus bloquer l'accès aux lieux d'entreposage de l'entreprise ou nuire aux activités qui se déroulent le long des chaussées publiques de la route 11 et de la route 134. Elle est en vigueur jusqu'au 12 octobre.

Les manifestants comptent se réunir afin de discuter de leur prochaine action. Selon Denise Melanson, du groupe Notre environnement, notre choix, ils vont déterminer leur réaction à l'injonction.

« Il va y avoir une rencontre avec beaucoup de représentants d'à travers la province. On va appeler la rencontre pour essayer de déterminer comment on va faire, comment on va réagir face à cette injonction. Tout arrive en même temps. Dans le moment où on a appris qu'il y avait une injonction, on apprenait en même temps que le premier ministre a accepté de nous rencontrer. C'est comme de bonnes nouvelles avec des nouvelles plus alarmantes, peut-être. On va être obligés de suivre cette affaire-là et on va voir où ça va nous mener », affirme Denise Melanson.

La réunion doit avoir lieu vendredi à 18 h dans un lieu qui n'a pas été précisé.
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The Chronicle Herald (Halifax, NS)
News, Friday, October 4, 2013, p. A10
St. john's, n.l.; Chief calls for action on gas-sniffing problem

Natuashish Band Council Chief Simeon Tshakapesh says he's giving authorities two weeks to respond to the gas sniffing problem in his community.
Tshakapesh met with Premier Kathy Dunderdale of Newfoundland and Labrador on Wednesday in St. John's and says while he's pleased with the meeting, he's frustrated that little is being done and action needs to be taken.

He says if he doesn't see any real progress in two weeks, he'll return to the legislature with others to make sure the community's voices are heard.

The province's child and youth advocate says she cannot accept that children and young people in Natuashish are not being protected by those legislated to do so.

Carol Chafe says she wants to know from all government departments and community leaders what it will take to ensure the safety of children and young people in the Labrador community of Natuashish.

She says the time to respond to is now, before a critical injury or death of a child occurs because of solvent abuse. (CP)

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The Western Star (Corner Brook)
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MHA calls for 'immediate intervention' for gas sniffing problem
Derek Montague, TC Media; The Labradorian

HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY - Torngat Mountains MHA Randy Edmunds is calling on the provincial government to take immediate action to help troubled youth in Natuashish who have been sniffing gas.

"Well the government doesn't know what to do. There needs to be immediate intervention," said Edmunds during an interview with TC Media on Thursday.

"I think the kids need to be removed from that environment where they have access to gas before there is permanent brain damage or worse."

When asked if he thinks the children should be taken outside of the Innu community to receive treatment, Edmunds replied by saying, "Whatever it takes to save these young people."

But Edmunds said removing troubled youth from their homes would only be a short-term fix. There also needs to be a long-term solution in place, but finding such a solution will not be easy given the complexity of the issue.

"I've racked my brains over this. ... You can have all the solutions in the world, but you need participation; you need the community to be involved."

Edmunds isn't the only public official speaking about the plight of troubled youth in Natuashish. On Thursday, Carol Chafe, Newfoundland and Labrador's Child and Youth Advocate, issued a statement asking leaders to take action against the ongoing gas-sniffing issue in the Innu community.

"Once again, I am publicly addressing solvent abuse among children in Natuashish, and at this time I am asking all government departments and community leaders involved: what is it going to take to ensure the safety of children and youth in Natuashish?" said Chafe in the statement. "Now is the time to respond to this crisis before critical injury or death of a child occurs as a result of solvent abuse."

Chafe as been the province's child and youth advocate for the past three years, and she said has monitored the situation in Natuashish during that time. In an interview with TC Media on Friday, she said it is getting worse.

"I view it as definitely growing, increasing, escalating. I hear that there's younger children, some aged six and seven, that are being enticed to gas sniff by older children," said Chafe. "I hear they're more blatantly out in the open doing gas sniffing, as opposed to off in the woods, which was the practice before."

Much like Edmunds, Chafe wants action to be taken to ensure the immediate safety of children in the community.

"I feel that with any child, whatever is determined necessary to ensure the safety and protection of the child has to occur," said Chafe. "The key thing here has to be the safety of the children."

Chafe stressed that the gas-sniffing epidemic is not an isolated issue in Natuashish but a product of a large community problem.

"Unfortunately, it is an impact of the overall unwellness of the community and the adults in the community," said Chafe. "I'm certain there are some parents and adults who are striving to do their best, but I've heard from members from the community themselves that a lot of the parents need help themselves."

The Department of Child, Youth and Family Services (CFYS) currently employs one social worker and two community support workers in Natuashish. Right now there are 52 children in care through CYFS, 17 of whom are in care because of solvent abuse issues.

CFYS Minister Charlene Johnson has been unavailable this week to do an interview. A department

spokesperson, however, sent a statement to TC Media, saying that CYFS continues to work with Innu leaders on the issue.

"The Department of Child, Youth and Family Services continues to work with the Mushuau Innu Band Council to address issues around solvent abuse in the community of Natuashish. Ultimately, the health and well-being of children and youth depends upon a safe, secure and nurturing environment at home and in the community, which is best achieved by the cooperation of all parties with responsibilities to and for the Mushuau Innu," the statement read.

"CYFS continues to provide protective intervention services to the children and youth of Natuashish and to work with all stakeholders involved in supporting families in the community (i.e. the department identifies ways families can keep their child safe such as seeking out the children in the night time, as well as working out a safety plan with family members who can assist the parents in monitoring their child to prevent them from solvent abuse)."

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Cabinet Shuffle Looming
Thursday , October 3 2013

Jerome Kennedy's resignation forces Premier Kathy Dunderdale to shuffle a cabinet she already promised to shrink in the last budget. In March, Dunderdale said she would be taking on intergovernmental duties to eliminate a cabinet post and combining the Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs portfolios. Dunderdale said Kennedy's exit would make up for eliminated position. She says the changes will happen fairly quickly.

She says it will come within the next week to 10 days, definitely before Oct. 15, because she's leaving on a trade mission.

Natural Resources Minister Tom Marshall says he's had no discussions with the Premier about what is coming down the line. Marshall served as Finance Minister for five years before he and Kennedy switched portfolios last year. He also served a brief period as Justice Minister.

He says he's prepared to step into any role the Premier sees fit.

Marshall doesn't intend to run in the next election, but he would not tell VOCM Backtalk with Paddy Daly whether or not he planned to stay in his current role until an election is called.

He says he was elected four for years and he still has work left to do but he'll have to wait and see what happens.

Former Premier Danny Williams calls Jerome Kennedy's exit from politics 'a big loss.' The pair were friends and colleagues dating back to their law days. Williams describes Kennedy as honest, hard-working, and ethical. He says most saw Kennedy as being hard-nosed, but the reality was he did the jobs no one else wanted.

Williams says he took on the tough stuff that wasn't in the nature of others to do. So he says while Kennedy was controversial he had very important files.
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Four Teens Charged with Arson in Labrador
Thursday , October 3 2013

Four young people have been charged after a fire at the treatment centre in Sheshatshiu. The small fire in a bedroom was extinguished around 9:45 last night. The youths, ranging in age from 13 to 16, lit a mattress on fire. There were no injuries and damage was minimal.

The four are facing arson charges and will be in court today
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The Telegram (St. John's)
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aboriginal affairs/lower churchill
RCMP officer's hiring at Muskrat Falls causes friction
NunatuKavut Community Council president claims accused acted improperly in response to site protests
Ashley Fitzpatrick, The Telegram

The NunatuKavut Community Council is claiming charges laid against its members after arrests at a protest on Apr. 5, 2013, were "tainted and biased."

The protest, on the Trans-Labrador Highway, was against the province's multibillion-dollar hydroelectric project at Muskrat Falls, on Labrador's lower Churchill River.

NunatuKavut Community Council president Todd Russell now says an RCMP officer involved in the protest response was, at the time, focused on obtaining a job on the construction project.

One of the people arrested and charged on the day, Russell pointed to the fact the police officer was subsequently hired as a safety officer at the Muskrat Falls site. The hire was in mid-July according to Nalcor Energy.

"I believe that the evidence points to this officer acted improperly and I believe that there may have been other people in the RCMP detachment that was aware of some of this," he told The Telegram.

"This is what I believe, given the evidence - whether it was implicit or explicit, I believe that job was out there and the actions of the RCMP on April 5 were influenced by the fact that a job was pending."

The NunatuKavut Community Council, he said, has been instructed by the RCMP to raise its complaints as part of the court proceedings in followup to the arrests and charges.

Russell said the NunatuKavut Community Council wants to see the entire situation - including the hiring of the RCMP officer at site - independently investigated.

"This is about making sure the administration of justice is carried out in a non-prejudicial way," he said.

The police have dismissed Russell's accusations of misconduct.

"The RCMP is confident its actions were professional and lawful," said RCMP spokesman Sgt. Marc Coulombe, in a statement issued Thursday.

"There will be no further comment on related matters before the criminal courts and subject to ongoing investigation."

The RCMP officer targeted in the NunatuKavut Community Council's complaint is not retired from the force, but is currently on leave.

"As an employer, the RCMP does not comment on confidential personnel matters relating to individual employees," the police statement notes.

As for Nalcor Energy, the Crown corporation sees no issue, regardless of the NunatuKavut Community Council's outrage over the hire.

"We have no role in decisions that are made by law enforcement agencies, and I think it's as straightforward as that," said Gilbert Bennett, Nalcor Energy's lead on the Lower Churchill project.

Bennett said the RCMP officer in question applied for the job as posted by SNC-Lavalin. A job was not created for him.

"I don't see how a hiring decision that was made after an open hiring process, when somebody applied for the position, would influence our relationship with NunatuKavut. I look at those as two completely separate situations," he said.

Bennett said hiring at site is an ongoing process as the project ramps up, with positions posted by SNC-Lavalin and project contractors as requirements arise.

"I think in this particular case, we're delighted to have an individual who's a resident of the community, who understands the situation and understands the relationships and the issues that are, that occur or exist in the Upper Lake Melville area," he said. The lower Churchill River runs into Lake Melville.

"He adds a lot of value and certainly, helps manage the safety of the site and the security of the workers and members of the general public. He has a good understanding of the area and the issues."

The Telegram is not considering naming the officer, barring official response, such as a judge deciding on the charges from the April protest, or professional sanctions.

In May, the NunatuKavut Community Council wrote to RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson requesting an investigation into the response to their protest.

Paulson replied in a letter dated June 14.

"I can assure you that the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP will have the full co-operation of the RCMP during its investigation into this matter," he stated.

Any comment on the case would be inappropriate, he said, given the matter is before the courts.

He added the issues raised by the NunatuKavut Community Council immediately following the protest would be on the agenda at the next meeting of the Commissioner's National Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

Figure: About a dozen NunatuKavut members staged a protest on the Trans-Labrador Highway on April 5.
Todd Russell
Gilbert Bennett

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Acadie Nouvelle
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Commentaire
Notre tiers-monde
Françoise Enguehard

Rien n'aurait pu me peiner davantage que de voir cette semaine les images de jeunes Innus intoxiqués par les vapeurs d'essence à Natuashish, au Labrador. Journaliste débutante dans les années 1990, je m'étais rendue à Davis Inlet pour témoigner de ce drame. Les images étaient si fortes qu'on peut encore visionner mes reportages dans les archives de Radio-Canada.

À l'époque, tous les espoirs reposaient sur le départ de Davis Inlet - un îlot affligeant de maisons délabrées, sans eau courante, vers un lieu appelé Natuasish, sur la terre ferme, avec des installations municipales modernes, des maisons neuves équipées de ce que nous tenons tous pour acquis: chauffage adéquat, eau courante, salle de bains.

Nous savions que Natuashish ne serait pas la solution magique à ce mal de vivre, mais on pouvait espérer que les familles mises à mal par l'alcool, la violence conjugale ou l'oisiveté trouveraient là un nouveau départ. Hélas!

Le chef d'alors avait envoyé les images aux stations de télé, le même chef envoie aujourd'hui ses images sur les médias sociaux. Bientôt, les bien-pensants vont commencer à crier au scandale après tous les millions engloutis par les contribuables dans cette nouvelle communauté, à dire que les Indiens ne sont pas capables de se diriger... Si c'est ce que vous pensez, échangeriez-vous votre situation pour la leur?

La vie des jeunes Innus ressemble malheureusement à celle de bien des jeunes des Premières Nations: isolés, démunis, on leur offre un enseignement de piètre qualité, on ne leur présente que bien peu d'occasions de se dépasser et aucune perspective d'avenir. Les adultes qui les entourent n'ont rien connu d'autre non plus depuis qu'on les a forcés à cesser leurs activités nomades pour se fixer dans des communautés que nous avions pensées pour eux. Faut-il s'étonner que l'alcool, la drogue et l'essence viennent leur offrir des paradis artificiels?

Cessons de nous voiler la face: le Canada a son tiers-monde et si nous sommes prêts à aller faire la morale et à nous investir sur d'autres continents, il serait peut-être temps de regarder au Nord et de nous retrousser les manches une bonne fois pour toutes.

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Truro Daily News (NS)
Opinion, Friday, October 4, 2013, p. A8
Letters to the editor
Hilden interchange deserves consideration

To the editor,
The proposed Hilden interchange has not been supported by (Colchester) county council because of economic reasons and no consideration was given for the safety aspect.

The residents of Hilden and Millbrook are facing increased truck traffic because of the congestion at the McClures Mills connector. The situation will not improve and actually get far more dangerous in the near future.

Representatives of the county engineering department stated several times that this development would open up lands for more than 300 housing lots and thus increase the tax base.

In the earlier planning stage, MLA Bill Estabrooks, the minister of transportation, pointed out the potential for a rail siding opportunity for a light industrial park in Hilden, which would also increase the tax base. To say that this project has no economic benefit is not accurate.

The safety factor should be considered a priority. This project, in my opinion, should be supported because it has the support of both the federal and the provincial governments and all that is needed to move forward is collective support locally.

Another factor that was not mentioned was the long-term plan to connect this roadway to Bible Hill and thus address the traffic problem that is caused by the yearly flooding.

For the sake of safety, please give this concept another review.

Lloyd Johnson Millbrook band councillor

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Amherst News (NS)
Community, Friday, October 4, 2013, p. 38
Federal Liberals ready to celebrate Grit government in Nova Scotia
Christopher Gooding, Amherst News

AMHERST - If Nova Scotia is truly seeing red, as many advance polls suggest, then Ottawa should look out.

Dominic Leblanc, Liberal MP for the Beausejour riding in New Brunswick, which includes Sackville, Shediac, Moncton and Port Elgin, landed in Amherst to campaign with Terry Farrell on Wednesday afternoon. In Nova Scotia, advance election polls have been largely in favour of the Stephen McNeil Liberals and it's a message Leblanc says can't be ignored locally, across the Nova Scotia-New Brunswick border or at Parliament.

"If the voters in this region reject the narrow vision of Jamie Baillie and the Conservatives, that they recognize on a whole bunch of national issues the Conservatives of Nova Scotia have failed to stand up for people of this province because they're intimidated by Mr. Harper... if you can replace that with a more positive, hopeful representative like Terry Farrell and a government led by Stephen McNeil that sends a message across the marsh to New Brunswick that the NDP don't have magic solutions for everything," Leblanc said.

In the 2010 the provincial NDP gained leadership of the government for the very first time, while a year later the federal party gained official opposition status. The Liberals fell to third-party status. The introduction of Justin Trudeau as the new leader of the federal party rebranded the image of the party, something Nova Scotia Liberal leader Stephen McNeil largely benefitted from when Trudeau joined him on a whirlwind tour through a number of NDP held ridings.

A Halifax-based polling agency found 38 per cent of respondents felt McNeil would be the more popular premier, while the party captured 57 per cent of the popular response for forming Nova Scotia's next government following Trudeau's visit.

Provincial shifts to the Grits, Leblanc said, are putting the squeeze on the NDP in Ottawa.

"Nationally, the election of Terry here and the election of Stephen McNeil is very, very destructive for Mr. (Thomas) Mulcair, and the NDP in Ottawa," Leblanc said.

"They will have been beaten in six months on both coasts."

For his part, Farrell says the prospect of becoming the MLA for Cumberland North and having a federal Liberal partner in Leblanc on the other side of the provincial border will be to Cumberland North's advantage.

"There's certainly always room to cooperate when you have like minded people who have the interests of their constituents at heart and in mind. We've talked about some of those things today and Dominic understands the importance of the (Department of Indian and) Northern Affairs office in Amherst and how it's a good bargain for the government to have those offices in communities like Amherst and how people here are ready and able to do those jobs and on a very effective basis and perform those services here and that's certainly something we can build on."

Nova Scotia will elect its next provincial government Tuesday.

Figure: Cumberland North Liberal candidate Terry Farrell (left) gave Beausejour MP Dominic Leblanc a tour of downtown Amherst on Wednesday afternoon, where the federal Liberal called on some of his own recollection of the places and names when visiting with family in his youth.

Christopher Gooding - Amherst News

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Acadie Nouvelle
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Gaz de schiste: tension extrême sur la route 134
Pour le chef des Warriors, James Pictou, la guerre est déclarée
Damien Dauphin

REXTON - En obtenant une injonction de la Cour, ordonnant aux manifestants de lever le camp sur la route 134 et de ne plus entraver ses activités, SWN a gagné une manche judiciaire dont l'issue pourrait se révéler dramatique.

James Pictou, le général en chef de la Société des guerriers micmacs, n'a pas mâché ses mots devant les représentants de la GRC, jeudi soir à la tombée de la nuit.

«Aujourd'hui est un beau jour pour mourir!», a-t-il déclaré.

Quelques heures auparavant, à la demande de la compagnie SWN, le juge George S. Rideout a imposé une ordonnance intimant aux manifestants qui campent sur la route 134 et entravent les activités de la société gazière de lever le camp dès que l'ordonnance leur aura été notifiée, ce qui n'avait pas encore été fait au moment de mettre sous presse.

Il leur est également interdit de bloquer les routes, les chaussées et les entrées, ou toute activité qui paralyserait les activités de la compagnie, où que ce soit. En cas de refus d'obtempérer, ils pourront être mis aux arrêts par les forces de l'ordre.

Délégué par le chef de la Première Nation d'Elsipogtog, et qui a été accusé de lâcheté par le chef des

guerriers, Alfred Sock a informé les manifestants de l'évolution de la situation. La consternation régnait sur le campement où l'ordonnance du juge n'avait pas encore été officiellement notifiée par les autorités, mais où la nouvelle s'était déjà répandue comme une traînée de poudre avant la prise de parole du représentant du chef Arren Sock.

Peu après, les guerriers sont allés affronter les forces de l'ordre qui ont appelé des renforts. Sous les feux du crépuscule, le cordon de la GRC faisait face à celui des soldats micmacs.

«La Couronne que vous représentez a brisé les traités. Le gouvernement a déclaré la guerre entre vous et nous. Nous ne partirons pas!», a-t-il lancé sous les cris d'encouragement de ses troupes.

Nommément citée dans la liste des personnes visées par l'ordonnance, Loraine Claire, de la Première Nation d'Elsipogtog, était en larmes. Voulant éviter un éventuel bain de sang, elle a supplié James Pictou de ne pas aller jusqu'à l'affrontement physique avec la police.

«Par pitié, dites non à l'affrontement. Ça ne signifie pas que nous abandonnons! Nous n'abandonnons rien!», a-t-elle crié.

Mais le chef des guerriers est déterminé à aller jusqu'au bout de sa logique.

«Vous croyez vraiment que vous pouvez me battre? Je vais bien m'amuser!», a-t-il lancé comme un défi.

En prévision de l'affrontement possible, la GRC a bloqué, hier soir, les quatre sorties de la route 11 de Rexton et de Richibucto. L'endroit était en état de siège, avec un important déploiement de forces de l'ordre.

L'ordonnance du juge Rideout précise toutefois que les manifestants ont le droit de faire entendre leur opposition aux activités de la compagnie et qu'ils devraient pouvoir poser quelques affiches, mais sans plus.

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Les guerriers autochtones affirment être prêt à se battre jusqu'au bout pour faire respecter leurs droits.

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The Chronicle Herald (Halifax, NS) (web site)
Thursday, October 3, 2013
Environmental racism focus of project
By IAN FARICLOUGH Staff Reporter

A new research project is looking at environmental racism in Nova Scotia.

Project members have already met with residents in Lincolnville, Guysborough County, and this Saturday are holding a public forum at the North Preston Community Centre at noon.

The North Preston discussion will be about what environmental racism is, whether it is still going on and what can be done about it.

The discussion will include a discussion about wind turbines, which researcher Ingrid Waldron of the Dalhousie University school of nursing said were approved for the area without public input.

The discussion is part of a research effort called the Enrich Project that is looking at the effects

environmental racism can have on the health of indigenous black and Mi'kmaq communities in Nova Scotia.

Waldron, an assistant professor, said she wants the project to get community members talking about the health and other effects of toxic waste dumps, landfills and other unwanted projects.

"We're trying to get a sense of whether they would want to advocate around these issues, and if they think that a research project lead by me and my team would help them in their advocacy efforts."

Other meetings will be held in Membertou, Yarmouth and Halifax, she said, with the idea of getting everyone together on one common concern.

Waldron and her team are also preparing a video documentary.

Residents from Lincolnville, where there is long-standing concern about cancer rates, talked about how the younger generation has moved away, she said.

"Nobody wants to live in the area, but also there are no job opportunities there. No one wants to build homes there because land values have declined, and labour has been affected because nobody wants to set up shop in an area close to a landfill."

Few people turned out in Lincolnville, but that is because they are "tired" after dealing with the issue for years and not being heard, she said.

But Waldron said "we got great information."

She said she hopes her research "provides some kind of evidence of the impact these industries have had on their lives: their health experiences and other experiences in their communities.

"I think that's research we can do. It can bring a voice to their concerns. It could perhaps, in some way, prove or document some of the issues they've been discussing for years that have been ignored."

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New Brunswick, Thursday, October 3, 2013
Alward refuses to meet with shale gas protesters
Premier says he won't meet while they are breaking the law by blocking Route 134
CBC News

Premier David Alward says he's not prepared to meet with shale gas protesters in Kent County while they continue to break the law.

Protesters cut down trees Monday to erect barricades on Route 134, which gives Rexton access to Highway 11.

Shale gas protesters near Rexton say they'll continue protesting even though Premier David Alward says he won't meet with people while they are breaking the law. (CBC)

They have also blocked the entry to the area where SWN Resources Canada has parked vehicles used in its exploration for shale gas.

The protesters want a meeting with officials from SWN and the provincial government.

Speaking in Toronto on Wednesday, Alward said meeting with the protesters isn't something he is prepared to do at this time.

"I certainly am prepared to meet with groups that don't break the law," said Alward. "But when individuals and groups break the law, I'm not prepared to meet with them."

Despite the premier's response, protesters say the blockade will continue until the province and SWN agree to meet.

SWN Resources has been exploring for possible shale gas deposits in Kent County since the spring, operating under an exploration permit issued by the province. Depending on what it found, the company could drill test wells in the future.

'Eviction notice' ignoredBarricades on Route 134 have been in place since Monday. (CBC)

Shale gas is extracted through hydraulic fracturing, a process that injects water, sand and chemicals into the earth to create cracks in the shale formation and extract gas reserves that would otherwise be untapped.

Protesters contend that puts the groundwater supply at risk.

The chief of Elsipogtog First Nation, Arren Sock, issued an "eviction notice" to SWN Resources on Tuesday, giving it until midnight that day to remove its equipment.

The company ignored the notice.

Protesters say Sock didn't show up at the midnight deadline, and neither did any other band council members.

"If he wants to go and make these kinds of rash decisions, then he needs to have a backbone to them," said protester Suzanne Patles.

'They cannot evict whoever they want, it's not their right, right now.'- Serge Rousselle, law professor

Protester John Pictou felt the same way.

"They should have just showed up and be standing and be heard," said Pictou. "Not leaving us members, the warriors, protecting the people and the elders here, not knowing what we're doing."

University of Moncton law professor Serge Rousselle said Sock's eviction notice is not valid.

"They cannot evict whoever they want, it's not their right, right now," said Rousselle.

Rousselle points out the company is exploring with the permission of the provincial government. He said the only thing that could give Elsipogtog First Nation control over the land in question is a court challenge or an agreement with the province on aboriginal treaty rights in New Brunswick.

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New evidence regarding protest, says NunatuKavut president
CBC News

Todd Russell, president of the NunatuKavut Community Council, says he has evidence that arrests made on a protest line at the Muskrat Falls site in April, were biased and unreasonable. (CBC)

The president of the NunatuKavut Community Council says he has new information that raises questions about an incident that occurred at the Muskrat Falls construction site.

Seven people are currently facing obstruction charges, after the RCMP arrested them at a protest in April.

The demonstrators were arrested on April 5 on the Trans-Labrador Highway, about 10 kilometres from the site where a generating station will be built on the Churchill River.

Todd Russell said he has evidence that those arrests were biased and unreasonable.

Russell added they received anonymous tips, indicating a high-ranking RCMP officer involved with the arrests was hoping to secure a job at the Muskrat Falls site -- a job the former officer now has.

"We're supposed to also have the protection of the law," said Russell.

"We're also supposed to have confidence that the system is treating us fairly, even when we're out there on the protest line."

Nalcor responds

Nalcor has confirmed that it has a former RCMP officer working with the project. He is employed in a security role.

Nalcor spokesperson Gilbert Bennett said he was hired after the April protest.

"His conduct and decision-making at the RCMP is something that the RCMP would address during the course of his employment there, and I think that any law enforcement decision that's made is made by the individuals responsible for that decision, based on the information they have before them," Bennett said.

In a statement issued Thursday afternoon, the RCMP said it is confident its actions were professional and lawful, and added that there will be no further comment, as the matter is now before the court.

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Link to CBC Moncton Information Morning interview with lawyer TJ Burke this morning.

Includes Premier's comments from Sunday meeting.

FYI, Burke also comments on the statutory set-off.

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Monday October 7, 2013
Shale meetings continue

Elsipogtog First Nation lawyer TJ Burke talks about negotiations with Premier David Alward which resume today.

http://www.cbc.ca/informationmorningmoncton/2013/10/07/shale-meetings-continue/

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>>Host: An historic land claim is set to begin in New Brunswick. At the centre, the First Nation battling against shale gas exploration. The group's leaders now say they are moving beyond blockades and standoffs to reclaim ownership of the land in court. CBC's Stephen Puddicombe has the story.

>> Reporter: The head of the Elsipogtog First Nation says it's time to end this fight with the province and SWN Resources.

>>Chief Sock: We're reclaiming the ownership, and that's where it's at. Let's settle this once and for all. Let's go to court and let's settle it once and for all.

>>Reporters: Leaders from the community have spent a great deal of time praying and discussing the conflict between them, the province, and SWN Resources this week, and the leaders agree they can't let fracking happen.

>>Chief Sock: We're not moving away, and we're not going to allow any drilling around here. You know, right now, it's a peaceful protest, you know, for them doing the seismic testing. But when it comes down to actual drilling, you know, we don't want that, and, you know, it's in their hands now.

>>Reporter: They also agree the courts are the best weapon to fight the province.

>> Chief Sock: No longer should we be blocking roads, no longer should we be fighting with the companies, because at the end of the day, the real question is the title, the title of the land.

>>Reporter: Chief Sock has invited the Premier of New Brunswick to the First Nation for a sweat lodge to better understand his people.

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Jessica Doria-Brown @JDoriaBrownCBC 3m Bail hearings now underway in a Moncton courtroom for 3 anti-fracking protesters #nb

Jessica Doria-Brown @JDoriaBrownCBC 2m Judge Camille Vautour is presiding over the bail hearings. #nb

Jessica Doria-Brown @JDoriaBrownCBC 8m Defence Gilles Lemieux is requesting a publication ban on all evidence presented in these hearings #nb

And at the same time:

Stephen Puddicombe
@sdpuddicombe 8m Alliance of 28 anti shale gas groups news groups starts in Moncton #nb #cbc pic.twitter.com/396nuF0Fxb

Stephen Puddicombe
@sdpuddicombe 5m Alliance of 28 anti shale gas groups says there has to be a public accounting of the RCMP's actions last Thursday #nb #cbcf

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@sdpuddicombe 7m Alliance of 28 anti shale groups says the provincial government is ignoring them #kimye nb #cbc

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Elsipogtog First Nation criticizes RCMP, promises to keep fighting shale gas
By Staff Global News and The Canadian Press

REXTON, N.B. - The chief of the Elsipogtog First Nation in New Brunswick is criticizing the RCMP for its conduct last week in controlling a protest against shale gas exploration, promising his community will continue to oppose the industry's development in the province.

Aaron Sock says every effort will be made to keep its opposition peaceful after 40 people were arrested and weapons seized when the Mounties enforced a court-ordered injunction Thursday to end the blockade of a compound near Rexton, where SWN Resources stored exploration equipment and vehicles.

Grand Chief Derek Nepinak of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is in New Brunswick to show his support for the band and described the Mounties' actions last week as the violent use of state power.

Assistant commissioner Roger Brown, the Mounties' commanding officer in the province, has defended the police response, saying officers seized firearms and improvised explosive devices that were a threat to public safety.

Six police vehicles including an unmarked van were burned and Molotov cocktails were tossed at police, who fired non-lethal beanbag type bullets and used pepper spray to defuse the situation.

Sock says no decisions have been made on how the band will proceed but he expects a meeting later this week with Premier David Alward, whose government believes shale gas exploration can be done while protecting the environment and encouraging economic growth.

With files from Julia Wong

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>>Host: We want to take you next to this live news conference in Rexton, New Brunswick. Some of the protesters who very much trying to get their anti-shale gas exploration message out. One of the protesters there joined by, to her left, Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock and also the Manitoba Grand Chief Derek Nepinak to the right. There's Chief Sock and other of the protesters there as well.

>>(Unidentified protester showing bruises on her arms): I had no weapons, only a white cloth, and I tried to talk, but no body listened. but they did because yesterday my community was filled with people from all over the place, the non-native people, the Acadians, the french, the English, the Mi'kmaq, from all over. Chiefs, more Chiefs, and a lot of support from all over the country the next day. My bruises will heal and my heart and my spirit will go unharmed. I am still me, I am still as strong as I ever was, even stronger probably. My bruises will heal, my rib will heal, and my community will heal, and so will New Brunswick. And just my message to you is just to thank you, because I was there at the 126 when all this began, and it's been a long struggle, from sleeping in the car to being afraid to being manhandled by police, to being no one listening to you, no one caring what you say, and the only thing that we wanted to do was protect water for you.

>>Chief Sock: Good morning, everyone. First off I guess I would just like to say thank you to the media for the reaction that you have given us yesterday and the show of respect that you had, you know, understood and let us have our community meeting alone. I wish to thank you all, thank you very much. I have gone through quite a bit of trauma and some manhandling, if you will, and yet they say they will heal. One thing is for certain, their resolve still remains. I stand behind them 100%, and I will stand in front of them, as you all well know. I will always stand for my community, and whichever direction that they wish to go, I will lead them. You know one of the things that is always certain in our community of Elsipogtog is that the healing process always begins quickly. Our healing teams have been mobilized, and we have set up operations within the public buildings of the community, like the community fire hall, the community hall, the health centre. We have teams that will be at those areas for the next whatever it takes, whether it's a week, months, years. what the RCMP had –

>> Heather: You're listening there live to a news conference in Rexton, New Brunswick. That is the Chief of the Elsipogtog First Nation, Aaron Sock, speaking, saying the healing teams are in place and will be for the foreseeable future, as he talks about a community meeting that was held last night, about 300 people in attendance. No media was allowed and no details at this point as to what the next courses of action are going to be, but you did also see just beside the Chief there a woman, a protester, holding up her arms and showing the bruising that she said she received during the violent confrontation with RCMP on thursday. Protesters have been in that position just outside a gas company headquarters for weeks, but the RCMP moved in on Thursday to remove the protesters and to crack down, to clear their blockade, and it turned very violent. She said she had rib injuries and bruising to her arms in the course of that confrontation, some 40 people arrested on thursday, and the situation remains. So we'll continue to listen in to that news conference and bring you any new information that the Chief shares with us this morning.

Jim Hurcomb

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Days after violence broke out between demonstrators and the RCMP at an anti-fracking protest in New Brunswick, Elsipogtog First Nation Chief says his community has begun the healing process.

During a news conference on Monday, members of the Elsipogtog First Nation said their goal is to remain peaceful as indigenous people in the province continue protesting the development of the shale gas sector and the irreversible environmental damage they argue it will cause there.

"What the RCMP have put our people through, it's almost horrendous, if I can say the least," Elsipogtog First Nation Chief Aaron Sock told reporters at a news conference Monday. "But one of the things that our community does well is heal."

Sock said his First Nation community has already begun the process.

"We are on the path to forgiveness, although it is a long road," he said.

The protesters have been blocking a facility owned by SWN Resources Canada, a company performing seismic testing -- a precursor to fracking -- in the province.

The protest turned violent Thursday after armed police and a canine unit, were dispatched to enforce a court injunction and dismantle the two-week-old road blockade.

Six police vehicles were set ablaze and Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers. Police responded with tear gas, and 'bean bag' rounds.

At least 40 protesters were arrested, including Sock, for firearms offences, threats, intimidation, mischief and violating the injunction.

The protesters maintain they were unarmed and acting peacefully.

Protesters to appear in court

The final eight individuals who were arrested Thursday are scheduled to appear in court Monday.

One Elsipogtog member who was injured when the protest turned violent also attended the morning news conference. Amy Sock, who described herself as a "peaceful warrior" showed bruises on her arms which she said were inflicted by police during Thursday's altercation.

"People were violated, people were humiliated and people were injured greatly by what has transpired here," Sock told reporters. "It's a great injustice and Canada should not stand for the use of that kind of injustice against peaceful people."

Sock also questioned degree of police surveillance at the protest -- noting that a RCMP surveillance plane has been flying over the protest site for the last few days.

"One of the things that really makes me wonder is how much the federal government tends to cut programs to First Nations, yet we have a surveillance airplane," he said. "Could you imagine how much money that is costing the government just for little old Elsipogtog," he said.

Manitoba Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Derek Napinak said the indigenous protesters are attempting to protect the water not just for themselves, but for future generations.

"(People) rely on these waters and fish to survive," he said. "This is an effort that indigenous people are making for everybody."

A Moncton court is scheduled to rule on SWN Resources' motion requesting a permanent injunction to prevent protest actions from impeding exploration efforts on Monday afternoon.

Sock said the injunction is the least of their worries.

"That is something that we no longer look at," he said.

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N.B. chiefs want shale exploration permits revoked
Arrested protesters appear in court Monday; SWN Resources awaits answer on permanent injunction
CBC News Posted: Oct 21, 2013 10:27 AM AT| Last Updated: Oct 21, 2013 10:27 AM AT

The Assembly of First Nations Chiefs in New Brunswick is calling for the provincial government to revoke shale gas exploration permits issued to energy companies until a peaceful solution to the dispute can be negotiated.

Assembly co-chair George Ginnish says such a step would be part of the "cooling off period" agreed to last week between Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock and Premier David Alward in the wake of Thursday's violent protest confrontation in Rexton.

"We have been saying that this process has been rushed from Day 1," said Ginnish, chief of Eel Ground First Nation. "There is concern in many areas, not just the First Nations.

"We have a cooling off period and we think part of that cooling off period needs to involve getting back to the table and looking at the concerns we have had from the start."

On Thursday, 40 protesters were arrested in Rexton after RCMP moved in on the encampment they had established on Sept. 30.

Some of the arrested protesters were held in custody through the weekend because of concern over revived protests. They have court appearances scheduled for Monday.

Meanwhile, the Elsipogtog chief is holding a news conference Monday morning, accompanied by Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief Derek Nepinak.

SWN Resources Canada has been exploring for potential shale gas development sites under a permit issued by the province. But beginning Sept. 30, a coalition of native and non-native protesters blockaded the company's seismic exploration trucks in a compound used by the company off Route 134.

The vehicles and equipment remained under control of the protesters until Thursday, when it was freed by the RCMP action. SWN Resources had earlier told a Court of Queen's Bench hearing that the blockade of equipment was costing it $60,000 a day.

On Monday afternoon, a Court of Queen's Bench judge in Moncton is scheduled to rule on SWN Resources' motion requesting a permanent injunction to prevent protest actions from impeding exploration efforts.

The protesters are concerned about any potential impact of shale gas extraction on the groundwater supper. The gas is accessed through hydraulic fracturing, which involved injecting a mixture of sand, chemicals and water into the earth under high pressure to fracture shale rock and release gas held within the shale that is otherwise inaccessible.

Ginnish says it's time for the provincial government to consult with the aboriginal community about shale gas development.

"We've been telling the government of New Brunswick the consultation process hasn't been working for

three years," said Ginnish.

"Our people are unconvinced the industry is actually safe."

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Note mention of attempt to burn down RCMP station on-reserve. -Ron

RCMP respond to serious threat to public safety; explosives, firearms and knives seized, Rexton, N.B.
2013/10/18

http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/nb/news-nouvelles/releases-communiques/13-10-18-142855-eng.htm

The RCMP seized a number of firearms from an encampment at a protest site set up along Highway 134 in Rexton on October 17, 2013. Police also discovered improvised explosive devices, a large amount of ammunition, knives and bear spray.

During yesterday's police operation, several shots were fired from within the encampment, Molotov-style explosives were thrown at police, six RCMP vehicles were destroyed by fire, and several improvised explosive devices were discovered and defused. These explosives contained shrapnel and had the potential to seriously injure or kill people. There were no reported serious injuries to either police or people gathered in the area. The previous day, on October 16, death threats were made by some of the protestors against members of a private security firm at the compound being blocked.

"The weapons and explosives we seized show that this was no longer a peaceful protest and there was a serious threat to public safety. We took the action necessary to address that threat," says New Brunswick RCMP Commanding Officer Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown. "Police officers demonstrated incredible professionalism as they worked to resolve the situation under tremendously difficult and dangerous circumstances. Some in the crowd threw rocks and bottles at them and sprayed them with bear spray. Setting police cars on fire created a dangerous situation for everyone in the area, and it was at that point that police were forced to physically confront some in the crowd who refused to obey the law."

Forty people were arrested. Nine people are expected to appear in court on October 18 to face a variety of charges including pointing a firearm, mischief, assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest, obstruction of justice and failing to abide by a court injunction. Thirty-one other people were released on police undertakings and promises to appear in court at later dates. Our investigations continue and additional charges are expected.

At approximately 2:30 a.m. on October 18, an attempt was made to burn the Elsipogtog First Nation RCMP office. Minor damage was sustained, and the Elsipogtog Fire Department was able to put out the fire. This is a building owned by Elsipogtog First Nation.

"The RCMP respects the rights and traditions of aboriginal communities and we know that the criminal behaviour of some individuals yesterday is not representative of the greater First Nations community," says A/Commr. Brown. "I met with the Elsipogtog Chief and Council last night and I was reassured to hear them say they don't condone violence and want peaceful discussions. We urge all those who want to demonstrate to do so peacefully and lawfully and allow things to calm down."

The RCMP is asking anyone with information that can help identify those responsible for criminal acts to contact the RCMP, or to provide information anonymously through Crime Stoppers at www.crimenb.ca or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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TWEETS - This morning's tweets re: Elsipogtog Chief Sock news conference. No media report yet.

News conference with 1st nations leaders at Elsipogtog NB begins #nb #cbc
http://pbs.twimg.com/media/BXGambBIMAAwAh_.jpg
by Stephen Puddicombe via twitter on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 9:22:30 AM

Amy Sock shows the bruises she says she got from the RCMP when it tried to break up the protest camp #nb #cbc http://pbs.twimg.com/media/BXGbISPIAAAbaNI.jpg
by Stephen Puddicombe via twitter on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 9:24:49 AM

Chief Sock say we stands behind the warriors and his community in his anti shale gas development fight #nb #cbc http://pbs.twimg.com/media/BXGbuhXIIAAP6sH.jpg
by Stephen Puddicombe via twitter on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 9:27:25 AM

Chief Sock says I stand behind my people 100%. Whichever direction they choose to go. I will lead them. #nb http://pbs.twimg.com/media/BXGb4KcIcAAg6bP.jpg
by Jennifer Choi via twitter on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 9:28:05 AM

Sock says what RCMP did last Thursday was horrendous. He says the forgiveness process has begun. #nb by Jennifer Choi via twitter on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 9:28:39 AM

Media out in force at Elsipogtog news conference #nb #cbc
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Amy Sock of Elsipogtog shows bruises she says get from RCMP officers using force. #nb
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by Jennifer Choi via twitter on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 9:30:21 AM

Sock says will take time to forgive, but we will forgive. #nb by Jennifer Choi via twitter on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 9:30:40 AM

chief Sock question the expense of RCMP surveillance plane flying over the area for the past several days #nb #cbc by Stephen Puddicombe via twitter on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 9:31:10 AM

Chief Sock says his people will forgive after the clash last Thursday #nb #cbc by Stephen Puddicombe via twitter on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 9:33:01 AM

Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief Derek Nepinak says ppl were violated. Injustice against peaceful ppl #nb http://pbs.twimg.com/media/BXGd8UqIIAA7OY0.jpg
by Jennifer Choi via twitter on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 9:37:06 AM

Chief Sock says there will someone in charge to assureno small groups does anything that will hurt what he calls a peaceful protest #nb #cbc by Stephen Puddicombe via twitter on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 9:39:27 AM

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Mischief, obstruction among charges laid after 40 arrested Thursday as police-protesters clashed
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Eight of the 40 people arrested Thursday in a protest over land used for shale gas exploration in Rexton, N.B., have been charged following the violent clash between RCMP and protesters.

The charges Friday include:

- Mischief.
- Breach of an undertaking to keep the peace.
- Unlawful confinement.
- Obstruction.

Some of the protesters arrested will remain in jail over the weekend out of a concern for a protest revival, a Moncton court was told Friday.

A bail hearing is scheduled for Monday morning.

On Thursday, the weeks-long protest that closed a highway and blockaded SWN Resouces Canada's exploration equipment ended in a clash between RCMP officers and protesters that resulted in . At least five police vehicles were destroyed by fire.

The first of the protesters appeared in Moncton court Friday afternoon. Court appearances are also scheduled in two other communities.

Also taking place is a court hearing in Moncton, where SWN Resources is seeking an indefinite extension to the injunction prohibiting anyone from impeding its exploration work. The company says it lost $60,000 a day while its exploration vehicles were blockaded by protesters in its vehicle compound off Route 134.

Premier David Alward said Friday that "yesterday was a very concerning day."

"Our communities are based on and built on the laws of the land," he said. "What took place yesterday touches every New Brunswicker and the violence that we witnesses.

"Clearly, there are those who do not have the same values we share as New Brunswickers."

Alward said he was not consulted on the RCMP's decision to take action against the protesters.

"What became clear to the RCMP is that encampment that was in Kent County was dangerous," he said. "It provided significant security issues for the people of New Brunswick."

Alward said he has no meeting scheduled with Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock and Coun. Robert Levi, which was indicated earlier by Levi. Sock and Levi were among those arrested Thursday.

Energy Minister Craig Leonard said Friday that negotiations involving provincial officials, the protest coalition and Elsipogtog leadership seemed to be deteriorating in the days leading up to Thursday's action by the RCMP.

"Unfortunately, over the last week or so, the discussions -- as the premier indicated yesterday -- he was having trouble getting in touch with the chief ," said Leonard. "And clearly tensions were starting to escalate at the blockade and the RCMP felt it was time to move in to ensure the safety of everybody."

Susan Levi-Peters, a protester from Elsipogtog and former band chief, says aboriginal leaders want the provincial government to consult with the aboriginal community about shale gas exploration and development in New Brunswick.

"It was a Supreme Court ruling there should be public consultation about accommodation and agreement with the government, saying there's supposed to be public consultation, accommodation, before anything like this happened," said Levi-Peters. "That's all we've been asking."

As events unfolded Thursday, First Nations elsewhere in New Brunswick established roadblocks in their communities in solidarity with the Rexton protest. Solidarity protests also took place elsewhere across the country, including Ottawa, Winnipeg and Calgary.

The solidarity protest movement continues Friday. In Fredericton, protesters gathered near an intersection on the Vanier Highway, a key thoroughfare leading to the Trans-Canada Highway.

Protest violence described as worrisome
Ken Coates, a historian who authored "The Marshall Decision and Aboriginal Rights" in 2000, said Thursday's events are worrisome for all parties.

"This is one of those conflicts that has the potential to explode on a national scale," said Coates, now a Canada Research Chair at the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan.

"It's the kind of a standoff and a protest that generates a lot of support from other First Nations who feel they're facing similar circumstances, who are worried about an accelerated pace of resource development that basically leaves them out of the equation or does not include them sufficiently."

Speaking prior to Alward's announcement that no meetings are planned with aboriginal leaders, Coates said any meeting may be coming too late.

"When you get to this point, sometimes you've been waiting too long and you've got a situation where First Nations have basically concluded 'We've got nothing to lose in this regard, we can't let this development take place because we haven't got enough assurances that our concerns are being taken seriously,'" he said. "And, so it actually is hard to get back from this place.

"We can't just say we're sorry, and shake hands and go forward. You actually have to make some much broader commitments to finding different solutions that work for the longer haul."

The protest on Route 134 in Rexton began on Sept. 30 when protesters erected a barricade on the road leading to the compound where SWN Resources Canada had parked its shale gas exploration vehicles. Barricades were subsequently established on Route 134.

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In a news release Friday, SWN said the operations the company is conducting are being done in a lawful manner.

"Our objective of being an important member of each community in which we operate compels us to continuously carry out our operations responsibly and with high standards. Our employees are dedicated to the safety of people and the environment, as well as ensuring we are in full compliance with all regulations," senior consultant for SWN Tracey Stephenson said in the release.

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Arrest of Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock sparked violence that led to arrests, destruction of 5 police vehicles
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A councillor with the Elsipogtog First Nation in New Brunswick says meetings are planned for today between Chief Aaron Sock and Premier David Alward following yesterday's violence during a protest over land use for shale gas exploration in Rexton.

Sock and Elsipogtog Coun. Robert Levi were among 40 people arrested Thursday as RCMP enforced an injunction to end a weeks-long demonstration against shale gas exploration involving a coalition of native and non-native protesters. Five police vehicles were among six vehicles set ablaze and destroyed during the clash.

Levi says he and Sock are to meet with Alward in Fredericton on Friday.

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The 40 who were arrested are scheduled for court Friday morning in three different communities.

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Violence erupted after chief arrested

Levi-Peters said the tipping point in Thursday's violence was when word spread that Sock had been arrested.

"It was heating up because the elders were being sprayed with pepper spray and rubber bullets were being shot, and there were dogs put on the people and everything like that."

An RCMP spokesperson denied rubber bullets were used, but said "sock rounds" -- a type of non-lethal bullet -- were employed on two occasions to diffuse the situation when protesters were throwing rocks, bottles and spraying police officers.

"The chief and council were behind the barricade negotiating with everybody and then the people on the other side heard -- we heard they were put in jail and everybody got really upset and trying to go through the barricade because the chief and council were arrested.

"Then everything else blew up and the RCMP tried to push the crowd toward -- there were RCMP vehicles there and the next thing you know they were up in flames," she said. "It was chaos, really crazy."

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At least 40 people arrested for firearms offences, threats, intimidation and violating a court injunction, Rexton, N.B. 2013/10/17

The New Brunswick RCMP has arrested at least 40 people for various offences including firearms offences, uttering threats, intimidation, mischief, and for refusing to abide by a court injunction on Route 134, in Rexton, N.B.

The arrests were made on October 17, 2013, at the site of an ongoing protest. The court injunction was enforced and police were met with resistance by some of those at the site.

At least one shot was fired by someone other than police, Molotov cocktails were thrown at police, and at least five RCMP vehicles were destroyed by fire. The RCMP is also investigating suspected explosive devices at the scene.

"The RCMP has worked diligently with all parties involved in hopes for a peaceful resolution. Those efforts have not been successful. Tensions were rising, and serious criminal acts are being committed," says Cst. Jullie Rogers-Marsh of the New Brunswick RCMP. "There have been threats made to employees who were working with a private security firm at the site, as well as firearms offences, incidents of intimidation, mischief and other criminal behavior. For those reasons, and to ensure public safety, police action was required."

Police remain at the scene to deal with a large gathering of protesters, and continue to monitor the situation. A wide perimeter was set up around the area, in order to ensure public safety.

Route 134 at Rexton and Route 11 between Richibucto and Sainte-Anne-de-Kent remain closed to all traffic. Motorists are asked to use Route 126 instead of Route 11.

The public is reminded that a court injunction remains in effect and anyone who violates the conditions of that injunction could be arrested and face charges. The RCMP respects and protects the right to peaceful demonstration, however it must be done in a safe, peaceful and lawful manner.

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Cst. Jullie Rogers-Marsh
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Attached is a copy of the AFNCNB position on shale gas exploration, issued last night.

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 18, 2013

NB Chiefs Take Strong Stand on Natural Resource Development in New Brunswick

FREDERICTON - The Assembly of First Nations' Chiefs in New Brunswick declares its strong commitment to the well-being of Mi'gmag and Wolastoqiyik children and families throughout this province. The depth of poverty of our First Nations' members must end. And it must end now. We have been working tirelessly to alleviate the terrible living conditions First Nations' people face every single day. We will protect our rights and the environment as we move ahead but we must help our people immediately. We cannot agree with those who want our people to remain in poverty, or those from outside our communities who do not have to live with the consequences of their rhetoric.

This is our land. The resources are ours. We will work with government and industries who care for the environment and who will develop those resources responsibly with us. We will share fully in the benefits those resources provide.

We will not work with irresponsible companies and governments.

Government and industry must come forward now and sit down with us to find sensible and acceptable solutions to these immense problems. If the Mi'gmag and Wolastoqiyik Peoples do not benefit we will use all legal means to prevent resource development.

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From: Ronald Levesque
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Will distribute to region in the a.m. FYI for now. -Ron

News Release
Office of the Premier

First Nations and provincial government to establish a relationship and dialogue for the exploration of natural gas
20 June 2013

Media Contact(s)Jesse Robichaud, communications, Office of the Premier, 506-453-2144.
FREDERICTON (GNB) - Premier David Alward said the provincial government is committed to respectful communication and full engagement with First Nations.

"This partnership is essential on many levels as we rebuild New Brunswick and its economy," said Alward. "Our government will ensure First Nations play their rightful role and reap their rightful benefits from this partnership."

The current discussion regarding the potential for the oil and gas sector in New Brunswick is a good example of the importance of the government's relationship and dialogue with First Nations.

The Assembly of First Nations' Chiefs in New Brunswick has declared, in a recent press release, "its strong commitment to the well-being of Mi'gmag and Wolastoqiyik children and families throughout this province." In addition, the assembly has stated that they "will work with government and industries who care for the environment and who will develop those resources responsibly with us", and "we will share fully in the benefits those resources provide."

"I share those goals and these commitments with our First Nations peoples," said Alward. "Building capacity with First Nations, improving communication and sharing the benefits of resource development, are all objectives of this government."

Using the best evidence by integrating scientific knowledge with traditional knowledge, will inform any decisions going forward.

The potential for the oil and gas sector in New Brunswick is unknown. If the current exploration work determines that there is a resource that can be developed, it will result in significant economic development opportunities, both locally and provincially.

Completion of the seismic exploration program in Kent County will determine the potential, said Alward.

"It is not automatic," he said. "Over the next few weeks and months, we will continue dialogue and consultation to clarify any concerns and to respond in a meaningful and respectful manner. We are looking for tangible results that ensure any economic benefits improve the quality of life for First Nations and for all New Brunswickers."

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Date: 6/26/2013 3:11 PM
Subject: APTN interview with Chief Candice Paul

FYI - Chief Candice Paul (phone) was interviewed by APTN News today. Video of the 2:25 minute interview is available here:

http://aptn.ca/pages/news/2013/06/26/chief-candace-paul-if-we-lose-our-water-what-do-we-have/

She mentions lack of consultation and environmental concerns. Says should sit down and discuss alternatives to fracking. To reporter's question about whether this is the start to Sovereignty Summer, she says grassroots and allies are getting together for the environment. Sees these types of activities progressing even more.

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>>> Sylvain Vézina 6/27/2013 11:38 AM >>>
Salut Ron,

Pour ton information...

Nous ne ferons approuver les lignes que si nous recevons un appel des médias.

Bonne journée!

>>> Ronald Levesque 2013-06-18 14:11 >>>
Oui, svp.

Ron

>>> Sylvain Vézina 6/18/2013 3:00 PM >>>
Bonjour Ron,

Merci beaucoup! Veux-tu que je te les réexpédie une fois approuvés? Bonne fin de journée!

>>> Ronald Levesque 2013-06-18 12:52 >>>
Sylvain,

Voici la version des infocapsules approuvées par notre DGR.

Nous avons changé quelques mots ici et là (sans grande conséquence) et ajouté des infos au sujet de SWN Resources...j'ai malheureusement pas fait le 'track changes'...

Laisse-moi savoir si tu as des questions.

Ron Levesque 902-661-3148

From: Ronald Levesque
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Subject: MInister's quote on shale gas.

Paraphrasing the actual quote below, he said "what's important, is to think about economic development, if it can be done with respect of the environment. People are concerned, and I think the province is putting into place a regime that will allow the resource to be developed for the benefit of New Brunswickers while respecting the environment."

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« Ce qui est important, je pense, c'est de songer au développement économique de notre province, s'il peut se faire dans le respect de l'environnement. Les gens ont des préoccupations, et je pense que la province est en train de mettre en place un régime qui va permettre justement d'assurer qu'on puisse développer cette ressource-là au bénéfice des gens du Nouveau-Brunswick, dans le respect de l'environnement. » -- Bernard Valcourt, ministre des Affaires autochtones du Canada

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Dougal MacDonald - Fw: ATLANTIC REGION MORNING MEDIA ROUNDUP JUNE 17, 2013

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Interesting and relevant stories in here.

Reminds me that I wanted to share some thoughts on the ARO cuts and proposal-driven project limits, within the context of Minister's comments on the House. The minister kept stressing that the organizations that have had cuts and limits imposed are "advocacy groups". I am also reminded of a comment that was made about exemptions to some projects that if not funded would be work that we would have to do. I would argue that most--if not all--the work CSSP funds APC to do is work that would need to be done by federal public servants, and likely a lot less effectively. For example, we fund APC to bring together the EDOs to develop the All Chiefs Ec Dev Strategy. If they didn't do that, we would have to engage much more often with all the EDOs, develop a team-approach and a Strategy and annual workplans that would likely be perceive as more our plans than theirs. If APC arrive at a point when much of that work can longer be funded, AANDC would need to hire some policy analysts and community-engagement specialists. I'm not sure there' s an appetite for that, so the work would likely jut not get done. When we'll be asked for a list of FN ec dev priorities, we'd have no on-the-shelf approved APC document. All to say, AC is not "just an advocacy" group" but actually an organization that can easily reach into communities and develop strategies that reflect their realities and proiorities; in other words, a crucial piece of policy analysis and community-engagement.

For your consideration.

Thanks - Belinda

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Shale gas opponents take fight to ombudsman (NB)
Letter to the editor: Just say no to shale gas (NB)
HV-GB woman starting new construction union (NL)
Forest fires burn close to town (NL)
Op-Ed: Shawn Atleo, AFN chief, has little to show his people (NATIONAL)
Transcript: CBC Radio - The House - Bernard Valcourt (NATIONAL)
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Police arrest 12 more shale gas opponents for blocking the road during protest (NB)
Listuguj Mi'gmaq find barriers to work (QC/NB)
Louvelle sentencing will await exploration of his heritage (NL)
GoC News Release: Open Hearth Park unveiled as name of new Sydney park (NS)

ATLANTIC REGION ELECTRONIC MEDIA SUMMARIES (RADIO/TV)

First Nations Move On After Shale Gas Protest
Innu community is reeling over the suspicious death of a young woman in Sheshatshiu
A Wise Decision That Reflects Inuit Culture and Values
Handling the Shale Gas Protests

QUESTION PERIOD June 15, 2013

Nominative Rule Process

MEDIA ENQUIRIES:

- **Gary Kean, Western Star, Cornerbrook, NFLD, (709) 637-4679, gkean@thewesternstar.com - Qalipu.** Reporter heard that a group of AANDC employees are at the Qalipu office right now. 1) Can we confirm this? 2) What kind of work are they there for? (June 13) *Response provided: AANDC is committed to working closely with the leadership of Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation to address areas of mutual concern. The goal of the current discussions is to find a solution that will treat everyone fairly. At the same time, it is necessary to arrive at a solution that ensures integrity and fairness in the enrolment process and reflects the original intention of the parties Due to the confidential nature of these discussions – agreed to by both parties – it would be inappropriate to comment further. (Geneviève Guibert)*

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Shale gas opponents take fight to ombudsman
Charles Murray was appointed the new ombudsman on Friday
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The Office of the Ombudsman is being inundated by complaints from citizens concerned about shale gas exploration in the province

For months, the independent office has been seeing a flood of letters of complaints against the provincial government's handling of the shale gas file

Chris Rendell, a Hampton resident, sent a three-page letter to the ombudsman, saying the provincial government is refusing to address the concerns of citizens about the shale gas industry

Opponents to the shale gas industry packed into meetings held by Louis Lapierre last year to discuss their concerns about the industry (CBC)"Regardless of how much opposition, regardless of the fact that new information appears weekly and daily that refutes the claims and arguments of the ministers of the government, yet nothing seems to alter them from this course," Rendell said.

Rendell said he wants the ombudsman to review the way the provincial government has gone about studying the impacts of shale gas

"Citizens of New Brunswick have not been given an opportunity to be heard. We feel the entire process was unfair and deserves some examination," he said

"Allowing the exploration companies full latitude to come and do what they like and paying little attention to the voters and the citizens of this province And we're asking the ombudsman to look at some of the specific issues regarding their behaviour in that regard "

The acting ombudsman said the letters have been coming in for months and the office is trying to wade through all of them.

A new ombudsman, Charles Murray, was appointed on Friday. Murray is a civil servant and former political assistant to one-time Saint John Tory MP Elsie Wayne and to former Progressive Conservative cabinet minister Brad Green

The New Brunswick government hired Louis Lapierre, a professor emeritus in biology at the University of Moncton, to lead a series of public meetings about its oil and gas regulations.

Lapierre's report, which was released in October 2012, said the provincial government must tackle "very serious concerns" about shale gas development in the province. But the report recommended against a moratorium on the industry

Opponents to the shale gas industry came out in large numbers to Lapierre's nine public meetings.

Hydraulic fracturing, also known as hydro-fracking, is a process where exploration companies inject a mixture of water, sand and chemicals into the ground, creating cracks in shale rock formations to extract natural gas from areas that would otherwise go untapped.

Premier David Alward has said the province's new rules governing the oil and gas industry are among the strictest in North America

Kent County protests
SWN Resources Canada has started seismic testing in Kent County in the last two weeks to see if there is viable gas industry in the area.

The RCMP arrested 12 people at a shale gas protest near Harcourt on Friday. (YouTube)The company has been met by a series of protests, including about 100 demonstrators on Saturday.

The RCMP arrested 12 anti-shale gas protesters on Route 126 near Harcourt on Friday morning

Michel DesNeiges, a lawyer with the New Brunswick Environmental Law Society, said environmentalists and police are clashing and he part of the problem is the provincial government has been far too quiet

"I believe government hasn't been straightforward with New Brunswick citizens all of the time," DesNeiges said.

"And that creates suspicion on the part of citizens and I can understand that suspicion So the government has to step in, change its approach and be present in what's going on."
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The Moncton Times & Transcript
Opinion, Monday, June 17, 2013, p. D8
Just say no to shale gas

To The Editor:

I am writing with deep feelings of shame to the Elsipogtog people and other people of New Brunswick. I live off Highway 126, and twice on Tuesday, June 4, I passed the four big trucks lined up on the road. I did nothing, I was busy in my own 'important' little world I apologize to all of you

In my mind, I thought I could be the hero the Elsipogtog people are to stand up to those trucks, drivers, the company, and make them back down (for a day, a week a year). Please keep at it, and I swear given another opportunity, I will get my car 'stuck' in front of this tandem - lock the doors and wait them out.

In 10 years (or less), our clean water supply will be the most important resource New Brunswick has To everyone out there who likes drinking clean water; for all our lives, please, help keep the water and land clean. Before it's too late, do something to stop this blind money grubbing insanity that our elected officials are bent on implementing.

Cathy Linfield, Berry Mills

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HV-GB woman starting new construction union
Trying to get local and political support in early stages
Derek Montague, TC Media; The Labradorian

Like many Labradorians, Kim Michelin is angry she doesn't have a job at Muskrat Falls Michelin feels she and other Labradorians have not benefitted enough from the mega project, as was promised by Nalcor and the Provincial government

"Well, there's lots of talk, (but) no jobs.. specifically (with) Muskrat Falls," says Michelin

"I'm just tired of us losing out on the only benefit we will have on muskrat falls ..or (losing) any jobs "

There is a hiring priority in place at the Muskrat Falls work site, which contractors are supposed to

follow The hiring order is supposed to give top priority to the Innu, then other Labradorian residents, then Newfoundlanders As of the end of March, however, less than 40% of workers on the Muskrat Falls construction project are Labradorians, according to a Nalcor online report.

Instead of sitting around doing nothing, Michelin has taken it upon herself to try and start a Labrador construction union, which will represent the interests of Labradorian trade workers when it comes to local projects, like Muskrat Falls

Michelin admits this is new ground for her. She is still trying to learn the ins and outs of forming a union and right now, it's at the very early stages of development. Although, Michelin says it doesn't have to be a union, per se. Rather, it could also be more of an association that represents the concerns of Labradorian workers.

"It's hard to get any information...basically I looked on the Internet and typed...how do I start a union.

"Basically you get as many names as possible...so I'm going to make a form and see what the interest is."

On top of gathering signatures from fellow Labradorians, Michelin is also reaching out to Labrador's political community, hoping to gain their support.

"I have just sent a letter to all Labrador MHAs, the Government of Nunatsiavut, NunatuKavut, and Innu Nation, as well as Innu Band councils, asking for their support for this union," says Michelin.

Lake Melville MHA Keith Russell was the first to talk to Michelin about her union idea. Russell was impressed with Michelin's professionalism during their phone conversation But, Russell believes, in terms of Muskrat Falls, the focus should be on getting better Labrador representation with the existing unions.

"I basically told her that I didn't know how (a new union) would work, what the dynamic would be with the existing unions because there's a lot of unions already and negotiations have already taken place with those unions," said Russell.

"I don't believe it's a question of having a new union, it's a question of the unions having a visible, local presence here in the area in which to serve the residents of Labrador."

Michelin was working at Muskrat Falls at one point, between August 2012 and March 2013 as a surveyor with Big Land Geomatics. But she has not been able to land another job on site, which has caused her much frustration.

"I got my resume out to eight different companies that are over there right now . and I'm not hearing anything back from any of them ..surveyors are usually the first in and the last out when it comes to construction projects and .I shouldn't be at home drawing unemployment when I could be over there making money," says Michelin.

Michelin knows she may be in over her head But she strongly believes there are too many

Labradorians out of work right now, when they should be getting jobs at Muskrat Falls

"This is new to me, I know I'm going to be putting myself in real deep. But it's something I strongly believe in that local people should be hired first "

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Forest fires burn close to town
Intoxicated male believed to be the cause
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Residents of Happy Valley-Goose Bay were surprised when the glow of a forest fire could be seen in a wooded area just outside of town in the wee hours of June 11.

Many residents quickly turned to social media, stating that the smell of smoke was filling some parts of the MOT area.

The town was, in fact, dealing with two separate forest fires, which were only a couple of hundred metres away from each other. According to an RCMP press release, a 19-year-old male from Sheshatshiu caused the two fires The man was intoxicated at the time

"The RCMP in Happy Valley-Goose Bay were alerted last night at approximately 22.15 of two separate forest fires burning within the municipal boundary," said the press release:

"At the same time, a call was received from a 19 year old male from Sheshatshiu who was lost in the same area as one of the fires," the press release continued.

"The Happy Valley-Goose Bay Ground Search & Rescue were activated and located the lost male near the fire area. The RCMP arrested the lost male for possession of stolen property. Investigation into this matter revealed that the male, who was intoxicated at the time lit two separate fires to keep warm and both fires got out of control. Department of Natural Resources were on scene this morning with a water bomber and at the present time, both fires are being actioned and are considered contained. The male will be appearing in Provincial Court this afternoon where he will be facing possession of stolen property charges, several breaches of court orders and theft charges. No criminal charges in relation to the fires are anticipated however, this matter is still under investigation."

Firefights from DNR quickly began creating a firebreak to contain the fire and prevent it from spreading This, however, would be no easy task The area was very dark, and the only way to access the fire was through a very rough dirt trail.

But by 1 am, DNR was able to lead two loaders to the site and was able to start work on the firebreak.

Almost as soon as the sun came up a few hours later, a helicopter was on site, dropping loads of water to douse the fire. Around the same time, the two loaders that were constructing the firebreak were seen leaving the site One of the loader operators indicated to The Labradorian that the firebreak was complete and the fire should be contained

Later that afternoon, Steve Balsom, the Provincial Fire Duty officer with DNR, confirmed that the efforts to contain the fire had indeed been successful due to the firebreak, lack of wind and use of a helicopter and water bomber. Balsom also estimated that the two fires combined covered ten hectares of land.

This was central Labrador's first official forest fire of the season.

Figure: Photo by Derek Montague
A patch of trees goes up in flames, less than three hours after the two forest fires were started.

Photo by Derek Montague
A loader clears some trees to create a firebreak.

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Shawn Atleo, Assembly of First Nations chief, has little to show his people: Tim Harper
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Assembly of First Nations Chief Shawn Atleo has little to show his people
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Republish Shawn Atleo spent much of last week marking the fifth anniversary of Stephen Harper's apology for the residential schools system that took such a physical and emotional toll on this country's aboriginals.

But he also was marking the five-month anniversary of a Langevin Block meeting with the prime minister, a meeting fuelled by an Idle No More movement, a chief fasting on nearby Victoria Island, tension on the streets of downtown Ottawa and a sense that treatment of aboriginals in this country had reached some type of tipping point

Five years ago, his late grandmother told Atleo, "grandson, they are just beginning to see us."

Five months ago, there was a promise of more meetings and hope for some progress, finally, on government-aboriginal relations.

Neither promise has come to fruition. Instead, there is just more frustration

Atleo, the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, speaks of the need for transformative change in this country, an end to nibbling on the margins and slow, incremental developments, but he has little to show for the dramatic mid-winter turn of events

Since then, the AFN has been hit by a funding cut, one much deeper than Atleo had anticipated.

The Conservative government passed two more pieces of legislation in recent days that natives view as paternalistic, top-down dictates, and a unanimous call from the provinces for a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women has been ignored by the Harper government.

If there are more aboriginal protests this summer, they will not take place at Atleo's call, but they will also be out of his control

"We've been unable to break the patterns, that colonial mindset that established the residential schools, one of unilateralism and top-down decision making we have seen continue since the time of the apology," he told The Star's editorial board Friday.

"This moment is about recognizing the determination of our young, that we can't wait, we have to do this now "

The native leadership in this country gives passing marks to Bernard Valcourt, the man who replaced the beleaguered John Duncan as the aboriginal affairs minister

He is listening, they say, and he is trying to understand, but Atleo and others are still dealing with a bureaucratic inertia, now coupled with turmoil in the Prime Minister's Office.

Harper, in that meeting of Jan. 11, agreed with Atleo there was a need for political oversight

Instead, the aboriginal leadership in this country is challenging Ottawa at a human rights tribunal over the gap in child welfare funding between aboriginal and non-aboriginal youth and the file is bogged down in countless court challenges to Conservative policy and decisions across the country, Atleo says

Ottawa has allowed a visit this autumn by the United Nations special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous people, James Anaya

"A mirror has to be held up to this country," he says

The federal government has had an uneven relationship with independent observers, which the Conservatives see as UN interlopers, and Valcourt has also said he wants a meeting with Anaya to ensure any criticism of Canada is based on facts

The minister and Atleo are at odds over the impact of legislation providing safe drinking water on reserves and improving rights among aboriginals in the case of marriage breakup.

"I will not apologize for wanting to spend more on housing, for child and family services, for water and

sewer, for infrastructure and education," Valcourt told the CBC program The House.

The Harper government has also provided $241 million for training programs for aboriginal youth on income assistance.

Atleo calls the legislation top-down, "Ottawa knows best," initiatives that should be crafted by aboriginals for aboriginals.

The flashpoint, or as Atleo calls it, the "perfect storm," is his peoples' determination to exercise free, prior and informed consent on more than 500 natural resources projects the Harper government has valued at $600 billion over the next 20 years.

The economic future of this country can be based on aboriginal values, he says

To be sure, Atleo has his own challenges.

The AFN holds its national assembly in Whitehorse next month and his leadership appears to be perpetually undermined by other First Nations leaders

He appears there, it would seem, without any "deliverables," from Ottawa and little progress to brag about

He has his own political future to worry about, but the chief is warning of the bigger picture.

As summer looms and the weather warms, "be clear there is frustration," he said.

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Bernard Valcourt on two federal soon-to-be laws affecting First Nations and reacting to Shawn Atleo's positions

Host(s): EVAN SOLOMON

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
- And then we'll hear from the Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt. -

To respond to him, I'm joined now by phone by Canada's Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt. Minister Valcourt, good morning and welcome to "The House"

BERNARD VALCOURT (MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS):

Good morning, Evan.

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
Shawn Atleo, the National Chief, just saying that the words of the government have not been followed by the actions and he's concerned about a summer of protests and, even, invoking references to Oka and Burnt Church. What do you make of that?

BERNARD VALCOURT (MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS)
Well, if I take it from my travelling around the country and visiting many First Nations, their Chiefs Councils, meeting stake-holders, a lot of young people, also young aboriginal people throughout the country, my sense is that of course there is impatience out there, but there is also, I think, a lot of realization that progress is being made and accomplished I think that. .

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST).
He's suggesting that the actions, the promises five months ago from the meeting - he said there's no point in having another meeting unless there's something on the agenda, and he said that even five years ago, after the apology, he still says it's a top down government-first approach, and it's not nation-to-nation.

BERNARD VALCOURT (MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS):
Well, listen, the truth of the matter, and that's what I believe Canadians and members of the aboriginal community must understand is that the agenda of the government was not pulled out of thin air. This is an agenda that has been agreed upon with the First Nations leadership If you recall, in 2011, my predecessor John Duncan agreed with the First Nations leadership on the joint action plan Following the Crown-First Nations gathering of 2012, there was a joint outcome statement outlining areas of action, shared priorities and, if one cares to look at what was agreed upon, this is exactly the agenda that this government is following on

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
Shawn Atleo said that the cuts that were announced a couple of weeks ago, they were announced of course last September actually, they took place two weeks ago

BERNARD VALCOURT (MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS)
Right

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
He called them, he said they will affect essential services You said that they won't affect essential services

BERNARD VALCOURT (MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS)
Evan, I will not apologize for shifting scarce resources to essential needs You know, we are shifting - yes indeed - money from advocacy groups to basic essential needs on reserve I will not apologize for wanting to spend more for housing, for child and family services, for water and sewer, for infrastructure and education So, yes there is a shift there, but it is not from services, it is for services from advocacy

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST).
I asked him about two bills that passed the House of Commons this week on the way to becoming law: the Family Homes and Reserves and Matrimonial Interest or Rights Act and the Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act. And he opposed these bills, he said one - on the safe drinking water - he said there's no money to actually implement it, and he said they're imposed top-down without consultation. Those are his words.

BERNARD VALCOURT (MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS):
All this safe drinking water on reserve bill is doing is providing the legal framework where we can develop these regulations and the preamble of the act is very clear that this will be done with First Nations.

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
So how do you reconcile his view, when he said it's tinkering out the edges, it's still not going to change the fact that First Nations communities are going to turn on their taps and the water that comes out won't be safe because there's no money to actually fix it.

BERNARD VALCOURT (MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS):
But that is not in line with the reality. If you look at the fact, and the fact of the matter is that from 2006 to 2014, it will be a total of close to 3 billion dollars, 3 billion dollars that has been invested into infrastructure for safe drinking water on reserve. So that is not, "comme on dit par chez nous", this is not peanuts, this is a serious investment which I think and suggest attests to resolve to work with First Nations in order to not only alleviate but ensure that they have access to safe drinking water regardless of where they live

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST).
What do you make of the government - let's talk about the Matrimonial Interest Act. He said it was "imposed" on First Nations.

BERNARD VALCOURT (MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS):
Again, that is completely, but completely, out of synch with the reality I mean, who other than First Nations community members, Amnesty International, the United Nations, Women's organizations, Parliamentary committees, the Manitoba NDP government, who have been asking and praying the government to please correct this unacceptable gap of rights in Canada where Women couples living on reserve with children are deprived of the same rights and protections afforded to other Canadians simply because of where they live.

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
So you're surprised then that Shawn Atleo opposed that?

BERNARD VALCOURT (MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS):
Well, I'm not surprise, you see, because there is a lot of political rhetoric that we hear from some native leaders

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST)·
Remember he's not just some native leader, he's the National Chief of the AFN.

BERNARD VALCOURT (MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS).
Yes, he's the National Chief and he's answering to a host of other Indian chiefs throughout the country who have political ambitions, who have political considerations in the Indian politics world, but the fact of the matter is that here, as the government of Canada, we have constitutional obligations under section 35 for insuring that aboriginal rights are respected, that our treaty obligations are implemented

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST).
It sounds like - I don't want to make a characterization - but do you have a strained relationship with the National Chief? Are you guys able to work together to get something done?

BERNARD VALCOURT (MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS):
Absolutely. Absolutely

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST)
Because it sounds like you have two very different views on things, frankly.

BERNARD VALCOURT (MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS)
Well, listen, you know, two weeks ago, I met briefly - it was a meet-and-greet - with the executive of the AFN A week previous to that, I sat in private with the National Chief to discuss these agenda items, and we have, I believe, what is a good working relationship

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
Minister Valcourt, I've got to leave it there. Very good to have you on the program this morning.

BERNARD VALCOURT (MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS):
My pleasure, Evan

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
That's Bernard Valcourt, Canada's Minister of Aboriginal Affairs

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Shawn Atleo on federal legislation targeting aboriginal communities
Host(s): EVAN SOLOMON

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST).
- And, frustrated by the slow pace of negotiations with Ottawa, unhappy over federal legislation targeting their communities, are aboriginal leaders getting ready for a summer of protest and conflict?

SHAWN ATLEO (NATIONAL CHIEF OF THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS):
Without a shift in the pattern of the relationship, we're going to continue to see a cycle of conflict that's not just more recent; it goes back to the days of the Oka crisis, of lake, of Burnt Church

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
Shawn Atleo, the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations is here with a stark warning to the government -

Is there a long, hot summer, a First Nations protest lying ahead? On the fifth anniversary of the Prime Minister's historic apology to former students of Canada's residential schools, frustration is mounting between First Nations leaders and the government. After all, the second meeting between the Prime Minister and First Nations leaders promised five months ago at that Crown-First Nations gathering that took place amidst the hunger strike of Chief Theresa Spence, well that has yet to materialize The pace of change is so frustrating that many aboriginal leaders and Idle No More participants are promising what they now call a sovereign summer full of protests and demonstrations So, is confrontation inevitable? In a moment, we'll put that question to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Bernard Valcourt. But first, I'm joined now by the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Shawn Atleo Good morning, National Chief and welcome back to "The House".

SHAWN ATLEO (NATIONAL CHIEF OF THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS):
Good morning.

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
This week marks the fifth anniversary of Stephen Harper's residential apology to First Nations. It also marks five months since you and other First Nations leaders met with the Prime Minister. And he promised a second follow-up meeting soon. So, is there a meeting scheduled?

SHAWN ATLEO (NATIONAL CHIEF OF THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS).
Well, we certainly don't want to have a meeting just to meet. First of all, there have been meetings. I've got colleagues on the national executive on areas of priority treaty, treaty implementation, reforming, changing completely the land negotiation policy, it's called comprehensive claims, as well as other work on really important issues; the issue of murdered and missing indigenous women and girls continue to press for a national public inquiry, that has worked, that is ongoing, and a press that continues. But picking up on the five-year timeline, we just did finished the fifth anniversary this last week, and the Prime Minister said there is no place in Canada for the attitudes that inspired the residential school system to ever prevail again. In my personal reflection, since the apology there has really been no real change in the approach, that approach being that government knows best: very unilateral decision-making approach, the imposition on First Nations across the country, and this is the major pattern that we have yet to break

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
So, I mean, there's no meeting, you say there's words without action. What does that mean?

SHAWN ATLEO (NATIONAL CHIEF OF THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS):
Well, it means that we have to keep pressing, not just for the Prime Minister to live up to commitments made both this recent January as well as last January to work with First Nations on a

treaty-by-treaty implementation process to reform - the land negotiation which does not even keep pace with common law. We've had over 40 court cases affirm and recognize aboriginal titling rights, treaty rights, we have a UN declaration that Canada albeit tepidly endorsed that says that First Nations have the right to free-part and form consent at the designed solutions for themselves We have a whole myriad of examples where Canada, in fact, is behaving in quite the opposite matter, and delivering legislation that flies in the face of those commitments.

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST).
I want to get to some of that, but overall, I sense again a tone of frustration. You've warned in the past that "business as usual just causes ongoing conflict". Already we're hearing about some native leaders promising a sovereignty summer, protesting resource projects, pipelines across the country, demonstrations in cities. I spoke to Manitoba Grand Chief Derek Nepinak who's on a protest ride this week Are we in for a long hot summer of protest, highways closed, VIA trains blocked?

SHAWN ATLEO (NATIONAL CHIEF OF THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS)·
You know, without a shift in the pattern of the relationship, we're going to see a cycle of conflict that's not just more recent -it goes back to the days of the Oka crisis, of Gustafsen Lake, of Burnt Church - of a gap that seems to continue to deepen between First Nations and Canada and the effort that's been consistent

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST)·
Those are strong references I'm just trying to get a sense When you say Burnt Church and Oka, those are significant conflicts, but are you suggesting that that kind of conflict is on the horizon?

SHAWN ATLEO (NATIONAL CHIEF OF THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS).
Well, we are clogging up the courts as well with over 100 entitlement court cases; the AFN is standing with the childcare society, the First Nations Childcare Society of Canada confronting Canada on the issue of child welfare What's needed is that the words that have been spoken by the Prime Minister, for example, five years ago, commitments made this last January, they have to be met with action that includes timeframes and targets for treaty implementation of major important priorities, for example like education We've got a shared sense nationally that education investing in young people, the fasting growing segment of the Canadian population, is critical And what we need to see happen is for government not to impose a top down unilateral government-knows-best solution; that has been the pattern that has not worked.

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST).
Two weeks ago, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs sent you and 42 other organizations a letter about the federal government's plan to cut project funding to aboriginal organizations. It was announced, by the way, last September The Minister Bernard Valcourt defended the cuts saying the decision would not affect funding for essential services In your view, how will these cuts impact First Nations?

SHAWN ATLEO (NATIONAL CHIEF OF THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS)·
Well, I know on. I guess on the first instance, it's alarming that these cuts, in essence, contradict what we're hearing are government commitments to First Nations and have the potential to undermine progress More specifically, some of the organizations impacted may be delivering direct services on

health, things like safe-drinking water infrastructure and we're doing an analysis and standing with First Nations to make sure that the cuts don't impact the safety and security of First Nations' families. We, as you've said, did know that cuts were coming, but we didn't know to what extent and the timing was also something that caught us off-guard for sure.

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
This week, the "feds" also made good on a budget promise to put 251 million dollars over five years into training programs for young aboriginals on income assistance At the time of the budget, NDP leader Tom Mulcair called it "a workfare program", he said it was insulting and paternalistic. How do you view it?

SHAWN ATLEO (NATIONAL CHIEF OF THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS):
Well, you know, I heard the comments of people like Tribal Chair Felix Thomas, who I understand was with the Minister when the announcement was made, and we had heard and known that leaders in places like Saskatchewan had been calling for what we'd refer to, or what they'd refer to as active measures; to invest in young people to support them with the skills, to ladder them into the economy and take advantage of opportunities in their local areas Now, this is a pattern, and a trend where First Nations are designing and delivering and are working with governments to find solutions, that's the way forward. This program is not the end on (inaudible), for sure

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
Two bills that passed the House of Commons this week are on their way to becoming law: the family homes on reserves and matrimonial interests or Rights Act, and the Safe-drinking Water for First Nations Act. You opposed these bills, why?

SHAWN ATLEO (NATIONAL CHIEF OF THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS):
Well, it's the imposition, first of all, of legislation You know, in some respects, it seems government is really more interested in covering its own liabilities than working with First Nations on delivering real solutions. On the drinking-water regulations, these are imposed on First Nations but they don't get clean drinking-water, nor the resources ..

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST):
Why not? I mean, it says there's an act to do it, so doesn't that give you legislative power to ensure that there is safe drinking-water?

SHAWN ATLEO (NATIONAL CHIEF OF THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS):
It certainly doesn't come neither with resources to implement in a manner that will deliver clean drinking-water, but it's also done in a manner that oversteps and disregards treaty rights and aboriginal titling rights, and that's the pattern that we've got to break It's the same thing with the bill you've referenced on Matrimonial property, it's the imposition of rules that don't offer a way to resolve the core issues.

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST).
So what would you say when we talk to Minister Valcourt about matrimonial rights or safe drinking water, what would you say to him?

SHAWN ATLEO (NATIONAL CHIEF OF THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS)
We come back to the commitments that need to be followed through with on the implementation of treaties and on settling the issue of negotiation and to bring those processes both up to date and have nations sit at a nation-to-nation/treaty-by-treaty process and have First Nations design and deliver their own solutions And where we've got momentum, where First Nations have either done work on areas like education in the Atlantic or in Alberta, the government needs to sit down and recognize those jurisdictions and support the establishment and the development of local solutions, regional solutions, nation and treaty based solutions That has always been the call by First Nations, and it continues to this very day.

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST)
National Chief Atleo, good to have you back.

SHAWN ATLEO (NATIONAL CHIEF OF THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS).
Alright. Thank you

EVAN SOLOMON (HOST)·
Those are strong words from the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Shawn Atleo.

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Shale gas protesters arrested
Police arrest 12 more shale gas opponents for blocking the road during protest
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John Levi said the protesters may have lost yesterday's battle, but the "war's not over" in the ongoing protest against shale gas development in New Brunswick

"It's not going to be over until they take their thumper trucks and go back where they came from," said Levi, who is the warrior chief from Elsipogtog First Nation who has been organizing protest efforts along Highway 126 between Birch Ridge and Harcourt

Yesterday morning at around 7 a.m , protesters attempted to prevent SWN Resources Canada's trucks from passing by on Highway 126, where they had set up a protest camp and sacred fire at the intersection of that highway and Highway 116 in Harcourt However, Levi said it turned into a "disgusting" day when 12 of the protesters were arrested for refusing to leave the road, while the seismic vibration trucks were able to proceed uninhibited up the road

"I've seen better days We've just got to brush it off and move on," he said from the site of the sacred fire, adding that they plan to stay there until today, and then he isn't sure yet what the next step is

Cpl. Chantal Farrah of the New Brunswick RCMP noted that a group of protesters were demonstrating peacefully and lawfully on Highway 126 in Harcourt, but as the seismic trucks tried to pass the site at around 7 a.m., 12 people began "impeding the lawful work" of the company

"They were on the roadway putting themselves in front of the heavy equipment, that big machinery That is illegal and also very dangerous to do because you are putting yourself in harm's way," Farrah said

A total of 12 people, seven men and five women, refused to leave the roadway and were arrested and charged for mischief They were brought into custody for questioning by police and were expected to be later released with a future court date to face the charges

Farrah said that all of the arrests were made without incident.

A total of 21 arrests have now been made over the past two weeks in connection with shale gas protests

About 60 police officers were on scene during yesterday's arrests, and there were an estimated 50 to 70 protesters taking part in the event

Caroline Lubbe-D'Arcy travelled from Fredericton for the event Although it's only a small vocal group that typically attends these protests, she feels it was a step forward and opposition to shale gas exploration is gathering momentum

"I think it's a positive outcome for us because it shows that we're not stopping," she said "If anything, our movement is growing? .?A lot of people don't want this industry? . ?I think more and more people are starting to see they need to come out "

A group of people remained on the site through the day, holding signs at the side of the road Slightly more than half of the cars that passed on Friday morning honked in support as they passed the demonstration.

One of those protesters holding up a sign was Garnet Thompson from Bass River. He said even though there wasn't a large crowd at the event, they represent the thoughts and feelings of many more people in their various communities

Angela Acquin of the Saint Mary's First Nation said she had been at the site of the sacred fire for three days and said just as she would not allow someone to do harm to her physical mother, she can't sit idly by while she feels harm is being done to her spiritual mother, Mother Earth

"There is a risk If there were not risks, there would be no regulations. That risk is there," she said.

The highway has been the scene of ongoing protests during the past two weeks in opposition to shale gas exploration in the area.

SWN Resources is doing approximately 210 kilometres of 2D seismic imaging in various parts of Kent

County. The work began last week and was expected to be completed within 90 days

Farrah reminded the public that in these issues the role of police is to be impartial and not take sides, while ensuring public safety

"Whether there is two police officers or several, that shouldn't change people's behaviours. They should still be acting lawfully, peacefully and in a safe manner," she said.

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Listuguj Mi'gmaq find barriers to work
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LISTUGUJ - A group of surveys conducted by the Listuguj Mi'gmaq government over two months revealed the top reasons people from Listuguj aren't being hired in Campbellton are their lack of bilingualism and "perceived cultural insensitivities" by local employers and employees

Cathy Martin, assistant director of the First Nations Regional Adult Education Centre, conducted the surveys with three other researchers

"I can count on my hand the number of employees from Listuguj that we have in the Campbellton area and that's in spite of a lot of our people are bilingual, a lot of our youth are bilingual with the French language and they still encounter barriers to employment," Martin said.

Including permanent and seasonal workers, the unemployment rate in Listuguj is at 50 per cent, Martin said High unemployment has been an issue as long as she can remember. She thinks as the population has increased, the problem has increased

"It's no secret that alcohol and drug addiction is high in the community," Martin said. "That's a symptom, in my opinion, of poor economic opportunities. I mean you have nothing else to do and no hope for anything, so you turn to at first recreational drugs and alcohol, and then it becomes addiction "

Martin said the idea for the project stemmed from a high unemployment in the Listuguj Mi'gmaq community, despite a wide variety of qualified personnel in the community with skills.

The surveys were a special project under the department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada to investigate barriers to employment for the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Martin said there were three sectors of surveys looking at residents of Listuguj who are unemployed and there was also input from other community members

"We had an interviewer, a researcher, go out to various businesses in the Campbellton, Atholville, Point-a-la-Croix community, and assess the employability barriers that they found for employing Listuguj Mi'gmaq "

Martin said they also did research within Listuguj to identify barriers preventing Listuguj Mi'gmaq from obtaining employment in the area. She said the majority of employment in Listuguj is through the Listiguj Mi'gmaq government. Thirty-three per cent of the population of Listuguj was accounted for in the surveys.

While an inability to speak French prevents some Mi'gmaq from being hired in Campbellton, they're further discouraged in their own community if they can't speak Mi'gmaq.

"That's two-fold with the bilingualism because they're not able to serve people in the French language, yet the elders in this community are complaining that they're not able to be served in their own language as well, in the Mi'gmaq language "

Martin said the surveys showed attempts to apply for work were typically unsuccessful and some were graphic. This kept jobseekers from applying for jobs because of their previous bad experiences

To deal with the issue of bilingualism, the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Development Council is offering a bilingual second language course in the next few weeks, which will be conversational French Martin also has ideas to overcome the perceived cultural insensitivities.

"One of the recommendations to build better relations in Campbellton is to have some sort of public liaison, an employment liaison between the Listuguj Job and Training Centre and the merchants in Campbellton. They have similar liaison workers for the construction trade and there it's very graphic and vivid the cultural insensitivities that are displayed in that region "

Martin said the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government is looking to put a proposal together and get funding to hire a cultural sensitivity liaison They also want to inform New Brunswick merchants and Point-a-la-Croix merchants about the incentives for hiring people in Listuguj who are on social assistance.

Employers can qualify for a $750 monthly incentive, which is available for up to three years, by hiring someone on social assistance. The majority of the Listuguj population is between 16 and 35 years old, what Martin said is the ideal workforce demographic

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Louvelle sentencing will await exploration of his heritage

Gary Kean

CORNER BROOK - After multiple attempts to schedule a sentencing hearing for Stephen Andrew Louvelle since his conviction for sexual assault in February, the matter has encountered another delay that will put things off for at least three more months.

When called in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador in Corner Brook on Wednesday, Louvelle's lawyer asked that the court order a report exploring Louvelle's aboriginal ancestry to determine whether or not that should be a factor in considering an appropriate sentence for him

Gary Kearney, who did not represent Louvelle at trial but has been retained since his conviction, presented an application before Justice Alan Seaborn, asking the court to reschedule the sentencing hearing so there could be time to investigate whether Section 718 2 (e) of the Criminal Code of Canada is relevant to this case

That piece of legislation states that when imposing a sentence, the court has to consider that "all available sanctions other than imprisonment that are reasonable in the circumstances should be considered for all offenders, with particular attention to the circumstances of aboriginal offenders "

The idea behind Gladue reports is to reduce the number of aboriginal offenders who are incarcerated

Louvelle has applied for his status as a member of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band, Kearney told the court, but his application has not yet been processed Some members of his family have already been granted their status, he added.

"There is no requirement that an individual be part of a recognized band before an order (for a Gladue report) can be issued," argued Kearney, adding he has a duty to bring this factor to the court's attention unless his client waives his right for his aboriginal status to be considered as part of the sentencing process

The Gladue report would help determine if and how Louvelle's aboriginal status should apply to his sentencing

Louvelle is from St. George's. This report, said Kearney, may take up to two months to complete because no Gladue report has ever been done for that community

The completion of a Gladue report for Louvelle, noted Kearney, would mean that any future report for an offender from that community should not take as long because the community component would already have been covered off in the one done for Louvelle

Crown attorney Mike Fox argued there is a difference between someone who is considered an aboriginal offender and an offender who has aboriginal heritage He questioned why there was no reference whatsoever to Louvelle's aboriginal status in a pre-sentence report already prepared for the court for the sentencing hearing

If the Gladue report was ordered, Fox said the pre-sentence report that has been done is

"inadequate." While legislation sets out the criteria and process for a Gladue report to be done, Fox said the report should explore Louvelle's personal connection to the aboriginal community in St. George's.

The pre-sentence report was done by a probation officer from the Gander area Kearney said it may be more expedient to have a probation officer from the Stephenville area do the Gladue report since its focus would be mainly in the community of St. George's

Fox said he had concerns about the length of time this serious matter has been before the court and that he was prepared to proceed with sentencing Wednesday

Louvelle, 27, was found guilty of having a sexual relationship with a 12-year-old girl for several months in 2007. He went to trial in March 2011 but a jury was unable to reach a verdict.

His second trial was before a judge alone

Seaborn agreed that this matter has been ongoing for a long time, including four appearances scheduled since February for the sentencing alone Still, he said he was satisfied with Kearney's argument that Louvelle's aboriginal status could possibly be an issue for sentencing and that a Gladue report "could be of assistance to the court "

The judge said he had no choice but to order the report so the court has "the best information" possible available for the sentencing.

The report will be done by a probation officer located closer to St. George's

Louvelle's sentencing has now been adjourned until Sept. 11.

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Figure: Star photo by Gary Kean
Stephen Louvelle arrives at Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador in Corner Brook earlier this week

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GOC News Release
June 14, 2013
Open Hearth Park unveiled as name of new Sydney park
For immediate release

SYDNEY, Nova Scotia, June 14, 2013 – Canadians have spoken With twice as many votes as any other

finalist, Cape Bretoners and friends and family from across the country have chosen Open Hearth Park as the name of the new park taking shape on the site of the former tar ponds in the heart of Sydney.

The name was submitted by Rob Sinclair's Grade 6 class at MacDonald Elementary School from the community of Dominion in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality

The Sydney Park Project campaign was launched in March 2013 and invited Cape Breton students to submit a name for the park

"Many students and teachers from across Cape Breton used this campaign to learn about the history of the steel plant, the diverse cultural backgrounds of the men and women who worked here, and the importance of protecting and preserving our environment and Canada's natural heritage," said the Honourable Senator Michael L MacDonald on behalf of Rona Ambrose, Minister of Public Works and Government Services and Minister for Status of Women "The name, Open Hearth Park, is a fitting reflection of our community's proud steel-making heritage "

Deputy Premier Frank Corbett said that giving local youth the opportunity to name the new park gave them a meaningful role and voice in shaping the community's future.

"Many of the names submitted through this campaign not only honoured the area's proud past, but also provided a fresh perspective on how today's youth and tomorrow's leaders want Cape Breton to move forward with themes of rebirth, innovation and a greener and more prosperous future," said Corbett "We are thrilled by the enthusiastic support of Cape Bretoners and friends and family from across Canada in selecting the park's new name by voting online "

During the naming announcement, Corbett also announced details about a highly anticipated community celebration event to mark the successful end to the remediation of the former tar ponds and coke ovens site, and officially open the new park

The community celebration will kick off on Friday, August 30, with a formal announcement, followed by two days of events including, on the Saturday following, a drum circle, a multicultural festival, including a Mi'kmaq cultural village, musical performances from some of Atlantic Canada's top musical acts, and fireworks and, on the Sunday following, a multi-faith service and family picnic, followed by Right Some Good, one of Canada's ultimate dining events

When the park opens on August 30, Sydney-area residents and visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy new sports fields, an outdoor stage, a playground area, a dog park, a skating area, trails and more The overall project remains within its budget and ahead of schedule

More information about the community celebration event will be available soon on the Sydney Park Project website at www.sydneyparkproject ca People can also visit the Sydney Park Project's Facebook page, and follow the project on Twitter

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ATLANTIC REGION ELECTRONIC MEDIA SUMMARIES (RADIO/TV)

First Nations Move On After Shale Gas Protest
Program: Global News Air Time: 6:00PM - 7.00PM Date. 2013-Jun-15 6:01PM
Station. CIHF TV (Global) Network: Shaw Media City· Halifax
Reporter: Brion Robinson Length. 02.00 Province. Nova Scotia
Interview: Amy Sock, Warrior
Note: The protestors took part in what is known as a sacred fire ceremony which ended today First nations leaders, the province and the shale gas company, SWN, have reached an agreement.
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Innu community in Labrador is reeling over the suspicious death of a young woman in Sheshatshiu
Program: Here & Now Air Time: 5:30PM - 7·00PM Date: 2013-Jun-14 5.30PM
Station CBNT TV (CBC) Network: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation City: St. John's
Reporter Carolyn Stokes Length. 01:30 Province. Newfoundland and Labrador
Interview. Kate Adach, NTV Report in Sheshatshiu
Note: RCMP investigators are en route to the scene. The body of the victim, in her early 20s, was discovered Friday afternoon in a wooded area. Meanwhile, social media has been inundated with expressions of grief and messages of "rest in peace" for the woman, who is originally from Natuashish.
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A Wise Decision That Reflects Inuit Culture and Values
Program: VOCM Morning Show Air Time. 5:30AM - 9:00AM Date· 2013-Jun-14 9.14AM
Station. VOCM AM (590 VOCM) Network. Newcap Radio City: St. John's
Reporter: Announcer Copy Length: 01:30 Province: Newfoundland and Labrador
Interview: None
Note: Graduation ceremonies take pLace today for students who completed the Bachelor of Social Work Program. The Program was an initiative between The Memorial University and the Nunatsiavut Government.
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Handling the Shale Gas Protests
Program: Information Morning - Part 2 Air Time 7:08AM - 8:38AM Date: 2013-Jun-14 7 14AM
Station. CBC Radio 1 (Moncton) - CBAM FM Network Canadian Broadcasting Corporation City: Moncton
Reporter: Jonna Brewer Length· 08·30 Province· New Brunswick
Interview· Corporal Chantal Farrah, RCMP
Note: The RCMP's Corporal Chantal Farrah responds to questions about why so many officers are assigned to the shale gas protests on Route 126. She discusses the RCMP's handling of the First Nations protestors performing ceremonies at the protest site
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QUESTION PERIOD June 15, 2013

Nominative Rule Process
Jonathan Genest-Jourdain (NDP). Mr Speaker as we mark the fifth anniversary of the Official Apology for the Residential Schools where the Government recognized the harm done to children and their families, it is sad to see that aboriginal youth is still not a priority for the Conservatives. The Department still has not has not completed the nominative rule process for aboriginal students to determine their eligibility for schools to receive proper funding Can the Minister explain why this process, which technically should have been completed in February, is still dragging on?

The Speaker: (Voice of Translator): The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary for Aboriginal Affairs

Greg Rickford (C). Mr Speaker we're supporting students, education for First Nations on reserve our income assistance program the Minister recently announced is focused on ensuring that youth, Aboriginal youth, have the skills they need to enter the labour force across Canada, Mr. Speaker I wish that the NDP would get onboard and support these initiatives. First Nations are asking or it This has been one of the most consultative processes any Government has embarked on, and we're bringing results forward with First Nations Thank You

The Speaker. The Honourable Member for Nanaimo-Cowichan

Jean Crowder (NDP)· Mr Speaker that sounds like the dog ate my homework excuse The department's nominal role process for First Nations students is usually complete in February It's now June, and the school year's almost over The Department's been forced to send letters to school boards asking them not to charge interest to First Nations for tuition Mr. Speaker is this weren't so serious, it would be just explain embarrassing why is this process still not complete?

The Speaker: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs

Greg Rickford (C)· Well thank you Mr Speaker, obviously we are aware of the fact that there are some communities who send their students to cities and towns for education. We are working through those processes now Those schools receive their tuition. What's important is those Aboriginal students have access to a good education so that they can enter the workforce equipped as all other Canadians, whether they live on reserve or off reserve Thank you Mr Speaker
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The Fredericton Daily Gleaner
Opinion, Thursday, June 20, 2013, p. C8
How impartial are the RCMP in Kent County?

Re: Protests over shale gas development

In an article reported in the Times &Transcript on June 15, Cpl Chantal Farrah of the NB RCMP is reported as stating that the role of the RCMP is to be impartial and not take sides

This statement concerned the peaceful arrest, without incident, of 12 protesters on Route 126 in Kent County opposed to the controversial shale gas industry

This is a fantastic idea What would it look like if the RCMP were truly impartial and did not take sides in this dispute?

To appreciate the demands of impartiality in the interests of public safety, we need to consider that SWN, and government officials, are violating some very basic principles of Canadian law In 1997, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that aboriginal land title is a collective right, whereby resource developments must be reconcilable with the nature of the aboriginal nation's attachment to the land; and should proceed only after consultation

Shale gas extraction can't be reconciled with Mi'kmaq and Maliseet attachment to water as a sacred creation sustaining all life It can't be reconciled with their sacred duty to protect and keep water - aquifers, lakes, rivers, oceans - safe from the harm of irreversible pollution should shale gas proceed

Further, appropriate consultations have not been concluded Enforcing these basic principles of Canadian law are relevant to the duty of the RCMP The burden of proof rests with the RCMP to demonstrate that they are impartial

The public might believe the RCMP is impartial when they arrest and charge the thumper truck operators, SWN managers and government officials for violating aboriginal rights

Derek Simon, PhD, Fredericton

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The Moncton Times & Transcript
Main, Thursday, June 20, 2013, p. A5
National Aboriginal Day to be celebrated
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Moncton and the Elsipogtog First Nation will be celebrating the unique heritage, diverse cultures and achievements of First Nation peoples tomorrow for National Aboriginal Day

This year's event theme is "Honouring our Nations," in order to recognize the three primary nations that make up New Brunswick's cultural fabric - First Nations, Acadian and English

There is a full day of events planned at Moncton city hall, beginning at 7.30 a.m. with an "honouring

the day" ceremony and opening prayer at Bore Park, followed by a breakfast at the Rodd Hotel and Resorts

The official opening ceremonies and flag-raising take place at 10 a m. at City Hall Plaza, where vendors and crafts will also open

Other highlights include storytelling, drum-making, a basket-making demonstration and a mini powwow grand entry at 1 p m. Dignitaries will speak at 3 p m and there will be a grand exit and closing of the powwow at 5 p.m.

Tomorrow evening, there will be a Native Stars Gala at the Capitol Theatre, beginning at 7:30 p m. It is an evening of Aboriginal song and dance featuring Eagle Feather, Gary Sappier Experience, Pam Levi, the Acquin Sisters, Jarret Francis and special gust Roland Gauvin of 1755 Tickets cost $20 and can be obtained from the Capitol box office at 856-4379. There will also be native craft vendors open in the lobby at 7 p m

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The Moncton Times & Transcript
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Minister backs First Nations' stance
SWN remains 'committed' to province despite ongoing protests
cole hobson Times &TRANSCRIPT STAFF

Despite ongoing protests and opposition to shale gas development in New Brunswick, the province's minister of energy and mines said he believes the number of those in favour of the industry is growing.

Craig Leonard has also lent support to a message for responsible development of the industry that was recently issued by the Assembly of First Nations' Chiefs in New Brunswick

"As we see the more that people understand the process, that understand the science and industry, we see that support is building for it," Leonard said "Certainly the First Nations chiefs, they see that potential as well and as we move forward we feel we will find a position where we can enter into a true partnership with First Nations and see benefit for all New Brunswickers."

The Assembly has issued a press release taking what they called "a strong stand" on natural resource development in the province

"The depth of poverty of our First Nations' members must end. And it must end now," the press release reads. "We have been working tirelessly to alleviate the terrible living conditions First Nations' people face every single day We will protect our rights and the environment as we move ahead but

we must help our people immediately We cannot agree with those who want our people to remain in poverty, or those from outside our communities who do not have to live with the consequences of their rhetoric "

The group says that the land and resources are theirs and they plan to work with government and industries "who care for the environment and who will develop those resources responsibly with us," while sharing in the benefits those resources provide

"We will not work with irresponsible companies and governments Government and industry must come forward now and sit down with us to find sensible and acceptable solutions to these immense problems If the Mi'gmag and Wolastoqiyik Peoples do not benefit we will use all legal means to prevent resource development "

Leonard said from what he's been hearing and seeing, those who have been protesting against the industry are opposed to any kind of development and activity in the natural gas or oil sectors and their minds are already made up

"What we're looking to do is obviously develop the industry due to the vast economic benefits that can come from it," he said. "But at the same time we hear those concerns, we have put in very strict rules that industry must follow and as a result what we're trying to do is to strike that balance Being able to benefit from the economics of the industry while making sure the environment is protected

"Certainly (the Assembly of First Nations' Chiefs in New Brunswick) are very adamant that if this is going to move forward it has to be done in an environmentally sustainable manner and we agree 100 per cent on that "

After days of inactivity from their seismic vibration trucks and silence surrounding the reasons behind the work stoppage, SWN Resources Canada issued a brief statement yesterday that maintains the company's desire to continue working in New Brunswick

"Operations are continuing as planned and we remain committed to our exploration program in New Brunswick," reads an emailed statement sent by Tracey Stephenson, a spokeswoman for the company

No further details were provided. The statement follows two consecutive days where SWN didn't respond to multiple media requests for comment and where their subcontractor's trucks were inactive for several days along Route 126, which has been the site of almost daily protest efforts which have led to 21 arrests

Protesters - both native and non-native - have suggested that government and industry didn't adequately consult with citizens before allowing the industry to proceed.

Leonard contends that's not the case and consultations have been done and are ongoing.

"We've heard loud and clear the concern of certain New Brunswickers We've taken steps to address

them so as a result what we also have been hearing quite loudly for the last year and a half is the need for new industry in New Brunswick and to take advantage of the potential we have in our natural resources," he said "We're trying to strike that balance of moving forward but in a very responsible manner."

Meanwhile, protests against the shale gas industry continued yesterday at the site of a sacred fire at the intersection of Route 126 and Route 116 in Harcourt John Levi of Elsipogtog, who has been at the head of the protesters' efforts, put out a call on Tuesday for First Nations members from around Atlantic Canada to join them in their efforts to fight against SWN Resources Canada's work.

If groups of individuals want to discuss the issues, Leonard said their door is always open, but they haven't had any requests from any groups to sit down and have a dialogue. He said in the end they have to govern "on behalf of all New Brunswickers," not just the protesters.

"Certainly the vast majority of New Brunswickers are looking for new economic opportunities and certainly the oil and gas sector as it stands in New Brunswick is a sector that could become a very lucrative and powerful economic benefit for us," he said.

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The Fraser Institute:
Individual Property Rights Key to Social, Economic Well-Being for First Nations

OTTAWA, ONTARIO - For Canada's aboriginal peoples, economic empowerment and improved standards of living could best be achieved by granting fee-simple property rights to individuals on reserves, argues a new study from the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank
"Property rights are critical to economic growth and social well-being. On June 21, National Aboriginal Day, let's have a frank discussion about providing First Nations people the same property rights as their fellow Canadians, for the betterment of aboriginal communities and the country as a whole," said Ravina Bains, associate director of the Fraser Institute Centre for Aboriginal Policy Studies.

"The right to own property is one of the cornerstones of any functioning economy By restricting ownership of reserve lands, the Indian Act has made aboriginal people wards of the government," said Michael LeBourdais, chief of Whispering Pines First Nation

The Wealth of First Nations: An Exploratory Study examines why some Canadian First Nations have succeeded in achieving noticeably higher levels of prosperity, as measured by the federal Department of Aboriginal Affairs' Community Well-being Index, compared to others To measure how this success has been achieved, the authors developed and tested four indicators of respect for property rights

and the rule of law: use of Certificates of Possession, adoption of property tax, entry into the First Nations Land Management Act, and avoidance of third-party management

The study found First Nations that achieved high scores on all four indicators were more likely to rank at, or near, the top of the Community Well-being Index, even after controlling for factors including cultural background and remoteness of location

"These findings suggest that one way for Canadian First Nations to improve living standards on reserves is to develop stable governing institutions and property rights that encourage participation in the wider economy," Bains said.

"If you make land ownership possible, then investment will follow, leading to an increase in both the quantity, and quality, of houses on reserves. People can use the value of their homes as collateral to engage in other economic activities, helping increase the economic prosperity of First Nation communities "

The report notes that for almost all of Canadian history, the location ticket or Certificate of Possession (under which property may only be sold to members of the same band) has been the strongest form of individual property rights available on Indian reserves.

However, the First Nations property ownership initiative, which is currently under discussion, would allow willing First Nations to opt out of the Indian Act and into a regime of fee-simple property ownership The First Nations Tax Commission has been working with federal officials to make this initiative a reality, if and when legislation is passed, it is expected that about a dozen First Nations might want to opt in at the outset, with others perhaps following if the results are favourable.

"There is general agreement that much needs to be done to help First Nations attain a higher standard of living," Bains said

"Based on our previous research and this new study, it seems likely that the First Nations opting for individual fee-simple ownership will have higher than average prosperity and economic growth, thus leading to further improvement in the standard of living for First Nation communities "

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The Canadian Press
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New Brunswick Liberals raise concerns over sale of government airplane
Kevin Bissett, The Canadian Press

FREDERICTON - New Brunswick's Opposition Liberals are raising concerns over the planned sale of a government airplane, saying a proposed charter flight service for the premier and cabinet ministers could increase costs and remove transparency

The government announced in its March budget that the plane would be sold to reduce costs.

But Liberal Transportation critic Bill Fraser said Wednesday he doesn't see how the government will save money by keeping a charter service on standby

"I would say that this service is going to cost us more than we're currently paying," Fraser said. "There's a hangar at the airport that has a 20-year lease that still has to be paid . so we don't know where the efficiencies are being found "

But Transportation Minister Claude Williams defended the plan, saying the government isn't going to enter into an agreement that would cost more.

"It's going to be a cost saving for taxpayers, and at the same time we're going to be able to rely on a charter service which is essential to carry on government business," Williams said

Use of the government plane has been on the decline According to figures from Williams' department, the government used the airplane for 278 hours in 2011-2012, and about 200 hours in 2012-2013

When the government issued a request for proposals in May for a charter service, it said it expected to require about 100 flight-hours each year

Three companies have submitted bids for a five-year contract to provide charter flights for the provincial government

They are CanLink Aviation of Dieppe, N B , Capital Airways Inc of Fredericton, and Strait Air 2000 Ltd. of Quebec City in a joint venture with the Madawaska Maliseet First Nation in New Brunswick

The joint venture also submitted the lone bid to co-ordinate the sale of the King Air B200 aircraft.

A second bid was disqualified

Williams said the plane is worth about $3 8 million

Fraser said he's concerned the Opposition and media may not be able to get the flight manifests and the costs for each charter one the flights are being managed by a private company.

"The departments are going to be chartering their own service so it won't all be through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure like it used to be where they provided lists of where the plane went, who were the passengers on the plane, what was the purpose of the trip, and what was the cost," he said

But Williams said the charter company would be required to file a monthly report on government flights, and the report would be made public

He said the Opposition can ask the departments for the information, and the expenses for the premier and ministers are posted each month online

"It will still be open and transparent," Williams said.

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The Western Star (Corner Brook)
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National Aboriginal Day activities planned for city

CORNER BROOK - Friday is National Aboriginal Day and Keith Goulding hopes the entire community, whether they be aboriginal or not, take part in events to mark the day.
"It's about celebrating the aboriginal culture," said Goulding, director of Work Force Qalipu with the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band Goulding is also chair of the Community Sub-committee of Grenfell Campus, Memorial University of Newfoundland's Aboriginal Initiatives Committee.

The sub-committee is planning and hosting the events in the city with support from the band, the university, the Grenfell Campus Student Union and the Corner Brook Aboriginal Women's Association.

Goulding said the women's association is playing a large role in the cultural aspects of the day and without them the event would not be possible

The day will begin at 6 a m. with a sunrise ceremony in Margaret Bowater Park There are also plans to build a wigwam in the park and aboriginal vendors will be onsite.

All events are free, however, donations will be taken for the women's association

Boxe(s). schedule of events
Sunrise ceremony, 6-7 a m , Margaret Bowater Park
Breakfast feast, 7-9 a.m. Bennett Hall, West Street
Medicine walk, 10.30-11:30 a m , Margaret Bowater Park (starting at the canteen)
Barbecue, 12-1 p m., Margaret Bowater Park
Celebration at the park - 1 to 3 p m , Margaret Bowater Park

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The Guardian (Charlottetown)
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National Aboriginal Day Celebration set for Summerside

The Mı'kmaq Confederacy of P E I ınvites everyone to attend the nınth annual Natıonal Aborıgınal Day celebratıon ın Summerside.
It wıll be held from noon to 3 p m. on Frıday, June 21, at the Lefurgey Cultural Centre, located at 205 Prınce St

Thıs free, famıly-friendly event wıll ınclude traditıonal drummıng, sıngıng and dancıng, as well as games, gıve-a-ways, food and fun. The event wıll also host a number of ınformatıve resource booths and ınclude specıal addresses by prominent aborıgınal and non-aborıgınal community members

In May of 1996, the government of Canada declared the fırst day of summer to be Natıonal Aborıgınal Day The purpose of thıs day ıs not only for aborıgınal people from across Canada to share and showcase theır herıtage but also to encourage all Canadıans to explore and celebrate the varıous cultural traditıons of Canada's Fırst Natıons peoples

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Acadie Nouvelle
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Crainte d'un affrontement entre policiers et autochtones
Philippe Murat

FREDERICTON - L'ex-chef du Conseıl de bande Elsıpogtog, Susan Levı-Peters, craınt que les manıfestatıons antı-gaz de schıste qui se déroulent en ce moment dans la provınce ne donnent lieu à des affrontements entre policıers et autochtones

Lorsque l'on évoque les crıses d'Oka, de Burnt Church et d'Ipperwash, Susan Levı-Peters confırme que c'est justement ce genre de scénarıo qu'elle a peur de voır se reproduıre.

«Je me suıs rendue à ces manıfestatıons et ce dont j'aı peur c'est qu'ıl y aıt des victımes sı rıen n'est faıt, car la tensıon monte. La GRC se montre de plus en plus agressıve et les manıfestatıons prennent de l'ampleur», a-t-elle déclaré

Une quinzaine d'arrestations ont eu lieu depuis le début des manifestations

Elle dit avoir assisté l'autre jour à l'arrestation d'une femme autochtone qui procédait à une simple cérémonie lors d'une manifestation, ce qui a amplifié ses craintes

Mme Levi-Peters était de passage à Fredericton mercredi à titre personnel afin d'encourager le dialogue entre le gouvernement et les Premières Nations

Elle a rencontré entre autres, le député de Kent-Sud et ministre des Transports et de l'Infrastructure, Claude Williams ainsi que le chef de l'opposition officielle Brian Gallant

Elle espère que le premier ministre David Alward prendra le temps de s'adresser aux nations autochtones concernées

«Personne ne s'est donné la peine de venir dans notre communauté pour nous demander notre avis sur le gaz de schiste Dans ma communauté, il y a 3000 personnes qui vont être affectées par le développement du gaz de schiste C'est pour cela que je suis venue à Fredericton aujourd'hui Pour demander au premier ministre de tenir des consultations auprès des Premières Nations», a expliqué Susan Levi-Peters.

Mme Levi-Peters rappelle que le gouvernement a non seulement une obligation morale, mais également une obligation légale de consulter les peuples autochtones

«Cela concerne les traités qui ont été signés et reconnus par la Cour suprême», dit-elle

Mme Levi-Peters sera de retour à l'Assemblée législative aujourd'hui afin de tenter d'avoir un entretien avec le premier ministre David Alward pour lui faire part de ses craintes de vive voix

Illustration(s) Acadie Nouvelle Philippe Murat
L'ex-chef de la Première Nation d'Elsipogtog, Susan Levi-Peters, s'est rendue dans la capitale provinciale, mercredi. -

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June 19, 2013
AANDC NEWS RELEASE
Harper Government Delivers Results to Aboriginal People and All Canadians
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OTTAWA, ONTARIO (June 19, 2013) – Today, the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, welcomed Royal Assent of four key pieces of legislation that

clearly demonstrate the Harper Government's commitment to increasing opportunities for Aboriginal people and Northerners in Canada A fifth bill, Bill C-27, the First Nations Financial Transparency Act, received Royal Assent in March

"Our Government and Aboriginal peoples are aligned in our goal of seeing the gaps between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people closed when it comes to living standards, quality of life and economic opportunities," said Minister Valcourt. "We are proud of the legislation that received Royal Assent today These laws are historic achievements that will bring real change and improvements for people living in Canada's Aboriginal and Northern communities "

The five pieces of legislation that have received Royal Assent to date in 2013 are·

• The Northern Jobs and Growth Act – which brings increased predictability and efficiency to the regulatory and environmental review processes for major northern projects.
• The First Nations Financial Transparency Act – which strengthens transparency and accountability for community members by requiring First Nation governments to publish the annual audited consolidated financial statements they already prepare, as well as a schedule of chiefs and councillors' salaries and expenses in line with accounting standards and with other levels of government in Canada.
• The Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act – which aims to enhance the rights and protections offered to First Nations living on-reserve, particularly women and children in the event of a relationship breakdown, divorce or death. Until now, women and children living on-reserve lacked those legal protections enjoyed by all other Canadians
• The Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act – which will enable safe on reserve drinking water and wastewater treatment by developing much needed regulatory safeguards
• Yale First Nation Final Agreement Act – which will bring into effect the Yale First Nation Final Agreement The Final Agreement includes 1,966 hectares of treaty settlement lands, a capital transfer of $10.7 million, along with greater self-sufficiency and decision-making powers through self-government for the Yale First Nation

"Our Government is proud to have worked with many Aboriginal leaders and community members to pass these important pieces of legislation," Minister Valcourt added. "I salute all who helped make these laws happen, particularly those who began this journey many years ago. Your hard work, courage and vision have paid off Today, we can all take pride in what we have accomplished."

Backgrounders:
• First Nations Financial Transparency Act
• Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act
• Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act
• Yale First Nation Final Agreement Act
• Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act
• Northwest Territories Surface Rights Board Act
• Amendments to the Yukon Surface Rights Board Act

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Southwesternontario.ca
Wednesday, June, 19, 2013 - 2:02:12 PM
Fracking poses risks to drinking water

Dear Editor:

Elsipogtog, June 9-11, 2013
"The role of the warrior chief is to protect the land, the water and the people Our only weapons are our drums, our sweetgrasses, our pipes and our ceremonies," stated John Levi, warrior chief of the Mi'kmaq first nation at Elsipogtog north of Moncton, New Brunswick

James Loney, Jill Foster and myself were meeting with people in this area of eastern New Brunswick who were attempting to protect their lands and families from the harmful effects of fracking Fracking is a slang term that denotes hydraulic fracturing of rock Deep wells are drilled into shale type rock and then explosives and water laced with chemicals are used to shatter the rock to release natural gas Recent developments in drilling technology have made it possible to drill horizontal feeders at the base of these holes to shatter much more rock

Any attempt to completely explain fracking would be difficult because the processes are patented So we have oil and gas companies injecting secret chemicals into groundwater It is small wonder that the people of Elsipogtog and surrounding area are struggling to protect their water. One could easily conclude that clean water is being traded for natural gas

Water flows. Water flows downhill If rock fractures occur beneath water wells, then the wells may simply dry up Water laced with toxic chemicals can flow into small streams, eventually reaching rivers that flow to the sea This is easily observed in this area of New Brunswick, where swampy areas and small streams feed the Richibucto River that flows into the Northumberland Strait

Protection of the water requires the cooperation of all the people in the watershed. The Mi'kmaq have lived in the area from the earliest times More than 400 years ago the French-speaking Acadians arrived and co-existed peacefully with the Mi'kmaq for several centuries until English colonists came to disrupt the peace.

But now, in 2013, Mi'kmaq, Acadians, and Anglophones all live within the Richibucto watershed. They are completely united in their struggle to protect the waters from the dangers of fracking

We only stayed in Elsipogtog from June 9 through 11 The situation is changing daily as huge "thumper trucks" roll along area roads doing seismic testing in search of shale gas On June 12, the Mi'kmaq lit a sacred fire and started praying and performing ceremonies to protect the waters of the area They were supported by the Acadian and Anglophone communities

On June 13 the thumper trucks came and left On June 14 the thumper trucks came supported by a large force of RCMP They began testing again after 12 people were arrested for trying to protect their land and water

Much of Canada and USA is underlain with shale that may yield natural gas obtained from fracking. Many of us could be asked to trade pure water for natural gas These people of eastern New Brunswick are acting to save pure water everywhere. Water flows. Warrior Chief John Levi has asked that we all pray for the people engaged in this struggle Please do

Allan Slater, R R 1 Lakeside
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SRC Acadie (site web)
mercredi 19 juin 2013
Les enjeux du gaz de schiste en Atlantique

Environ 150 opposants au gaz de schiste se sont massés le long d'une route dans le sud-est du Nouveau-Brunswick, mercredi matin, dans l'espoir de manifester lors du passage des véhicules d'une entreprise gazière.
Les manifestants croyaient que les camions de la SWN Resources Canada circuleraient, mais aucun d'eux n'est passé dans le secteur.

Des manifestants disaient qu'ils ne bloqueraient pas le passage aux camions, et qu'ils ne feraient pas de désobéissance civile

Un seul policier s'est arrêté sur place pour discuter un moment avec les manifestants

Une vingtaine de personnes ont été arrêtées au cours de manifestations récentes pour avoir bloqué le passage aux camions Douze personnes, notamment, ont été arrêtées vendredi dernier.

La manifestation comprend entre autres des Autochtones de plusieurs communautés, dont des membres d'un groupe d'Elsipogtog qui campe à proximité de la route 126 depuis plusieurs jours.

L'entreprise SWN Resources Canada a entrepris des tests sismiques récemment dans ce secteur Les manifestants s'opposent à la tenue de ces tests dans la région Ils craignent que les activités de l'industrie n'entraînent de la pollution

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New Brunswickers split over shale gas, poll finds
48% say industry important to provincial economy, 44% say not important, CRA finds
CBC News Posted: Jun 19, 2013 1:17 PM AT
Last Updated: Jun 19, 2013 7:21 PM AT

People in New Brunswick are split on the importance of shale gas development to the province's economic future, according to a new survey by Corporate Research Associates

Many New Brunswickers are concerned about the safety of shale gas exploration, the CRA results released on Wednesday show

The Alward government fully supports shale gas development, but has faced mounting opposition to the industry over the past two years, including several protests in recent weeks in Kent County, where SWN Resources Canada is preparing for seismic testing.

"Given the high concerns over the safety of shale gas and the mixed opinions regarding the importance of shale gas to the economic future of New Brunswick, it is clear that there will be significant and continuing challenges to government and industry in the development of shale gas resources in the province of New Brunswick," said Don Mills, the chief executive officer of CRA, said in a statement

Nearly half of the 400 New Brunswick adults polled, 48 per cent, believe shale gas is critically important or important but not critical to the province's economic future, while 44 per cent say it is not very important or not at all important to the economy

Northern residents are less likely than others to believe it's important, with 40 per cent assigning it importance compared to 53 per cent in southern New Brunswick and 49 per cent of Moncton-area residents.

Shale gas exploration given low safety rating
When asked to rate the safety of shale gas exploration on a scale of one to 10, with one being not safe at all and 10 being extremely safe, the average rating in the phone survey was 3 9, the results show

The reasons are not given, but many opponents have raised concerns about the impact the hydraulic-fracturing process, commonly known as hydro-fracking, would have on water supplies

The process involves companies injecting a mixture of water, sand and chemicals into the ground, creating cracks in shale rock formations, enabling them to extract natural gas from areas that would otherwise go untapped

"For them to sort of blithely say, 'Well, our regulations are going to fix everything and don't worry about it We'll take care of you,' no," said Denise Melanson, who was part of an anti-shale gas protest along Highway 126 near Harcourt on Wednesday

"They're not going to take care of us We know that And we are absolutely determined that we're not going to let this happen "

People living in northern New Brunswick and the Moncton area are more likely to consider the exploration of shale gas unsafe, rating it at 3 3 and 3 5 respectively compared with those in the

southern regıon, who gave ıt a 4.6.

"I don't know why they're pıckıng so hard on the shale gas ındustry, as opposed to what the forestry ındustry has done ın New Brunswıck over the years. The pollutıon from pulp and paper mılls etcetera," shale gas supporter Ed Armstrong told CBC News

Regulatıons to manage rısk
"Any ındustrıal actıvıty there has rısk," he saıd

Regulatıons are ın place to manage the rısks, saıd Armstrong And ıt's an excellent opportunıty for New Brunswıck to get out of a financıal rut," he saıd

"It's proven everywhere ıt's done that ıt's an economıc boon to the area — Ohıo, Pennsylvanıa, Texas, the areas where ıt's happenıng, especıally ın North Dakota They're always lookıng for people for work "

The survey was conducted between May 14 and May 30, wıth overall results accurate to wıthın plus or mınus 4 9 percentage poınts, 95 tımes out of 100.

A recent study on shale gas found the ındustry could generate $13 mıllıon ın development opportunıty per well ın New Brunswıck.

Each well would also create about 21 full-tıme jobs, the report by Deloıtte saıd

Former Lıberal premıer Frank McKenna has saıd developıng the shale gas ındustry could generate more than $7 bıllıon ın royaltıes and tax revenues, whıch would end the provınce's debt and deficıt problems

The Opposıtıon Lıberals have called for a moratorıum on shale gas
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ATLANTIC REGION ELECTRONIC MEDIA SUMMARIES (RADIO/TV)

New Child and Youth Advocate for NB
Program: McLean ın the Mornıng Aır Tıme. 6.00AM - 10 00AM Date. 2013-Jun-19 8:07AM
Statıon: CHNI FM (News 88 9) Network: Rogers Radıo Cıty· Saınt John
Reporter· Tyler McLean Length. 08.30 Provınce New Brunswıck
Intervıew: Norman Bosse, Chıld and Youth Advocate for New Brunswıck
Note: Lawyer and newly named Chıld and Youth Advocate for New Brunswıck Norman Bosse dıscusses hıs new role and what he hopes to accomplısh and address in hıs new posıtıon He addresses the condıtıon of Fırst Natıons chıldren ın New Brunswıck ın lıght of a new report the poverty of Fırst Natıons chıldren from the Canadıan Centre for Polıcy Alternatıves
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First Nations prepared to develop resources responsibly.
Program. Information Morning - Part 1 Air Time 6 00AM - 7 00AM Date· 2013-Jun-19 7.51AM
Station· CBC Radio 1 (Saint John) - CBD FM Network Canadian Broadcasting Corporation City· Saint John
Reporter: Announcer Copy Length. 08 30 Province New Brunswick
Interview Craig Leonard, Energy Minister of New Brunswick
Note Native and non native protests have been going on for 2 weeks now since SWN resources started doing tests in Kent County Assembly of First Nations in New Brunswick issued a statement on shale gas development.
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Call for a Shale Gas Strategy
Program Regional News Air Time 7 30AM - 7 35AM Date. 2013-Jun-19 7 32AM
Station CBC Radio 1 (Moncton) - CBAM FM Network. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation City Moncton
Reporter Vanessa Blanche Length 01 30 Province New Brunswick
Interview. Craig Leonard, New Brunswick Energy Minister
Note. The Assembly of First Nations chiefs in New Brunswick are calling on the provincial government and industry to sit down with them to come up with a strategy around shale gas exploration and development New Brunswick's Energy Minister says he has been working with local First Nations on the shale gas file for the past six months
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Land And Resources Are First Nations'
Program· Information Morning - Part 1 Air Time 6 00AM - 7 00AM Date: 2013-Jun-19 7 31AM
Station CBC Radio 1 (Saint John) - CBD FM Network. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation City: Saint John
Reporter· Announcer Copy Length: 01 00 Province. New Brunswick
Interview None
Note The assembly of first nations chiefs New Brunswick is calling on the provincial government and industry to sit down with them to come up with a strategy for shale gas exploration and development
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First Nations Will Work Against Exploration If Not Consulted
Program Information Morning - Part 2 Air Time 7·08AM - 8.38AM Date: 2013-Jun-19 7 14AM
Station. CBC Radio 1 (Moncton) - CBAM FM Network· Canadian Broadcasting Corporation City Moncton
Reporter Announcer Copy Length: 10 30 Province· New Brunswick
Interview. Craig Leonard, New Brunswick Energy Minister
Note· Non Native protestors and Native protesters have been protesting shale gas exploration in New Brunswick The Assembly of First Nations Chiefs in Atlantic Canada have said "This is our land, the resources are ours, but we will work with government and industry who care for the environment and

will develop the resources responsibly with us'
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Child Poverty Among First Nations
Program News Air Time: 7:00AM - 8:00AM Date. 2013-Jun-19 7·03AM
Station· VOCM AM (590 VOCM) Network: Newcap Radio City· St John's
Reporter: John Reynolds Length. 00·30 Province· Newfoundland and Labrador
Interview None
Note. A new study from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives shows 50% of First Nations children in Canada live in poverty--triple the national the average
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Drugs and Violence in Innu Communities
Program. News Air Time 7 00AM - 8 00AM Date· 2013-Jun-19 7:02AM
Station· VOCM AM (590 VOCM) Network: Newcap Radio City. St. John's
Reporter John Reynolds Length· 01:00 Province. Newfoundland and Labrador
Interview· Simeon Tshakapesh, Natuashish Chief
Note: Natuashish Chief Simeon Tshakapesh says drugs are contributing to more and more acts of violence in Innu communities, and suspects both alcohol and drugs were factors in the brutal murder of a young woman from the town in Sheshatshiu last week
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Chief's Heading to Halifax to Fight Ottawa
Program. Information Morning - Part 1 Air Time 6:00AM - 7·00AM Date: 2013-Jun-19 6:56AM
Station: CBC Radio 1 (Saint John) - CBD FM Network· Canadian Broadcasting Corporation City: Saint John
Reporter Announcer Copy Length 01:00 Province: New Brunswick
Interview· None
Note: First Nations chiefs are heading to court in Halifax to fight proposed changes to on reserve social assistance program. There was little to no consultation with first nations communities about the policy or it's implementation
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Ottawa Trying to Impose Provincial Rates And Standards On First Nations
Program Regional News Air Time· 6·30AM - 6.35AM Date: 2013-Jun-19 6.35AM
Station. CBC Radio 1 (Moncton) - CBAM FM Network: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation City: Moncton
Reporter. Announcer Copy Length 01 30 Province. New Brunswick
Interview: None
Note: Chiefs in Atlantic Canada are fighting a proposed change to the on reserve social assistance program. Aboriginal Affairs announced last year it was reducing social assistance rates for first Nations in the Maritimes

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Aboriginal Right Goes Through The Province
Program Information Morning - Part 1 Air Time: 6·00AM - 7:00AM Date: 2013-Jun-19 6·14AM
Station. CBC Radio 1 (Moncton) - CBAM FM Network: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation City: Moncton
Reporter Announcer Copy Length: 06.00 Province New Brunswick
Interview Dan Terrio, Lawyer representing the First Nations
Note While some shale gas protesters are trying to stop seismic testing trucks on the road others are contemplating legal action Aboriginal communities are saying they have not been consulted as is their treaty right
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Workshop in Membertou this Morning
Program. Information Morning Air Time 6.00AM - 8.38AM Date 2013-Jun-19 8·34AM
Station CBC Radio 1 (Sydney) - CBI AM Network Canadian Broadcasting Corporation City Sydney
Reporter Announcer Copy Length 01 00 Province Nova Scotia
Interview None
Note: A workshop is kicking off in Membertou this morning The workshop focuses on violence, victimization and trauma Delegates are starting to pour into the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre, one hundred and ten people have registered for the workshop, a mix of people who work in fields related to these subjects The two day workshop will offer new ideas for delivering effective intervention for abuse survivors
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First Nations Poverty
Program· CKEC News Air Time 8:00AM - 8 10AM Date: 2013-Jun-19 8 05AM
Station CKEC FM (94 1 East Coast FM) Network Hector Broadcasting Company Ltd City· New Glasgow
Reporter John LeBlanc Length 00·30 Province Nova Scotia
Interview. None
Note There is a disturbing study today that concerns native children The study from the Centre for Policy Alternatives shows that half the children of First Nations live in poverty
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Dougal MacDonald - Fwd: Questions

From: Dougal MacDonald
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Date: 8/23/2013 1 52 PM
Subject: Fwd Questions
CC: Carolyn Allen, Mark Davis, Steve Young

Denis, - can you have your staff take a look at # 4 below and provide input for my response to MO

Teresa - # 1 are you or staff familiar with the TransCanada event?

Any comments on #3

I will follow-up with Rose on #2

Sougal

>>> Melanie Book 8/21/2013 4 07 PM >>>
Hey Dougal,

[redacted]

Thanks,

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Dougal MacDonald - Re: Fw: Fwd: Fw: Elsipogtog First Nation: SIGNIGTOG MI'KMAQ RECLAIM STEWARDSHIP OF NATIVE LANDS

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Have they gone up? Pls send me a copy

>>> Steve Young 10/2/2013 12:21:12 PM >>>
we have pro active lines ready on this one, we consulted with mark yesterday

>>> Dougal MacDonald 10/2/2013 1 20 PM >>>
Mark, anything to add?

>>> Susan MacGowan 10/1/2013 1:20:56 PM >>>
See below

>>> Colleen Swords 10/1/2013 12 15 PM >>>
What does the region say?

>>> HQ Inform 10/1/2013 12 06 22 PM >>>
Elsipogtog First Nation SIGNIGTOG MI'KMAQ RECLAIM STEWARDSHIP OF NATIVE LANDS
October 1, 2013

"There will be no more of our lands being held in trust by governments "

Elsipogtog First Nation Chief and Council will announce their resolution to reclaim their stewardship over all unoccupied alleged "Crown" land The Band Council Resolution (BCR) will be publicly unveiled at a media conference at the Rexton shale gas resistance site at the junction of Highway 11 & 134 at 1 p m on Tuesday, September 30, 2013

Compelled to action by their people to save their waters, lands and animals from ruin, the Elsipogtog First Nation and Signigtog District Grand Council are reclaiming responsibility for stewardship of all unoccupied reserved native lands in their territory

The lands of the Signigtog Mi'kmaq have never been ceded or sold, for centuries, the British Crown claimed to be holding the lands in trust for them However, the Original people of the territory, together with their hereditary and elected leaders, believe that their lands and waters are being badly mismanaged by Canada, the province and corporations to the point of ruin Now facing complete destruction, they feel that the lands are no longer capable of providing enough to support the populations of the region

Because of these threats to their survival and way of life, the Mi'kmaq people of Signigtog are resuming stewardship of their lands and waters to correct the problems and are planning measures to restore them back to good health Last July, the Signigtog District Grand Council notified the province of New Brunswick that they

had served shale gas developer Southwestern Energy (SWN) with an eviction notice

Elsipogtog Chief Arren Sock states, "We will respect everyone who lives and works in our territories and respects the Treaties of Peace and Friendship and our authority over our lands We intend to be fair to everyone "

Jim Hurcomb

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ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT CANADA RESPONSE TO MEDIA

(not for external distribution - for use by spokespersons)

ISSUE:

Anti-fracking protesters have blocked Route 134 near the junction of Highway 11 in southeastern New Brunswick and have promised to do so until SWN Resources leaves the province (01/10/2013)

POSITIONING STATEMENT:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada is aware of the blockade and encourages resolution of the concerns raised by the protestors through a dialogue between the concerned parties

KEY MESSAGES

- We encourage resolution of issues through dialogue in all cases
- We recognize the public's right to engage in peaceful protests
- Where demonstrations do occur, the matter becomes a public safety issue for the consideration of policing authorities.
- All Canadians are subject to the laws of Canada and it is our expectation that respect for the law will prevail
- Working together to find common solutions is a much more constructive way of dealing with issues than planning or undertaking a blockade or protest

If pressed on a possible role for AANDC in resolving this issue:

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- The responsibility of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), with respect to land management, is limited to reserve land

- Licensing for oil and gas exploration on provincial Crown land falls under provincial jurisdiction

- The band's position does not impact upon the duties of AANDC at the present time

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BACKGROUND

These lines have been prepared in anticipation of any media call regarding the most recent (Fall 2013) protests on shale gas exploration in New Brunswick

SWN Resources Canada (www swnnb ca), a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwestern Energy Company, will resume seismic testing soon in Kent County (New Brunswick) to see if there is viable gas industry in the area In March 2010, the Province of New Brunswick accepted the company's bid for a licence to search, exploring 1 million hectares (2 5 million acres) in the province

The protesters have been holding demonstrations and blocked Route 134 Media reports state the protesters have claimed the road will remain blocked until SWN leaves the province

In a press release Sept 30, Elsipogtog Chief Arren Sock announced a Band Council Resolution to reclaim their stewardship over all unoccupied alleged "Crown" land would be publicly unveiled October 1 The Elsipogtog First Nation and the Signigtog District Grand Council state that "the Original people of the territory, together with their hereditary and elected leaders, believe that their lands and waters are being badly mismanaged by Canada, the province and corporations to the point of ruin Now facing complete destruction, they feel that the lands are no longer capable of providing enough to support the populations of the region "

The release further states that "Mi'kmaq people of Signigtog are resuming stewardship of their lands and waters to correct the problems and are planning measures to restore them back to good health "

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Dougal MacDonald - Re: Fwd: Fw: Elsipogtog First Nation: SIGNIGTOG MI'KMAQ RECLAIM STEWARDSHIP OF NATIVE LANDS

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Sue,
this is linked to shale gas exploration issue which FNs in nb have been speaking out against, and also lack of progress on treaty for nb.
Anyone can make a declaration but to act on it could lead to arrests. More important is not the legality of the declaration but some of the points below by TJ Burke and Ken Coates:
1. it shows the Idle No More side of the prov - FN relationship;
2. treaty talks too slow in NB;
3. prov cannot ignore the declaration;
4. time for a serious dialogue

CBC New Brunswick (web site)
New Brunswick, Wednesday, October 2, 2013
Shale gas development spurs treaty debate in N.B.
Ken Coates and T.J. Burke agree the provincial government needs a modern treaty with First Nations
CBC News

Aboriginal rights lawyer T.J. Burke says a move by the Elsipogtog First Nation's chief and council to reclaim its traditional territory currently held by the New Brunswick government as Crown land shouldn't come as a surprise to the Alward government.

On Tuesday, Chief Arren Sock issued an eviction notice to SWN Resources Canada as protesters continued to block Route 134 near Rexton to prevent the company from moving its exploration equipment.

'When you push a group of oppressed people into a corner, a little bit further into the corner, they're going to stand up and speak out and they don't just stand up and speak out individually they stand up and speak out united.'- T.J. Burke, lawyer representing Elsipogtog First Nation

Sock says for centuries the British Crown claimed to be holding the land in trust for his people, but since the land is being badly mismanaged First Nations people are taking it back.

Burke represents the Elsipogtog First Nation and says members of the band are being encouraged to exercise their inherent aboriginal and treaty rights, which means occupying land that is within their traditional boundaries.

"I don't think anybody from the community is going to go downtown Moncton or Richibucto or the outlying boundaries of Elsipogtog First Nation and say get out of your house this is Mi'kmaq territory," says Burke.

Ken Coates, a public policy professor at the University of Saskatchewan and the author of The Marshall Decision and Native Rights, says Sock's dramatic statement shows First Nations people in New Brunswick are becoming increasingly frustrated with the absence of a formal treaty in the province and the Maritimes.

"So I think what you're seeing is the past coming back to haunt the government of Canada and the Province of New Brunswick where the failure to resolve these issues in the past have left them open to interpretation and application in the present."

Burke also acknowledges the long-standing dispute.

"Largely in the province of New Brunswick there has never been any ceding of Crown land to the British Crown by the Mi'kmaq or Maliseet people."

Modern treaty overdue in NB

Burke warns that the province is going to have to respond and says the Alward government cannot continue to ignore the fact that members of the Elsipogtog First Nation object to the exploration for shale gas.

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What does the region say?

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Date: 10/3/2013 7 23 AM
Subject: Re Urgent request - Elsipogtog FN

That would be great Michael You folks have those contacts so better you contact them I do have a call into Patrick Francis' office (DM ab affairs)

>>> Michael Nadler 10/2/2013 11 39 55 PM >>>
Hi Dougal Do you want me to give the negotiation folks in the Province a call tomorrow to see how they are handling the file? I dont want to step on the region's' toes if folks in your office are following up already

Michael

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Ok thanks will call then

>>> "Francis, Patrick (AAS)" <Patrick Francis@gnb ca> 10/3/2013 6 32 33 AM >>>
Hi Dougal,
John is usually in the office at 8 15, we'll expect your call
457 6965 desk number
Patrick

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From Dougal MacDonald [mailto Dougal MacDonald@aandc-aadnc gc ca]
Sent Wednesday, October 02, 2013 9 41 PM
To john smith@gnb ca, Francis, Patrick (AAS)
Subject Article below

Patrick/John

Would either of you have a few minutes first thing tomorrow am to discuss the issue referenced in the article below?

Dougal

CBC New Brunswick (web site)
New Brunswick, Wednesday, October 2, 2013 Shale gas development spurs treaty debate in N B
Ken Coates and T J Burke agree the provincial government needs a modern treaty with First Nations
CBC News

Aboriginal rights lawyer T J Burke says a move by the Elsipogtog First Nation's chief and council to reclaim its traditional territory currently held by the New Brunswick government as Crown land shouldn't come as a surprise to the Alward government

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Burke represents the Elsipogtog First Nation and says members of the band are being encouraged to exercise their inherent aboriginal and treaty rights, which means occupying land that is within their traditional boundaries

"I don't think anybody from the community is going to go downtown Moncton or Richibucto or the outlying boundaries of Elsipogtog First Nation and say get out of your house this is Mi'kmaq territory," says Burke

Ken Coates, a public policy professor at the University of Saskatchewan and the author of The Marshall Decision and Native Rights, says Sock's dramatic statement shows First Nations people in New

Brunswick are becoming increasingly frustrated with the absence of a formal treaty in the province and the Maritimes

"So I think what you're seeing is the past coming back to haunt the government of Canada and the Province of New Brunswick where the failure to resolve these issues in the past have left them open to interpretation and application in the present "

Burke also acknowledges the long-standing dispute

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- In the Atlantic, the only treaties signed by the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet with the Crown were the 1760-61 Peace and Friendship treaties These treaties do NOT cede, release, or surrender Aboriginal rights or title

- There is a belief in some corners of the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet world in New Brunswick that the British Crown had committed to preserve all unoccupied Crown land for the use of the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet This is referenced in the News Release below, but not in the BCR from Elsipogtog We would need a little time to get info on whether there has been a DOJ analysis of this assertion

- After the Marshall Decision in 1999, and based on legal analyses of the Aboriginal rights context in the region, Canada began negotiating with the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet in the Atlantic provinces on two combined tracks -- the implementation of the historic Peace and Friendship Treaties and the negotiation of Aboriginal rights, including title

- In New Brunswick, we negotiate with a representative assembly of 14 Mi'kmaq and Maliseet FNs Elsipogtog is one of these FNs In our negotiations, we have achieved a Framework Agreement, which awaits signature

- Due to the March 2013 hunger strike of Jean Sock (of Elsipogtog) and Shelley Young (of Eskasoni), signing has been delayed while the Assembly conducts community engagement sessions

- The Elsipogtog Band Council Resolution is tough to follow The thread of argument seems to mix provincial Crown land with reserve land, or perhaps land where Mi'kmaq rights have been asserted The sub-text could be the belief mentioned above regarding unoccupied Crown Land

- The argument in the resolution is that the Province is spoiling the land, Canada is not protecting the environment, and the Queen who entrusted the land to Canadians (or maybe the Mi'kmaq) does not care So, given that the Elsopogtog reserve is too small to support its people, the FN is serving an eviction notice to SWN Resources Canada so that it can exercise proper land stewardship The Mi'kmaq Warriors Society seems to have indicated they will escort the staff of SWN Resources out of the province

- St Mary's'FN, which is NOT part of the NB aggregate, seems to have offered support

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Angela, given earlier traffic on this, wanted to keep Sue in the loop as it progresses. We are looped into michaels shop on this and he is share the comm products for input.

>>> John Kane 10/3/2013 10:57:20 AM >>>
Hi Michael,

Thanks very much for the quick turnaround! I'll connect with my colleague on the RO side to make sure this travels together with her parts -- cc'ing her here

John

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>>> John Kane 10/3/2013 9 54 AM >>>
Hi Michael,

As discussed, thanks!

John

>>> On 2013-10-02 at 9 16 PM, Claudia Fournier <Claudia Fournier@aadnc-aandc gc ca> wrote

Perefect - many thanks

>>> Ian Ketcheson 10/2/2013 9:08 PM >>>
As discussed with claudia, the key messages can go to mino tonight. Not the if pressed, though at this point. MO has asked for more info on land issues and it has been tasked by Daisy and DMO

Steve/sandra/john: we will need media lines that respond to the claim of stewardship over all unoccupied alleged Crown land and particularly whether we are actually negotiating with them. Dougal/gina/susan were tasked with the question tonight. Our lines should flow from the response.

>>> Claudia Fournier 10/2/2013 8 22:26 PM >>>
Wonderful -

Sandra - key messages are lifted from our generic protest lines, let me know if there are concerns

John - would TAG approve the if pressed? I think it is straightforward.

Ian - can we run quickly by TAG and RO (for the band council resolution part) and run by Bernie?

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>>> Claudia Fournier 10/2/2013 7.59 PM >>>
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http //rabble.ca/blogs/bloggers/krystalline-kraus/2013/10/activist-communique-

news-release-elsipogtog-first-nations-s

In particular, MO is looking for lines / information on the two issues

1) stewardship claim and

2) Southwestern Energy (SWN) - shale gas developer - do we have any role to play? If not, why?

we have received these lines from Atlantic region

The lines do speak to #2 - not so sure about stweardship of the land.

Do we have lines that speak to the land stewardship issue for Elsipogtog (as stated in the article)? Also, is it possible to run the lines in quick approvals - mo as requested lines for tomorrow morning

Only section 2 of the lines would require approvals as the first part is our generic lines on demonstration and protest

>>> Ronald Levesque 10/1/2013 3:15:26 PM >>> Claudia,

FYI, Proactive media lines about the blockade on Route 134 in NB. .RDG approved.

Just in case, :-)

Ron

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As the 1760 treaties were relationship agreements and did not address Aboriginal rights, these negotaitions focus on both the implementation of the historic treaty and the reconciliation of Aboriginal rights, including Aboriginal title. Canada, the Province, and the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs of New Brunswick, which represents 14 New Brunswick First Nations (including Elsipogtog), achieved an umbrella agreement for the negotiation process in 2011 and have now concluded a framework agreement which will guide all future negotiations. This framework agreement is presently awaiting signature by the parties.

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REGIONAL APPROVALS·
Steve Young, Manager, Atlantic Communications, Oct 1, 2013
Teresa Joudrie, A/RDG, Atlantic Region, Oct. 1, 2013

>>> John Kane 10/3/2013 9 54 AM >>>
Hi Michael,

As discussed, thanks!

John

>>> On 2013-10-02 at 9 16 PM, Claudia Fournier <Claudia Fournier@aadnc-aandc gc ca> wrote

> Perefect - many thanks.
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> >>> Ian Ketcheson 10/2/2013 9:08 PM >>>
> As discussed with claudia, the key messages can go to mino tonight Not the if pressed, though at this point MO has asked for more info on land issues and it has been tasked by Daisy and DMO.
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> Steve/sandra/john: we will need media lines that respond to the claim of stewardship over all unoccupied alleged Crown land and particularly whether we are actually negotiating with them. Dougal/gina/susan were tasked with the question tonight Our lines should flow from the response
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> >>> Claudia Fournier 10/2/2013 8:22:26 PM >>>
> Wonderful -
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> Sandra - key messages are lifted from our generic protest lines, let me know if there are concerns
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> John - would TAG approve the if pressed? I think it is straightforward
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> Ian - can we run quickly by TAG and RO (for the band council resolution part) and run by Bernie?
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> ISSUE
> Anti-fracking protesters have blocked Route 134 near the junction of Highway 11 in southeastern New Brunswick and have promised to do so until SWN Resources leaves the province (01/10/2013)
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> POSITIONING STATEMENT
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> Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada is aware of the blockade and encourages resolution of the concerns raised by the protestors through a dialogue between the concerned parties
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> KEY MESSAGES

•We encourage resolution of issues through dialogue in all cases.

•We recognize the publics right to engage in peaceful protests.

•Where demonstrations do occur, the matter becomes a public safety issue for the consideration of policing authorities.

•All Canadians are subject to the laws of Canada and it is our expectation that respect for the law will prevail.

•Working together to find common solutions is a much more constructive way of dealing with issues than planning or undertaking a blockade or protest.

If pressed on a possible role for AANDC in resolving this issue:

•The responsibility of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), with respect to land management, is limited to reserve land

•Licensing for oil and gas exploration on provincial Crown land falls under provincial jurisdiction.

•The bands position does not impact upon the duties of AANDC at the present time.

BACKGROUND

These lines have been prepared in anticipation of any media call regarding the most recent (Fall 2013) protests on shale gas exploration in New Brunswick

SWN Resources Canada (www.swnnb.ca), a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwestern Energy Company, will resume seismic testing soon in Kent County (New Brunswick) to see if there is viable gas industry in the area. In March 2010, the Province of New Brunswick accepted the companys bid for a licence to search, exploring 1 million hectares (2.5 million acres) in the province

The protesters have been holding demonstrations and blocked Route 134. Media reports state the protesters have claimed the road will remain blocked until SWN leaves the province.

In a press release Sept. 30, Elsipogtog Chief Arren Sock announced a Band Council Resolution to reclaim their stewardship over all unoccupied alleged Crown land would be publicly unveiled October 1 The Elsipogtog First Nation and the Signigtog District Grand Council state that the Original people of the territory, together with their hereditary and elected leaders, believe that their lands and waters are being badly mismanaged by Canada, the province and corporations to the point of ruin. Now facing complete destruction, they feel that the lands are no longer capable of providing enough to support the populations of the region

The release further states that Mi'kmaq people of Signigtog are resuming stewardship of their lands and waters to correct the problems and are planning measures to restore them back to good health.

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Steve Young, Manager, Atlantic Communications, Oct. 1, 2013
Teresa Joudrie, A/RDG, Atlantic Region, Oct. 1, 2013

>>> Claudia Fournier 10/2/2013 7 59 PM >>>
Hi -

MO is asking for lines to respond to the following article -
http //rabble.ca/blogs/bloggers/krystalline-kraus/2013/10/activist-communique-news-release-elsipogtog-first-nations-s

In particular, MO is looking for lines / information on the two issues

1) stewardship claim and

2) Southwestern Energy (SWN) - shale gas developer - do we have any role to play? If not, why?

we have received these lines from Atlantic region

The lines do speak to #2 - not so sure about stweardship of the land

Do we have lines that speak to the land stewardship issue for Elsipogtog (as stated in the

article)? Also, is it possible to run the lines in quick approvals - mo as requested lines for tomorrow morning.

Only section 2 of the lines would require approvals as the first part is our generic lines on demonstration and protest

>>> Ronald Levesque 10/1/2013 3:15:26 PM >>> Claudia,

FYI, Proactive media lines about the blockade on Route 134 in NB...RDG approved.

Just in case, ·-)

Ron

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Dougal MacDonald - ATLANTIC REGION WEEKEND MEDIA ROUNDUP

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Guest opinion: A future for The Farm (PEI)
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Shale gas protesters partially reopen Route 134 (NB)

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The Chronicle Herald (Halifax, NS)
News, Tuesday, October 15, 2013, p. A9
Fredericton; Injunction extended in fracking protest

A court injunction issued against shale gas protesters blocking a highway in New Brunswick has been extended.
A public relations firm hired by SWN Resources says an injunction granted earlier this month to end the blockade of its compound on Highway 134 near Rexton has been extended until Oct. 21.

It also says a hearing will be held in Moncton on Oct. 18 to allow SWN Resources to request another extension if needed.

The RCMP have not enforced the injunction.

The protesters, which include members of the Elsipogtog community, want SWN Resources to stop seismic testing and leave the province.

Premier David Alward and Chief Arren Sock met this week and agreed to set up a working group to work towards a resolution

Opponents of the shale gas sector say the process used to extract the resource - hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking - could pollute drinking water

But proponents of the industry say such concerns are overblown and don't take into account the possibility of replacing coal and oil with cleaner-burning natural gas. (CP)

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The Guardian (Charlottetown)
Editorial, Tuesday, October 15, 2013, p. A6
Letters
Sark pays big honour

Editor:
I attended the Symons Lecture symposium Thursday afternoon at the Confederation Centre. The guest speaker was former Prime Minister Right Honorable Paul Martin, who talked about the aboriginal people and the sad fact that they were not invited to the Conference on Confederation 150 years ago.

His speech was fantastic, as he understands the problems that our people are up against because the federal government, although we have won several court battles that affirmed the validity of our treaties, still won't implement our aboriginal and treaty rights

After his speech I presented him with an eagle feather on behalf of the Mi'kmaq Grand Council, the Native Council and the Mi'kmaq People This is one of the highest honors that a Mi'kmaq person can give to another person.

I also told him that real self-government must involve the Mi'kmaq Grand Council, which is the traditional government, and that the Mi'kmaq people must come together and decide on what they want as self-government, because the answers are within us.

Dr. John Joe Sark LLD,
Keptin of the Mi'kmaq Grand Council for the District of Epekwitk (P E I)

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The Coast Guard (Shelburne, NS), no. Vol. 143 No. 42
News, Tuesday, October 15, 2013, p. 12
Provincial economic commission to return to Shelburne to share report

A provincial commission says Nova Scotians must tackle a set of new global economic realities to have vibrant, healthy communities full of people with skills and opportunities.
This key finding from the Nova Scotia Commission on Building Our New Economy will be a central topic for discussion in upcoming community meetings around the province. Starting Oct. 15, the Commission will be discussing findings from its Interim Report and their implications for households, businesses and communities.

Commission chair and Acadia University president Ray Ivany has no doubt that Nova Scotians are up for the challenge. "We're creative people with an amazing array of assets to build with," says Ivany. "But we need to find new ways to collaborate, to innovate, and to connect the world with the things we do best - and that's what we'll be discussing this fall."

The Interim Report and meeting schedule can be found at www.onens ca. Feedback at meetings and online will inform the Commission's final report, expected early in 2014.

Along with a presentation and group discussions, the meetings will feature live digital polling on questions about Nova Scotia's economy state and priorities of those in attendance.

The sixteen community sessions will culminate with a province-wide virtual town hall on Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 6:30 p m. to 8:30 p.m., in collaboration with the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC).

Costas Halavrezos, former CBC radio host and current spice entrepreneur, will host the interactive webcast which will take place on the NSCC Waterfront Campus in Dartmouth and online at

www.onens.ca/vth.

"I'm happy to see the Commission use this method to invite citizens of all generations to share personal insights and ideas at this critical point in our history The virtual town hall is a great addition to the toolbox of democracy," said. Halavrezos

The community sessions in Shelburne will be held Tuesday, Oct 22, at 2 p m at the Shelburne Fire Hall

That evening representative will take their presentation to Yarmouth at 7 p m , at the Rodd Grand.

The Nova Scotia Commission on Building our New Economy was established by the Province in November 2012 to engage Nova Scotians in meaningful, informed conversations about economic opportunities and challenges; and to identify, with Nova Scotians, new directions to create prosperity in all regions of the province.

The volunteer Commission members are. Ray Ivany, president of Acadia University (chair); Dan Christmas, senior advisor, Membertou; Irene d'Entremont, president of ITG Information Management; Suzanna Fuller, marine conservation co-ordinator, Ecology Action Centre; and John Bragg, founder and CEO, Oxford Group of Companies.

People can leave comments and view the interim report at www onens.ca.

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Injonction contre les opposants au gaz de schiste au N.-B. rallongée
La Presse Canadienne

FREDERICTON - Une injonction de la cour empêchant des manifestants opposés au gaz de schiste de bloquer une autoroute au Nouveau-Brunswick a été rallongée

Une firme de relations publiques embauchée par SWN Resources affirme que l'injonction accordée plus tôt ce mois-ci afin de mettre un terme au blocage de l'autoroute 134 près de Rexon a été allongée jusqu'au 21 octobre

La firme rapporte aussi qu'une audience se tiendra à Moncton le 18 octobre afin de permettre à SWN Resources de réclamer une autre prolongation, si nécessaire

La GRC n'a pas appliqué l'injonction.

Les manifestants, parmi lesquels on compte des membres de la communauté mi'gmaq Elsipogtog, veulent que SWN Resources cesse les essais sismiques et quitte la province.

Le premier ministre David Alward et le chef Arren Sock se sont rencontrés cette semaine et ont convenu de mettre sur pied un comité de travail qui cherchera une résolution au conflit.

Les opposants à l'exploitation des gaz de schiste soutiennent que le procédé de fracturation hydraulique utilisé pour extraire le gaz pourrait contaminer l'eau potable.

Les promoteurs de l'industrie, eux, affirment que ces inquiétudes sont exagérées et ne tiennent pas compte de la possibilité de remplacer le charbon et le pétrole par des combustibles naturels plus écologiques.

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The Aurora (Labrador City, NL), no. Vol. 44 No. 28
Front, Monday, October 14, 2013, p. A1
'Great feeling'
McGrath ready to tackle Transportation & Works portfolio
Bonnie Learning, TC Media

The Minister Responsible for Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs was handed one of the biggest portfolios in cabinet last week.

Nick McGrath was named Minister of Transportation and Works, in addition to his current duties.

'It's a great feeling when the Premier calls you up and tells you she's pleased with your work and she's promoting you," said Min. McGrath on Thursday morning.

"But I am also a little nervous - this is a large department to wrap your head around."

McGrath said through his role as Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs, he is "very up to speed" on the Trans Labrador Highway file, from one end to the other.

"We have come a long way," he said. "Phase I is ahead of schedule and there is only about 60 kilometers left to pave. Many people have told me it is a pleasure to drive - something you didn't hear 25 years ago."

McGrath acknowledges the highway from Red Bay to Lodge Bay is in "rough shape" but pointed out it is a part of the highway that is under construction.

"People do need to remember it is under construction," he said

"We have a crusher in there now - which I requested of the former Minister of Transportation and Works - so we'll put some top on the worst spots to make it safer and accessible. But we have to be fiscally prudent as well. We can't spend $1 or $2 million dollars on class A gravel, only to have to tear it up when that part of the road is ready to be reconstructed."

McGrath also noted the major work completed on the Goose Bay to Cartwright junction this year and says everything is moving forward at a steady pace.

Hamilton River Road

McGrath said the increase in industrial traffic due to Muskrat Falls will be monitored, especially as it impacts Hamilton River Road - the main drag through Happy Valley-Goose Bay - which falls under the Department of Transportation and Works.

"There will be heavy traffic through that area for the next 18-24 months, but we can't put the cart before the horse," he said.

"Once the equipment is in (for Muskrat Falls), if it needs to be resurfaced and repairs need to be done at that time, it will be looked at.

"But we can't make decisions (about repair) based on anticipated (damage) "

Ferry services

McGrath pointed out the Department have also planned for the building of two new ferries for Labrador - one each for the north coast and the Straits.

"They will be roll-on, roll-off vessels," he noted. "We have a target date of 2016 for these vessels to be completed and in service."

McGrath added there would also be a 15-year tender in place for these new ships.

"This will be a large investment for some company; we need to make it worth their while," he said

Lab West

As the MHA for Labrador West, McGrath said he realizes there will be big expectations of him in his new role.

"I feel I have worked diligently over the last two years, I have worked hard and I will continue to do that," he said.

Figure: TC Media file
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Nick McGrath was handed another portfolio in the Oct. 9th cabinet shuffle - Transportation and Works.

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The Aurora (Labrador City, NL), no. Vol. 44 No. 28
Editorial, Monday, October 14, 2013, p. A4
Hope is not lost

Like many others in Labrador, I was simply astounded by CBC's John Furlong's article "Trouble in Natuashish comes from the top." His description of the Innu people of Sheshatshiu is extremely generalized, exaggerated, and negative.
Furlong wrote, in part:

"Perhaps they have all lost hope. Perhaps that's why they present themselves the way they do. Expressionless, silent, brooding, uncommunicative. It comes across as menacing and arrogant, but it's just the way they are. It's not the way we are. It's just the way they are.

And because they are that way, they are barely tolerated by most of the white community in Goose Bay, disliked and mistrusted by many.

It doesn't help that some of the most visible of the Innu are the most problematic. In the summer time, you can see them stagger out, or being thrown out, of a couple of hotels in Goose Bay, fall asleep in the woods and awaken in the morning, and stumble out like zombies. The Walking Dead."

That is just one sample of how Mr. Furlong describes the Innu. But my past and current experiences with these people do not fit that description at all.

I grew up one kilometre away from Sheshatshiu, in the town of North West River, and made a lot of good friends and met a lot of good people since I was a kid. In fact, one of my best friends in elementary school was an Innu boy, who would have looked out for me on the playground no matter what.

As a teenager, I played hockey with some great Innu athletes who displayed hard work, dedication and a will to win... not lifeless zombies that Furlong's article depicts.

The year after I finished minor hockey, Happy Valley-Goose Bay hosted the provincial Midget D championship. I remember watching the tournament fondly, not just because team Lake Melville won the championship, but due to the image of the team. All three central Labrador communities were represented - North West River, Goose Bay, and five great athletes from Sheshatshiu. In fact, three of those Innu hockey players formed the popular "Innu line." The trio scored a ton of goals, including the championship winner - scored by James Nuna - who flew through the air Bobby Orr-style after shooting the puck. The EJ Broomfield Arena was such a tremendous sight. There weren't enough seats to fill the crowd. People from Sheshatshiu, North West River and Happy Valley-Goose Bay were all

cheering together.

This is the advantage of spending so many youthful years across the river from Sheshatshiu; you see the good along with the bad Being so close means that you will play sports with the Innu, bond with them, share school trips etc.. By the time I was a teenager I saw more similarities than differences in us.

The Innu people have always been kind to me. Back in the day, before I had my license, people from Sheshatshiu would always give me rides when I was hitchhiking back and forth from Goose Bay, while many other cars would leave me out in the cold. If there was room in back of a truck, I could always count n a kind Innu person to pick me up. After reading Furlong's article, one would get the impression that nothing is happening in Sheshatshiu, no improvements and no positive changes.

He writes:

"The community continues to exist. That's all it does It doesn't live and breathe with its own rhythm like other communities. It just exists. Amid a collective arrogance that co-exists with a collective malaise."

But I've seen many strides happening to Sheshatshiu, especially with the new Innu School

When I grew up, our neighbours who attended the now-replaced Peenamin McKenzie School often had no graduates This year, there were eight graduates, all of whom I've met and interviewed, all of who are planning careers and post secondary education.

I don't see a hopeless community in absolute chaos. I see a community that has some serious problems, yet has some tremendous people who can and will make the town better. I'm writing this because I don't want a group of people to be painted with the same brush. The two Innu communities have some serious problems facing them, no doubt. But hope is not lost, for I've seen great strides made over the years first hand.

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The Aurora (Labrador City, NL), no. Vol. 44 No. 28
News, Monday, October 14, 2013, p. A5
Clarification

In the Oct. 7 edition of The Aurora, a news release issued by Carol A. Chafe, of the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth on Oct. 2 and titled The Health and Safety Needs of Children and Youth in Natuashish - was included as a "Letter to the Editor." This was, in fact, a Position Statement, and should not have been inclued in our Letters section. The Aurora aplogizes for any confusion or misrepresentation this error may have caused

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The Labradorian (Happy Valley - Goose Bay, NL), no. Vol. 39 No. 42
News, Monday, October 14, 2013, p. A2
New faces in cabinet, others shuffled
TELEGRAM STAFF, TC Media

Premier Kathy Dunderdale made big changes to her cabinet Wednesday morning trying to revitalize her government halfway through the mandate.

The biggest move was government stalwart Tom Marshall going back to the Department of Finance, a position he's held in the past.

Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs, Nick McGrath, has been named as Minister of Transportation and Works.

Joan Shea went to minister of Environment; Kevin O'Brien went to Advanced Education and Skills; Charlene Johnson was moved to Innovation, Business and Rural Development; and Derrick Dalley became minister of Natural Resources

Keith Hutchings became minister of Fisheries; Paul Davis took over Child, Youth and Family Services; Nick McGrath became minister of Transportation; Steve Kent became Municipal Affairs minister; and Dan Crummell became minister of Service NL.

It was Jerome Kennedy's resignation as finance minister and the promise to eliminate one cabinet position got the ball rolling, but Dunderdale made more changes than that.

In total, 10 cabinet ministers are taking on new posts and Dan Crummell and Steve Kent joined the government's inner circle

Felix Collins and Tom Hedderson are no longer in cabinet.

All of this comes against the backdrop of Dunderdale's personal approval rating at an all time low, and the PC Party third place in the polls, well behind both the Liberals and the NDP.

The swearing-in ceremony for cabinet ministers is took place in the Drawing Room at Government House in St. John's on Wednesday.

"We have a dedicated and strong team of Cabinet ministers who each bring with them a wealth of knowledge and personal experience that allows us all to ensure we continue to make decisions that are in the best interests of the people of this province," said Premier Dunderdale.

"I am pleased to welcome two new ministers to my Cabinet, and I want to thank existing ministers who are taking on new portfolios and others who will continue to lead their departments with the skill and passion they have demonstrated in the past."

The Premier also announced the fulfillment of a Budget 2013 commitment to reduce Cabinet by one member, bringing the total number of ministers to 15, by bringing together the Department of Municipal Affairs and the Intergovernmental Affairs Secretariat. The Premier also announced today that Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs will be combined into one office.

"We have to be ever mindful of our government's fiscal responsibility," said Premier Dunderdale. "On Budget Day I committed to demonstrate that responsibility within my own Cabinet. The repositioning of the intergovernmental affairs mandate within a new department and the realignment of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs allows us to achieve cost savings."

Figure· Keith Gosse photo
There were some new faces added to cabinet, while other were shuffled out completely, when Premier Dunderdale made changes to her cabinet on Wednesday, following the previous week's resignation of Jerome Kennedy

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The Labradorian (Happy Valley - Goose Bay, NL), no. Vol. 39 No. 42
Sports, Monday, October 14, 2013, p. B4
'Immediate intervention' needed for gas-sniffing problem: MHA
DEREK MONTAGUE

Torngat Mountains MHA Randy Edmunds is calling on the provincial government to take immediate action to help troubled youth in Natuashish who have been sniffing gas.

"Well the government doesn't know what to do. ... There needs to be immediate intervention," said Edmunds during an interview with TC Media on Thursday. "I think the kids need to be removed from that environment where they have access to gas before there is permanent brain damage or worse."

When asked if he thinks children should be taken outside the Innu community for treatment, he said, "Whatever it takes to save these young people."

But Edmunds said removing troubled youth from their homes would only be a short-term fix There also needs to be a long-term solution in place, but finding such a solution will not be easy given the complexity of the issue.

"I've racked my brains over this. . . You can have all the solutions in the world, but you need participation; you need the community to be involved," Edmunds said.

Edmunds isn't the only public official speaking about the plight of troubled youth in Natuashish. On Thursday, Carol Chafe, Newfoundland and Labrador's Child and Youth Advocate, issued a statement asking leaders to take action against the ongoing gas-sniffing issue in the Innu community.

"Once again, I am publicly addressing solvent abuse among children in Natuashish, and at this time I am asking all government departments and community leaders involved: what is it going to take to ensure the safety of children and youth in Natuashish?" said Chafe in the statement. "Now is the time to respond to this crisis before critical injury or death of a child occurs as a result of solvent abuse."

Chafe as been the province's child and youth advocate for the past three years, and she said has monitored the situation in Natuashish during that time. In an interview with TC Media on Friday, she said it is getting worse.

"I view it as definitely growing, increasing, escalating. ... I hear that there's younger children, some aged six and seven, that are being enticed to gas sniff by older children," said Chafe. "I hear they're more blatantly out in the open doing gas sniffing, as opposed to off in the woods, which was the practice before."

Much like Edmunds, Chafe wants action to be taken to ensure the immediate safety of children in the community.

"I feel that with any child, whatever is determined necessary to ensure the safety and protection of the child has to occur," said Chafe. "The key thing here has to be the safety of the children."

Chafe stressed that the gas-sniffing epidemic is not an isolated issue in Natuashish but a product of a large community problem.

"Unfortunately, it is an impact of the overall unwellness of the community and the adults in the community," said Chafe. "I'm certain there are some parents and adults who are striving to do their best, but I've heard from members from the community themselves that a lot of the parents need help themselves."

The Department of Child, Youth and Family Services (CFYS) currently employs one social worker and two community support workers in Natuashish Right now there are 52 children in care through CYFS, 17 of whom are in care because of solvent abuse issues.

CFYS Minister Charlene Johnson has been unavailable this week to do an interview. A department spokesperson, however, sent a statement to TC Media, saying that CYFS continues to work with Innu leaders on the issue

"The Department of Child, Youth and Family Services continues to work with the Mushuau Innu Band Council to address issues around solvent abuse in the community of Natuashish. Ultimately, the health and well-being of children and youth depends upon a safe, secure and nurturing environment

at home and in the community, which is best achieved by the cooperation of all parties with responsibilities to and for the Mushuau Innu," the statement read.

"CYFS continues to provide protective intervention services to the children and youth of Natuashish and to work with all stakeholders involved in supporting families in the community (i.e. the department identifies ways families can keep their child safe such as seeking out the children in the night time, as well as working out a safety plan with family members who can assist the parents in monitoring their child to prevent them from solvent abuse) "

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Cape Breton Post
Cape Breton, Saturday, October 12, 2013, p. A3
Scholarships help aboriginal students become correctional officers

New scholarships offered with funding from the province are assisting aboriginal students from Cape Breton to enrol in the correctional officer training program at Holland College in Charlottetown, P.E.I Acting captain Jordan Francis, who works at the Cape Breton Correctional Centre, said he's been able to incorporate Mi'kmaq traditions such as sweat ceremonies and other cultural-based programs into the correctional facility.

"It shows we have something to offer the Mi'kmaq people As the only Mi'kmaq corrections officer on the island, it means a lot to me," said Francis, a member of the Eskasoni First Nation

He said he hopes the scholarship program is effective in attracting more Mi'kmaq to the profession.

"It'll be nice to see another aboriginal corrections officer come in here, because the need is there "

This year, Holland College accepted four applications from Eskasoni residents and one each from Potlotek in Cape Breton and Millbrook, which is in the Truro area.

In May, the provincial government announced it would provide $57,000 to fund four scholarships available to Mi'kmaq students from across Nova Scotia.

The students, who started school last month, will also be provided with on-the-job placements with Nova Scotia Correctional Services

The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs was charged with awarding the scholarships through the Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office

"Recruitment for these positions was held this summer in each of the Mi'kmaq communities, with Holland College making the final selection from the qualified applicants," Chief Janette Peterson, the

assembly's lead chief on justice, said in an email.

"This funding was extended by the Nova Scotia Aboriginal Employment Partnership to include two more students."

When the scholarship program was announced in the spring, she said this was part of an "improved process of justice for aboriginal people" and will create a better relationship between the Mi'kmaq and the Canadian justice system.

Peterson said the provincial incarceration rate for aboriginals is at about 12 per cent, however only two per cent of the workforce identifies as a person of aboriginal descent.

"The goal is to have correctional officer representation equal inmate proportions," she said

"We are working to figure out why the employment rates are lower, not just with corrections officers, but for all positions in this field "

The assembly is continuing to work with the Department of Justice to determine the barriers to aboriginals entering this line of work - including lack of training, difficulty with the interview process and few opportunities close to home - and what can be done to overcome them, Peterson added

Currently there are approximately 250 correctional officers employed in five correctional facilities in the province.

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Mi'kmaq keen to share proud past, beautiful culture, aspirations

Nova Scotia is blessed by diversity. Every year, we eagerly gather in large numbers to celebrate the customs and traditions of people of Scottish, Irish, Acadian, African, Lebanese, Greek and Italian descent, along with others.
All of these cultures enrich our province, our lives and our understanding of one another. Ironically for the Mi'kmaq, who lived here for more than 11,000 years, it has been a struggle to introduce our proud history and rich culture to our fellow Nova Scotians.

This October marks the 20th anniversary of Mi'kmaq History Month. Posters decorate school and office walls, speeches are given and press releases are sent out, yet there still remains a reluctance on the part of many Nova Scotians to participate in the many events held throughout the province that will help them better understand who we are as a people.

Many who take the time to read this article likely don't know that the Mi'kmaq have seven sacred teachings or that the eagle feather has special significance within our culture and in our ceremonies.

Many others may not know that the Mi'kmaq who fought to secure the democratic freedoms of those who lived in distant lands returned home only to be denied the right to vote in the country they bravely and proudly served.

And many more may not know that our culture honours and respects the wisdom and word of our elders, and that despite the atrocities carried out at residential schools run by the Catholic Church, the vast majority of Mi'kmaq remain devout Catholics who continue to fill their churches, while many other churches see their numbers dwindle

As Mi'kmaq, we are proud of our history and culture That is why Mi'kmaw communities throughout Nova Scotia proudly celebrate Mi'kmaq History Month and frequently host local powwows that showcase our music, food, dance, storytelling, beautiful regalia and crafts

These family-friendly gatherings - which are open to people of all ages, cultures and beliefs - are an opportunity to build bridges of understanding and friendship and to challenge many of the myths and misconceptions that still beset our people.

Sadly, despite our efforts to reach out to more Nova Scotians of non-aboriginal descent, few take up our offer. To help change this, the Mi'kmaw community has come together to offer and promote a broader range of events that celebrate our culture, and has launched a new website and initiated an active social media campaign designed to reach out to more Nova Scotians.

We hope that the next time you see the posters on your office wall or in your child's classroom announcing Mi'kmaq History Month, you will know that our offer to welcome you and your family to our communities, to share in our rich culture and understand our proud history is earnest, sincere and open-ended.

We are confident that when you learn more about our proud past, experience first-hand our beautiful culture and understand our aspirations for the future, it will open your eyes, warm your heart and help you get to know us better.

Please visit www.mikmaqhistory.com for more information on our history and culture and for a list of community events we hope you will come and enjoy.

Deborah Ginnish, executive director Mi'kmaq Association for Cultural Studies

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Vigil calls for action on behalf of 600 missing, murdered aboriginal women
Corinne Fitzherbert victoria star

TOBIQUE FIRST NATION - Nikah Meekis said she can't help but become emotional when she speaks about the murdered and missing aboriginal women and girls in Canada.

"I've seen my friends go through this ... we've seen our sisters, our mothers," Meekis said. "The message is getting out there We are calling on all levels of government to work with aboriginal women and representative organizations ... One year ago, the Native Women's Association of Canada launched a petition calling for a national public inquiry. Completed forms have arrived each day, filled with signatures as well as messages of solidarity."

Meekis was among the participants in the sixth annual Sisters in Spirit Vigil held at Tobique First Nation on Oct. 4. Approximately 600 cases of murdered or missing aboriginal women and girls have been documented by the Native Women's Association of Canada and the vigil is held to draw attention to those numbers and to promote dialogue The petition will be submitted to the federal government on Oct. 18 as part of a national day of action.

Vigil organizing committee member Tanna Pirie-Wilson said when they started their Sisters in Spirit vigils in the community six years ago, the group was small.

"We started with seven people," she said. "But it keeps on getting bigger and bigger "

Only 10 vigils were held across the country when the movement began but the Tobique First Nation event is one of more than 200 today.

"So we're taking part in a national social movement to bring light to this human rights violation against our women," Pirie-Wilson added.

Meekis said she has been in other communities for their Sisters in Spirit vigils and is impressed with the support it receives at Tobique.

"For the size of our community, this is a really good group," Meekis said.

Following an opening prayer in Maliseet by Iris Nicholas and Kira Wilson, offerings were made around the sacred fire while the women's drumming group played and sang. Led by the RCMP and shawl dancers carrying the Sisters in Spirit banner, participants then marched from the Neqotkuk Health Centre to St. Ann's Catholic Church to light candles in honour of the murdered and missing women A minute of silence followed.

Pirie-Wilson noted that when the annual powwow was held at Tobique during the summer, seven walk for justice members came to the community en route from Nova Scotia to British Columbia. Their families were directly impacted by violence against aboriginal women.

"Those families are missing their loved ones," Pirie-Wilson said "They're missing their daughters,

they're missing their sisters, their cousins, their aunts."

Pirie-Wilson said the Sisters in Spirit movement started with a daughter's vision for justice after her mother disappeared. The daughter looked to authorities for answers for 12 years before receiving a police statement.

"It is with great respect and honour that our community brings awareness to this movement for social change," Pirie-Wilson said

Women are the life-givers of communities, the organizer added, and deserve to be cared for.

"They are our family members," Pirie-Wilson affirmed. "Let's take care of our families and this is a good way to start here today, showing that we want to take care of our sisters and families. Let's demand the government do something about this pervasive human rights atrocity."

Pirie-Wilson thanked all those who helped to organize the vigil and took part in it, including the youth shawl dancers

"I'm so proud of you. You've found your spirit at a very young age," Pirie-Wilson told them

Following a feast, balloons and lanterns were launched in honour of the missing and murdered women.

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Enforce injunction: lawyer
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MONCTON - RCMP have been complicit in the illegal actions of protesters on Route 134, a lawyer for SWN Resources Canada Inc. told a Moncton court Friday.

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He said SWN has an injunction that prevents protesters from intimidating, blocking the compound, blocking the road, and many other activities, yet police won't stop what's happening.

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Premier David Alward and First Nations leaders have held meetings, and a working group was put together to try to resolve this dispute.

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"We clearly tried to serve the papers at the protest, and the RCMP did not render assistance to us in that endeavour," said the lawyer, adding that after last Sunday, they stopped trying.

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Hayes argued that the protesters are well aware of the injunction, quoting some of them referring to it in Brunswick News newspapers and on social media. Rideout said that doesn't qualify as service and suggested if SWN buys ads and publishes the order in a local newspaper, that would be sufficient, which SWN agreed to do

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Time for action

While it is gratifying to see that a Moncton court yesterday granted a 10-day extension on an injunction obtained more than a week ago by SWN Resources - intended to control activities by protesters at a blockade of Route 134 in Kent County - it is equally mystifying that no action has been undertaken to serve it.

The injunction would empower the RCMP to open the road and permit the exploration company to go about its legitimate business of exploring for natural gas in our region. This, setting aside any illegal activities which have occurred at the site and which could have been dealt with earlier in our view

Felling trees, setting fires in the roadway or uttering threats as have either been alleged or directly observed can be investigated and prosecuted by the police without benefit of a court injunction

Delays in service appear to relate entirely to ongoing talks between the provincial government of David Alward and the band government of Elsipogtog First Nation. That might explain why the court also said it would consider granting intervenor status to Elsipogtog's legal counsel - present at yesterday's proceedings - when the matter is further considered in court this coming Friday.

But there is no reasonable explanation for these ongoing talks The protesters are said to be a mixture of First Nations activists and various environmental groups. Among them, there seems to be a good deal of confusion or possibly conflict about what motivates these protests. Some protesters say they are there because they believe gas extraction will adversely affect water quality; others say they are there to promote native land claims. Among the latter group there are also statements to the effect the land claim stance relates to new treaty claims, which are said to be in the offing but at the moment at least can fairly be described as hypothetical in our view.

Thus, for the murkiest of reasons, SWN is running out of time in the current exploration season and work we believe is important to the future of the province is being delayed. Service and enforcement of the injunction are overdue.

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Judge extends shale gas injunction
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Lawyer offers insight into injunctions
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Court injunctions are largely civil matters, but it seems the police still have a role to play.

As Court of Queen's Bench Justice George Rideout yesterday extended an injunction he had granted to SWN Resources on Oct. 3, the spokeswoman for the New Brunswick RCMP said the police force remains focused on maintaining public safety and allowing negotiations to bring an impasse between the exploration company and protesters to a peaceful resolution.

SWN Resources sought the original injunction after protesters blocked a driveway to a compound just outside Rexton, where it is storing exploration vehicles and equipment in its search for natural gas deposits in deep underground shale.

The protesters later blocked Highway 134 on either side of the driveway after felling a number of trees.

Premier David Alward and Elsipogtog First Nation chief Arren Sock have been negotiating personally, though it remains unclear if Sock speaks for all of the protesters. While many of the protesters are members of the Elsipogtog First Nation, a significant number are Mi'kmaq from around the Atlantic region. Still other protesters are non-native.

Nevertheless, with negotiations happening, the RCMP's Constable Jullie Rogers-Marsh said their role would be to simply maintain the peace. She also noted, "There is nothing in this injunction that says the RCMP must act within a certain period of time."

Clarence Bennett is a lawyer with the Fredericton office of Stewart McKelvey. Because labour law is one of his areas of specialization, he often works in the world of court injunctions. He agreed to speak as an outside observer with no connection to those involved.

"The RCMP is playing a bit of a game here," Bennett said, though he was sympathetic to the position the federal police force finds itself in

"They want to be seen as not taking sides or escalating the situation "

However, regardless of how an injunction is written, Bennett said, "the RCMP has to enforce the injunction when there's unlawful behaviour."

He suggested blocking a highway with fallen trees is indeed unlawful behaviour. After Bennett spoke to a reporter, however, it was learned the trees that had been blocking much of the road for two weeks have now been removed.

In general terms, if a company like SWN Resources has gotten an injunction, it is up to the company to have a third-party civilian representative (not police) to serve the injunction. In most labour disputes, even nasty ones, if an injunction is granted, process servers would be hired to hand out multiple copies to as many people involved as possible, and copies would be posted "on every pole" at the site of a dispute Rarely do the process servers, as messengers, encounter any threat to their safety, however unwelcome their message might be.

In this case, the original injunction has still not been served on the protesters 10 days after it was issued, something Bennett finds "strange."

As someone whose job has often been to draft injunctions and submit them for a judge's approval, Bennett said, "normally we'd build into our injunction how we're going to serve it "

Justice Rideout expressed concern at yesterday's hearing that the injunction had not been served. However, he extended the injunction 10 days, until Oct. 21, to allow for the order to be published in the newspaper, which would count as service.

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Residential fire on Kingsclear First Nation quickly extinguished
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Firefighters were able to get a fire under control quickly at a home on the Kingsclear First Nation on Friday evening.

Upper Kingsclear Fire Department spokesman Adam Mitton said the call came into the department at about 5 p.m. Friday in regard to a house fire on the reserve.

"There was no one in the residence at the time," he said

Firefighters were able to knock the blaze down in a few minutes, Mitton said, as it was confined to one area of the home.

"There was a fair amount of smoke damage to the house," he said, noting there didn't appear to be much structural damage.

Firefighters from the Upper Kingsclear and Kingsclear First Nation fire departments responded to the call, Mitton said, with four trucks on scene.

RCMP officers responded to the incident as well

Mitton said the cause of the blaze is under investigation by the fire marshal's office. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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Mi'kmaq to conduct ritual for moose; Ceremony intended to honour rare animal, offer lesson to hunters who killed it
Mary Ellen Macintyre

A ceremony involving the pure white hide of what Mi'kmaq consider a sacred moose will take place

next week for the benefit of the hapless hunters who shot the anımal

"They dıdn't know ıt was a spırıt anımal, and all we could do was ask them ın a good way for the hıde of the animal and they happıly saıd they would gıve it to us," Emmett Peters, a Mı'kmaq elder, saıd Frıday ın a telephone interview.

The three maınland hunters shot the albıno moose ın the Cape Breton Highlands last week When a photo of the rare whıte moose showed up on Facebook, many Mı'kmaq were ın shock.

"It ıs considered a spırıt anımal - very rare and unique - and ın our tradıtıon, ıt ıs wrong to shoot a spirıt anımal and can brıng bad luck to the hunter," saıd Chief Bob Gloade of Mıllbrook Fırst Natıon

Jım Hnatıuk of Hnatıuk's Huntıng and Fıshıng ın Elmsdale put the pıctures on Facebook for a contest hıs store ıs holdıng

"Well, when they brought ıt ın here, we put ıt on Facebook lıke we always do, and we sure dıd get a lot of calls about it," said Hnatıuk, who ıs speakıng for the medıa-shy hunters

"I've done ıntervıews wıth reporters in Parıs, England, Germany and New York.

"I've had albıno anımals ın here before and we never had thıs kınd of publicity."

Hnatıuk has been ın the busıness for over 30 years and had never encountered a white moose.

"If those hunters knew the sıgnıficance of thıs spirıt anımal, they never would have shot ıt," he saıd.

"It's not like they broke the law, and you would have a better chance to be struck by lightning than to spot an albıno moose "

Hnatıuk ıs also a taxıdermıst, and he's curıng the animal's hıde. He plans to hand ıt over to Peters next week.

"A bull moose can run between 800 and 1,200 pounds Thıs one wasn't partıcularly bıg, but it had a good rack and was pure whıte "

Peters saıd the hıde wıll be taken to a sweat lodge.

"We wıll have the hıde ın the (lodge), along wıth the hunters and a native Department of Natural Resources guy, and we wıll pray, asking the creator that no bad luck come from this," Peters explained.

"And we wıll make certaın offerıngs. It's to stop whatever bad mıght be coming for the hunters and their famılies."

Peters said he crıed when he first saw pictures of the dead moose. "Thıs ıs a way to take somethıng bad and turn ıt into somethıng good."

Gloade said a Mi'kmaq group is discussing the possibility of approaching the province to protect the white moose. There is one other known albino moose in Nova Scotia

Figure: A ceremony is being planned to honour an albino moose recently shot in Cape Breton.

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Aboriginal Ironworker certificates given
Fourteen complete seven-week course at NSCC Pictou Campus
John Brannen

STELLARTON - Shaun McCabe can't help but smile as students come forward to receive their graduation certificates.

"This has been a nice bunch and they've really applied themselves."

He's worked with them as their teacher and instructor for the last seven weeks. The 14 grads, from all across Nova Scotia, completed the Aboriginal Ironworker Pre-Apprenticeship course at NSCC Pictou Campus on Friday.

"Some who came into the class have some training hours under their belt but others are right off the street," said McCabe, trades and technology academic chair at the campus.

This is the second program, which aims to work with and train aboriginal students interested in becoming ironworkers, to take place at the campus.

The program is made possible through a partnership of many individuals and organizations, such as Ironworkers Local 752, Labour Advanced Education, NS Aboriginal Employment Partnership and First Nation bands.

David Morris, 23, of Paqtnkek First Nations in Antigonish County, accepted his diploma yesterday.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," he said "It was challenging at times but we had a great instructor."

He, like many of the other students, left his home and came to Stellarton to live as he completed his course.

"Now that I'm done, I'm hoping to get a job through the union in Halifax."

Members of numerous First Nations communities were represented, including Pictou Landing, Paqtnkek, Shubenacadie, Mill Brook First Nation and others in the province.

Melanie Sacks, program manager of Action Partnership said retention was great.

"It's not often you start with 14 and seven weeks later still have all 14. We're thrilled," she said.

Trish Glode-Chisholm, program manager at Connections Career Centre/Micmac Native Friendship Centre, said the program started when, in speaking with the ironworkers union, there was a need for ironworkers throughout Nova Scotia and Canada.

"We had a program like this in our heads for a while," she said. "It took about eight months to lineup the partnerships."

Rose Julian, economic development officer at Paqtnkek First Nation (Afton) said the opportunity to participate was posted in the communities, but a skills assessment was performed for those interested.

"It's a seven-week course so many that participated relocated and left their families for the duration," she said.

During the ceremony, some of the graduates' families were present to be a part of the occasion. Some grads accepted their certificates with one hand while holding their child in the other

Frederic Bernard of Indian Brook First Nation had the distinction of obtaining the highest mark in the class.

"It feels awesome," he said. "It's like a new start for me."

After travelling back and forth from Indian Brook to NSCC for class, he's ready to settle down and start working

"I'm hoping I can get a job in Halifax. It's really exciting and I can't wait."

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Figure: John Brannen - The News
Aaron Prosper holds his son as he accepts his Aboriginal Ironworker Pre-Apprenticeship course certificate Friday at NSCC Pictou Campus in Stellarton. Presenting the certificate are Trish Glode-Chisholm, left, Shaun McCabe and Richard Sharpe.

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MANIF DEVANT LE BUREAU DE L'OMBUDSMAN
Damien Dauphin

FREDERICTON - Au lendemain de sa rencontre avec les manifestants sur la route 134, l'ombudsman Charles Murray a reçu, comme promis, une délégation de pétitionnaires. Les citoyens concernés étaient menés par Ann Pohl, une des porte-parole du groupe Upriver Environment Watch. Ceux-ci contestent la validité du rapport du professeur Lapierre, discrédité par l'affaire de son faux doctorat, et réclament une enquête ainsi qu'un moratoire temporaire.

«Je suis très satisfaite que notre appel ait été pris au sérieux», a déclaré Mme Pohl à la sortie de la rencontre

Dehors, une vingtaine de personnes ont manifesté avec des pancartes devant le bureau de l'ombudsman Murray.

Ce dernier a rappelé qu'en sa qualité de médiateur, il n'a pas à prendre position pour l'une ou l'autre partie. D'autres discussions devraient se tenir prochainement.

Au moment de mettre sous presse, aucune information nouvelle n'était parvenue au journal en ce qui concerne la constitution du groupe de travail sur le gaz de schiste, décidé lundi par le premier ministre et le chef d'Elsipogtog.

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L'injonction de SWN prolongée de 10 jours
Patrick Lacelle

MONCTON - L'injonction qu'a obtenue SWN Resources le 3 octobre a été prolongée d'une période de 10 jours en Cour provinciale à Moncton, vendredi matin.

L'ordre émis par le juge George Rideout a pour but de forcer les manifestants de la route 134, près de Rexton, à lever leur camp qui bloque l'accès aux véhicules de la compagnie gazière.

Or, les manifestants étaient toujours aux barricades vendredi après-midi. Ils ont toutefois déplacé leur

barrage afin de laisser une voie libre pour la circulation.

En cour, plus tôt la même journée, aucun avocat ne représentait les manifestants visés par l'injonction. L'équipe légale représentant SWN n'aurait pas été en mesure de remettre officiellement, en main propre, les avis de comparution aux gens ciblés par l'injonction

Selon l'avocat représentant SWN, Matthew Hayes, les principaux intéressés sont au courant de l'injonction de par leurs citations dans les journaux et dans les médias sociaux où ils mentionnent la procédure légale en cours tout en sachant qu'ils devraient recevoir un avis de comparution en main propre

Me Hayes a plaidé pour que ces déclarations publiques soient acceptées par la cour comme, en quelque sorte, un accusé de réception de la part des opposants. Chose que le juge George Rideout n'a pas été en mesure d'accepter rappelant un cas qui a échoué en Cour d'appel. Il s'agissait d'un courriel qui avait été accepté en tant que contrat lors de procédures légales préalables

«Dans cette perspective, je suis hésitant à considérer Twitter et ces autres genres de choses», a indiqué le juge Rideout.

Le temps presse pour le client de Me Hayes SWN perd 60 000 $ par jour en raison de ce barrage établi, en partie, par des membres de la communauté micmaque d'Elsipogtog. Il a ainsi demandé à la cour d'ordonner aux agents de la paix, la GRC dans ce cas précis, d'aider à la distribution des avis

«Je ne peux envoyer des gens là distribuer les avis sans avoir une sorte de coopération de la GRC», a lancé Me Hayes.

Cela serait précipiter les procédures, selon Me Franklin Gertler, un avocat spécialisé dans les droits des Premières Nations. Devant le juge Rideout, vendredi matin, il a avancé représenter la communauté d'Elsipogtog

Faisant référence à la crise d'Oka, au Québec, Me Gertler a avisé la cour et l'avocat de SWN que ce dossier devrait être abordé méticuleusement afin d'éviter des situations qui sont hors de son contrôle.

«La cour ne peut approcher cette affaire comme étant purement privée, il y a des traités autochtones qui entrent en jeu. La cour doit faire extrêmement attention et donner une chance à la négociation pour un règlement du conflit dans la paix plutôt que d'aller de l'avant avec une solution plus dommageable pour l'entreprise que ce qu'elle connaît déjà», a déclaré Me Gertler.

«J'ai un avocat ici qui évoque les traités autochtones alors que des gens restreignent notre propriété privée en bloquant la route à nos véhicules. Ce n'est pas juste», a rétorqué Me Hayes

«Ce que ces camions sont censés faire, c'est de procéder à une exploration scientifique. C'est essentiellement un engagement avec la province du Nouveau-Brunswick qui nous permet d'aller sur les routes de la province dépenser 47 millions $ pour étudier la géologie de la province», a ajouté l'avocat.

Les deux parties seront de retour en Cour provinciale le 18 octobre. D'ici là, les avocats de SWN doivent tenter d'aviser officiellement les manifestants qu'ils ne respectent pas l'injonction obtenue par l'entreprise gazière.

S'en remettant à la décision du juge Rideout, Me Hayes a promis de remettre les avis aux personnes concernées par l'injonction en la reproduisant dans son intégralité dans les journaux de la région.

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SWN affirme ne pas pouvoir remettre l'injonction aux manifestants qui bloquent les camions de l'entreprise, près de Rexton, sans la collaboration de la GRC. Ci-dessus, des artistes ont illustré le long de la route 134 les ravages que la fracturation hydraulique provoquerait dans la région.

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Ça circule à nouveau sur la route 134 près de Rexton
Les Warriors ont levé les barricades à la suite d'un drame survenu pendant la nuit une voie de circulation est ouverte
Damien Dauphin

REXTON - Dans la nuit de mercredi à jeudi, un drame a provoqué un rebondissement au campement des manifestants. Vendredi après-midi, la portion de la route 134, toujours bloquée par la GRC, a connu une modification majeure.

Sept Warriors dormaient dans le tipi érigé à l'entrée du campement, réchauffés dans la nuit froide par un feu de bois brûlant au centre. Soudain, dans son sommeil, l'un d'entre eux a roulé trop près du brasier, et sa couverture s'est enflammée. Le blessé souffre de brûlures au troisième degré.

«L'un des gars a demandé à l'ambulance de venir, et la GRC n'a pas voulu la laisser passer. Il (le blessé) a dû marcher jusqu'à l'extrémité du campement pour arriver jusqu'à l'ambulance» a déclaré Lisa Saulnier, d'Elsipogtog, au correspondant de Halifax Media Co-Op, Miles Howe.

De son côté, la porte-parole de la GRC, Julie Rogers Marsh, a confirmé que les policiers avaient appelé une ambulance. En revanche, elle n'a pas pu confirmer ni infirmer que les forces de l'ordre avaient empêché le véhicule d'urgence de se rendre sur les lieux de l'accident.

Quoi qu'il en soit, cet événement déclencheur a opéré un changement de situation sur le terrain.

Les manifestants ont réalisé qu'en cas de mise en danger pour la vie d'une personne sur le site, ils

étaient désarmés à cause du blocus policier. Afin d'assurer la sécurité du public, les Warriors ont donc décidé d'enlever les arbres qui bloquaient les deux tiers de la chaussée

Après des discussions avec la GRC et le ministère des Transports, Jim Pictou, l'un des chefs de la Société des guerriers micmacs, a annoncé qu'une voie sur deux allait être dégagée pour permettre la circulation sur la route 134

«Les agents du ministère des Transports vont mettre des panneaux de ralentissement, a indiqué M. Pictou. La vitesse va être réduite de 80 à 50 km/h. La GRC va continuer à être présente aux deux extrémités de la route pour contrôler la circulation sur la voie ouverte »

Vendredi après-midi, les techniciens du ministère des Transports étaient sur place pour poser les panneaux ainsi que des cônes de couleur orange le long de la ligne médiane. Les Warriors et les manifestants campeurs ont réaffirmé leur intention de ne pas s'en aller. Tandis que l'injonction du juge Rideout a été prolongée jusqu'au 21 octobre, ils n'en ont toujours pas reçu notification formelle

Illustration(s) :
Les agents du ministère des Transports à l'ouvrage Ils ont installé des affiches afin d'inviter les automobilistes à ralentir dans ce secteur. À droite, le tipi où s'est déroulé l'accident, il y a deux nuits.

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Mi'kmaq education breaking through the fog'

MEMBERTOU - Sr. Dorothy Mooresays there have been recentadvances in the education of theMi'kmaq people that are akin tobreaking through the fog
Moore is education adviser forMembertou First Nation. Whileeducation has been her life'swork, it wasn't a path that shechose for herself. She said thatwhen she entered religious life, itwas determined that she wouldbecome a teacher.

I had no say in it, however, Ithink God has had his hand in itand it was a good choice becauseI fit right in, Moore said.

I think because of the fact thatI had no many concerns in educationand I had so many negativeexperiences in education thathaving the opportunity to be aneducator, a teacher, I could makea change, I could make a difference.

There has been a huge changein how the Mi'kmaq culture andlanguage are incorporated intoeducation, she said. In the Indianday schools, they were able toretain their language but an

inclusiveeducation wasn't available incommunity schools. Publicschools were not inclusive either,she said. Then, they experiencedthe dark history of the residentialschools.

The passage of Bill C-30 in 1998gave First Nations communitiescontrol over their own education,Moore said. That acted like aspringboard, she said, becausefrom it came Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey,which has authority foreducation at Nova Scotia's 11Mi'kmaq bands.

It was like you threw a pebblein the water and that has causedsuch a ripple effect, and you knowhow ripples happen, they just neverend, Moore said.

Among the factors behindthose changes are good administrators,she said, and the fact theyare mostly Mi'kmaq educators.Schools now also have withintheir classrooms teachers of Mi'kmaqancestry.

The curriculum is now muchmore inclusive of Mi'kmaq cultureand language, Moore said. This isimportant for the future of thosecommunities, she added, as thelanguage is facing challenges.

I have the sense of our uniqueancestry, unique identity becauseof our language as beginning tofade away, it's gradually fadingaway and I can't really blamecommunities, I can't blame parents,I can't blame people in general,but I do blame technology,she said.

A report recently released byMi'kmaw Kina'matnewey notedthat in 2012-2013, high schoolgraduation rates for Mi'kmaq studentsin Nova Scotia was 87.7 percent, far above the national averageof 35 per cent.

I am so proud, I am absolutelyproud of what's happening and,again, I say it's good administration,Moore said.

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Membertou school expected to welcome students in spring

MEMBERTOU - Construction of anew Membertou school is a bitahead of schedule and is expectedto welcome students in April.
Ground was broken on theschool in April and construction isgoing well, said Darren Googoo,Membertou's director of education.

We're hoping to have, certainly,who we are as a community represented in our school, we're going to have our community logoprominent in our front entryway and the outside walls of ourschool have a traditional basketweave on them, he said. We'regoing to have our own culture ondisplay in our

school

The band's special adviser DanChristmas said the communityhas waited decades for the schoolto be constructed

I was a Grade 2 student whenthe Membertou school closed,that was 50 years ago To have thisnew school open after 50 years, it'sa long time coming, Christmassaid.

Last year, Membertou securedabout 40 hectares of land to buildthe Primary to Grade 9 school.The site is located between Membertouand the Cape BretonRegional Hospital. Some of theland is also expected to be used aslots for residential and commercialdevelopment

The current school, Membert ou Elementary on Maillard Street,was built in 1998 and houses studentsup to Grade 6. It was onlysupposed to be a temporary fix when it was constructed. Theschool doesn't have a library or acafeteria and has an inadequategym facility, according to the band.

The biggest difference between this school and ourschool is it's going to have a full library and it's going to have a fullsizedgymnasium and that's goingto allow us to offer the program inits complete richness that ourchildren deserve, an educationequal to what they offer in thisprovince, Googoo added

According to the 2011 census,the population of Membertougrew to 912, a gain of 186 people,or 26 per cent,from the 2006 census Theschool is beingbuilt to accommodate192 students, based on a five-year projection for enrolment.

It was originally hoped the school would open by September 2013.

The total costof the school is $8.3 million. Mi'kmawKina'matnewey, the First Nation education authority in Nova Scotia, provided $6.1 million, with Membertou funding the remainder

We've made a lot of investments in Membertou in our corporate infrastructure, and now we're making an investment in ourhuman infrastructure into the future so that we're able to providethe work force for all of these businessesthat we're development,Googoo said

Christmas noted the buildingwon't make use of any fossil fuelsas it will be fully geo-thermally powered.

More than 50 per cent of those working on the construction projectare aboriginal.

Figure:
Membertou's director of education Darren Googoo, left, and special adviser Dan Christmas recently paid a visit to the site where the community's new school is being constructed.

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Mi'kmaq history month
Mi'kmaq Association for Cultural Studies preserves and promotes culture

MEMBERTOU - For almost 40 years, the Mi'kmaq Association for Cultural Studies has been working to both preserve and promote the Mi'kmaq culture
The mandate of the association is to promote and maintain and protect the customs and traditions of the Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia," executive director Deborah Ginnish said.

The association was founded in 1973 through the efforts of the Union of Nova Scotia Indians.

Its board of directors, composed of the 11 Nova Scotia chiefs or their designates and the grand chief, meets at least four times a year.

The association carries out its mandate in a number of ways. Ginnish noted they organized the Grand Chief Membertou 400 celebrations in 2010 in Halifax and Annapolis Royal.

Part of it was to create a Mi'kmaq village that consisted of demonstrations that were being done by Mi'kmaq artisans and interpreters to highlight certain areas of our culture, which included basket making, tanning hides, waltes, a dice game that is played today, Ginnish said.

The village was set up on the Halifax Common as part of the larger powwow that took place.

A lot of it was bringing in dancers from throughout the country and from the U.S. I think we had at one point 300 participants involved in that, Ginnish said I think it brought that in to people in Nova Scotia, that our traditions and culture are still practised today.

Among other tasks, the association has acted as liaison for the royal visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip and acted as the lead agency for planning Treaty Day activities.

She noted it is a widespread misconception that powwows held in Mi'kmaq communities aren't open, but that is not the case and everyone is welcome to take part.

Ginnish said there seems to be a greater awareness of Mi'kmaq culture among nonaboriginals than ever before.

We see it everywhere we go to right now. The community powwows are seeing an increase in attendance across the province and we've had I think feature stories being written in the newspapers, she said.

There is also now a lot of information available about residential school survivors and Mi'kmaq veterans, Ginnish noted.

Among other endeavours the association has undertaken were hiring linguists to develop a Mi'kmaq system of writing; development of a video that has been broadcast on television depicting the earlier years of the Mi'kmaq; Mi'kmaq History Month; and development of a Mi'kmaq cultural tourism strategy.

We've gone into creating a Mi'kmaq brand, creating standards for Mi'kmaq product, Ginnish said.

We see it everywhere we go community powwows are seeing an increase in attendance across the province. Deborah Ginnish, executive director, Mi'kmaq Association for Cultural Studies

Figure:

Jada Paul, 8, of Membertou, wears traditional fancy dress during the Treaty Day celebrations recently held in Membertou

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We should embrace our differences and learn to live together in harmony': Membertou chief

MEMBERTOU - Mi'kmaq history isbeing celebrated across theprovince as it marks its 20thanniversary this month.
In 1993, then-premier John Savageand Mi'kmaq Grand Chief BenSylliboy declared October as theofficial month to recognize andcelebrate Mi'kmaq culture andheritage.

In Membertou, the view fromChief Terry Paul's office overlooksthe grounds of the MembertouTrade and Convention Centre andthe Hampton Inn and Suites hotel,opened only 18 months ago, whichare both symbols of Mi'kmaq successon Cape Breton Island.

Paul, an important figure inaboriginal politics for more thantwo decades, said it's important torespect each other and understandthere are differences in cultureand belief systems betweenaboriginals and non-natives.

We should embrace our differencesand learn to live together inharmony, he said

Aboriginal History Monthbegan Oct. 1 with the celebrationof Treaty Day, which marks theagreement signed in 1752 that validatedaboriginal treaty rights butalso confirmed the unique relationshipbetween the Mi'kmaqand the Crown.

The day was first recognized inNova Scotia in 1986.

Through increased education inthe province's schools, as well as inthe news media, people realize oldstereotypes still exist, Paul said.We're a friendly people, veryunderstanding and accommodating,and we don't have a problemsharing with the general publicwho we are, he said.

I think in Membertou, I reallybelieve that we have given a verygood message to the public thatwe're not lazy. We might be laidback,but we're not lazy.

We think about the future, wethink about progress. As peoplecan see in Membertou, we justdon't sit back and let the world goby.

Construction crews and equipmentare a fixture on Membertoustreets, as its new elementaryschool is being built, and an exitramp to Highway 125 and roadextension are currently under constructionon the First Nation.

There are plans for Membertou tobuild its own multi-purpose arena.In Eskasoni, the largest Mi'kmaqband in Atlantic Canada, thesentiments of having its peopleproperly understood are similar tothose of Membertou.

Eskasoni Chief Leroy Dennysaid he would like to see TreatyDay become a provincial holidayfor all residents.

When the treaty was signed itwas between two governments It's not just Mi'kmaq who benefittedbut the people of the provinceas well, he said.

Denny said it's time to reshapewhat defines Nova Scotia.

When people enter Nova Scotia,they think about Celtic orScottish music. We're more thanthat. (The Mi'kmaq) have beenhere for over 10,000 years.

To increase knowledge andawareness of Mi'kmaq culture, historyand heritage, a Mi'kmaq HistoryMonth committee was establishedto promote and encourageeducational and cultural activitiesduring October. Mi'kmaq HistoryMonth events can be found atwww.mikmaqhistorymonth.com.

Membertou Chief Terry Paul said Mi'kmaqHistory Month is an importanttime of year in his First Nation, butadded, We are Mi'kmaq every day ofthe year.

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Unama'ki Economic Benefits Office gaining national attention

MEMBERTOU - Although it's beenonly six years since the Unama'kıEconomic Benefits Office openedin Membertou, the unique collaborativeapproach to economicdevelopment is gaining attentionacross the country.
Each of Cape Breton's five First Nations communities belong tothe office, which was establishedto ensure substantial aboriginal participation in large-scale industrial projects.

With the Sydney tar ponds and coke ovens site aboriginal set asideagreement now behindthem, the Unama'kı benefits officehas its sights on training aboriginalpeople in other trades in orderto have workers ready when theIrving shipbuilding contract,worth an estimated $25 billion,and Emera's $1.5-billion MaritimeLink project, commence constructionover the next couple of years.

The office is now serving all 13First Nation communities in NovaScotia.Unama'kı Economic BenefitsOffice executive director OwenFitzgerald said pre-employmenttraining is taking place now to prepareaboriginal students forschooling in a particular trade.

In Membertou about a dozenaboriginal people are working asplumbers, bricklayers, electriciansand carpenters on the community'snew elementary school underconstruction on Tupsi Drive.

Our office partnered withMembertou, helping promote andrecruit and even train studentsthrough the on-the-job-trainingprogram, he said.

Fitzgerald visited aboriginalbricklayers last week who are enrolledin a training program withthe bricklayers union at the SydportIndustrial Park and are currentlyworking on construction ofthe new provincial correctionalcentre being built in Pictou County

The work is also a part of a studenton-the-job training programthrough the Unama'kı office, hesaid.
He said his office is also workingwith trades unions to ensureaboriginal workers can find jobson major projects that involveunion labour.

You have to engage with theunions and make sure we can havesome success with aboriginals beingpart of the workforce that isunionized, Fitzgeraldsaid. We try to reachout and form as manypartnerships as wecan.

Figure: SUBMITTED BY OWEN FITZGERALD
Jamie LeDrew, left, of the Paq'tnkek First Nation, and Blair Bernard of Eskasoni First Nation, seen here working on a project in Stellarton, are two of the iron workers in the Nova Scotia Community College training program supported by the Unama'kı Economic Benefits Office in partnership with Ironworkers Local 752

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Resolve shale gas dispute: RCMP
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FREDERICTON - The assistant commissioner of the New Brunswick RCMP says an ongoing protest that has blocked roads and halted the work of a shale gas exploration company "needs to be resolved "

Speaking at RCMP headquarters in Fredericton on Thursday, Roger Brown said that he is disappointed that talks between the provincial government and the Elsipogtog First Nation have yet to resolve a shale gas protest now in its second week.

The RCMP blocked Highway 134 near Rexton in late September after a protest against shale gas exploration began spilling onto the road.

Protesters subsequently cut down trees across another part of the highway and have blocked an entrance to a compound used by SWN Resources to store exploration equipment

Brown said the police continue to monitor the situation and will act if necessary.

"We? ..?have continued to talk with those participating in the ongoing protest in the hopes of the parties finding a peaceful resolution," he said. "It is disappointing that these collective efforts have not been more successful, but they have been an important part of the process."

Brown later continued: "The premier spent quite an amount of time, as did the chief, trying to come up with a solution, and we were all watching in hope that would come to fruition

"Obviously at this point in time it hasn't, so things are changing. Our role is to be able to respond in an appropriate manner based on how that unfolds "

Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock and Premier David Alward have agreed to continue talking as they look to resolve the ongoing dispute over shale gas exploration The two sides have agreed to develop a working group involving the Elsipogtog First Nation, industry and government.

Brown classified talks between the two sides as "fragile."

Late last week a judge issued an injunction sought by SWN Resources to remove the blockade.

Brown said on Thursday that the injunction has never been served.

If it is served, that might change the RCMP's handling of the protest

"If so, we will be then placed in a position as a police organization to look at the injunction, exactly what the specifics of the injunction are, and then police need to have discretion," Brown said. "We have to be able to know when to respond, and our response has to be appropriate and measured."

SWN Resources did not return a request on Thursday afternoon for comment

Brown said "emotions are high" but that, to date, the protests have had little need for police involvement, noting that there has been no damage to property, no arrests, and there has been no "overt illegal activity" that required police to act.

He said that he believes emergency vehicles could make their way through the blocked road, if needed.

"Up until this point in time, things were going well," he said. "There were negotiations between the interested parties.

"While conversations were going on between the parties, there was no need for intervention."

He added. "Obviously things change on a daily basis, things change on an hourly basis, and we as a police organization are assessing that with respect to bringing it to a resolve. At a certain point in time, we will probably have to change our approach and that will be decided on the circumstances of the day."

Brown wouldn't comment on the size of the RCMP presence in the Rexton area.

He made it clear that a resolution must soon be found

"The RCMP respects and protects people's right to peaceful protest as guaranteed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but we all need to respect each other and our different points of view," Brown said

"As a police officer, I understand the application of the law and the importance of upholding it. I'm asking people to respect that law and to recognize that the way things have been going is not producing the positive results we had hoped for "

He added· "We are not going to be tolerant of criminal behaviour, we need to address those situations, and we will as we try to bring this to a resolve This needs to be resolved and resolved as soon as possible or practicable "

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The Guardian (Charlottetown)
The Province, Friday, October 11, 2013, p. A2
Lennox Island Health Centre transformation celebrated
Eric McCarthy, TC Media

LENNOX ISLAND - Michelle McLean has witnessed a lot of changes at the Lennox Island Health Centre in the 18 years she's worked there.

McLean, who has been director of the Health Centre since 2001, noted a new health centre was built in 1998 and expanded in 2003.

This year the facility underwent a complete transformation including a change to the actual layout of the facility and a new heating system.

Staff and services, relocated to the Lennox Island Economic Development Centre during the $1.1-million renovation project, moved back in at the end of August. On Thursday staff and community members gathered for a grand opening celebration of the renovated facility

"It's a pretty busy spot," McLean acknowledged after listing the many programs and services that are based out of it.

The 14-member staff includes a child development team that provides maternal child health.

There's also a community health nurse, home and community care nurse co-ordinator, native alcohol and drug abuse program staff, youth worker and mental health workers.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, foot care, diabetes wellness clinics, children's oral health, speech therapy and other services are also held there on a regular basis.

Doctors hold office hours there weekly. Two meeting rooms can each accommodate about 15 people for health promotions and wellness programs.

The federal government, through Health Canada, contributed $1.1 million to the project.

Lennox Island First Nation Chief Matilda Ramjattan congratulated McLean and her staff for their dedication and commitment to improving the health centre.

"You can tell the love is there for the people," she said.

She thanked Health Canada for making the health centre a funding priority.

McLean said the heating system had been causing problems, and the floor in the back section of the building was settling.

In addition to renovating the building, the project addressed those issues, she said.

"We were able to update and turn it into a beautiful building for our community to be proud of," she said.

Photographs and paintings are being gathered from community members, she added, to decorate the

health centre's rooms.

Figure: TC MEDIA photo by Eric McCarthy
Chief Matilda Ramjattan, right, celebrates the grand opening of her community's Lennox Island First Nation Health Centre with, from left, Michelle McLean, health centre director; Egmont MP Gail Shea and band councillors Stevie Bernard and Debbie Bernard.

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A future for The Farm
All levels of government have role to play in Agriculture Canada's property in city
Neil Harpham, Guest Opinion

Aside from all the history of the Agriculture Canada Experimental Farm (The Farm), I have personally enjoyed the beauty of the little lilly pond, as well as all the surrounding beauty, for the past 40 years.

I have experienced the fragrance of the blooming lilies of the lily pond filling my car with their fragrance throughout the day to the enjoyment of my taxi customers and myself. I, and others, have sat by the pond throughout the summer evenings on a daily basis. And along with many others, I have photographed wedding parties and newlyweds on that site

Through the years thousands of people, including myself, have wandered and observed the trees that have been planted by members of the Royal family, as well as other notable and important people.

The Government of Canada decided it would disperse of the property as it was no longer considered an asset in experimental ideas, along with other relative assets respecting the relationship with Island and other agriculture communities throughout Canada.

"The Farm" was handed over from Agriculture Canada to the Canada Lands Company, a Crown corporation, for dispersal. Requests for proposals were asked and answered by two proposals - the Friends of the Farm and the Mi'kmaq Confederacy.

Both had proposals that contained development of some areas of the property allowing cash infusion to sustain the cost of the maintenance and upkeep of the property as a green space.

The Friends of the Farm proposal was supported by the City of Charlottetown, wherein the city would have a portion of the farm annex for a new fire hall. The Confederacy did not have that provision.

A hearing of proposals was held where conflict between the two proposals ended with the Canada

Lands Corporation withdrawing and converting the land back to Agriculture Canada.

It is my proposal that the Government of Canada, Province of Prince Edward Island and the City of Charlottetown combine the resources that they currently hold, to develop and maintain The Farm as a green space for all to enjoy throughout the years and generations to follow. Present manpower, budgets, equipment and expertise are capable at current government levels to manage the transition and future of this urban environmental treasure

Financial support can be found through a multitude of federal departments, i e. heritage, agriculture and environment. All governments gain by the added benefit of utilizing currently employed manpower and equipment as well the use of the existing facilities, greenhouses and buildings

The city has the same advantages as the other levels of government, with the added feature of growing their own flowers for the beautification programs currently with private suppliers.

Ducks Unlimited has viewed the area as a growing asset with the excavation of two ponds behind the RCMP and CBC. There has been talk of the CBC moving and the idea of the city purchasing the property for a new fire hall, respecting the premise that new structural development of the area is averted.

The following are some excerpts from The Guardian on the issue:

u Agriculture Canada plans to take down a total of 10 derelict buildings on the property at a cost of $700,000. While the work is expensive it will mean lower costs for operating the farm in the long term. "It's one less thing we don't have to worry about maintaining and investing money in, and that way we free up money to go towards research programs at the centre." The land will be converted back into green space.

In January 2002, it was announced that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada may declare 88 acres of the land as surplus and that this land would be turned over to the Canada Lands Company, a Crown corporation.

Jeff Brant, director of socio-economic development with the Mi'kmaq Confederacy, says their plan for the Experimental Farm makes the most sense and the confederacy has a legitimate claim for the land. He says when the land is determined surplus by the federal government, the provincial, municipal and First Nation governments all have a say on what happens to it.

"On behalf of the Mi'kmaq, we're saying we have an interest in the property and this is what we're going to do," Brant said. He thinks it is very likely that the confederacy will obtain the property, and says the plans would not even have developed if there wasn't a benefit to the city of Charlottetown. He says the property needs a facelift.

"What we have is garbage, we have condemned buildings." Unfortunately it's an uphill battle, he says. "We're facing opposition here. We're trying to be open but we're getting a lot of questions of 'Why should we be doing this?' If the confederacy gets the land it means the land will be open for all of P.E.I. to use and enjoy, not just the Mi' kmaq.

Brant thinks it's a common misconception that people think the confederacy is taking the land for their own use. "We want people to come; you don't generate money by pushing people away." If the land can be utilized by everyone in their plan, then they have the best proposal. Brant says. "Why not us? That's the question Islanders need to ask themselves. Why not us? You'd hope that in today's day and age racial problems aren't an issue."

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(End of excerpts.)

Mr. Brant's quote is the key. Outstanding differences between the two groups were the simple creation of an invitation for proposals from well meaning individual groups that are not structurally created to accommodate all Islanders' interests and will. In this case there were two.

What was overlooked was an idea of co-operation between governments to agree that their combined efforts would best provide a green space that all their respective constituents would enjoy. Security of these governments future planning, along with their implementations, would be directly controlled by citizen overview without the control being with any one group or individual control.

The following is a list of a few co-operative ideas that could be accommodated on The Farm.

> P E.I. Museum;
> An oval rink such as that in Halifax;
> Public gardens;
> An observatory;
> Offices for those responsible for the co-ordination of development and maintenance;
> Possible expansion of the Farmers Market.

This is a draft outline of an idea that has either been overlooked or not considered in the acquisition and proposal process. There are many more issues to address, however I do not consider this an impossible opportunity and am willing to give it all I can do to see it move forward

Neil Harpham of Charlottetown was a member of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to the P E.I Minister of Environment from Feb. 4, 2010, to Jan. 12, 2013

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Member of Parliament Gerald Keddy Announces Support for Mi'kmaq Language Learning Program

Canadian Heritage

BRIDGEWATER, NS, Oct. 11, 2013 /CNW/ - Gerald Keddy, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue and for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and Member of Parliament (South Shore-St. Margaret's), on behalf of the Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, today announced support to the Mi'kmaq Burial Grounds Research & Restoration Association (MBGRR) for a Mi'kmaq language project.

"This program will be a great opportunity for the Mi'kmaq language to be seen and heard within the community," said Mr. Keddy. "Our Government is pleased to support a project that will have a positive impact on this community today and for generations to come."

This funding will allow the MBGRR to offer an intensive language training program to 20 participants. The program will have four phases and extend over a nine-month period. Phase 1 will be a five-day language immersion retreat, and phase 2 will be a Sunday language class lasting for 30 weeks Phases 3 and 4 will consist of activities and tools that will enhance participants' speaking, listening, and reading skills.

"Our Government recognizes the importance of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis languages and cultures for Aboriginal communities and for all Canadians," said Minister Glover. "They are an integral part of Canada's identity, and we continue to support Aboriginal communities in their efforts to revitalize and preserve them."

"Our focus is to engage groups of families who want to learn how to speak and continue to speak their Mi'kmaq language, and we would like to offer a heartfelt thank you, wela'lin, to Canadian Heritage for accepting our Mi'kmaq language proposal. With this funding, we are able to continue our work in reviving our Mi'kmaq language and culture in the Maritimes, our great and native land," said Délina Petit Pas, Chairperson of the MBGRRA Board of Directors. "Learning to speak our Mi'kmaq language will give us the opportunity to listen to our oral history as it was handed down to us since the beginning of our time. Every word in Mi'kmaq has a profound—almost poetic—meaning that is in depth and extremely significant to keeping our tradition and spirituality alive."

The Government of Canada has provided funding of $66,060 through the Aboriginal Languages Initiative (ALI) of the Department of Canadian Heritage's Aboriginal Peoples' Program. The objective of ALI is to support community-based language projects that contribute to the revitalization and preservation of Aboriginal languages and increase their use in community settings.

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Shale gas protesters partially reopen Route 134

Protest continues as blockade of SWN Resources Canada's seismic vehicles remains in place
CBC News

View Rexton protest in a larger map

Shale gas protesters near Rexton have partially dismantled their barricades on Route 134 after 11 days, but continue to bar access to the area where SWN Resources Canada has its seismic exploration vehicles parked

The trees blocking the provincial road were removed Friday with the assistance of equipment from the Department of Transportation.

However, the protesters intend to remain on the side of the road and would like to see pylons put in place to reduce traffic through the area to one lane and cause vehicles to slow down.

The protesters said the change in approach was prompted by an incident Wednesday when a protester was burned in a campfire and the ambulance had difficulty accessing the area.

The barricades were put in place on Sept. 30 by dozens of native and non-native protesters upset by shale gas exploration in the area by SWN Resources Canada. The protesters also blocked entry to the staging and storage area where SWN's exploration equipment is located off Route 134

On Oct 2, SWN Resources applied for a court injunction against the protesters in order to gain access to its equipment and continue exploration activities. The injunction was granted on Oct. 3, but it was defied by the protesters as they remained in place. That standoff led to negotiations to end the impasse involving Premier David Alward, provincial officials, Elsipogtog First Nation Chief Aaron Sock, and representatives of the coalition of protesters.

The Oct. 3 injunction was set to expire on Saturday With that possibility looming, SWN Resources went to the Court of Queen's Bench in Moncton on Friday seeking an extension to the injunction The extension was granted until Oct. 21, with provision made for an Oct. 18 court hearing to hear an application for a further extension, if necessary.

At Friday's court hearing, the court was told SWN Resources is losing $60,000 every day its seismic exploration trucks remain blockaded in the compound off Route 134

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Dougal MacDonald - URGENT for Dougal

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Dougal,

HQ has added sections (in bold) to previously approved media lines (early October) on the shale gas protest

I am sending to you for comment/approval, especially on the new sections (in bold if you can see them - deal mostly with negotiations between NB and FNs)

HQ is awaiting approval in order to respond to a media enquiry
Ron

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT CANADA
RESPONSE TO MEDIA
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ISSUE

RCMP have blocked access to Routes 11 and 134 in southeastern NB and are said to be preparing to act on a court injunction to remove protesters and allow SWN employees to begin seismic testing (17/10/2013)

POSITIONING STATEMENT

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada is aware of the police action and as always, encourages resolution of the concerns raised by the protestors through a dialogue between the concerned parties **A forum for the negotiation of Aboriginal rights, including rights to lands and resources, exists with the Government of Canada, the Government of New Brunswick, and the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs of New Brunswick.**

KEY MESSAGES

We encourage resolution of issues through dialogue in all cases

We recognize the publics right to engage in peaceful protests

Where demonstrations do occur, the matter becomes a public safety issue for the consideration of policing authorities

All Canadians are subject to the laws of Canada and it is our expectation that respect for the law will prevail

Working together to find common solutions is a much more constructive way of dealing with issues than planning or undertaking a blockade or protest

If pressed on a possible role for AANDC in resolving this issue

The responsibility of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), with respect to land management, is limited to reserve land

Licensing for oil and gas exploration on provincial Crown land falls under provincial jurisdiction

If asked on Aboriginal rights negotiations with First Nations in New Brunswick:

Canada, the Province of New Brunswick, and the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs of New Brunswick have established a process for the negotiation of Aboriginal and treaty rights in New Brunswick. Elsipogtog is a member of the Assembly, so is part of these negotiations.

These negotiations are based on respect for historic treaties and treaty rights and will also bring clarity to outstanding issues of Aboriginal rights, including assertions of Aboriginal title.

A framework agreement has been concluded by the parties and is awaiting signature at this time. This framework agreement will guide negotiations among the parties in the future.

BACKGROUND

These lines have been updated in light of the October 17 events

AANDC became aware through media reports and tweets from official RCMP sources that RCMP were preparing October 17 to act on a court ordered injunction to remove protesters from Route 134 Media and RCMP both reported early in the morning that Routes 11 and 134 would be blocked by police as they moved to prepare to remove protesters from the Route 134 AANDC understands that schools have been locked down Social media video from the protest site shows a stand-off between police and protesters

SWN Resources Canada (www swnnb ca), a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwestern Energy Company, will resume seismic testing soon in Kent County (New Brunswick) to see if there is viable gas industry in the area In March 2010, the Province of New Brunswick accepted the companys bid for a licence to search, exploring 1 million hectares (2 5 million acres) in the province

The protesters have been holding demonstrations and blocked Route 134 Media reports state the protesters have claimed the road will remain blocked until SWN leaves the province

In a press release Sept 30, Elsipogtog Chief Arren Sock announced a Band Council Resolution to reclaim their stewardship over all unoccupied alleged Crown land would be publicly unveiled October 1 The Elsipogtog First Nation and the Signigtog District Grand Council state that the Original people of the territory, together with their hereditary and elected leaders, believe that their lands and waters are being badly mismanaged by Canada, the province and corporations to the point of ruin Now facing complete destruction, they feel that the lands are no longer capable of providing enough to support the populations of the region

The release further states that Mi'kmaq people of Signigtog are resuming stewardship of their lands and waters to correct the problems and are planning measures to restore them back to good health

As the 1760 treaties were relationship agreements and did not address Aboriginal rights, these negotiations focus on both the implementation of the historic treaty and the reconciliation of Aboriginal rights, including Aboriginal title. Canada, the Province, and the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs of New Brunswick, which represents 14 New Brunswick First Nations (including Elsipogtog), achieved an umbrella agreement for the negotiation process in 2011 and have now concluded a framework agreement which will guide all future negotiations. This framework agreement is presently awaiting signature by the parties.

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Hey,

Can I get an email update on the elsipogtog situation within the next. Hour or so?

Mel

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N B shale gas protest spurs premier-native leaders meeting
Arrest of Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock sparked violence that led to arrests, destruction of 5 police vehicles
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A councillor with the Elsipogtog First Nation in New Brunswick says meetings are planned for today between Chief Aaron Sock and Premier David Alward following yesterday's violence during a protest over land use for shale gas exploration in Rexton

Sock and Elsipogtog Coun Robert Levi were among 40 people arrested Thursday as RCMP enforced an injunction to end a weeks-long demonstration against shale gas exploration involving a coalition of native and non-native protesters Five police vehicles were among six vehicles set ablaze and destroyed during the clash

Levi says he and Sock are to meet with Alward in Fredericton on Friday

Susan Levi-Peters, a protester from Elsipogtog and former band chief, says aboriginal leaders will be demanding Alward consult with the aboriginal community about shale gas exploration and development in New Brunswick

"It was a Supreme Court ruling there should be public consultation about accommodation and agreement with the government, saying there's supposed to be public consultation, accommodation, before anything like this happened," said Levi-Peters "That's all we've been asking "

The 40 who were arrested are scheduled for court Friday morning in three different communities

As events unfolded Friday, First Nations elsewhere in New Brunswick established roadblocks in their communities in solidarity with the Rexton protest Solidarity protests also took place elsewhere across the country, including Ottawa, Winnipeg and Calgary

The solidarity protest movement continues Friday In Fredericton, protesters gathered near an intersection on the Vanier Highway, a key thoroughfare leading to the Trans-Canada Highway

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Energy Minister Craig Leonard said Friday those negotiations seemed to be deteriorating

"Unfortunately, over the last week or so, the discussions -- as the premier indicated yesterday -- he was having trouble getting in touch with the chief ," said Leonard "And clearly tensions were starting to escalate at the blockade and the RCMP felt it was time to move in to ensure the safety of everybody "

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Leonard believes "outside influences had somewhat taken over the situation" at the protest

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Violence erupted after chief arrested
Levi-Peters said the tipping point in Thursday's violence was when word spread that Sock had been arrested

"It was heating up because the elders were being sprayed with pepper spray and rubber bullets were being shot, and there were dogs put on the people and everything like that "

An RCMP spokesperson denied rubber bullets were used, but said "sock rounds" -- a type of non-lethal bullet -- were employed on two occasions to diffuse the situation when protesters were throwing rocks, bottles and spraying police officers

"The chief and council were behind the barricade negotiating with everybody and then the people on the other side heard -- we heard they were put in jail and everybody got really upset and trying to go through the barricade because the chief and council were arrested

"Then everything else blew up and the RCMP tried to push the crowd toward -- there were RCMP vehicles there and the next thing you know they were up in flames," she said "It was chaos, really crazy "

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Mischief, obstruction among charges laid after 40 arrested Thursday as police-protesters clashed
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Eight of the 40 people arrested Thursday in a protest over land used for shale gas exploration in Rexton, N B , have been charged following the violent clash between RCMP and protesters

The charges Friday include

- Mischief
- Breach of an undertaking to keep the peace
- Unlawful confinement
- Obstruction

Some of the protesters arrested will remain in jail over the weekend out of a concern for a protest revival, a Moncton court was told Friday

A bail hearing is scheduled for Monday morning

On Thursday, the weeks-long protest that closed a highway and blockaded SWN Resouces Canada's exploration equipment ended in a clash between RCMP officers and protesters that resulted in At least five police vehicles were destroyed by fire

The first of the protesters appeared in Moncton court Friday afternoon Court appearances are also scheduled in two other communities

Also taking place is a court hearing in Moncton, where SWN Resources is seeking an indefinite extension to the injunction prohibiting anyone from impeding its exploration work The company says it lost $60,000 a day while its exploration vehicles were blockaded by protesters in its vehicle compound off Route 134

Premier David Alward said Friday that "yesterday was a very concerning day "

"Our communities are based on and built on the laws of the land," he said "What took place yesterday touches every New Brunswicker and the violence that we witnesses

"Clearly, there are those who do not have the same values we share as New Brunswickers "

Alward said he was not consulted on the RCMP's decision to take action against the protesters

"What became clear to the RCMP is that encampment that was in Kent County was dangerous," he said "It provided significant security issues for the people of New Brunswick "

Alward said he has no meeting scheduled with Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock and Coun Robert Levi, which was indicated earlier by Levi Sock and Levi were among those arrested Thursday

Energy Minister Craig Leonard said Friday that negotiations involving provincial officials, the protest coalition and Elsipogtog leadership seemed to be deteriorating in the days leading up to Thursday's action by the RCMP

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Protest violence described as worrisome
Ken Coates, a historian who authored "The Marshall Decision and Aboriginal Rights" in 2000, said Thursday's events are worrisome for all parties

"This is one of those conflicts that has the potential to explode on a national scale," said Coates, now a Canada Research Chair at the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan

"It's the kind of a standoff and a protest that generates a lot of support from other First Nations who feel they're facing similar circumstances, who are worried about an accelerated pace of resource development that basically leaves them out of the equation or does not include them sufficiently "

Speaking prior to Alward's announcement that no meetings are planned with aboriginal leaders, Coates said any meeting may be coming too late

"When you get to this point, sometimes you've been waiting too long and you've got a situation where First Nations have basically concluded 'We've got nothing to lose in this regard, we can't let this development take place because we haven't got enough assurances that our concerns are being taken seriously,'" he said "And, so it actually is hard to get back from this place

"We can't just say we're sorry, and shake hands and go forward You actually have to make some much broader commitments to finding different solutions that work for the longer haul "

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In a news release Friday, SWN said the operations the company is conducting are being done in a lawful manner

"Our objective of being an important member of each community in which we operate compels us to continuously carry out our operations responsibly and with high standards Our employees are dedicated to the safety of people and the environment, as well as ensuring we are in full compliance with all regulations," senior consultant for SWN Tracey Stephenson said in the release

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Going in through St Charles - Band Mgr escorting

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Both entranced to Big Cove blockaded - seems every RCMP officer in NB here In a line up now - will keep you posted

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Subject No departmental travel Travel through Rexton Area

Highways 11 and 134 are closed and may remain so into tomorrow Your staff should not be traveling through this area and if alternative routes are not feasible, trips should be canceled

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N B chiefs want shale exploration permits revoked
Arrested protesters appear in court Monday, SWN Resources awaits answer on permanent injunction
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The Assembly of First Nations Chiefs in New Brunswick is calling for the provincial government to revoke shale gas exploration permits issued to energy companies until a peaceful solution to the dispute can be negotiated

Assembly co-chair George Ginnish says such a step would be part of the "cooling off period" agreed to last week between Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock and Premier David Alward in the wake of Thursday's violent protest confrontation in Rexton

"We have been saying that this process has been rushed from Day 1," said Ginnish, chief of Eel Ground First Nation "There is concern in many areas, not just the First Nations

"We have a cooling off period and we think part of that cooling off period needs to involve getting back to the table and looking at the concerns we have had from the start "

On Thursday, 40 protesters were arrested in Rexton after RCMP moved in on the encampment they had established on Sept 30

Some of the arrested protesters were held in custody through the weekend because of concern over revived protests They have court appearances scheduled for Monday

Meanwhile, the Elsipogtog chief is holding a news conference Monday morning, accompanied by Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief Derek Nepinak

SWN Resources Canada has been exploring for potential shale gas development sites under a permit issued by the province But beginning Sept 30, a coalition of native and non-native protesters blockaded the company's seismic exploration trucks in a compound used by the company off Route 134

The vehicles and equipment remained under control of the protesters until Thursday, when it was freed by the RCMP action SWN Resources had earlier told a Court of Queen's Bench hearing that the blockade of equipment was costing it $60,000 a day

On Monday afternoon, a Court of Queen's Bench judge in Moncton is scheduled to rule on SWN Resources' motion requesting a permanent injunction to prevent protest actions from impeding exploration efforts

The protesters are concerned about any potential impact of shale gas extraction on the groundwater supper The gas is accessed through hydraulic fracturing, which involved injecting a mixture of sand, chemicals and water into the earth under high pressure to fracture shale rock and release gas held within the shale that is otherwise inaccessible

Ginnish says it's time for the provincial government to consult with the aboriginal community about shale gas development

"We've been telling the government of New Brunswick the consultation process hasn't been working for three years," said Ginnish

"Our people are unconvinced the industry is actually safe "

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Days after violence broke out between demonstrators and the RCMP at an anti-fracking protest in New Brunswick, Elsipogtog First Nation Chief says his community has begun the healing process

During a news conference on Monday, members of the Elsipogtog First Nation said their goal is to remain peaceful as indigenous people in the province continue protesting the development of the shale gas sector and the irreversible environmental damage they argue it will cause there

"What the RCMP have put our people through, it's almost horrendous, if I can say the least," Elsipogtog First Nation Chief Aaron Sock told reporters at a news conference Monday "But one of the things that our community does well is heal "

Sock said his First Nation community has already begun the process

"We are on the path to forgiveness, although it is a long road," he said

The protesters have been blocking a facility owned by SWN Resources Canada, a company performing seismic testing – a precursor to fracking – in the province

The protest turned violent Thursday after armed police and a canine unit, were dispatched to enforce a court injunction and dismantle the two-week-old road blockade

Six police vehicles were set ablaze and Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers Police responded with tear gas, and 'bean bag' rounds

At least 40 protesters were arrested, including Sock, for firearms offences, threats, intimidation, mischief and violating the injunction

The protesters maintain they were unarmed and acting peacefully

Protesters to appear in court

The final eight individuals who were arrested Thursday are scheduled to appear in court Monday

One Elsipogtog member who was injured when the protest turned violent also attended the morning news conference Amy Sock, who described herself as a "peaceful warrior" showed bruises on her arms which she said were inflicted by police during Thursday's altercation

"People were violated, people were humiliated and people were injured greatly by what has transpired here," Sock told reporters "It's a great injustice and Canada should not stand for the use of that kind of injustice against peaceful people "

Sock also questioned degree of police surveillance at the protest – noting that a RCMP surveillance plane has been flying over the protest site for the last few days

"One of the things that really makes me wonder is how much the federal government tends to cut programs to First Nations, yet we have a surveillance airplane," he said "Could you imagine how much money that is costing the government just for little old Elsipogtog," he said

Manitoba Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Derek Napinak said the indigenous protesters are attempting to protect the water not just for themselves, but for future generations

"(People) rely on these waters and fish to survive," he said "This is an effort that indigenous people are making for everybody "

A Moncton court is scheduled to rule on SWN Resources' motion requesting a permanent injunction to prevent protest actions from impeding exploration efforts on Monday afternoon

Sock said the injunction is the least of their worries

"That is something that we no longer look at," he said

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Elsipogtog First Nation criticizes RCMP, promises to keep fighting shale gas
By Staff Global News and The Canadian Press

REXTON, N B - The chief of the Elsipogtog First Nation in New Brunswick is criticizing the RCMP for its conduct last week in controlling a protest against shale gas exploration, promising his community will continue to oppose the industry's development in the province

Aaron Sock says every effort will be made to keep its opposition peaceful after 40 people were arrested and weapons seized when the Mounties enforced a court-ordered injunction Thursday to end the blockade of a compound near Rexton, where SWN Resources stored exploration equipment and vehicles

Grand Chief Derek Nepinak of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is in New Brunswick to show his support for the band and described the Mounties' actions last week as the violent use of state power

Assistant commissioner Roger Brown, the Mounties' commanding officer in the province, has defended the police response, saying officers seized firearms and improvised explosive devices that were a threat to public safety

Six police vehicles including an unmarked van were burned and Molotov cocktails were tossed at police, who fired non-lethal beanbag type bullets and used pepper spray to defuse the situation

Sock says no decisions have been made on how the band will proceed but he expects a meeting later this week with Premier David Alward, whose government believes shale gas exploration can be done while protecting the environment and encouraging economic growth

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Redford backs call for faster DNA sampling of criminal suspects Civil liberties expert raises questions

Premier Alison Redford has thrown her support behind the Calgary police chief's bid to collect DNA samples from suspects upon their arrest. Redford told reporters in Calgary that authorities must be careful not to trample over charter rights, but that it's imperative to provide law enforcement with greater powers to keep the peace. "I certainly support his view on this," the premier said, referring to police Chief Rick Hanson, "and hope that there is a way that we can move forward to ensure that charter rights are protected and continue to give police more investigative powers." Hanson made headlines in May and again this week when he publicly called for new federal legislation to collect DNA samples when arresting suspects, to speed up investigations. Federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay told a Toronto newspaper that he had spoken with **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** about more aggressive DNA sampling in police investigations. He told the newspaper that his discussions on the idea were preliminary, but that DNA could be used as an "investigative tool." Calgary Herald, A8

Sampling the suspects

An editorial states, "As long as strict safeguards are put in place, there is no reason the law shouldn't be changed to allow for DNA samples to be collected from suspects under arrest for certain types of crime, rather than waiting for a conviction. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** and Justice Minister Peter

MacKay believe collecting DNA from those under arrest could aid police immensely in their investigative work. The law should definitely be amended to allow for this, as long as any amendment contains the caveat that DNA samples will be destroyed if the suspect is found not guilty or charges are dropped against him or her. Nor should DNA be collected from those arrested for minor offences; the change in the law should apply only to serious crimes, such as robberies, sexual assault and murder…" Calgary Herald, A11

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Tremblement de terre de magnitude 2,6
Le sol a tremblé vendredi dans la région de Québec. Séisme Canada a confirmé qu'un tremblement de terre de magnitude 2,6 est survenu à 18 h 04 et il a été ressenti jusqu'à Beaupré. Plusieurs personnes ont souligné la secousse de faible intensité sur les réseaux sociaux. Cette dernière a eu l'effet d'une vibration inhabituelle, selon une citoyenne de Beauport. «Ç'a a fait un gros "boum", comme si quelque chose était tombé. Et ensuite, il y a eu une vibration», a expliqué Isabelle Gosselin. Le séisme ne semble pas avoir causé de problèmes, puisque la police de Québec a indiqué n'avoir reçu aucun appel à cet effet. Journal de Québec

Architect floats ideas to deal with future Alberta flooding
Berms and bypasses, with a combined price tag as high as $830 million, should be built quickly to help protect southern Alberta communities from future deluges, a flood mitigation symposium heard Friday. Richard Lindseth - an architect speaking on behalf of a three-member, government-appointed flood mitigation panel - said three berms with dry ponds ought to be built in the headwaters of the Elbow and Highwood rivers, on the eastern edge of the Rocky Mountains. Those projects should be built in an "expedited" manner, Lindseth told the symposium, convened to bounce around ideas on how to lessen the impact of future floods, like the devastating one that washed through huge parts of southern Alberta in June. Lindseth stressed that his panel's ideas would be just part of an Alberta-wide strategy. Other speakers highlighted the need for improved flood forecasting and mapping, individual preparedness and insurance policies. Canadian Press (Globe and Mail, National Post, Red Deer Advocate); Calgary Herald; Postmedia News (Edmonton Journal); Calgary Sun; QMI Agency (Kingston Whig-Standard)

Flood's impact will be long-lasting
June's devastating flood in the Calgary region may now be months in the past but for many people it will take a long time to get over the emotional toll brought on by the natural disaster. "Through the midst of the flood, I had a conversation with one of our pastors who was up at Slave Lake with all the fires. And what she said was actually some of the profound needs came later on. The long-term effects and the long-term stress a disaster brings about. It's also what's often forgotten," says Pastor Ryan Andersen, of Advent Lutheran Church who is also co-chair of Metro Alliance for the Common Good. The organization, along with Kairos and Alberta Health Services, is putting on a workshop to train people in how to care for others as they deal with the long-term emotional effects of the flood. Calgary Herald

'Duff's Ditch' keeps Manitoba's capital dry
When Winnipeg's "Duff Ditch" was first proposed in the late 1950s, it was met by public skepticism with some critics jeering that its $63-million price tag could buy a whole lot of rain boots. The colossal flood diversion system is essentially a massive ditch that diverts the Red River water around Winnipeg's east side and spits it out safely back into the river on the north side of the city. Today, the Red River Floodway is heralded as a stroke of engineering genius that has paid for itself many times over. It protects Winnipeggers and their homes by taming the swollen waters of the mighty Red River during flooding season, said Jay Doering, professor of civil engineering at the University of Manitoba. In the wake of the June floods in southern Alberta, new flood diversion systems - ranging from dry berms to an underground conduit through Calgary to a Duff Ditch-type overland bypass around High River - are now being pitched to help communities prevent future devastation. Flood diversion systems tend to be big-ticket infrastructure, with an estimated price tag for Alberta's proposed measures topping $800 million. Calgary Herald

HITTING TURBULENCE: It hasn't always been smooth sailing since STARS' splashy launch two years ago

It began with a well-timed photo op on the eve of the 2011 flood, featuring Premier Greg Selinger in front of a new and reassuringly red emergency helicopter that could pluck people from accident scenes and ferry them quickly to hospital. Now, two years later, the Alberta-based Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) is under increasing scrutiny, facing old questions about costs and how its contract was awarded and new rumblings about the quality of patient care. Adding to the scrutiny is a value-for-money audit by Manitoba's auditor general, slated to be released early next year. Then there's the low-grade turf war being waged between STARS and other emergency services. There's something about those flashy blue flight suits, the "cowboy" attitude and the relentless STARS publicity machine that just rankles other provincial emergency personnel. All this, say STARS and the provincial government, is growing pain -- irritation born of misunderstanding and the byproduct of mixing a sophisticated new service into the province's established emergency-response culture. "Any time you introduce a new service, there's friction," said Gerry Delorme, head of emergency management at Manitoba Health. "There's a getting-to-know-you period." According to documents obtained by access-to-information requests, there have been two critical incidents since STARS began operating permanently in Manitoba. Those are serious mistakes that cause death, injury or disability. Winnipeg Free Press

Suspected tsunami debris continues washing ashore

Two-and-a-half years after an earthquake and tsunami devastated parts of Japan, suspected debris from the disaster continues to quietly wash ashore in Hawaii and along the West Coast of North America. Officials in Hawaii have confirmed seven items of tsunami debris this year alone, including a blue plastic bin that had a live bird inside. In Alaska, Chris Pallister reports his group, Gulf of Alaska Keeper, has picked up a quarter-million pounds of debris during this soon-to-end cleanup season, a function largely of additional funding. The most his group has picked up in any other year is about 160,000 pounds, he said. Not all of that is tsunami debris, which is very tough to distinguish from run-of-the-mill marine rubbish that's been a long-running problem in coastal areas without clear, identifying markers - like a serial number or name. Associated Press (Whitehorse Daily Star)

Semi carrying hydrochloric acid crashes near Swift Current

Three homes were evacuated near Stewart Valley in southwest Saskatchewan on Friday after a semi-truck carrying 39 tonnes of hydrochloric acid was involved in a highway accident and spilled some of its cargo. According to the Swift Current RCMP, the accident happened at 10:30 a.m. near the junction of Highway 4 and grid road 738, which is five kilometres north of Stewart Valley. The semi's driver was treated at the scene and released. A one-mile perimeter was set up around the scene of the accident. Three nearby houses were evacuated, and a road was blocked off to traffic. By early Friday evening, the evacuated people had been given clearance to return to their homes. Leader-Post

Ruptures likely in GTA pipeline if capacity boosted, report warns

An analysis by a long-time pipeline expert on Enbridge's bid for federal approval to boost capacity on its Line 9B warns of a "high risk the pipeline will rupture in the early years following the project's implementation." The report by Washington-based Accufacts Inc. warns that "prevalent" stress corrosion cracks are "likely to fail as ruptures" as opposed to leaks. It says the leak detection system along the pipelinewon't detect breaks in a timely way and that the release volumes - how much oil would spew out - are "in all probability understated." The report was written by Richard Kuprewicz and commissioned by a coalition of environmental groups. Toronto Star

Hydro n'a pas tout dit sur la panne durant les feux de forêt

Le grand patron d'hydro-Québec n'a pas dit toute la vérité aux Québécois cet été sur la cause des pannes de réseau survenues durant les feux de forêt, a découvert notre Bureau d'enquête. Contrairement aux affirmations de Thierry Vandal, ce ne sont pas uniquement les feux de forêt qui ont été la cause directe de la panne d'électricité du 3 juillet, mais plutôt un disjoncteur qui a mal fonctionné, tout comme son système de relève. En pleine période de feux de forêt, ce dernier avait été déconnecté "administrativement" pour des raisons d'entretien. Si le système de relève était resté en place, selon nos sources, la pire panne d'électricité à survenir sur l'ensemble du réseau depuis 1989 -le verglas était un événement localisé et n'affectait pas l'ensemble du réseau -aurait été évitée. Journal De Montréal

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Warning letter on appointing Arthur Porter to oversee spy agency raised no red flags
A letter warning in stark language against the appointment of Arthur Porter to oversee Canada's spy agency in 2008 appears to have gone unheeded or unnoticed by the prime minister's office at the time. Porter is now in Panama's La Joya prison awaiting extradition to Canada, where he is accused of defrauding the McGill University Health Centre by taking bribes from former executives at engineering firm SNC Lavalin as part of a $22.5-million kickback scheme. Porter, who has lung cancer, says he is innocent, and the charges have not been tested in court. Just a year and a half ago, he was living in luxury in Montreal, running the hospital, socializing with politicians and travelling the world meeting with spymasters from allied nations. Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed Porter head of the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) on Sept. 3, 2008, giving him access to Canada's most carefully guarded secrets, including information shared with Canadian spies by American and British intelligence agencies. In June 2010, Harper made him chairman of the five-member committee. SIRC's job is to review operations of Canada's spy agency, CSIS, by providing civilian oversight of operations and handling appeals from citizens who feel they have been mistreated by the agency. He stepped down amid controversy in 2011. Postmedia News (National Post, Canada.com, Ottawa Citizen, Starphoenix, Leader-Post, Edmonton Journal)

Arthur Porter prépare sa défense
SNC-Lavalin voulait plus, beaucoup plus que le superhôpital anglophone de Montréal. Si la firme de génie s'est liée avec l'énigmatique Arthur Porter, c'est qu'elle espérait que les contacts politiques du médecin lui donneraient accès à des contrats de milliards de dollars en Afrique, mais aussi... à Ottawa, auprès du gouvernement fédéral, où Porter avait ses entrées. Voilà en gros la défense que prépare le docteur Porter pour répondre aux graves accusations de corruption, de fraude, de commissions secrètes et de complot dont il fait l'objet au Québec. Du fond de sa cellule au Panama, où il conteste toujours la demande d'extradition du Canada à son endroit, l'ancien patron du Centre universitaire de santé McGill (CUSM) fourbit ses armes. Avec l'aide du journaliste canadien Jeff Todd, qui lui prête sa plume, Arthur Porter vient de terminer une autobiographie de 300 pages qu'il compte publier au printemps. Les deux partenaires négocient avec deux éditeurs canadiens. Le Soleil, 10 (La Presse, La Voix de l'Est)

Losier reappointed to spy watchdog
A former provincial cabinet minister has been reappointed to a six-month term on the oversight committee for Canada's spy agency. Denis Losier, of Cap-Pelé, was appointed to be a member of the Security Intelligence Review Committee. Losier, chairman of the board of InvestNB, retired as CEO of Assumption Life last year. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, A2

Le collectif d'Adil Charkaoui va manifester à Québec
Le collectif d'opposants à la Charte, mené par Adil Charkaoui et l'imam Salam Elmenyawi, va manifester à nouveau demain midi, mais sous les fenêtres de l'Assemblée nationale à Québec, cette fois. Il y a quelques jours, les organisateurs ont lancé un appel à la mobilisation de tous les "opposants de la charte discriminatoire, liberticide, sexiste et islamophobe". Des autobus ont été affrétés de Montréal. Du côté des manifestants hostiles à la Charte, certains ne mâchent pas leurs mots non plus au cours des derniers jours contre le PQ et plusieurs figures connues. La Presse, A5 (Le Droit, La Voix de l'Est)

Harper has work to do in Asia: Late start has Canadians in catch-up mode in trade talks
Canadian pennants appeared on lamp posts Friday in the centre of the Malaysian capital, to welcome Prime Minister Stephen Harper, whose RCAF aircraft arrived late in the evening in the equatorial heat after a circuitous 25-hour polar journey from Ottawa that included refuelling stops in Alaska and Japan. But Malaysians remained fixated on the presence here this weekend of another world leader: Chinese President Xi Jinping. After staying close to home during his two minority governments, Harper pushed Asia to the top of Canada's international agenda when he won his first majority. The prime minister has been to Asia several times since to drum up business, including trips to China and India. There have also

been scores of ministerial visits to Asia including 13 in the past 28 months by International Trade minister Ed Fast, whose urgent remit is to grow Canadian trade overseas, especially in the Far East. To do that, Canadian and Malaysian foreign policy experts have called for Canada to develop a comprehensive Asian policy that not only promotes economic opportunities here, but includes other fields of mutual interest that can lay the groundwork for a more substantial relationship. "Canada should have a national security policy toward Asia," said Eva Busza, vice-president of knowledge and research for the Vancouver-based Asia Pacific Foundation. "When looking at this, we have to ask where our strengths lie. We excel at services, engineering and technological innovation. "One area where we can contribute is in non-traditional security. If you take that definition in its broadest sense, I see real opportunities for Canada. We can help with food and water security, disaster-risk reduction, climate-change adaptation and capacity building to fight terrorism and the financing of terrorism. We can also be a leader in cyber-security, developing this from a commercial angle, too." Postmedia News (Ottawa Citizen, Edmonton Journal, Montreal Gazette, Leader-Post, Starphoenix, Windsor Star, Whitehorse Daily Star)

British Columbians grow more wary of other religions, interfaith marriages
British Columbians and other Canadians are becoming more suspicious of Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism and generally less likely to want their children to marry outside their faith, a new study suggests. The downward trend regarding Canadians' openness to the religions of others are revealed in the results of a major survey of more than 2,000 residents by Vancouver-based pollsters Angus Reid. Angus Reid's results show 66 per cent of British Columbians have a "favourable" view of Christianity. But only 17 per cent of B.C. residents approve of Islam and just 28 per cent look positively on Sikhism, which makes up B.C.'s second largest religion. Vancouver specialists in interfaith relationships believe there are two main reasons for the decreasing approval ratings Canadians are giving to different religions and to interfaith marriages. One is that many Canadians have developed exaggerated perceptions that followers of religions like Islam and Sikhism are prone to violence or repression. Vancouver therapist Faizal Sahukhan, who specializes in working with multicultural couples, frequently counsels young men and women of different faiths who are struggling with issues about intermarriage. But with the news media full of headlines about terrorists, the Vancouver-raised Fijian therapist (who grew up in a Muslim family) says, many Canadians have developed "perceptions" that Muslims and Sikhs are either violent, suspicious or oppressive, especially toward women. Vancouver Sun

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

$3.7M in tobacco seized at border
Border officers have recently seized $3.7 million in tobacco at the Windsor border, the Canada Border Services Agency announced today. Loose tobacco leaf was found in two separate incidents at the Ambassador Bridge. On Aug. 14, a commercial driver tried to enter Canada with a shipment declared as frozen apple slices. The driver was sent for a secondary inspection, where CBSA officers found that the shipment actually contained 116 boxes filled with 15,497 kg of loose leaf tobacco with an approximate street value of $1.9 million. Windsor Star, A3

Canada and U.S. may share info on immigrants
Ottawa and Washington are further aligning their border security by sharing personal information of immigration and refugee applicants to both countries. The plan, to be fully implemented next fall, is raising privacy concerns over the disclosure and retention of information, such as an applicant's date of birth, travel document number and fingerprints. The information-sharing wouldn't apply to Canadian and American citizens or permanent residents. "Information-sharing between Canada and the U.S. . . . supports mutual efforts to facilitate legitimate travel and protect our common borders through improved screening of visitors before they enter our countries," said Alexis Pavlich, press secretary of Immigration Minister Chris Alexander. "Privacy protection is a primary consideration for us, and the limited information exchange will comply with all relevant Canadian laws, including the Privacy Act and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, to ensure that Canadians' privacy rights are protected." While it is too early to speculate on the impact of the changes, Janet Dench of the Canadian Council for Refugees said, "We will be watching very closely over the privacy concerns and risks it poses to people who face persecution and

torture back home." The proposed regulations are expected to result in an increase in the number of refugee claimants identified as ineligible, a decrease in the volume of crime and a decrease in detention and removal costs of nationals of a third country by denying them entry to Canada, said Citizenship and Immigration Canada director Chris Gregory, who drafted the proposal. Toronto Star, A2

Reprise des négociations, mardi, pour 8600 employés

Après avoir perdu en Cour fédérale le mois dernier dans sa tentative d'imposer le vote sur son offre finale, une "première" dans l'histoire de la fonction publique, le gouvernement Harper a finalement accepté de reprendre les négociations avec le syndicat représentant les 8600 employés de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC). Les discussions à la table de négociations reprendront donc mardi matin entre l'ASFC et le Syndicat des employés des services frontaliers, un élément de l'Alliance de la fonction publique du Canada (AFPC), dont les membres sont sans contrat de travail depuis le 20 juin 2011. Après plusieurs mois de négociations, le gouvernement avait décidé de demander à la Commission des relations de travail dans la fonction publique de tenir un vote sur l'offre finale faite dans le cadre des négociations, sans toutefois avoir obtenu au préalable une entente de principe avec le syndicat des employés. C'était la première fois que le gouvernement agissait de la sorte dans une négociation avec ses employés dans toute l'histoire de la fonction publique fédérale. Le Droit, 42

The century's worst refugee crisis

It would be wrong to interpret the recent flurry of activity at the United Nations around Syria as a shining example of diplomatic progress. For nearly three years, the Security Council was seemingly paralyzed, while a popular uprising morphed into a dark and drawn-out conflict, punctuated by the kinds of atrocities that - one would think - inspire action in the face of stalemate. The baby steps now being taken, in some ways, only serve to highlight the international community's collective failure to act sooner. Still, the council has now moved - twice, in the space of a week - in a way which suggests that meaningful international intervention in Syria's civil war is finally gaining momentum. First, the council adopted a resolution that seeks to rid President Bashar al-Assad's regime of its chemical weapons. That opened a narrow window which spawned further action on Wednesday, when the council voted unanimously to urge all combatants in Syria to allow the free flow of humanitarian aid into the country. Globe and Mail

CLAIM: Stephen Harper will change his mind on immigration caps and health transfers.

An opinion piece states, “Harper plans to slow the growth of health transfers starting in 2017. Baillie says he will push the prime minister to change his mind. This isn't going to happen. The provinces have been publicly feuding with Harper over the issue since it was announced without consultation two years ago. Harper hasn't blinked. No one from Nova Scotia, Baillie included, has the clout to convince him to reverse this policy. Baillie also says he will pitch Harper on letting Nova Scotia bring in more immigrants through the provincial nominee stream. The feds have shown more leniency on this front. But they don't want to increase the total number of immigrants to Canada, and every province is asking for more provincial nominee space...” Chronicle-Herald, A8

Language barriers hamper health of immigrants

Canada's health-care system is failing our country's newcomers, say those on the front lines of delivering health services to Hamilton immigrants. Local research suggests the health of newcomers usually declines after arrival in Canada due to economic, cultural and language barriers. The Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council and the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion released the report this week, called The Health Needs of Newcomers and Immigrants in Hamilton. The report found that lack of co-ordination between service providers and language barriers are the biggest obstacles in new immigrants' health. Hamilton Spectator

Police probe accused murderer's trip

Weeks after one woman was stabbed to death in a Cabbagetown alleyway and months before another was brutally dismembered, the man now accused of killing both took a trip to Germany. Why did Adonay Zekarias - in between allegedly murdering two Eritrea-born Toronto women - leave Canada, then return? The travel details so far remain a mystery to police, but the information has investigators probing what the 42-year-old did while abroad. Zekarias, an Eritrean immigrant who police say came to Canada within the past five years, was charged this week with first-degree murder in the deaths of Nighisti Semret, 55, and

Rigat Essag Ghirmay, 28. Susan Adams, defence lawyer for Zekarias, said she wasn't aware of the Interpol search. Investigators are working with Canada Border Services Agency officials to clarify. Giroux said there may be an innocent explanation - some immigrants, for example, adopt a new name after fleeing from persecution in their home country. Toronto Star, GT1

Commission Charbonneau - La FTQ rattrapée par sa culture du déni
Ken Pereira a brisé l'omerta syndicale cette semaine à la commission Charbonneau. La culture du déni à la FTQ survivra-t-elle à ses révélations explosives ? Pas de paravent, pas d'anonymat. Ken Pereira est " un homme " comme devrait les aimer le président de la FTQ, Michel Arsenault. L'ancien délégué syndical des mécaniciens industriels à la FTQ-Construction (FTQ-C) témoigne à visage découvert à la commission Charbonneau. En trois journées et demie, il a frappé sur la centrale à grands coups de massue. Selon sa version des faits, Jocelyn Dupuis, le " tout-puissant " directeur général de la FTQ-C pendant 11 ans, régnait en maître sur les destinées de la centrale grâce à ses alliances avec " les cercles mafieux " Les Hells Angels et la mafia avaient leurs entrées au sein de la FTQ-C. Ils faisaient danser des délégués syndicaux comme des marionnettes. Le caïd Raynald Desjardins, dépeint comme " le vrai boss de la FTQ-Construction ", a mis son poids dans la balance pour régler un litige entre MM. Pereira et Dupuis. Un présumé membre des Hells Angels, Jacques Émond, a joué des muscles pour favoriser l'élection de Richard Goyette à la direction générale, en 2008. Le Devoir, B1

Skills mismatch hurts firms
Skills held by new graduates and workers hitting the job market often don't match the skills employers need and that is exacerbating labour shortages across 14 critical sectors that rely on highly-skilled technology workers, according to the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists. At the organization's National Technology Conference held last week in Winnipeg, employers, educators, government officials and industry observers came together to try to tackle the issue and others. "The skills mismatch means we're constantly being questioned by employers looking for the next worker - the worker with the right skill set," says Isidore LeBlond, chief executive of CCTT. "We want to make sure we're teaching the right (skills)," he adds. Perrin Beatty, president and chief executive of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, notes in a recent Conference Board of Canada report that federal changes to immigration policy are "encouraging" for employers, adding prearrival credential assessments are also a good step. More needs to be done, however. Canada imported more than 5.2 per cent of its population in a single decade as businesses tapped into the global workforce and programs such as the Temporary Foreign Worker Program. Calgary Herald, C7

U.S. workers could help plug skills gap in Canada
Labour-starved employers should take a short look south to American workers, according to a new study by The Conference Board of Canada released on Friday. The report said Alberta, which faces the most severe skills shortage in Canada, launched a pilot project last year that brought nearly 1,000 highly-skilled U.S. workers into the province. "Alberta has been at the forefront of a strategy to recruit U.S. workers, particularly for resource projects, but Saskatchewan and Manitoba are also increasingly facing labour shortages," said the conference board's Global Commerce Centre. The study said: there is no simple mechanism to bring in U.S. workers; resource projects require different approaches to workforce planning because they involve short, intense bursts of activity in geographically dispersed regions; and the Temporary Foreign Worker Program is a band-aid for skills shortages, but it is not a panacea or a long-term solution. Calgary Herald

Program reduces number of dogs returning to shelter
Luda, likely a pitbull-terrier mixed with something else, needs a human friend with time and energy. "She's a wonderful dog," said trainer Catherine Thomas, trying to get the active pup about eight months old to pose for a picture at the Charlotte County SPCA shelter. "She is a dog that would get into trouble left to her own devices." Last year the CCSPCA began a program to assess canine behaviour to avoid mismatches which turn into bad experiences for dogs and adoptive families, ending with animals returning to the shelter. Since September last year, with the new system in effect, exactly two dogs have come back, one of them because of an allergy issue, Flaherty said. The other has since found a new career as a service dog with the Canada Border Service Agency. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, B11

Bilateral ballast battle brews over keeping invasive species out of Great Lakes
Tough new American rules on ballast water discharge in the Great Lakes, designed to curb the spread of aquatic hitchhikers like zebra mussels and goby fish, will penalize Canadian freighters while all but ignoring U.S. vessels, say shippers north of the border. The powerful U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will begin implementing the new ballast rules in December after years of wrangling among Canadian officials, the U.S. Coast Guard, the state of New York and other Great Lakes jurisdictions. Earlier this year, the EPA essentially put the brakes to New York efforts to implement tough standards that were significantly more stringent than international regulations. Those proposed rules prompted fears that Great Lakes shipping would have screeched to a halt, since all foreign ships must pass through New York waters on their way to the lakes. The new rules require overseas vessels to install ballast-cleaning technology before dumping their waste water into the Great Lakes. That costly retrofitting will affect as much as 50 per cent of the Canadian Great Lakes fleet. Gary Doer, Canada's U.S. ambassador, said the regulations amount to a solution that won't unduly punish the lakes' $11-billion shipping industry. Whitehorse Daily Star, 33

Ottawa accused of exploiting U.S. panic
Four days into the U.S. government shutdown, the Blame Canada meme popped up Friday with suggestions Ottawa may be meddling in Washington's fiscal nightmare to advance its perennial quest for a new oil pipeline. The inference came in a letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper from Tom Steyer, the San Francisco hedge fund billionaire and vocal opponent of Trans Canada Corp.'s Keystone XL project. Specifically, Steyer wants to know more about a possible Canadian role in the placement of approval of the pipeline in a laundry list of Republican demands to end the crisis, which has thrown all but "essential" federal workers out of work - some 800,000 Americans. The shutdown has forced furloughs upon seven of the eight Americans guarding the 8,891-kilometre Canadian border, the BBC reported with tongue in cheek. "That leaves acting commissioner Kyle Hipsley on his own. Speaking from a field office in Montana, he said everything was under control." Yet the truth is the borders are under control. Though U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials have furloughed an estimated 12 per cent of their workforce, trade flows are moving at a pre-Christmas peak. A spokesman for the Canadian Trucking Alliance told The Star "we're in wait-and-see mode, but as of now we haven't received any problem calls from our 4,500 carriers." That's the upfront wiring of cross-border interaction. The "hidden wiring," however, is all messed up, according to number of sources in Washington. Canadian Embassy officials, like those of every other diplomatic mission in D.C., now find themselves with lots of time on their hands, with their American counterparts either off the job or scrambling to keep their own departments running in a short-handed crisis. Toronto Star, A21

Carmelo Bruzzese, wanted in Italy on Mafia charge, loses detention hearing
The Vaughan resident, thought to be an associate of Mafia kingpin Vito Rizzuto, remains in custody after losing a marathon review following his arrest by the RCMP. A Vaughan grandfather considered by police to be an associate of alleged Montreal Mafia kingpin Vito Rizzuto remains in custody after losing a marathon detention review. Carmelo Bruzzese, 64, remains behind bars at the Maplehurst Detention Centre after an immigration officer ruled Friday that he is a danger to the public and a flight risk. Bruzzese has been in custody since he was arrested in August by the RCMP and Canada Border Services Agency on an immigration warrant. He has permanent resident status in Canada, where he has lived on and off since the early 1960s, but remains an Italian citizen. No date has been announced for his admissibility hearing. He's wanted in Italy on Mafia-association charges, an offence that doesn't exist in Canada. Bruzzese, whose wife and sons are Canadian citizens, was acquitted of a Mafia-related offence in Italy in 2008 related to his association with Rizzuto. Bruzzese has no record of criminal conviction in Canada or Italy. Toronto Star

Whale of a Fine
Little is known of Gregory Logan from court documents. He is a former Mountie, he is in his late 50s, he hails from Grand Prairie, Alta., and, from a summer home in Maine, he orchestrated what may well be the largest narwhal smuggling ring of modern times. Logan smuggled as many as 250 narwhal tusks past a sleepy border station in northern Maine. Then, from a FedEx station in Bangor, Me., he would package up the conspicuous, spiralled tusks and send them to a network of recipients throughout the United States. Reportedly, it was a scam he kept up for more than 10 years. This week, a New Brunswick court

responded by slapping Logan with what Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq told Nunavut media was "the largest penalty ever handed down in Canada" for a wildlife offence of its kind. The tusks are one of the most coveted objects from the natural world, adorning sceptres and thrones throughout Europe, and reportedly originating the myth of the unicorn. Although known as a tusk, they are really elongated, spiralled teeth that begin to pierce their way through the whale's face at adolescence. Most scientists believe the bulky appendages serve no real purpose for the whales. While any Canadian with a few thousand dollars can buy the closely regulated tusks from third-party dealers or even a small network of Inuit hunters selling the specimens online, the tusks have been illegal to import into the United States since the 1972 passage of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Canadian Press (National Post)

Trans-Pacific free trade talks a delicate dance of compromise
The Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade agreement negotiations are hardly top of mind for most Canadians, but for British Columbia they are perhaps as important as any trade deal in force or in process. If and when a deal is completed, its acronym will likely become as wellknown as NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement. Consider that roughly 78 per cent of Ontario's exports are destined for the United States, while only 45 per cent of B.C.'s go there. Most of the rest of B.C.'s exports go to markets on the other side of the Pacific Ocean. Vancouver Sun, C3

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Can Statistics Canada be hacked? When it comes to computer security, nothing's impossible, experts
When does a conspiracy theory stop becoming theoretical? On Thursday, a sparkplug 89-year-old woman and her lawyer, who doubles as a math professor, presented a doozie to the court. Could Lockheed Martin, an American arms manufacturer, use the software it sold to Statistics Canada to secretly extract the country's census data and hand it over to U.S. spy agencies? Statistics Canada said, categorically, that no one at any time has ever breached its network and no information could ever be stolen. Experts the Star spoke with all agreed on one thing: there is no such thing as a bulletproof network. Tobias' lawyer, Peter Rosenthal, called to the stand a computer scientist responsible for keeping the University of Toronto's network secure. Back doors are exactly that - an alternate, and often secret, way to get into a network. That is one of the techniques the U.S. National Security Agency used to track Americans' telecommunications, as was revealed by whistleblower Edward Snowden. However, all agreed that this scenario is more theory than conspiracy. Yves Beland, director of census operations for Statistics Canada, told the court that the census data is locked down on a secure network housed in a building in Gatineau, Que. None of the data ever leaves that compound, he said. Yet there remains one connection to the outside world. "Even having the stuff safe and secure in Canada is somewhat reassuring, but we have no real idea what Canadian spy agencies are doing," said Graeme Hirst, a professor of computer science at the University of Toronto. Toronto Star

GTEC to focus on 'agile' government
The annual Government Technology event, better known as GTEC, will take place at the Ottawa Convention Centre next week with the intention of helping government become more "agile". The event, which is now in its 21st year, will bring together 190 technology companies with more than 7,000 delegates from the public service. The goal is to get the two sides talking about how to offer more modern government services to Canadians. "They see the event as an opportunity to meet with perspective clients in a venue that is neutral," said Terry Horsman, director of sales at GTEC. The show will be opened by Treasury Board Secretariat president Tony Clement on Tuesday morning. Clement will be followed by Corinne Charette, chief information officer for the Government of Canada. Other keynote speakers at the conference will include: John Forester, deputy head and chief at the Communications Security Establishment Canada, who will discuss Canada's cyber-security preparedness, and Carlos Dominguez, a senior vice-president at Cisco Systems Inc., who will discuss how government can use Internet based services to better serve Canadians. Ottawa Citizen, D1

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'A feeling of being violated'
Few of us will ever get in a pickle like Jason Bateman's character in the 2013 movie Identity Thief. When someone - hilarious Melissa McCarthy - steals his identity, he decides to pursue the brazen thief himself and winds up in endless hot water, at one point even being pursued by a couple of would-be assassins. Still, identity theft - someone stealing your credit card information, for example - could catch you in its nasty net, especially if you're not vigilant. If you are the victim of identity theft or fraud, immediately report it to the local police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca). Theft of your SIN card and other information requires special action. For more information on what to do in all cases, visit the RCMP's website rcmp-grc.gc.ca/scamsfraudes/victims-guide-victimeseng.htm.
Your credit card company or bank may cover your direct loss from identity theft, but some insurance companies have beefed up protection with policies, such as Intact Assurance's Identity Theft Assistance Plus. As a $35-per-year endorsement to your existing coverage with Intact, it covers items such as lost income and legal fees to recover assets stolen by identity-theft fraudsters. Ottawa Citizen, K11 (Windsor Star)

RCMP called as 'sovereign citizens' seize Alberta cabin
RCMP say they're working toward a peaceful solution after reports that some selfproclaimed sovereign citizens have taken over a trapper's cabin in northwestern Alberta. Cpl. Roy Kennedy said Friday that officers were looking into complaints relating to property about 60 kilometres southeast of Grande Prairie. He said he can't reveal details of the allegations but, in general, they could include mischief, threats or weapons. Kennedy stressed that no charges have yet been laid. "We're working toward it being a timely and thorough investigation and trying to resolve it as quickly as we can and as peacefully as we can."
In May, the provincial government learned that several people had been illegally living in tents on public land in the Grande Prairie area. Canadian Press (Times Colonist, Calgary Herald

*** Alberta's government never enforced eviction of 'Freeman on the land'**
Provincial officials never enforced a notice to vacate that was rejected by the "Freemen on the land" group accused of forcibly taking several trappers' cabins in Northern Alberta.A spokesperson for Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD), who is too afraid to be named, confirmed officials discovered two people illegally camped roughly 80 kilometres south of Grande Prairie in late May. ESRD said officials accompanied by RCMP members issued a notice to vacate in June that was rejected by the men who "indicated that it was not crown land, it was land taken over by them". A second site visit by ESRD and Department of Justice officials in September confirmed that not only had the group not left, but there were now a total of five people illegally camped, the spokesperson said. "We didn't ask for (RCMP involvement)," said ESRD. "It's obviously a priority for us now but when it was just them camping on public land, we would have been hesitant to take that strong of an action. We prefer to go through more peaceful, less aggressive channels." The spokesperson said no ESRD or Justice officials were harmed or threatened in their talks with the men and ESRD reports on the initial meetings contained no references that the men were involved with the "Freemen on the land" movement. Ottawa Sun (Edmonton Sun)

Small arms are world's true weapons of mass destruction
An opinion piece states, “The gun lobby in Canada is flexing its muscle with a warning to the Conservative government not to sign the landmark United Nations armstrade treaty because it could affect their rights to own firearms. Their advice or warning should be rejected by the government, and Canada should sign the treaty because it is eminently good for the values we espouse. The treaty was adopted in April and has already been signed by 113 countries, including the United States. It is intended to regulate the $70-billion global arms trade - in everything from small arms to tanks, combat aircraft and warships - to help stop, or at least reduce the scourge of war around the world. In particular, the hope is that the treaty will limit the illicit trade in the small arms and light weapons that are causing thousands of deaths in conflicts all over the world…They are the weapons that have wreaked the most havoc on civilians. These are the people the arms trade treaty is aimed at protecting. This treaty is not about

shooting deer or pheasants. It is about saving the lives of human beings, and as Foreign Minister John Baird weighs what the government should do, he should not forget that." Vancouver Sun, C3

An online creation: middle-class hooking
Women who are victims of human trafficking don't fit the profile you might imagine. Women like Brianne. Many, like her, are more likely from a middle-class family in Richmond Hill or Mississauga than a poverty-stricken village in Romania or Moldova. And they're more likely to be sold online rather than on a street corner. As difficult as it may be to believe, these girls could be your daughter, says Det. Mark Benallick, who heads the Special Victims Unit, part of the Toronto Police Sex Crimes Squad. The unit deals almost exclusively with sex workers. But human trafficking in Canada reaches well beyond prostitution. In 2010, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police began laying charges in one of the country's biggest-ever human trafficking rings, centred on an extended Hungarian Roma family living in Hamilton that lured their victims to Canada with the promise of good jobs. RCMP figures show 46 convictions in human trafficking cases since 2005, involving offences such as procuring, living off the avails of prostitution and assault. Another 86 human trafficking cases are currently before the courts. The majority are domestic trafficking for sexual services along with five international human trafficking for forced labour. Toronto Star, IN1

*** Galloway Boys now one of the most violent groups in city**
The Galloway Boys' roots can be traced back decades, but about 10 years ago the Scarborough crew became known as one of the most violent street gangs in the city. Better known today in their Kingston and Galloway Rds. neighbourhood as G-way, the group is believed to have sprung up mostly from immigrants who settled in government housing developments in West Hill in the 1980s and soon became involved in the crack cocaine industry. As the gang evolved, it branched out from the drug trade and petty street crime into gun trafficking and prostitution. By 2002, G-way was locked in a deadly feud with arch rivals the Malvern Crew. Toronto Sun, 5

*** Defence 'extremely disappointed' with verdict**
Christopher Cornell was found guilty last night of attempting to murder Haines Junction RCMP Cpl. Kim MacKellar by shooting at him during a high-speed chase on Sept. 26, 2011. He was also found guilty of attempting to murder deputy conservation officer Shane Oakley, who was with MacKellar when he responded to a call of a break-in at Madley's General Store in Haines Junction. Cornell was also found guilty of using violence and bear spray to rob Madley's, as well as several criminal charges. The nine women and three men of the Yukon Supreme Court jury took four hours to review three weeks of evidence before rendering their decision Thursday evening. Whitehorse Daily Star

*** Approached by an officer? You must know your rights**
An opinion piece states, "What do you do if you are stopped and questioned by the police? You have a choice. When you are approached by the police, except in some very specific circumstances, some of which are listed below, you can decide whether you will speak with them and/or give them any information, tell them your name, or produce identification. For the most part, you do not have to answer questions asked of you by the police and cannot be arrested for refusing to answer. If you lie about your name or address, however, you can be charged with obstructing justice or the police. In Toronto, if you give the police your name and/or produce your identification, it is likely that what you provide to them will be put on what the police call a Form 306, more formally called Community Inquiry Reports. That form will indicate what your name is, where you were when the police spoke to you, the time and date when they spoke to you, what you said you were doing and who you were with and other personal information. All of that information, along with other kinds of police contact (like 911 calls), can go into the Toronto police computer system and remain available to police for many years. It is also likely that if you tell the police your name, they will run a police computer check on you through the RCMP Central Repository system known as CPIC. CPIC will tell the police officer you are dealing with whether there is a warrant for your arrest and whether you are on bail, or any other information police already have. If you are on bail, CPIC will tell the officer the terms of your bail. If you are violating the terms of your bail, the officer will likely arrest you and charge you for breaching your bail. You will be held for a "show cause" hearing, at which time a decision will be made whether you will be kept in jail pending your trial(s)..." Toronto Star, IN2

*** La guerre au flip immobilier**
Kinh Ho Quan s'est présenté au palais de justice de Montréal, jeudi matin, vêtu d'un manteau portant l'inscription "Fuck Canada". Condamné à cinq ans de prison, l'artisan d'un stratagème frauduleux de flip immobilier qui a ruiné des dizaines de Québécois naïfs et fait perdre des millions à la Société canadienne d'hypothèques et de logement (SCHL) est ressorti de la cour au bras d'un agent d'incarcération. En 2008, j'avais exposé tous les rouages de son réseau Syncomonde dans un dossier sur le flip immobilier, un fléau qui est malheureusement devenu très fréquent à la faveur du boom immobilier. Cinq ans après la publication de mes articles, les victimes ne peuvent pas encore crier victoire, même si Ho Quan et ses principaux complices ont tous plaidé coupable à différents chefs d'accusation criminels, ce qui n'est pas rien. Dans le cadre de son enquête, la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) a retracé quelque 80 transactions suspectes d'une valeur de 18 millions de dollars. Les policiers en ont analysé 20 qui se sont toutes révélées frauduleuses. La Presse, S6

*** La GRC a enquêté sur Marc Demers**
Selon des documents obtenus auprès de la Commission d'accès à l'information, le candidat à la mairie de Laval, Marc Demers, a fait l'objet d'une enquête de la part de la GRC au moment où il était enquêteur au Service de police de Laval. Une enquête avait été commandée par le directeur de l'époque, Jean-Pierre Gariépy, en raison d'allégations contre M. Demers, qui était soupçonné d'avoir des relations avec le crime organisé. Agence QMI (Journal de Montréal)

*** FOB gangster facing murder plot charge granted bail**
A veteran Calgary gang member charged with conspiracy to murder a rival gangster has been granted bail. Court of Queen's Bench Justice Karen Horner on Friday ordered the release of Henry Le Nguyen on $10,000 cash and $50,000 surety. The decision came after hearing lengthy arguments over two days by defence lawyer Andrea Urquhart and Crown prosecutor Janice Rea. Nguyen was arrested and charged with other FOB members in May with hatching a plot to kill FK member Vinh Tung Truong. Truong, 30, named as the target of the alleged murder conspiracy foiled by police, is serving a six-year term for shooting at FOB rivals as revenge for the murder of FK member Mark Kim on Dec. 31, 2007. Calgary Herald

*** Rexton stalemate continues**
As a blockade of Highway 134 near Rexton went into its fifth full day, Premier David Alward issued a statement yesterday afternoon saying he would be willing to meet with elected officials of the Elsipogtog First Nation, but he made no signal he was willing to negotiate with anyone else. That didn't sit well with one of the leaders of the blockade, or the chief of the Elsipogtog First Nation, who both said they wanted Alward to meet with the leaders of both the band and the blockade. The standoff just outside the village of Rexton started on Sunday evening when people gathered outside a driveway leading to a compound where vehicles and equipment being used by SWN Resources in its seismic testing are being stored. The equipment is part of the company's search for natural gas deposits in the region that may be buried deep underground in shale. Because the seismic testing, depending on the results, could be a precursor to one day drilling for the so-called shale gas and extracting it through the process of hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," the protesters are opposed to the presence of the company, expressing concerns about the safety of fracking. One sign at the protest even suggests fracking is the worst environmental sin since the invention of the atomic bomb. The search for shale gas had clearly been the trigger for Sunday's protest gathering, which resulted first in the RCMP closing the road to through traffic between Highway 11 and a spot near Bonar Law School, and then in First Nations protesters erecting their own barricades by felling trees onto the roadway on Monday. Times & Transcript, A1

*** World wants region's gas deposits**
Federal Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver says gas deposits in Atlantic Canada could be poised for international markets, if developed. Oliver made the comments in a keynote address at the Atlantic Canada Energy Summit in the port city Friday, adding the country has a long history of safely extracting natural gas from shale. "There are significant shale gas deposits here in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and the development of either or both of these will provide feedstock for LNG exports," Oliver said. "Whether these fields are developed is of course a provincial decision, but it is worth noting that fracking

has been going on for over 50 years in the West without a single incident of drinking water contamination. "This has been reinforced by research conducted by my department that found that hydraulic fracking is routinely done without negative consequences or significant adverse environmental impact." Oliver's comments come as protests over shale gas in New Brunswick continue, with opponents of the industry maintaining they fear gas wells pose a danger to groundwater... The company is exploring for natural gas in the province and has equipment at a compound in Rexton, off Route 134. Many protesters - some aboriginal, and some non-aboriginal - have been at the site since last weekend, blocking access to the facility. Trees have been cut down and are blocking some of the road and a camp has been set up with tarps and tents. The order bars them from interfering or attempting to interfere with the company's Kent operations. "(Shale gas development) must be done in a way that is respectful of First Nations which brings the communities in early in the process, that they are treated equally as partners and their interests and concerns are addressed," Oliver said when asked about the protests Friday. Energy Minister Craig Leonard said Friday he continues to receive updates from police on the Rexton protests. "It's in the hands of the RCMP," Leonard said. "It will be up to the RCMP to take the next steps ... I would like to see there be a lawful, peaceful resolution to all this." Daily Gleaner, D1

*** RCMP honours outstanding employees**

Among them was Barbara O'Keefe, who was awarded the Commanding Officer's Commendation for her 35 years of dedication as a public service employee with the police force. That recognition is given to RCMP employees who have exceeded expectations in demonstrating bravery, giving outstanding service, or participating in volunteer activities. "PSE Barbara O'Keefe, (retired) is officially commended for her outstanding service in preparing a massive and complex Electronic Disclosure Package for a major investigation by the Financial Crime Section, beginning in the fall of 2002 and culminating in the summer of 2011," the release stated. O'Keefe was one of two employees to receive the award at this particular ceremony. "It's a great feeling to know that I've worked for this organization for over 35 years and I'm very proud to receive this award," O'Keefe said. The Telegram

*** Province considers varying speed limits**

The B.C. government has launched a review of highway speed limits between communities that will include the possibility of changing the maximum for different seasons and types of vehicles. The options were laid out Friday as Transportation Minister Todd Stone announced the public will be invited to offer their views in November. The public review is scheduled to provide recommendations to the government next spring. While it is under way, a parallel technical review of such issues as best practices from elsewhere in the world is also proceeding. Mr. Stone said his ministry will reach out to stakeholders such as police, the Insurance Corporation of B.C., the Union of B.C. Municipalities and the trucking industry. Spokesmen for both ICBC and E-Division of the RCMP declined to comment on the announcement, declaring they will save their views for the input process. Globe and Mail, S6

*** 41 ARRESTS, 417 CHARGES**

A major gun and drug crackdown has put a sizable dent in two feuding street gangs believed to have spilled a lot of blood in Scarborough's east end. Toronto Police say 41 alleged members of the Galloway Boys, a notorious crew tied to the city's worst mass shooting, and the Orton Park Gang have been arrested on a combined 417 charges in Projects Brazen and Quell -- launched in the wake of increased gunplay in the Kingston Rd. and Lawrence Ave. E. area. "In the fall of 2011, during a four-month period, 43 Division saw a significant increase in the number of shooting incidents that were directly related to the struggle for dominance between two organizations heavily involved in the drug trade in the Orton Park Rd. area and Galloway Rd. area," homicide boss Staff-Insp. Greg McLane alleged Friday. He claims the shootings were "linked to a gang feud" between the Galloway and Orton Park crews. After several shootings, including the mistaken-identity killing of D'Mitre Barnaby, police began Project Brazen-- named for the boldness of the gunmen involved -- in April 2012. Toronto Sun, 4; Toronto Star; Agence QMI; Globe and Mail

*** N.S. fugitive arrested in Quebec**

A Nova Scotia man who failed to show up for his jury trial in Nova Scotia Supreme Court earlier this week was arrested Friday morning in Quebec City. Collin James Lawrence, 45, formerly of Shelburne County,

was flown back to Yarmouth, touching down just after 5 p.m. He was whisked to Yarmouth's courthouse on Main Street where Justice Pierre Muise waited to open a special sitting of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court at 5:50 p.m. Details of his arrest were not provided during his brief court appearance. Lawrence was due to begin his trial on child abduction and mischief charges on Monday, but failed to show. He was stopped by police on Highway 104 near Oxford in September 2011 with an 11-day-old infant in his car, a few hours after his wife called RCMP and alleged that he had taken their newborn daughter and dashed. Chronicle-Herald

*** Police warn online dating users to beware of savvy scammers**

Halton police are having a hard time convincing one woman her online relationship is not real, that the man is not who she thinks he is, and that he is really a fraudster. Family has also tried to convince her it's a scam, but to no avail and so she continues to send money to the one she is convinced is her 'soul mate', police say. "The woman still believes there is a relationship there", says Sgt. Ron Hansen with Halton's fraud unit. It may seem implausible, but authorities say an increasing number of women and men are falling victim to the 'dating and romance scam', creating multi-million dollar frauds. Canada's 1,195 victims last year lost a combined $16.6 million according to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. Hamilton has seven who together lost $36,882 according to the anti-fraud centre jointly managed by the RCMP, OPP and Competition Bureau Canada. Hamilton Spectator

*** Man no longer faces murder charge**

The Crown has decided to drop a murder charge against a man accused of shooting and wounding two Mounties in rural Alberta. Sawyer Robison was originally charged with the attempted murder of the two officers and second-degree murder in the death of his uncle, Bradford Clarke, after a standoff on the family farm near Killam in February 2012. But Alberta Justice spokeswoman Michelle Davio said Friday the murder charge will be discontinued when a preliminary hearing resumes in court on Monday. She said the prosecutor recently received evidence from the RCMP related to Clarke's death. Daily Gleaner, A11 (National Post, Calgary Herald)

*** Accused had admitted to shooting at officer**

Jessica Johnson of Whitehorse pleaded guilty Sept. 9 to shooting at RCMP Cpl. Kim MacKellar, but she pleaded not guilty to attempting to murder the officer. Johnson also pleaded guilty to three other charges arising from a robbery at Madley's General Store in Haines Junction on Sept. 26, 2011 and a subsequent high-speed highway chase. The guilty pleas came on the first morning of the scheduled four-week trial, an hour before the selection of the jury to try Johnson, 23, and Chris Cornell, 31. Whitehorse Daily Star

*** Toronto police want to rebrand carding practice**

Toronto police are proposing a major rebranding of "carding" - stopping, questioning and documenting people in mostly non-criminal encounters - and adding purging requirements to a controversial database. Known as Form 208s, "street checks" or contact cards, police would now call them "community safety notes" and the data recorded on them would be purged after seven years, according to a report posted late Friday afternoon on the Toronto Police Services Board website. Police also propose that the cards be monitored for racial bias and are looking at changing the way they are assessed, placing more emphasis on quality information over quantity. "Systemic pressures" to card people often result "in a complete focus on quantity, not quality," says the 95-page report, which is to be presented to the board Monday at its regular public meeting. "The social cost of obtaining a (contact card) with little-to-no value to public safety or crime prevention is detrimental to the Service and may contribute to a loss of public confidence and trust," states the report, the result of an internal police and community engagement review led by Deputy Chief Peter Sloly. Yet, card counts will still matter in performance evaluations, which can affect promotions and increases in salary. The report contains 31 recommendations, including additional training and changing how officers interact with the public. Police conducted nine community consultations and said participants see the internal review and discussions as a "turning point." Toronto Star, A1

*** Retired judge calls for clear taser rules**

Ontario should take a page from British Columbia on guidelines about when police should use conductive energy weapons, says the retired judge who led B.C.'s Braidwood Inquiry into the death of a Polish immigrant who was tasered in 2007. The test for when it is appropriate for a police officer to discharge a CEW is among the most important recommendations made by the inquiry, Thomas Braidwood, formerly of the British Columbia Court of Appeal, told The Globe and Mail in a recent interview. As a result of the inquiry's findings, police in B.C. are prohibited from deploying a taser unless "the subject is causing bodily harm or the officer is satisfied, on reasonable grounds, that the subject's behaviour will imminently cause bodily harm." "It is very simple to understand," said Mr. Braidwood. The grounds to discharge a taser must be very clear for officers, so that they are used properly, he explained. In contrast, the threshold in Ontario is that a CEW can be used if an individual is engaging in "assaultive behaviour," which can include rude gestures, according to the use-of-force model employed by police. Globe and Mail, A13

*** Chesterman man charged in latest major meth bust**
Methamphetamine trafficking is on the rise as one of the fastest growing drugs in Calgary, police say in the wake of two historic busts in the city. Just weeks after police made a record-breaking $1-million meth bust, a Chestermere man was arrested after investigators found 2.1 kilograms of meth in his house and a southeast Calgary storage locker. Police say both busts involve separate players, showing how rampant the drug problem is. "There is no link between either investigation," said Sgt. Jason Walker of the guns and gangs unit. Calgary Herald (Edmonton Journal)

*** Accused in Mountie shootings no longer faces murder charge**
The Crown has decided to drop a murder charge against a man accused of shooting and wounding two Mounties in rural Alberta. Sawyer Robison was originally charged with the attempted murder of the two officers and second-degree murder in the death of his uncle, Bradford Clark, after a standoff on the family farm near Killam in February 2012. But Alberta Justice spokesperson Michelle Davio says the murder charge will be discontinued when his preliminary hearing resumes in court on Monday. Davio says Robison will still face two counts of attempted murder as well as 15 weapons offences.She says the prosecutor recently received evidence from the RCMP and it was decided there was no reasonable likelihood of a conviction on the murder charge. She says it would be possible to reactivate the murder charge in the future. Hamilton Spectator

*** German tip leads to child porn charges**
A Hamilton man has been charged with child pornography offences after local police were tipped by investigators in Germany. Police used a search warrant Wednesday at a home on Sanford Avenue, and seized computers and devices. It's alleged the 41-year-old man accessed videos and images of children and shared them online. It was first detected by a division of the German police who then sent the information to Canadian authorities, including the National Child Exploitation Co-ordination Centre. Kenneth McGean is charged with possession of child pornography and accessing child pornography. Hamilton Spectator

*** Little satisfaction at the end of SISO story**
An opinion piece states, “It feels as if there should be some satisfaction at the end of the sordid SISO saga. The men who ushered the settlement organization into bankruptcy have been convicted of a massive fraud. Morteza Jafarpour will be imprisoned for two years and Robert Salama has already served a year. The services SISO provided have been picked up by a more collaborative, communicative network of providers. The story is over. But satisfaction is missing in action. How much money was stolen? Some say about $2.9 million, but the RCMP can only say "well over a million dollars, probably several million ..." Where did it all go? The judge said Salama's motivation was greed, while Jafarpour's was "simple empire-building," whatever that means. Does that mean Jafarpour didn't personally benefit, as his lawyer claims? Did Salama get all the personal benefit? Where did the rest of the money go? Why isn't there any left for creditors and the 150 staff who lost their jobs and haven't received proper severance for the most part? What about board members who were reportedly told of alleged wrongdoing? Yes, justice was done. But it all feels somehow unsatisfying in too many ways.” Hamilton Spectator

*** DNA SAMPLES URGED**
Ottawa's top cop supports a change that would allow police to collect DNA samples from suspects on their arrest. "I think it's an opportunity to modernize the way we collect evidence and to be more inclusive, and broaden the type of offences that DNA is currently being collected for," said Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau. "This is using science to our advantage to ensure that those individuals who are responsible for committing these types of crimes are brought to justice." Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson recently called for changes in federal law so DNA samples could be collected on arrest, not upon conviction for particular offences, an idea backed by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. The federal government Ottawa indicated Thursday it would explore the issue. London Free Press, B1

*** Testing limits**
Alberta Premier Alison Redford came out in support of Calgary top cop Rick Hanson's wish to collect DNA from suspects upon arrest. The province's leader answered reporters' questions Friday saying she stands behind Calgary's police chief. "This is certainly within federal juris-d iction and we know that as we move forward there will be a number of issues that need to be dealt with," she said. "But I certainly support his view on this, and hope there is a way we can move forward that ensures Charter rights are protected and continue to give the police more investigative powers." Calgary Sun, 3

*** Stolen SUV slams into RCMP cruiser**
A man is in custody and facing numerous charges following a collision with an RCMP vehicle Thursday evening in western Manitoba. At approximately, 6:30 p.m., an officer driving in the RM of Sifton came across a 2009 Ford Expedition heading east on the Trans-Canada Highway at a high rate of speed. The officer tried to stop the vehicle, but a chase ensued through the community of Oak Lake, eventually ending with a head-on collision with a police cruiser. The driver, a 24-year-old of no fixed address, was arrested and taken to the Virden Health Centre. He was treated and then released back into police custody. The RCMP officer was also treated for minor injuries. Winnipeg Free Press, A14

*** RCMP target drunk drivers, mobile devices, speeders**
As part of the RCMP Operation Strike II, an Island-wide "selective traffic enforcement initiative," RCMP and other law enforcement partners will be stepping up enforcement to keep impaired and unsafe drivers off the road. The initiative is part of a larger driving safety enforcement in support of the Prince Edward Island's contribution to "Canada's Road Safety Vision 2015 Strategy" to reduce fatal and injury collisions. Island RCMP will join other law enforcement agencies being extra vigilant and visible this weekend as it continues the "Strike" enforcement initiative. Increased roving patrols, check points, laser speed enforcement and undercover enforcement for cell phone/text use will be conducted throughout the weekend. Police are reminding motorists that driving is a privilege that can be removed if drivers do not adhere to the laws of the road. Speeding, driving while impaired by drugs or alcohol, using hand-held devices are often the cause of death or injury. The Guardian, A7

*** Top cop eyeing cleaner streets**
Police hope a new gun amnesty program will help make sure the weapons don't end up in the hands of bad guys. Ottawa Police Chief Charles Bordeleau announced Pixels for Pistols on Friday, a two-week initiative aimed at providing a way for people to turn in unwanted guns. Those who turn in clean guns will receive a digital camera and imaging course. "I think this is a positive message to send to our community," said Bordeleau. "If we can provide an incentive, a reward, for those individuals turning it (gun) in, I think that's great" Police are not expecting gangsters to start turning in their handguns, but they do say the program improves public safety. Ottawa Sun, 4; Le Droit

*** Six points de vente démantelés au cours des derniers mois**
Au cours du dernier mois, la police de Québec a procédé au démantèlement de six points de vente de stupéfiants sur son territoire, multipliant ainsi les impressionnantes saisies et les arrestations. La plus récente frappe est survenue jeudi dernier au 395 rue des Chênes. Deux individus, Claude Boivin, qui aura 53 ans la semaine prochaine, et Mireille Forget, 29 ans, ont été arrêtés. Quelque 150 comprimés de méthamphétamines et 660 $ en argent comptant ont été saisis. Le duo devait comparaître au palais de justice de Québec, hier. Entre le 10 septembre et le 1 er octobre, cinq autres frappes ont permis

l'arrestation de sept individus dans Limoilou et Saint-Roch. Ces perquisitions ont permis de mettre la main finalement sur 205 comprimés de méthamphétamines, 100,5 g de cocaïne, 390,5 g de cannabis, deux plants complets et 8596 $ en argent comptant. Les policiers ont aussi saisi 118 comprimés de clonazépam, 3 grammes de PCP, un taser gun, 25 capsules de Dilaudid, 36 capsules d'hydromorphe, 37 comprimés de speed et 5 grammes de hasch. Journal de Québec, 17

*** Meth rising in popularity in Calgary**

Cops announced the second significant meth bust in a week, seizing 2.1 kg of the dangerous drug, and arresting a Chestermere man. Public tips and information from a previous investigation led police to search a home in the town and a storage locker in Calgary. Police seized about 2.1 kg of methamphetamine worth $210,000 and $13,000 in cash. The cash was found in the home, in the 100 block of Rainbow Falls Lane, and the meth was discovered in both the locker at 52 St. and Erin Woods Dr. S.E., and in a vehicle parked at the house. Hung Binh Thai, 29, who also goes by the name Tony Thai, was arrested at his Chestermere home Sept. 26 and is charged with possession of methamphetamine for the purpose of trafficking and possession of proceeds of crime. Calgary Sun, 7

*** They call it DOPE for a reason**

This speeder got more than a lesson in traffic safety. He got smoked out by Mounties for carrying 140 lbs. of pot. The bust happened Friday about 4 a.m. when Canmore RCMP spotted a Ford Econoline van moving more than 20 km/h above the limit on the Trans-Canada Hwy. near the Banff National Park boundary. After Mounties stopped the van, a number of indicators led officers to believe they should look inside, said Sgt. Ryan Currie. A Parks Canada police dog helped search the van, which turned up 140 lbs. of marijuana. A 31-year-old B.C. man was arrested and remains in custody. Currie said it's interesting how often a traffic violation like speeding reveals a more serious crime. "This is how a lot of these investigations begin, through roadside traffic stops for a traffic violation," he said. Calgary Sun, 7

*** Woman accused of having drugs, impaired driving**

A disgraced nurse who drove her criminal boyfriend around the capital region to conduct drug transactions and who was given a conditional discharge by a judge this summer is facing new charges. Kelsey Anne MacAulay, 25, of 275 Carriage Hill Dr. appeared in provincial court Friday to face charges of driving while her ability to do so was impaired by alcohol or drugs, possessing cocaine and breaching a probation order. The charges allege events from Aug. 21 - exactly one week after she was granted a conditional discharge by Judge Julian Dickson on drug possession charges. On Aug. 14, she was before the judge for a sentencing hearing on April 19 charges of possession of cocaine and Dilaudid, a powerful prescription painkiller that's one of the top hard drugs of choice in Fredericton. The previous charges and MacAulay's April 19 arrest arose as a result of a joint RCMP-Fredericton Police Force investigation and surveillance operation into the drug activities of Robert (Robbie) Wayne Waugh. Waugh, 35, was MacAulay's boyfriend, and through various court proceedings this summer, it was revealed he was running a significant drug operation. Daily Gleaner, A1

*** Coin sleuth shares secrets of the fake**

Hundreds of brightly coloured collectible coins and heavy pieces of bullion shine brightly beneath protective casings in Mike Marshall's Trenton home. While collectible coins can fetch thousands of dollars from hungry collectors, many pieces in Marshall's collection are essentially worthless. As a collector, he doesn't just compile rare pieces of metal produced by the Royal Canadian Mint - he also looks for fakes. Marshall has amassed a giant collection of counterfeit coins and studied them carefully, looking for markings left in a coin by the die. Since making that decision, Marshall has worked with the RCMP and various companies to crack down on fake coins. He has proven to sites such as eBay that some of their auctions are for illegal counterfeits, and has convinced them to take those listings down. He scours eBay and Kijiji daily. Toronto Star, GT6

*** No new sightings of missing sex offender**

Schools in several west-central Saskatchewan communities remain on alert as RCMP search for a potentially violent high-risk sex offender. The Sun West School Division says RCMP advised Friday that eight schools in Kindersley and the surrounding area should stay in what police call "hold and secure"

mode until the end of the day as a precaution. "Hold and secure" mode means students are kept inside and doors are locked. The precautionary measures were put in place Thursday following unconfirmed sightings of Michael Sean Stanley in the region. Stanley, who has a long history of sex offences including taking children from playgrounds, cut off his electronic monitoring bracelet Tuesday in Lloydminster. Starphoenix; Starphoenix

*** A song of hope amidst High River's plight**
Most people would excuse Leslie Alexander for singing the blues. After all, in the last several months the petite 47-year-old has suffered a lot of loss. She went through a divorce, her mom passed away, her basement filled with sewage as a result of the great flood, destroying decades of photographs and other irreplaceable stuff, and she had not one, not two, but three of her doors kicked in by the RCMP, leaving her with an enduring unsettled, violated feeling in her own home. And yet, instead of moaning about her losses, she has written and recorded an upbeat country-pop tune that is being officially released today to help raise the spirits and the fortunes of her beloved hometown. The song, High River Strong, just popped into her head "and kind of wrote itself" after she drove through the devastated town's downtown on her way to her friend, Charlotte's birthday party, being held in nearby Cayley. High River was, not to understate things, a disaster zone, but a sign made out of duct tape on the window of the Pioneer Barber Shoppe saying: "We will be back!" caused Alexander to weep for the first time in the three weeks since the flood hit on June 20. Calgary Herald

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Correctional Service of Canada looks to expand use of stab-proof vests to staff
The Correctional Service of Canada is seeking a new supplier to provide more than 1,200 stab-proof vests to frontline staff working in prisons across the country to protect them from possible attacks using homemade weapons, such as "shanks, shivs and ice picks," according to a request for bids posted on a government-contracting website. The agency's original supplier went bankrupt, prompting the search for a new supplier, union officials said Friday. A move is also underway to expand use of the vests among correctional officers. Mary Campbell, who recently retired as director general of the corrections and criminal justice directorate at **Public Safety Canada**, said she worries that the vests create an environment that is "militaristic" and "threat-based." A correctional service spokeswoman was unable to say Friday how much the agency plans to spend on the new order of vests. "The Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) is committed to ensuring the safety of the thousands of dedicated staff who carry out their daily duties to contribute to public safety for Canadians," Melissa Hart said in an email. "Correctional officers are trained to use, and are provided with, security equipment to ensure the safety and security in institutions, including firearms, protective vests, inflammatory sprays (OC spray) and handcuffs." Postmedia News (Canada.com, Montreal Gazette, Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal)

*** Penitentiary tour an eye-opening experience**
An opinion piece states, “Kingston Pen. First tour. First Day. I was impressed. Would I go back? Yes. Would I pay money to go back? Yes. Would I encourage everyone in the area and every tourist to go on the tour? Yes. Would I send every friend and visiting family member to do the tour? Yes. The unpolished, inaugural tour became polished, and even professional, as the tour progressed. The tour began in the former prisoner's visiting area -- the 'V-C Room' (Visitors and Correspondence). 'Please do not interact with other people's children without their consent' the sign read. The guide, a former KP warden, was unsure and hesitant at first, and went on, ad nausea, for 15 minutes with an introductory history of KP. At that point nobody cared, they had heard it all before, they knew the history highlights, and they just wanted to go. The sense of anticipation was heavy as we sat in the room where prisoners had met with their women and children. The corner with the small chairs and children's books and a play structure was in stark contrast to the surroundings, (As were the round, metallic objects in the centre of each table, looking naturally like a table centre but were actually listening devices used to monitor prisoner-visitor conversations). The accompanying staff -- current and former corrections employees as well as KP museum volunteers -- shuffling from foot to foot, were eager to go as well…” Kingston Whig-Standard, 5

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

*** UN eyes Native rights**
Canada's human rights record with its aboriginal people is about to get some United Nations scrutiny. James Anaya, UN special rapporteur on the right of indigenous people, will kick off a seven-day, six-province inspection Monday into Canada's relationship with First Nations, Inuit and Metis people. His visit could set the stage for renewed tension between the Conservative government and aboriginal leaders. Anaya's only scheduled news conference comes the day before a throne speech -- which will likely address long-standing aboriginal issues -- sets the agenda for a new parliamentary session. It also comes after a raucous few months last winter between aboriginal leaders and the federal government, spurred by the Idle No More movement and Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence's liquid-diet protest. Toronto Sun, 22 (Ottawa Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard, Winnipeg Sun, Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun, London Fere Press)

*** Hundreds demand justice for aboriginal women**
They gathered by the hundreds on the rain-soaked steps of Parliament Hill, carrying sombre reminders of murdered and missing aboriginal women - and demanding justice from the federal government. Many brandished photographs of lost loved ones as they urged the federal government to hold a national public inquiry into an alarming number of native women in Canada - 600, according to one estimate - they fear have fallen prey to violent crime. Two large display boards adorned with hundreds of felt figures representing aboriginal women served as a backdrop. Canadian Press (Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen, Calgary Herald, Leader-Post, Edmonton Journal, Waterloo Region Record, Times Colonist, Windsor Star, The Guardian); Starphoenix

*** Loved ones remembered**
Time does not matter when a loved one goes missing or is murdered. "Right now we have a list of missing and murdered aboriginal women within the last 30 years," said Jaqueline Anaquod, lead organizer of the Regina Sisters in Spirit vigil, which took place Friday. "A lot of the cases of the murdered women are still unsolved. A lot of the women who are missing, obviously have not been found and have become cold cases. They are not in the media any more like they should be. For example, Patsy Favel, who went way back in the 1980s, her mother passed away last year. She passed away still looking for her daughter, still searching for her daughter, still believing she was alive out there." Angela Gray has been searching for her niece Richelle Lee Bear for almost two months. She was to speak at the vigil because she recognizes the importance of keeping her niece's story alive and in the spotlight. Leader-Post, A1

*** Dangerous offender application back in court**
Lawyers are still discussing an application that could designate a man with prior sexual assault convictions a dangerous offender. Gerald Edmund Pike, 46, has already pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl last October near The Rooms in St. John's. Crown prosecutor Tannis King has filed an application with the court for a dangerous offender designation. If the application is approved, Pike would be subject to an indefinite sentence involving strict supervision upon being released from custody. On Friday, King said she and defence lawyer Jason Edwards need to discuss a number of issues in relation to Pike's case. Judge David Orr agreed to set over the matter until Nov. 14. According to the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary's account of the incident, the accused followed the victim from a Tim Hortons on Harvey Road and grabbed her. The victim dialed 911 multiple times during the sexual assault, resulting in a recording of the incident. A second sexual assault was reportedly captured by surveillance cameras outside The Rooms. Pike has two previous convictions for sexual assault and was on probation at the time of the incident. The Telegram, A10

*** Cross-country vigil honours 600 missing native women**
Across Canada Friday, similar events were held by the Sisters in Spirit organization. At each vigil, a call was read for a federal public inquiry into the more than 600 cases of missing aboriginal women and girls as documented by the Native Women's Association of Canada. "Such a response is necessary to

address the scale and severity of violence faced by aboriginal women and girls," reads the document. "Together, we must demand action and secure commitments from all levels of government." According to the association, aboriginal women are 15 times more likely to experience violence than other Canadians. Chronicle-Herald, A10

*** Alberta's women's shelters face space crunch**
Alberta's 42 women's shelters turned away almost 15,000 potential clients during a 12-month period in 2012 and 2013, according to data released this week by The Alberta Council of Women's Shelters. "This certainly validates what shelter directors have been telling us from across the province," said the organization's executive director, Jan Reimer, on Friday. Women have been turned away for reasons such as unavailable beds or because other services were considered more appropriate for their needs. The shelters accepted almost 6,000 clients between April 2012 and March 2013. Women's shelter staff are also increasingly dealing with complex cases, such as recent immigrants who don't speak English fluently and need more help to understand social assistance programs, Reimer said. Most shelters in Alberta are provincially funded, while the six shelters on First Nations reserves are federally funded. Edmonton Journal (Calgary Herald)

*** Funding shortfall ends gang prevention effort**
A local program that helped steer about 400 youth away from gangs will end Dec. 31 because of a lack of government funding. "Crime prevention is always a hard sell," said Rohan Thompson, project manager of inReach, a Waterloo Region youth street gang prevention and intervention program. Thompson fears it will take a tragedy to ignite the political will needed to support an initiative like inReach. "Maybe we need to have some high-profile killings out here. I hate to say that, but it really doesn't make sense to me that a prevention initiative that gained significant traction is not going to continue," he said. In 2009, the region's Crime Prevention Council received $3.8 million from the federal government to run a pilot project geared to helping youth age 13 to 24 who are at risk of joining a gang, or are already in a gang. The federal granted ended in March. The program is the first of its kind in Canada. Waterloo Region Record, B3

*** Sexual assault/rape**
This year marks the 30th anniversary of a landmark change to sexual-assault laws - aimed at empowering victims and broadening the very definition of sex crime. Among the reforms: ditching the term rape. But as Kirk Makin reports, good intentions have backfired. More attacks are gonig unreported than ever, and sentencing is radically softer. Globe and Mail, F1

*** Pot: a new prescription**
An opinion piece states, “The war on marijuana is coming to an end. Marijuana use is making inroads in the medical community, catching up with centuries of common practice. It's use for medical purposes, according to the United Nations, dates back to 3000 BC, when researchers say its properties were recognized as an anti-inflammatory with no side effects - including addiction. Marijuana became illegal in most parts of the world in the early 20th century, spawning a black market, much like the days of prohibition, that gave birth to a new, violent criminal element. The cost came in uncountable murders during drug turf wars in countries of marijuana origin, and corrupt officials cashing in on the highly lucrative market - never mind the cost to society to prosecute and jail countless users, sellers and importers. The war on drugs has been an incredible drain on taxpayers. And then consider the tax revenue legalized marijuana could represent to society. In some ways, that's about to change in Canada, the United States and perhaps Mexico, where the struggle for cannabis supremacy has been among the most brutal in the world, rife with killings and government corruption…” Red Deer Advocate, A6

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ASHLEY SMITH / ENQUÊTE SUR LA MORT D'ASHLEY SMITH

*** Ashley Smith didn't belong in prison**
An opinion piece states, “The Ontario coroner's inquest into Ashley Smith's death has been going on so long, and I wrote so much about it for so long, that I had readers and editors actually begging me to stop covering it. Eventually, my rationales - the death of this girl was important; perhaps something could be

learned; I was hooked - began to ring weak even to my own ears, and after the proceeding took a two month summer break, I was finally able, in the modern parlance, to move on…The last on the long list of factual witnesses is expected to testify this month, with an expert panel then to appear before the jurors. The case actually may be in their hands by the end of November. A few words about these jurors are in order. All women, they are just about as good as it gets in the jury business - individually smart, but collectively a force. They are owed a real debt and proper thanks from their fellow citizens. That said, I fret about their coming recommendations - and inquests, being unable to assign responsibility, are all about recommendations aimed, as the mantra goes, at preventing a death like Ashley's…To the warden contingent at Grand Valley Institution for Women in Kitchener where she died, Ashley was a royal pain in the butt, sucking up resources, generating paperwork, and, most unforgivable in this nest of careerists, making advancement difficult. But to the guards, the COs who actually cut the ligatures off her neck, she was a real person. They should never have been asked to manage a girl as ill as she was, and they managed her imperfectly, but she was real to them. She mattered. That ought to count." National Post, A12

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

*** Treasury Board rethinks PS exec salaries**
The 6,000 executives working in Canada's public service haven't had a raise this year as the Conservative government "re-evaluates" their compensation packages as part of its drive to cut spending and bring public sector salaries in line with the private sector. The independent blue-chip panel that advises the government on executive compensation was shut down with little notice after longtime chair Carol Stephenson, former dean of the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario, resigned a year ago. The committee hasn't had a report since July 2011. Officials in Treasury Board President Tony Clement's office said the minister is "re-evaluating" the committee's mandate to put more focus on "containing costs" rather than wage increases to retain executives. The Stephenson committee, as it was known, was formally called the Advisory Committee on Senior Level Retention and Compensation to reflect its original mission when created more than 15 years ago. Ottawa Citizen, A1

*** Dépression, anxiété, insomnie**
Les cadres du gouvernement fédéral vont mal. La présence de problèmes de santé mentale - notamment la dépression - a presque doublé au cours des cinq dernières années dans la haute fonction publique fédérale, selon une étude scientifique. Et 20% de ses membres consomment des médicaments pour traiter la dépression, l'anxiété ou l'insomnie. Le climat tendu créé par la vague de mises à pied des deux dernières années pourrait ne pas être étranger à cette dégradation, selon la spécialiste qui a dirigé le sondage. "Les cadres ont rapporté vivre plus d'insécurité que dans les années antérieures, a indiqué Louise Lemyre, professeure à l'Université d'Ottawa. Ils sont moins satisfaits de leur horizon de carrière." La proportion de cadres du gouvernement fédéral qui disent avoir un problème de santé mentale diagnostiqué est passée de 6 à 11% de 2007 à 2012, selon l'étude réalisée auprès de quelque 2300 fonctionnaires pour le compte de leur association professionnelle. La Presse, A6

*** Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign kicks off**
Federal public servants and retirees from the civil service kicked off their annual Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC) Thursday in Summerside with a provincial goal to raise $291,000 for health-related charities and the United Way on P.E.I. Nationally, campaign organizers hope to raise $21 million for the United Way and Healthpartners, a collaboration of 16 health charities and any other Canadian registered charity. "In many ways, taking part in the GCWCC is a natural extension of my work as a federal employee," said Daniel Jean, national chairwoman of this year's campaign. "The GCWCC is another way we can play a role in helping make this country better for everyone." "Federal public servants on Prince Edward Island take pride in being able to contribute to an important fundraising event and to reach this goal set by the organizers," said Heath Coles, chairman of the GCWCC-PEI Campaign. "Knowing that our contributions will make a difference locally helps make this a project government employees can get behind." The support of federal government employees and retirees is

imperative to the existence of the programs funded by the United Way of P.E.I., added president Doug Burton. The Guardian

OTHER / AUTRE

Afghan war drops from memory
Between 2005 and 2011, former Globe and Mail reporter Graeme Smith spent more time covering Canada's combat mission in southern Afghanistan than any other journalist. Now based in Kabul as a senior researcher with the International Crisis Group, Smith's new book, The Dogs Are Eating Them Now, is a personal and deeply reported account of how we lost the war in Afghanistan. He spoke with the Ottawa Citizen's managing editor, Andrew Potter. One of the things that is surprising is the extent to which Canada's mission in Afghanistan has completely disappeared from our working memory. There is no interest, by the public, by the government, even by the military, in even talking about it. Edmonton Journal

Free Greyson and Loubani
An opinion piece states, "The sad case of John Greyson and Dr. Tarek Loubani, the two Canadians detained without charges and subjected to brutal treatment in Egypt since mid-August, should serve as a cautionary tale to those who would give succour to dictators. The two men, a Toronto filmmaker and a London, Ontario emergency room physician, were arrested during the tumultuous demonstrations that followed the ouster of President Mohammed Morsi. They were on their way to Gaza, when after the closure of the Rafah border, the two men went to watch demonstrations that turned violent. Loubani apparently answered calls for a doctor, and Greyson began filming. Shortly after, they were arrested and according their account, tortured. They staged a hunger strike to protest their maltreatment. "We were arrested, searched, caged, questioned, interrogated ... slapped, beaten, ridiculed, hot-boxed, stripped, shaved bald," they said in a statement reported in Canadian media. "They screamed 'Canadian' as they kicked and hit us. John had a precisely etched boot print bruise on his back for a week."..." Ottawa Citizen, B6

*** Census changes produce flawed data, researchers say**
Canada's National Household Survey on incomes produced flawed data with harmful implications for public policy, according to a range of researchers and statistics experts who have sifted through the numbers. Consultants, urban planners and health policy experts say the data quality is worse than they'd expected, masking key shifts in income inequality and poverty. The blurred picture has also left them unable to track trends over time. And they question whether the higher cost to produce data of worse quality - at $22-million extra for the survey for a total census cost of $652-million - amounts to wasted taxpayers' dollars. Statistics Canada developed the voluntary survey after the federal government cancelled the mandatory long-form census in 2010, citing privacy concerns. Globe and Mail, A6

*** Les Pays-Bas veulent faire libérer les activistes de Greenpeace**
Le ministre néerlandais des Affaires étrangères a fait savoir, vendredi, qu'il passerait par les canaux diplomatiques pour tenter d'obtenir la libération des militants de Greenpeace accusés de piraterie en Russie après qu'ils eurent protesté aux alentours d'une plateforme pétrolière dans les eaux de l'Arctique. Deux Canadiens - le Montréalais Alexandre Paul et l'Ontarien Paul Ruzycki - font partie de la trentaine d'accusés, qui risquent tous une peine de 15 ans de prison en cas de condamnation. Frans Timmermans, le ministre des Affaires étrangères des Pays-Bas, a également déclaré vendredi qu'il réclamerait que le navire Arctic Sunrise, une propriété de Greenpeace saisie par le gouvernement russe, soit libéré de ses amarres. Le bateau bat pavillon néerlandais, a précisé M. Timmermans à des journalistes à La Haye. Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL

Abu Ghraib jihadists escape to Syria

Waiting for the tram in the southern Turkish city of Gaziantep, Abu Omar is on his way to the mall. No groceries today - his shopping list includes a Turkish-made tablet computer and a small GPS navigation device loaded with digital maps of the Middle East. "It's nothing special," says Omar, an Iraqi national, as he puts the goods in his rucksack. "But this stuff might come in handy after I make it to Syria." Omar, a handsome young man with long black hair, is not the only one making the trek to Syria. Hundreds of Iraqi prisoners - mostly suspected or convicted jihadists - were freed in July after Al Qaeda-linked militants staged a jailbreak at the notorious Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad. At the time, Iraqi and Western authorities feared that some of those men would travel to Syria, helping to fuel the rise of extremist groups there. Those fears have become a reality. Omar is one of the Al Qaeda members who escaped during the Abu Ghraib prison break. He says six of his former cellmates have also made it to Syria. "Many more are on their way," he says. "Everybody wants to go for jihad to Syria." Toronto Star, A22

*** Government shutdown not likely to end soon**

Prospects for a swift end to the fourday-old partial government shutdown all but vanished Friday as lawmakers squabbled into the weekend and increasingly shifted their focus to a midmonth deadline for averting a threatened first-ever default. "This isn't some damn game," said House Speaker John Boehner, as the White House and Democrats held to their position of agreeing to negotiate only after the government is reopened and the $16.7 trillion US debt limit raised. House Republicans appeared to be shifting their demands, de-emphasizing their previous insistence on defunding the health care overhaul in exchange for reopening the government. Instead, they ramped up calls for cuts in federal benefit programs and future deficits, items that Boehner has said repeatedly will be part of any talks on debt limit legislation. Associated Press (Leader-Post)

*** Tropical storm Karen threatens northern Gulf**

Pickups hauling boat trailers and flatbed trucks laden with crab traps exited vulnerable, low-lying areas of southeast Louisiana on Friday as tropical storm Karen headed toward the northern Gulf Coast, a late-arriving worry in what had been a slow hurricane season in the U.S. On Friday afternoon, Alabama joined Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida in declaring a state of emergency as officials and residents prepared for Karen, expected to near the central Gulf Coast on Saturday as a weak hurricane or tropical storm. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Interior Department recalled workers, furloughed because of the government shut down, to deal with the storm and help state and local agencies. Associated Press (Waterloo Region Record)

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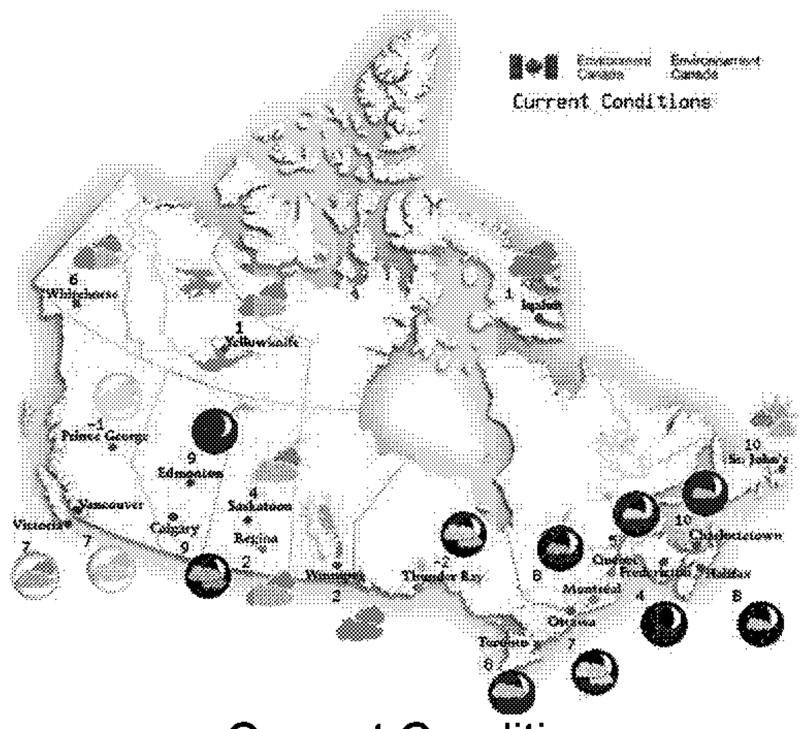
WEATHER

WEATHER OUTLOOK AND WARNINGS (Source: Canadian Meteorological Centre, EC)

National Overview: A low pressure system will move away from Newfoundland on 19 Oct. Rain will gradually cease over NL as the system is leaving. Another system over the Great Lakes will move to QC by the evening of 19 Oct, bringing rain over southern ON and western QC. Rain will turn to snow over northwestern QC during the night. A low pressure system will track southeastward across SK on 19 Oct bringing a mix of rain and snow just to the north of its path. A few centimetres of snow are possible over central SK and southern MB.

Significant Weather (Next 24 Hours): No Significant Weather expected.

Significant Weather Outlook (Next 2-5 Days): No Significant Weather expected in the outlook period at this time.



Current Conditions



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TROPICAL ACTIVITY

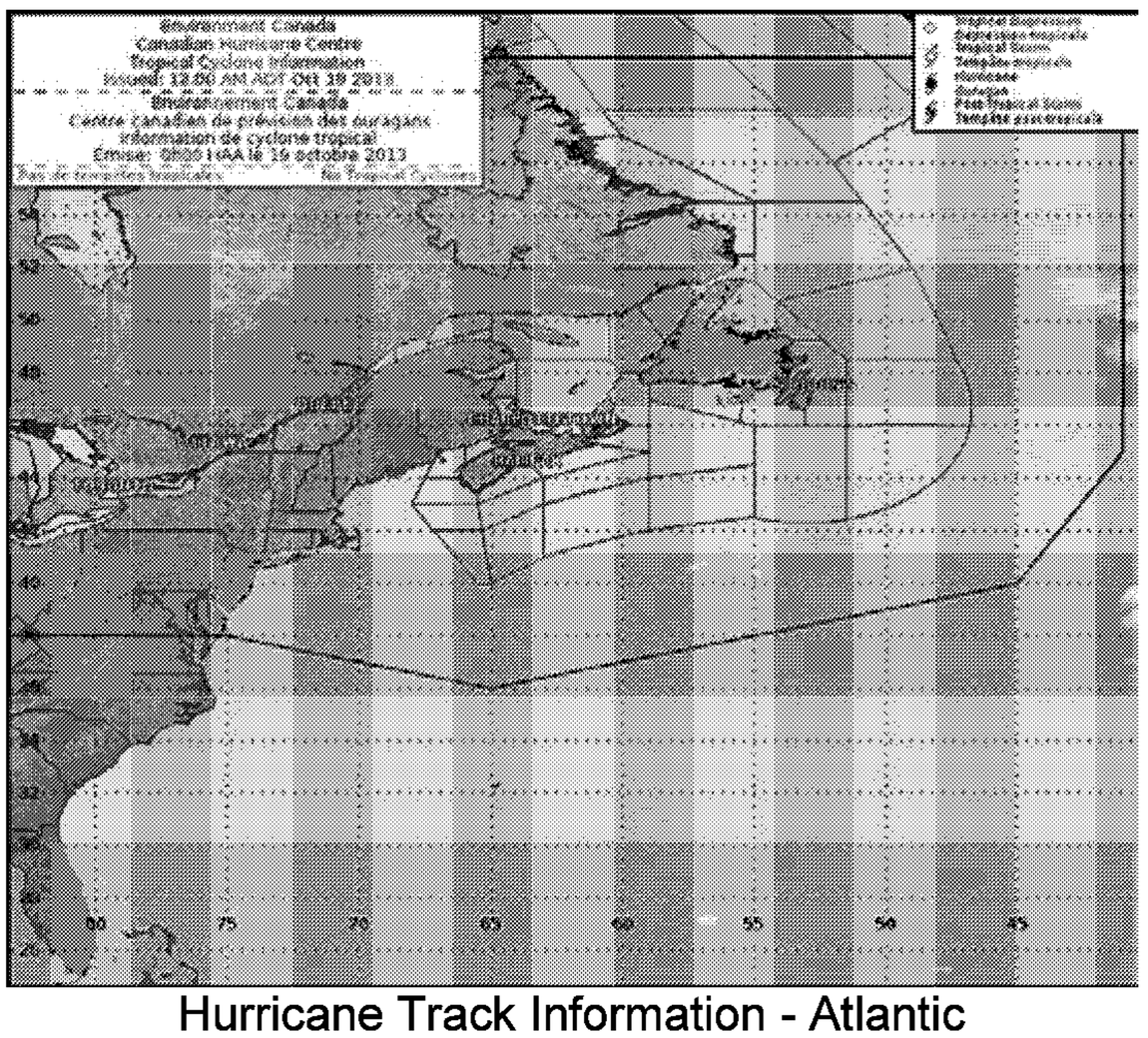
Atlantic: Nothing significant to report.

East Pacific: Nothing significant to report.

West Pacific: **Typhoon Francisco – Update:** As of 05:00 EDT on 19 Oct 2013, Francisco was located approximately 915 km south of Iwo To, Japan, moving northwest with winds of 259 km/h. Francisco is expected to slightly intensify over the next 12 hours, followed by a slow weakening. On its current five day track, Francisco is not expected to make landfall. There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect. (Source: JTWC)

South Pacific: Nothing significant to report.

Indian Ocean: Nothing significant to report.



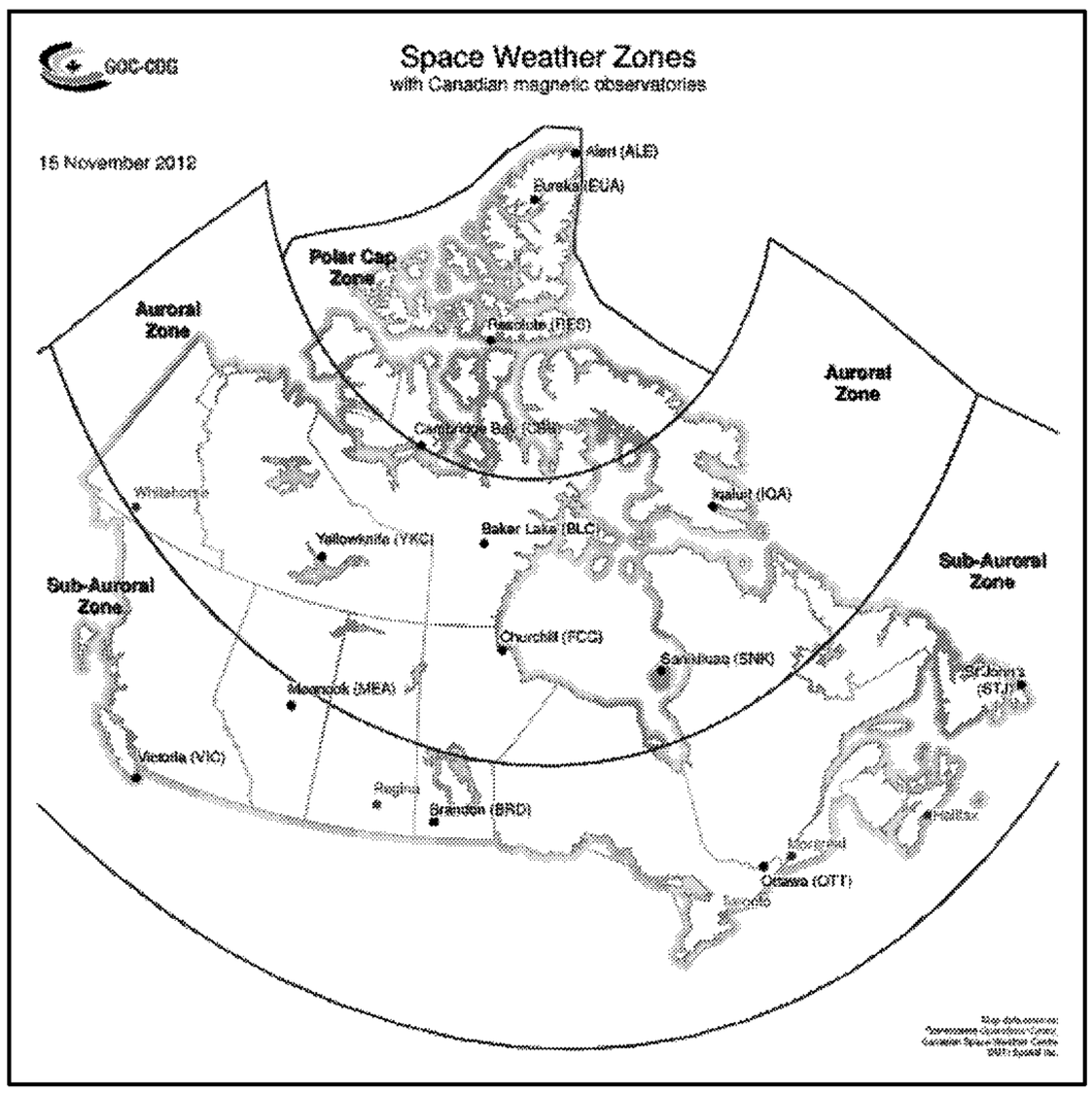
Hurricane Track Information - Atlantic

SPACE WEATHER

GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY (Source: Natural Resources Canada)

There is currently no major storm watch in effect.

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Space Weather Zones - Canada

INCIDENTS / SPECIAL EVENTS

NEW/ONGOING

1. (232) Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB – Update: On the morning of 17 Oct 2013, the RCMP served an injunction on protesters at an anti-shale gas protest blocking a rural highway near Rexton, NB. Following acts of violence later in the afternoon resulting in property damage, some 40 individuals were arrested. In response to the arrests, various supporters of the protest called for peaceful protest actions of solidarity in support of the protesters at Rexton. Sympathetic protest activity continued on 18 Oct and additional protest actions are planned for 19 Oct. Protest activities have already occurred or are planned for in Nunavut, British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia.

At 01:00 EDT on 19 Oct 2013 protestors "acting in solidarity" for the protests of the Elsipogtog First Nation in NB temporarily shut down the Seaway International Bridge which links Cornwall, ON, Akwesasne and Massena, New York. The protest lasted until approximately 01:30 EDT. The protestors have been removed, but are camped out in the area. Police are monitoring the situation and are expecting more protests later on 19 Oct.

(Source: PS Regional Offices, RCMP, AANDC, TC, Open source)

2. (237) Train Derailment - Gainford AB - New: At approximately 02:20 EDT on 19 Oct 2013, a train derailed in the Village of Gainford (86 km west of Edmonton). Thirteen cars have derailed, some possibly carrying liquid petroleum gas and crude oil. A number of the cars appear to be on fire. There has been an evacuation of an unknown number of dwellings in Gainford (population 100 -150). There are no reports of injuries. Parts of Highway 16 leading into Gainford have been closed. Emergency crews are on scene. CANUTEC has dispatched inspectors to the site. On-site personnel are in the process of determining the nature and extent of the fire, damage and the products on board. Source: (Source: TC, Open sources)

UPCOMING

Nothing significant to report.

WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE FIRE

Nothing significant to report.

FLOODING

Nothing significant to report.

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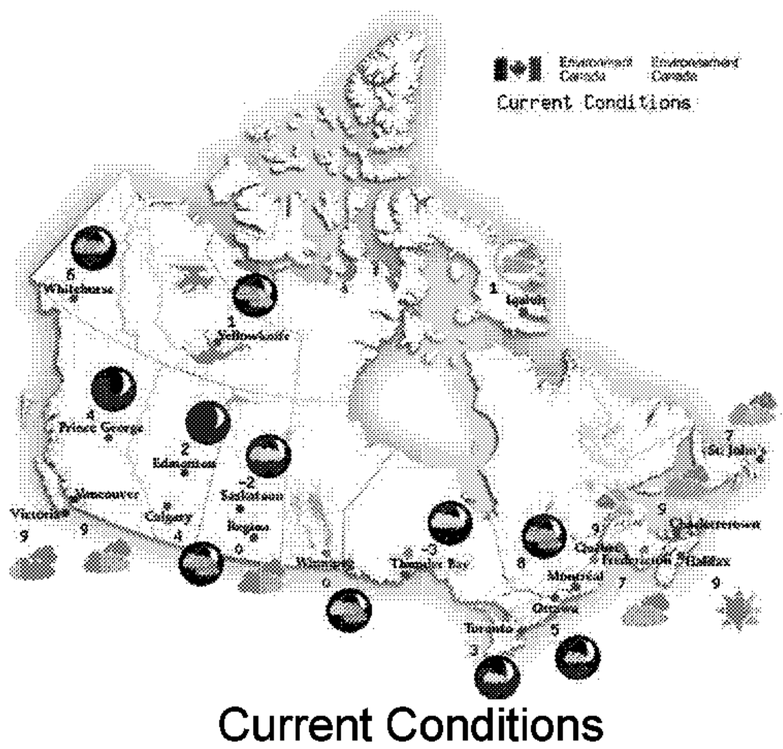
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WEATHER

WEATHER OUTLOOK AND WARNINGS (Source: Canadian Meteorological Centre, EC)

National Overview: A low pressure system will move from central QC to the Gulf of St-Lawrence and will spread rain from central QC to Newfoundland. Wet snow is expected to fall behind the system, over northwestern QC on 20 Oct. A depression over the Dakotas is expected to reach the Great Lakes. Wet snow will fall near the MB/ON border on 20 Oct and will spread over northwestern ON by the evening of 20 Oct to finally reach sectors north of Lake Superior by the morning of 21 Oct. More than 5 cm are possible locally over these regions until the morning of 21 Oct. A low pressure system over northern NT will give strong winds over the area the afternoon of 20 Oct.



Current Conditions

Significant Weather (Next 24 Hours): No Significant Weather expected.

Significant Weather Outlook (Next 2-5 Days): The system that will affect northwestern ON in the next 24 hours will continue to spread snow over northern ON on 21 Oct and early on 22 Oct. Amounts could reach or exceed 15 cm in an area extending from sectors north of Lake Superior to James Bay, especially over higher terrains.

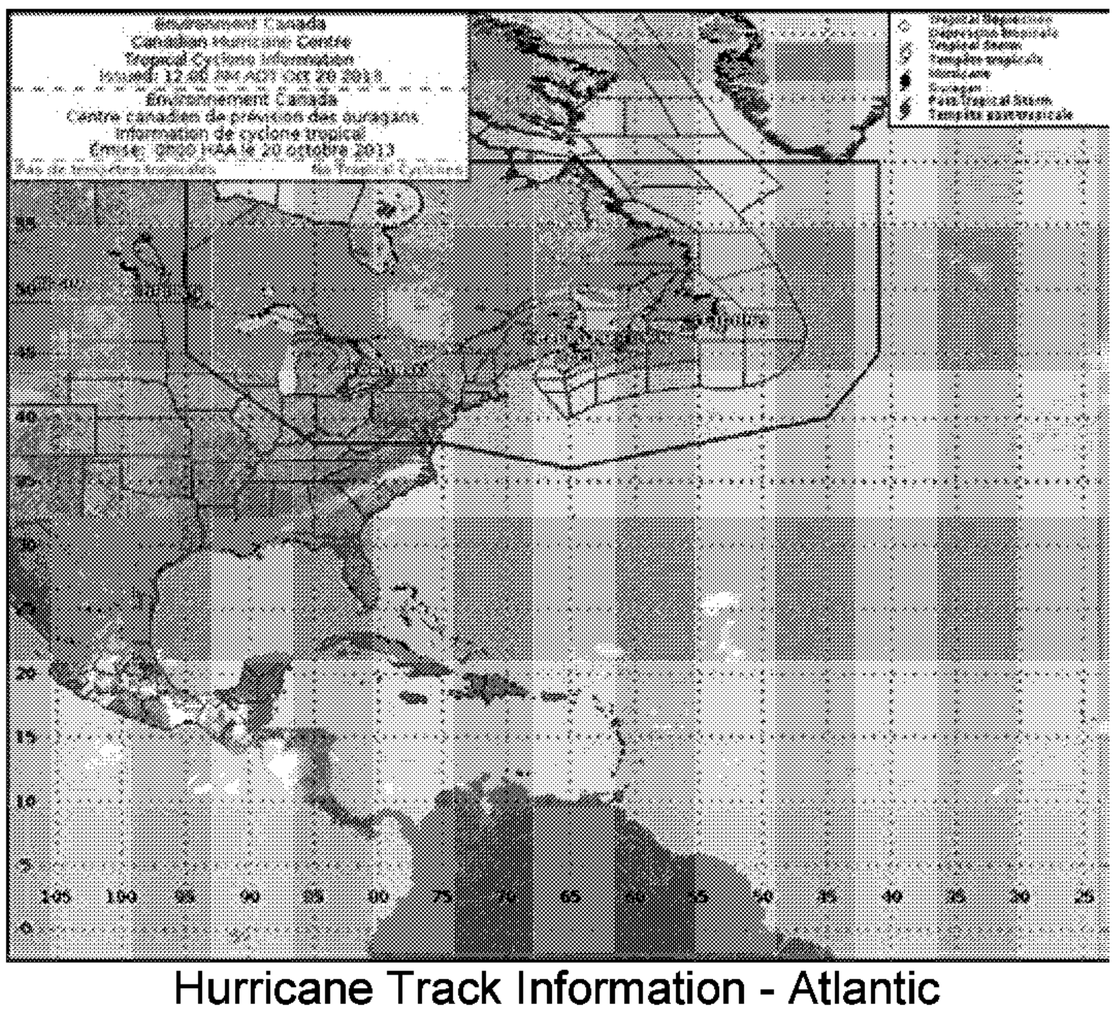

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- No forecast service
- Tropical Cyclone Statement

TROPICAL ACTIVITY

Atlantic: Nothing significant to report.

East Pacific: **Tropical Storm Raymond – New:** On 20 Oct 2013, Raymond formed in the East Pacific Ocean. As of 05:00 EDT, Raymond was located approximately 300 km south-southwest of Acapulco, Mexico, moving northwest with winds of 65 km/h. Raymond is expected to reach hurricane strength during the next 48 hours. On its current track, Raymond should approach the southern coast of Mexico either 21 or 22 Oct. At the present time, there is uncertainty as to whether the storm will make landfall or be a tropical storm or hurricane meandering near the coast. A tropical storm watch is in effect for Acapulco to Lazaro Cardenas. (Source: NHC)



Hurricane Track Information - Atlantic

West Pacific: **Typhoon Francisco – Update:** As of 05:00 EDT on 20 Oct 2013, Francisco was located approximately 1,326 km southeast of Kadena AFB, Okinawa, Japan moving north-northwest with winds of 259 km/h. Having reached its peak intensity, Francisco is expected to weaken over the next five days. On its current five day track, Francisco is not expected to make landfall. There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect. (Source: JTWC)

South Pacific: Nothing significant to report.

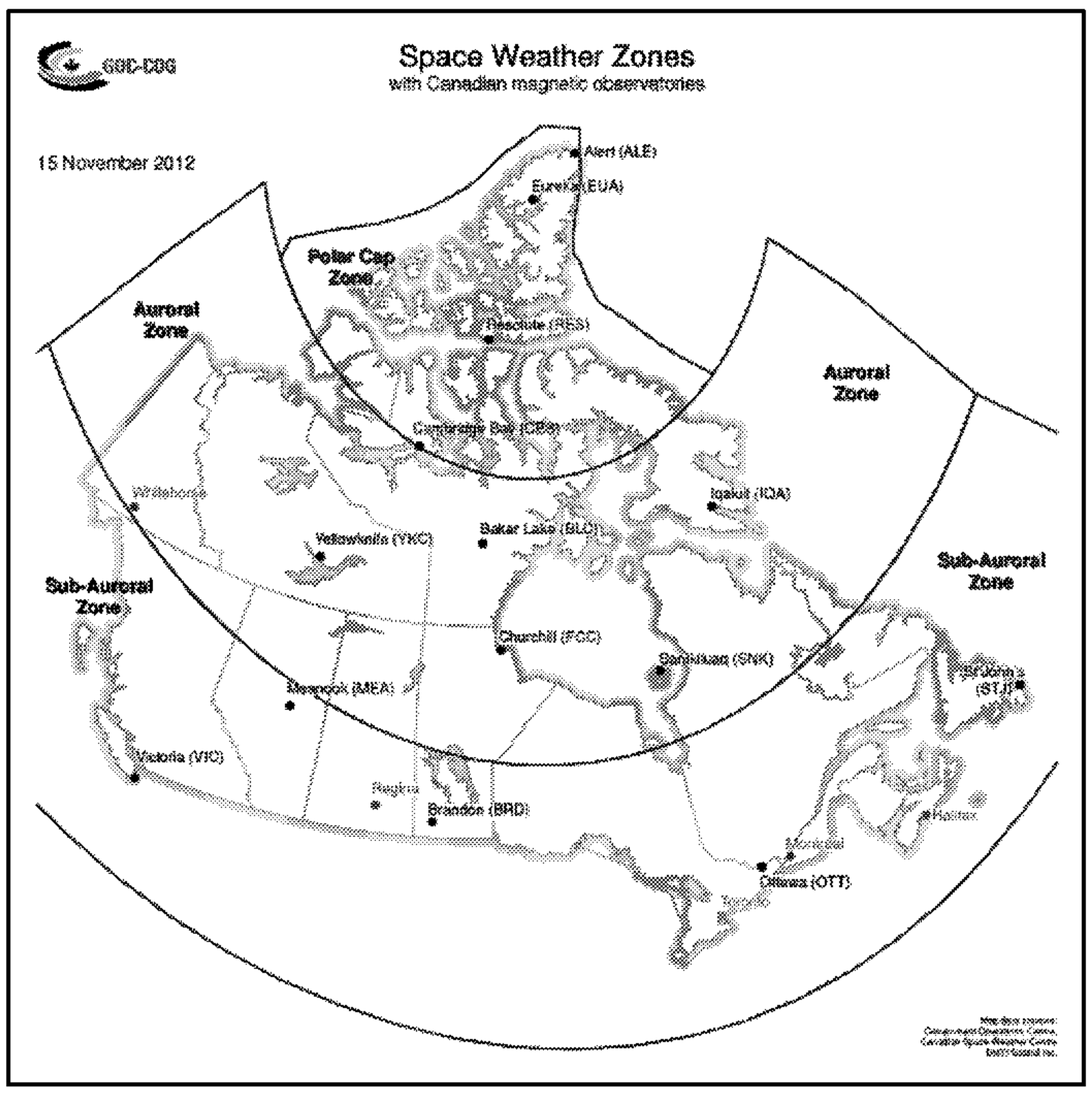
Indian Ocean: Nothing significant to report.

SPACE WEATHER

GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY (Source: Natural Resources Canada)

There is currently no major storm watch in effect.

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Space Weather Zones - Canada

INCIDENTS / SPECIAL EVENTS

NEW/ONGOING

1. (232) Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB – Update: Further to the events of 17 Oct 2013 in Rexton, when the RCMP arrested approximately 40 individuals while enforcing an injunction on protesters at an anti-shale gas protest blocking a rural highway and the subsequent calls for peaceful protest actions of solidarity in support of the protesters, sympathy protest activities continued on 19 Oct in BC, ON, QC, NB and NS. For the most part, the actions were peaceful. There are reports that some protesters in Rexton seized a vehicle belonging to a news media company. Information indicates that some solidarity activities are planned for 21 Oct. There is also a potential threat from the hacktivist group Anonymous against a Canadian energy company and/or law enforcement agency.

On 18 Oct, Chief Aaron Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation and Premier David Alward of NB met and agreed to a cooling off period. Protest activities are expected to be minimized as all parties resume negotiations.

Source: (PS Regional Offices, RCMP, AANDC, TC, Open source)

2. (237) Train Derailment - Gainford AB - Update: At approximately 02:20 EDT 19 Oct 2013, thirteen cars of a CN train derailed near Gainford, AB (86 km west of Edmonton). Of the derailed cars, nine were carrying liquid petroleum gas (LPG) and four crude oil. Four of the LPG cars caught fire. The Town of Gainford was evacuated (49 residents) and a 2.5 km evacuation radius established. No injuries have been reported. There are no waterways affected. The derailment site has been isolated and the fire contained. A State of Emergency was declared at 10:20 EDT 19 Oct. A Notice to Airmen, restricting airspace around the derailment site until 21 Oct, has been issued. ATCO Pipelines acknowledged that one of their pipelines carrying sweet natural gas was buried 3-4 meters under the derailment site and as a safety precaution, pressure was decreased on the line. As of 00:52 EDT 20 Oct, CN's plan of remedial response is to move the four crude oil cars away from the rail line and to vent and burn the nine LPG cars on 20 Oct. Earthen berms and foam will be used to protect the crude oil cars and near-by infrastructures. As of 02:52 EDT, two of the crude oil cars have been displaced further from the site. Two LPG railcars still are leaking and burning. CN is to submit a tactical action plan to TC and Alberta Transportation for review. TC continues to monitor and report on the situation. (Source: TC)

3. (238) 6.5 Magnitude Earthquake – Gulf of California, Mexico – New: The United States Geological Survey reported that a 6.5 magnitude earthquake (initially reported as 6.4) occurred at 13:54 EDT 19 Oct 2013, 75 km southwest of Etchoropo, Mexico in the Gulf of California at a depth of 8 km. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center reported that there was no tsunami danger for the west coast of North America. Mexican emergency services have reported that there were no initial reports of damage from the quake. (Source: USGS, PTWC, DFATD, Open source)

UPCOMING

Nothing significant to report

WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE FIRE

Nothing significant to report.

FLOODING

Nothing significant to report.

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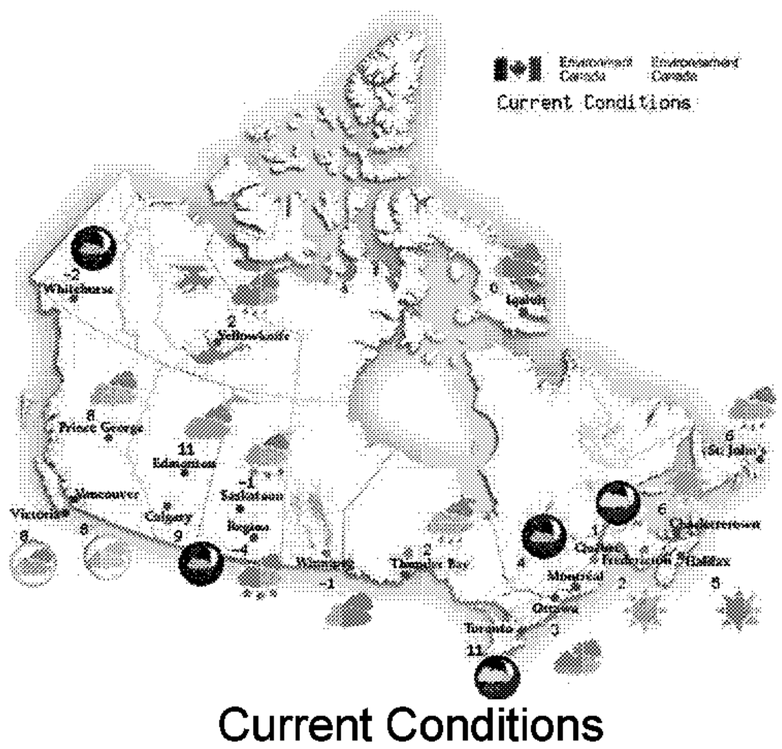
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WEATHER OUTLOOK AND WARNINGS (Source: Canadian Meteorological Centre, EC)

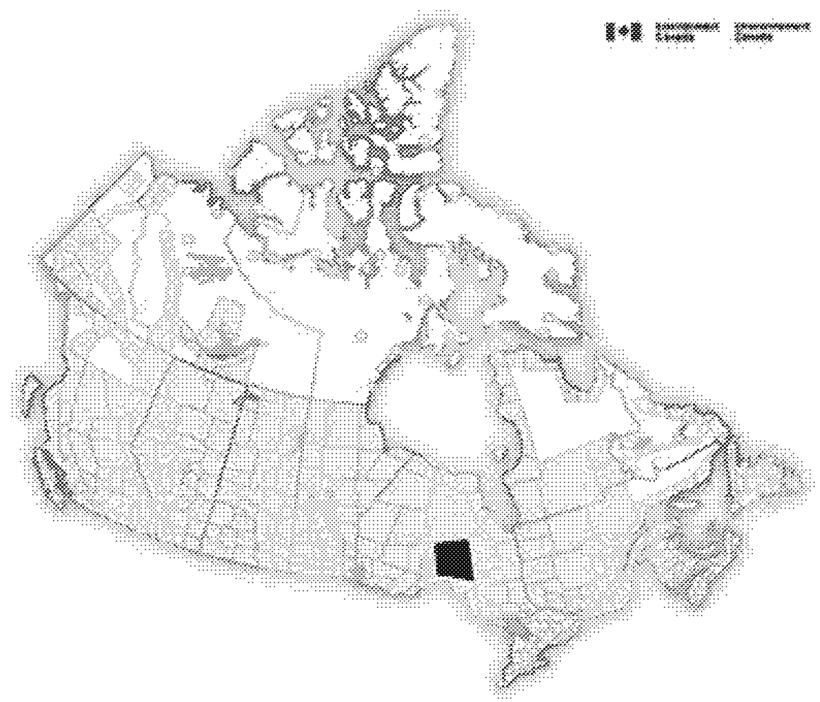
National Overview: A band of moisture moving onshore from the Pacific will create some showers over northern BC, with flurries over higher terrain. A low over the Beaufort Sea will spread snow over parts of NT and a mix of rain and wet snow along an axis through SK. Rain will move from eastern ON over QC and northern NB today as a low pressure system moves from Lake Superior to James Bay. Up to 15 cm of wet snow is forecasted over northeastern ON with this system. Rain is expected over Newfoundland as a low pressure system will track from west to east. A cooler air mass will move in behind the system along with some flurries over Labrador and western Newfoundland.

Significant Weather (Next 24 Hours):
ON/QC: Snowfall warning for northern ON.

Significant Weather Outlook (Next 2-5 Days): No significant weather expected in the outlook period at this time.



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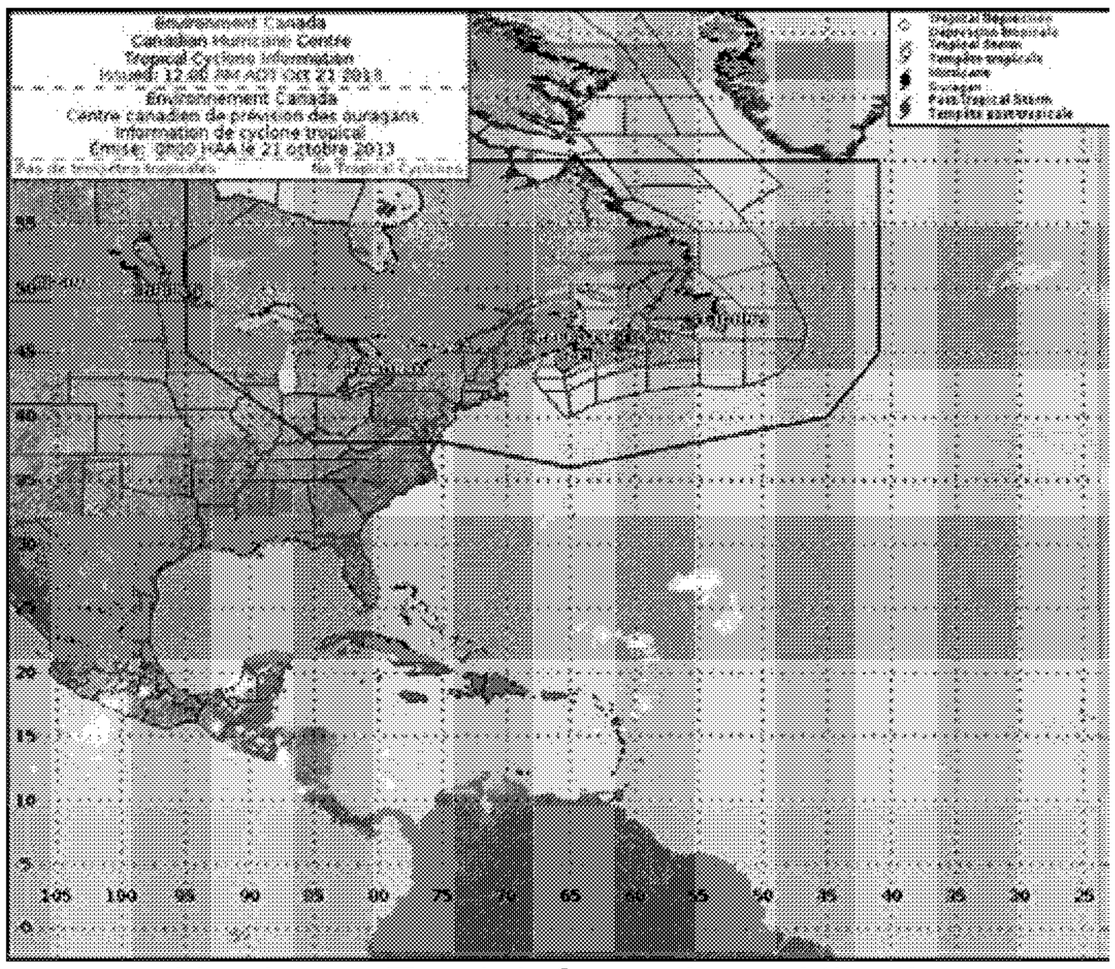


TROPICAL ACTIVITY

Atlantic: Nothing significant to report.

East Pacific: **Hurricane Raymond – New:** As of 05:00 EDT on 21 Oct 2013, Hurricane Raymond was located 200 km south of Zihuatanajo, Mexico, and is currently stationary, with maximum sustained winds of 195 km/h. On 20-21 Oct, additional strengthening of winds are expected. Hurricane watch and tropical storm warnings are in effect for Acapulco to Lazaro Cardenas. (Source: NHC)

West Pacific: **Typhoon Francisco – Update:** As of 05:00 EDT on 21 Oct 2013, Francisco was located 1069 km southeast of Kadena AFB, Okinawa, Japan, moving north-northwest with winds of 176 km/h. Long-term track guidance may take Typhoon Francisco on a course towards eastern Japan, however, confidence remains low due to cooling sea surface temperatures. There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect. (Source: JTWC)



Hurricane Track Information - Atlantic

Tropical Storm Lekima – New: As of 05:00 EDT on 21 Oct 2013, Lekima was located 1621 km east of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, moving northwest with winds of 83 km/h. Lekima is expected to track northwest over the next 72 hours over warm sea surface temperatures, ensuring a gradual intensification. There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect (Source: JTWC).

South Pacific: Nothing significant to report.

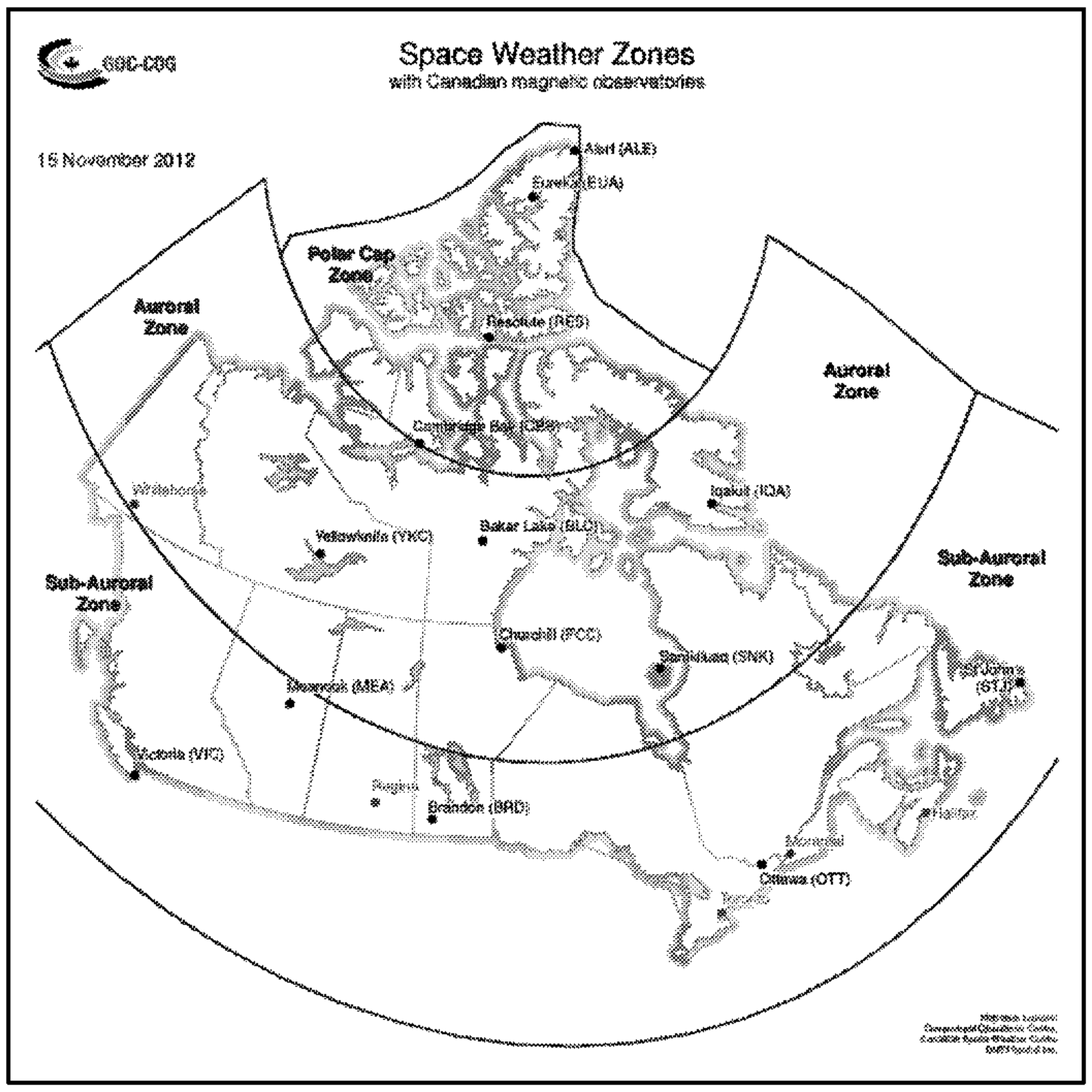
Indian Ocean: Nothing significant to report.

SPACE WEATHER

GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY (Source: Natural Resources Canada)

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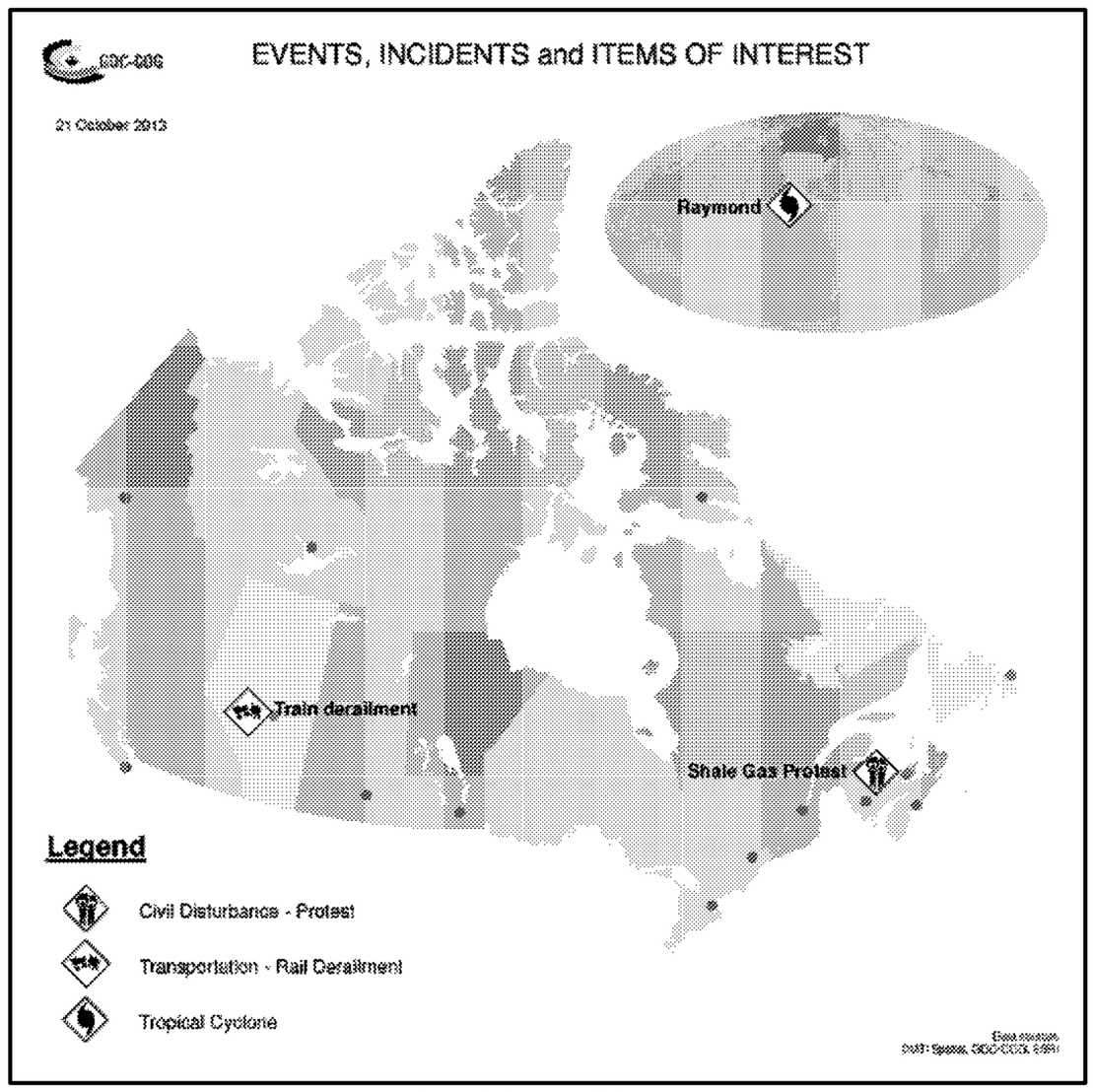


Space Weather Zones - Canada

INCIDENTS / SPECIAL EVENTS

NEW/ONGOING

1. (232) Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB – Update: On 17 Oct 2013, the RCMP arrested approximately 40 individuals in Rexton, NB, while enforcing an injunction against protesters at an anti-shale gas protest blocking a rural highway. Subsequent calls for peaceful protest actions of solidarity in support of the protesters have since resulted in sympathy protest activities at various locations in Canada and at Canadian missions in the US. These activities have been generally peaceful. There was limited activity on 20 Oct, and available information indicates that two solidarity activities are planned for 21 Oct. There is also a potential threat from the hacktivist group Anonymous against a Canadian energy company and/or law enforcement agency.



Incident Map

On 18 Oct, Chief Aaron Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation met Premier David Alward of NB and agreed to a cooling off period. There may be additional meetings this week. Protest activities are expected to be minimized as all parties resume negotiations. (Sources: PS Regional Offices, RCMP, AANDC, TC, Open sources)

2. (237) Train Derailment - Gainford AB - Update: At 02:20 EDT on 19 Oct 2013 a CN train transporting crude oil and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) derailed in the Hamlet of Gainford, AB. A number of cars subsequently caught fire and all of Gainford's residents were evacuated. No injuries were reported and no waterways were affected as the fire was contained quickly. CN has developed a tactical plan in accordance with the TDG Act, taking all reasonable emergency measures to reduce or eliminate any danger to public safety with regards to the disposal of the LPG cars that still contain product.

At 20:42 EDT on 20 Oct, eight cars were detonated as part of CN's tactical plan in accordance with the TDG Act. At 03:54 EDT on 21 Oct, TC reported that a preliminary assessment revealed that the explosives penetrated the top but not the bottom of 5 of the rail cars. As a result, liquid is still present inside the tanks and flames are shooting up from the top holes of these rail cars. Three of the cars appear to be empty. There will be a site re-assessment between 09:00 and 10:00 EDT on 21 Oct. The highway will have to remain closed and residents evacuated. (Source: TC)

3. Hurricane Raymond – New: At 05:00 EDT on 21 Oct 2013, Hurricane Raymond was located 200 km south-southwest of Zihuatanejo. At present, Raymond is stationary with maximum sustained winds of 195 km/h. Hurricane warning has been issued for Tepcan de Galeana to Lazaro Cardenas. Hurricane watch is in effect for Acapulco to Tecpan de Galeana. Hurricane Raymond has slowed down over the past couple of hours. A continued slow northward motion is expected through early 21 Oct before becoming nearly stationary by late 21 and 22 Oct. Authorities in the southern state of Guerrero closed seaports, set up 700 emergency shelters and urged residents in risk areas to take precautions. The state has also cancelled classes in most coastal communities west of Acapulco, including Zihuatanejo. (Sources: NHC, Open sources)

UPCOMING

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WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE FIRE

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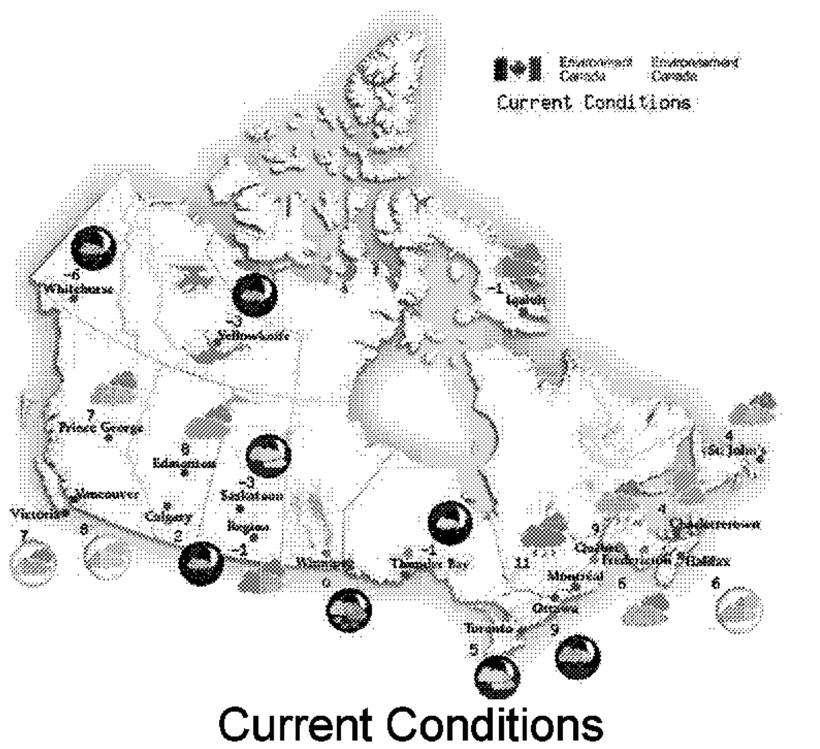
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WEATHER OUTLOOK AND WARNINGS (Source: Canadian Meteorological Centre, EC)

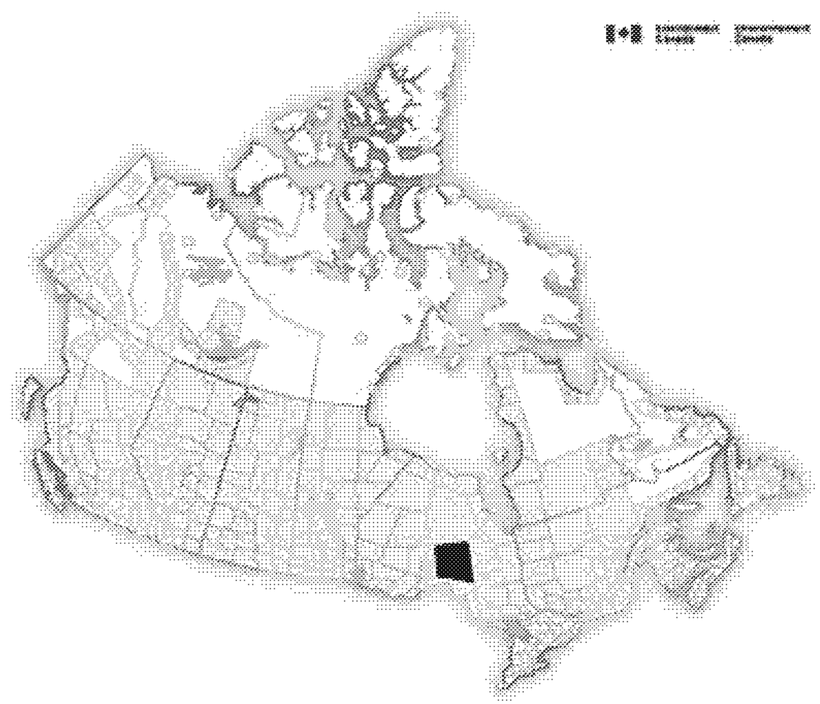
National Overview: Fair weather for most of BC and AB today due to a stationary high pressure system. A Pacific low will spread rain over portions of northern BC today, becoming snow tonight over inland northern BC and southern YT. Some light rain and wet snow is expected over the central and eastern Prairies. A large depression over James Bay region will cause 5-15 cm of wet snow for areas adjacent to the Bay today and over central QC tonight, accompanied by strong winds. A band of rain ahead of this system will pass through eastern QC and the Maritimes today.

Significant Weather (Next 24 Hours):
ON/QC: Northern ON and northern QC: significant snowfall in the regions around James Bay and rainfall over QC lower north shore.

Significant Weather Outlook (Next 2-5 Days): On 24 Oct, a strong fall storm is forecasted by numerical models to cross Newfoundland from the south and become very intense over the Labrador Sea on 25 Oct. Although heavy rainfall or snowfall is not expected over NL, gales and storms and large wave heights can be expected over adjacent waters.



Current Conditions



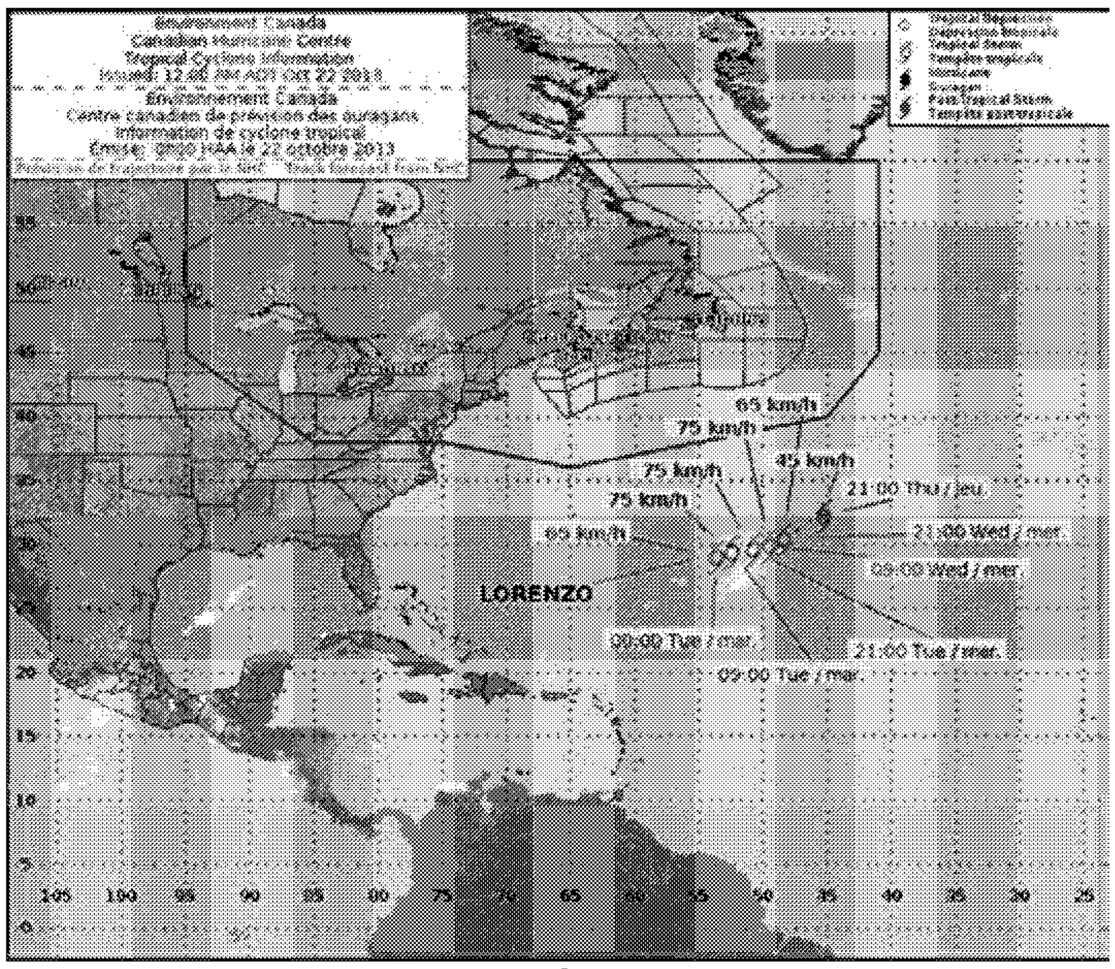
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TROPICAL ACTIVITY

Atlantic: **Tropical Storm Lorenzo – New:** As of 05:00 EDT on 22 Oct 2013, Lorenzo was located 1165 km east-southeast of Bermuda and is moving east-northeastward with maximum sustained winds of 65 km/h. On its current track, it is not expected to make landfall. There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect. (Source: NHC)

East Pacific: **Hurricane Raymond – Update:** As of 05:00 EDT on 22 Oct 2013, Raymond was located 140 km south-southwest of Zihuatanajo, Mexico, and is moving northward with maximum sustained winds of 185 km/h. A slow and erratic motion is expected during the next 24 hours and Raymond could move closer to the coast of Mexico without making landfall. A hurricane warning is in effect for Tecpan de Galeana to Lazaro Cardenas and a hurricane watch is in effect for Acapulco to Tecpan de Galeana. (Source: NHC)



Hurricane Track Information - Atlantic

West Pacific: **Typhoon Francisco – Update:** As of 05:00 EDT on 22 Oct 2013, Francisco was located 724 km east-southeast of Kadena AFB, Guam moving northwestward with maximum sustained winds of 139 km/h. Long-term track guidance may take typhoon Francisco on a course towards eastern Japan, however, confidence remains low due to cooling sea surface temperatures. There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect. (Source: JTWC)

Typhoon Lekima – Update: As of 05:00 EDT on 22 Oct 2013, Lekima was located 1307 km east-northeast of Andersen AFB, Guam, moving northwestward with maximum sustained winds of 194 km/h. Lekima is expected to gradually intensify over the next 72 hours, with winds forecasted to peak at 212 km/h on 24 Oct. There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect. (Source: JTWC)

South Pacific: Nothing significant to report.

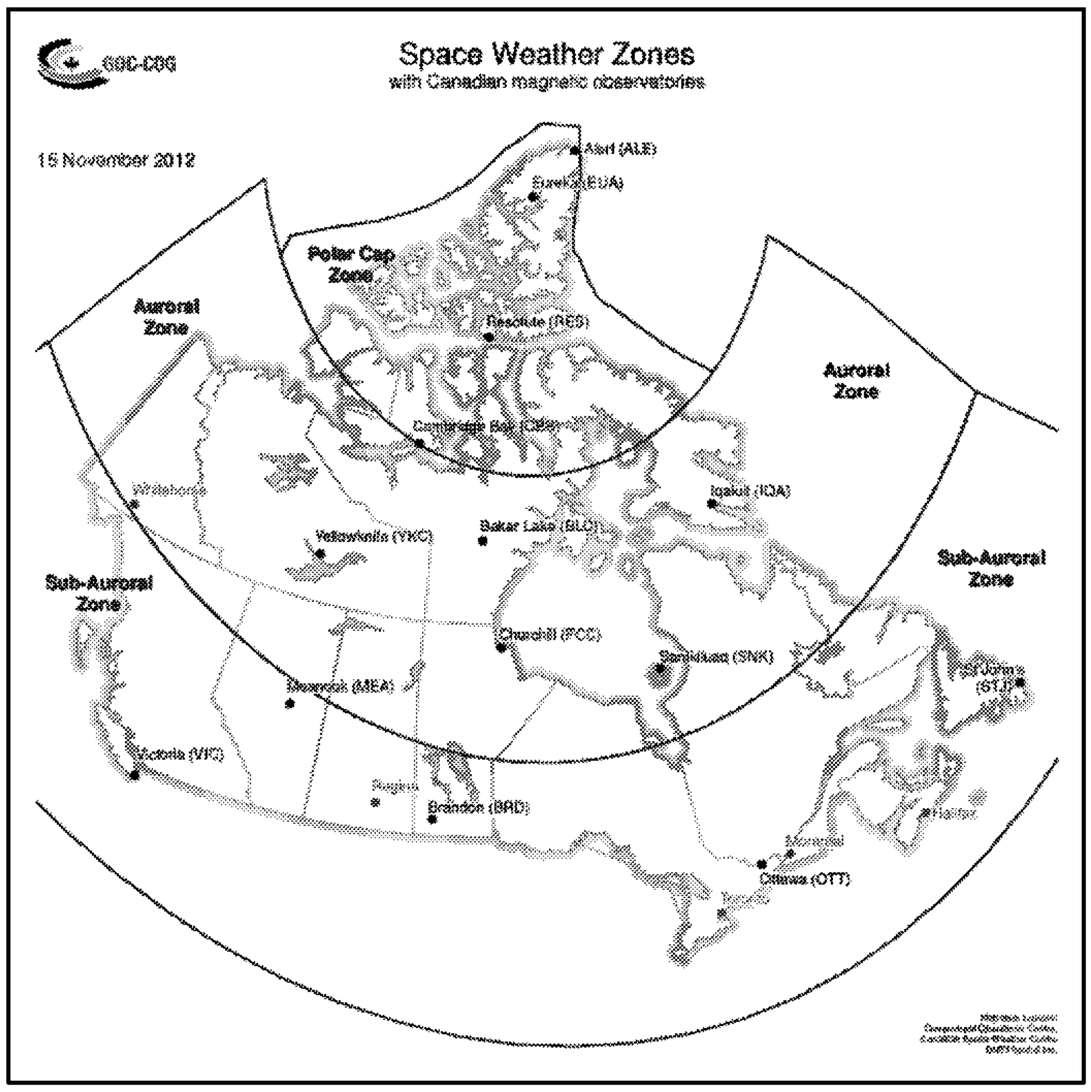
Indian Ocean: Nothing significant to report.

SPACE WEATHER

GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY (Source: Natural Resources Canada)

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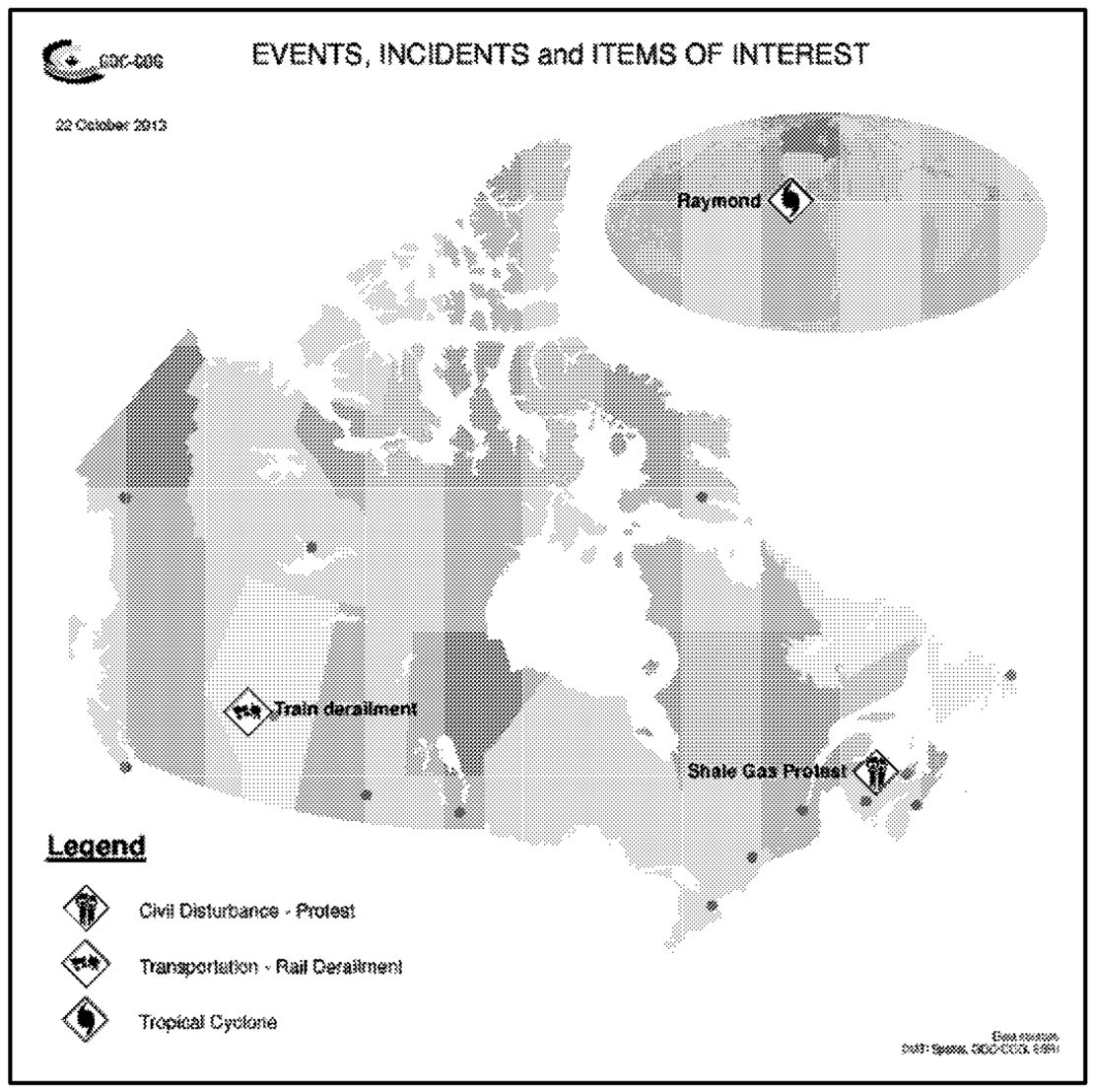


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NEW/ONGOING

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Incident Map

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3. Hurricane Raymond – Update: At 05:00 EDT on 22 Oct 2013, Hurricane Raymond was located 135 km south-southwest of Zihuatanejo. On 21 Oct, authorities in the state of Guerrero confirmed that people were evacuated due to the hurricane. Evacuation was taken as a preventative measure for populations at risk in the municipalities of Zihuatanejo, Couyca de Benitez and Acapulco. Zones with a risk of flooding or landslides will continue to be monitored. The port of Acapulco continues to be under an orange alert which indicates that there is a chance for significant damage and a national response could be required. (Sources: NHC, Guerrero State Government, Open sources)

UPCOMING

Nothing significant to report.

WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE FIRE

Nothing significant to report.

FLOODING

Nothing significant to report.

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Daily Operations Brief — As of 07:00 EDT 23 October 2013

CLASSIFIED ADDENDUM: There is no classified addendum today.

Weather:
Canadian Weather
Tropical Activity
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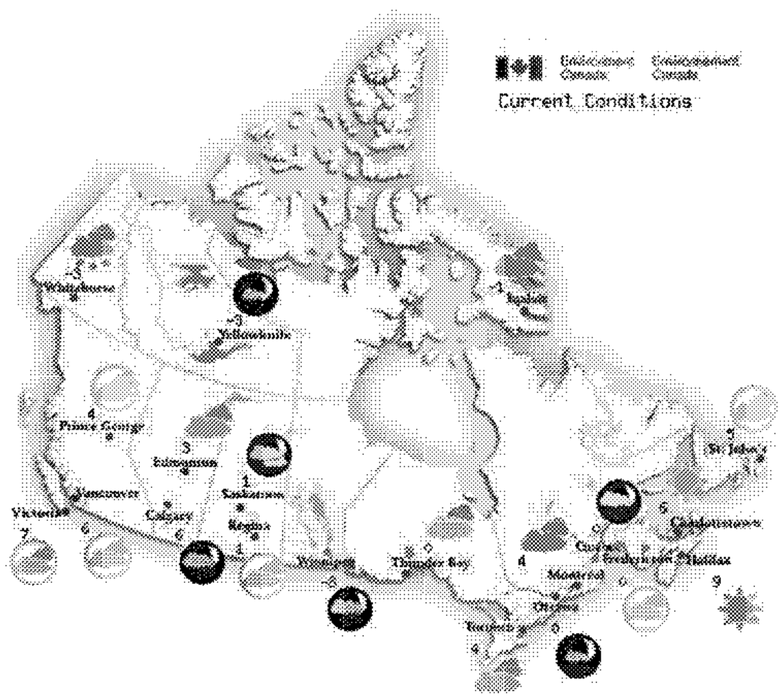
Incidents/Special Events:
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WEATHER

WEATHER OUTLOOK AND WARNINGS (Source: Canadian Meteorological Centre, EC)

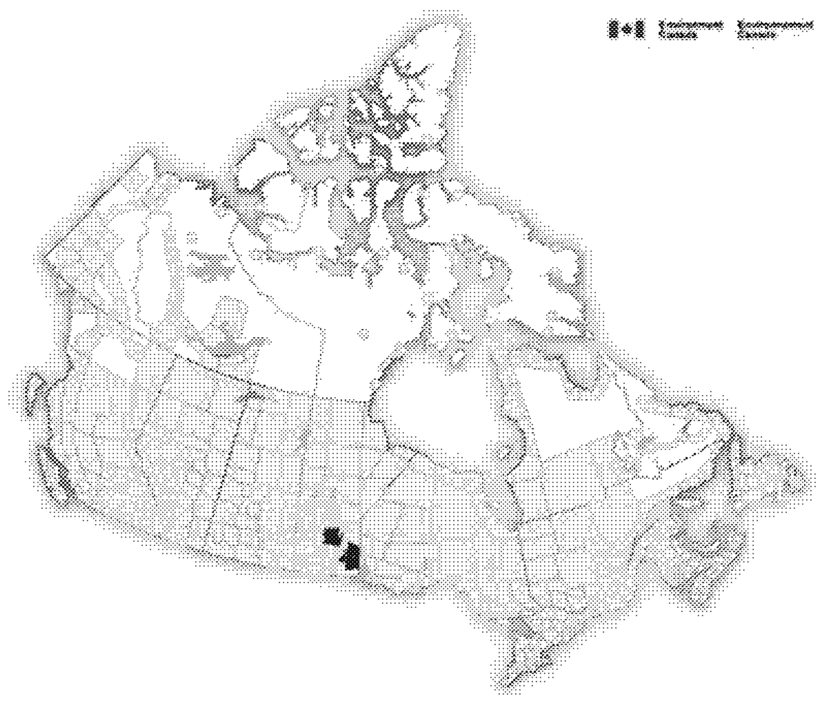
National Overview: Continued fair weather for much of western Canada. A Pacific disturbance will move quickly across YK and into the NT, giving heavy snow to the mountains of the eastern YK and western NT. A low pressure system continues to spin about central QC giving 5-15 cm of snow to the area. This system is also responible for the significantly cooler temperatures to ON and QC. A frontal system will bring rain to Newfoundland today but will quickly depart late on 23 Oct. An intense system now developing south of NS will bring heavy rain and strong winds to eastern Newfoundland early 24 Oct.



Current Conditions

Significant Weather (Next 24 Hours):
Prairies: Snowsqualls over southern MB.

Significant Weather Outlook (Next 2-5 Days): On Thursday a major storm tracks pass the Avalon Peninsula of NL to the Labrador Sea. A developing system will bring rain and possibly snow to southern Ontario Saturday and southern QC on Sunday.



Public Weather Warnings

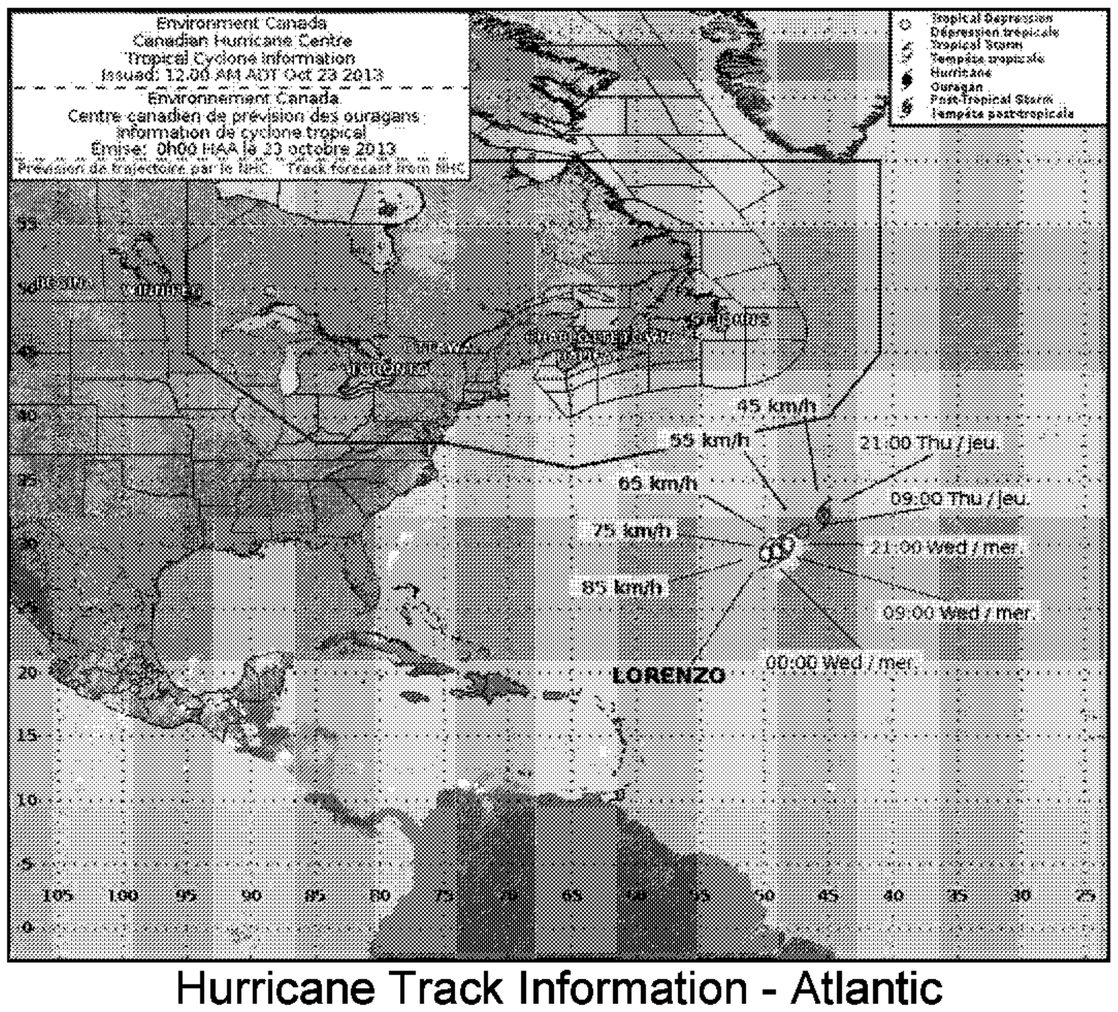
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TROPICAL ACTIVITY

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(Source: NHC)

East Pacific: **Hurricane Raymond – Update:** As of 05:00 EDT on 23 Oct 2013, Hurricane Raymond was located 190 km south of Zihuantanejo, Mexico, and is currently stationary, with maximum sustained winds of 120 km/h. Little motion is expected over the next 12hrs. Some weakening is forecast and Raymond is expected to weaken to a Tropical Storm on 23 Oct. A Tropical Storm warning is in effect for Acapulco to Lazaro Cardenas.
(Source: NHC)



Hurricane Track Information - Atlantic

West Pacific: **Typhoon Francisco – Update:** As of 05:00 EDT on 23 Oct 2013, Francisco was located 365 km southeast of Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan,moving west-northwestward with maximum sustained winds of 130 km/h. Francisco is expected to turn towards eastern Japan on 24 Oct but is not forecast to make landfall. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) issued high wave warnings for the Okinawa Islands, Amami Islands and Kyushu prefecture. (Source: JTWC, JMA)

Super Typhoon Lekima – Update: As of 05:00 EDT on 23 Oct 2013, Lekima was located 869 km northeast of Andersen AFB, Guam, moving west-northwestward with maximum sustained winds of 260 km/h. On its current track, Lekima is not expected to make landfall. There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect. (Source: JTWC)

South Pacific: Nothing significant to report.

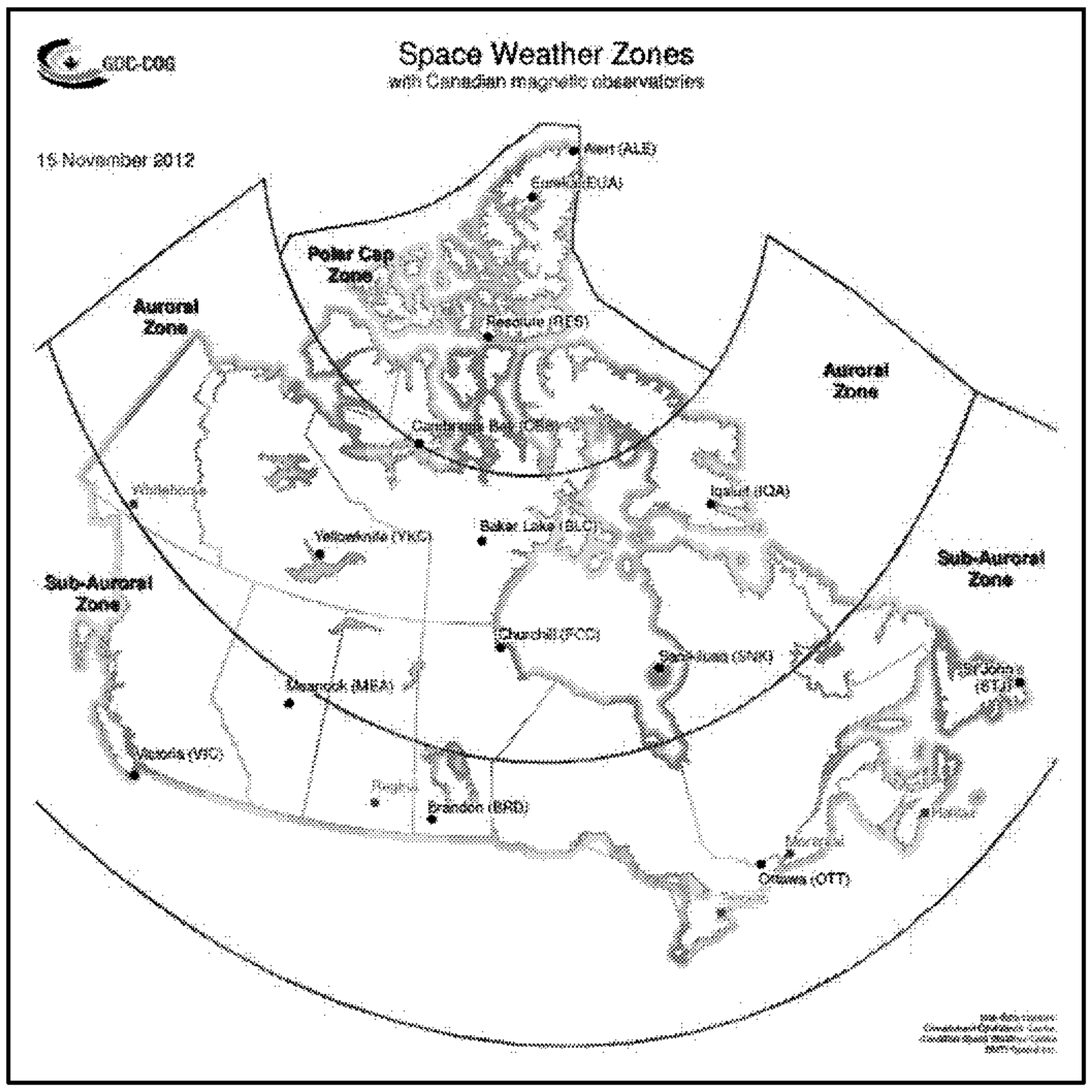
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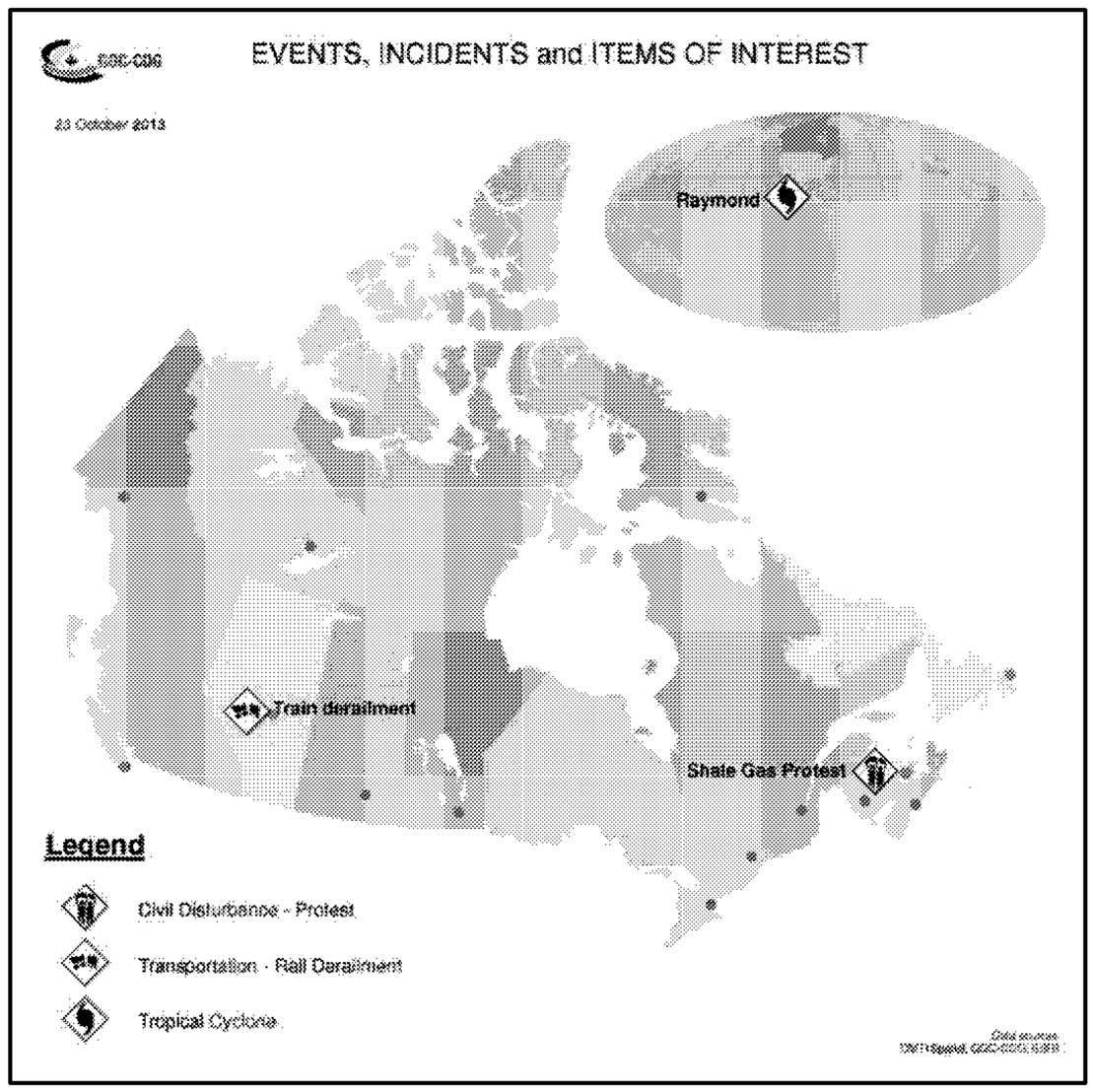
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Incident Map

3. Hurricane Raymond – Update: As of 06:00 EDT on 23 Oct 2013, Hurricane Raymond was located 190 km south of Zihuatanejo. On 22 Oct, authorities in the state of Guerrero advised the populace to continue being alert to the risks from Raymond. The system was causing considerable rainfall in various regions of the country and produced waves of up to three metres in Michoacán and Guerrero. The constant rain could cause landslides in mountainous regions and roadways; the overflow of rivers and streams; strong waves and winds with the possibility of flooding. (Sources: NHC, Guerrero State Government, Open sources)

UPCOMING

Nothing significant to report.

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To: [redacted]
CC: Beaudoin, Serge; Legault, Jean-Francois; OPSCentre - NOB
Date: 10/18/2013 3:00 PM
Subject: AANDC - YT Regional Office - Protests in support of Shale Gas protest - Rexton, NB

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Hello GOC,

Please see below for information received from our YT EM Coordinator.

Jean Fisk
A/Manager EM Operations
AANDC
613 997 6552

>>> Nicholas Wozniewski 10/18/2013 2:55 PM >>>

Please add this event to the list of locations for events over the period of 17-19 Oct 2013.
It may also be worth mentioning all the events nationwide scheduled as part of Global Frackdown, October 19th".
http://www.globalfrackdown.org/events/

Yukon Region - Whitehorse
IDLENOMORE - A GATHERING IN SOLIDARITY WITH ELSIPOGTOG, OCTOBER 17, 2013

WHEN:
October 18, 2013 at 5pm - 6pm

WHERE:
Healing Pole (1st and Main Street)
Whitehorse , YT Y1A
Canada

>>> OPSCentre - NOB 18/10/2013 9:06 AM >>>

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Regional Issues
Bi-Weekly Report

Regions:

1) Atlantic

2) Quebec

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6) Alberta

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Issues Management Bi-Weekly Report
Atlantic Region
Week Ending November 1, 2013

Updates in Yellow

Upcoming Events

AIP Signing in Conne River – November 8, 2013 (Minister Valcourt to attend)

Upcoming Elections

Mushuau Innu Election – November 15, 2013

Pictou Landing Band Council – Judicial Review Decision

Issue:
On April 4, 2013 Justice Mandamin of the Federal Court directed AANDC to reimburse Pictou Landing Band Council for exceptional costs incurred providing home care to a severely disabled youth from May 27, 2010 to present. Justice Mandamin ruled that AANDC and the Province of Nova Scotia had mistakenly interpreted provincial legislation in denying Pictou Landing Band Council's request for extraordinary funding. He also ruled that Jordan's Principle applied in this case, contrary to the position that both AANDC and the province had taken.

Background:
This case first came to the attention of Health Canada and AANDC's regional officials in February 2011. The question of jurisdiction was not at issue because the case was on reserve, and it was felt by federal and provincial officials that Jordan's Principle did not apply. The federal parties proceeded to establish the normative standard of care in the Province of Nova Scotia, in consultation with its provincial counterparts. On the basis of this consultation both Health Canada and AANDC responded to Pictou Landing Band Council's request for extraordinary funding by asserting that the provincial normative standard of care was being met. The matter was then taken to court by Pictou Landing Band Council.

Current Status:
The Department of Justice has filed a notice of appeal of the decision on the grounds that Justice Mandamin's interpretation and application of Jordan's Principle in this case was incorrect. A draft factum presenting Canada's position with respect to the appeal was filed with the federal court on August 19, 2013.

The Plaintiffs have shared their factum in response to AANDC's appeal on October 4, 2013. The factum has not yet been officially filed with the court as counsel for the Respondents' intends to file a motion for an extension. The Respondents have requested Canada provide a supplementary appeal book to include cross-examinations transcripts. The extension would allow them to update the highlighted page references, but not modify their arguments.

AANDC will continue its efforts to move forward in negotiation of a financial remedy.

In the interim, AANDC continues to provide services to this youth under the Assisted Living – In Home Program. The 2013-2014 costs, as presented on monthly reports, have remained within the "exceptional circumstances" thresholds set out by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services.

Media Forecast:
There has been no recent media coverage on this case.

Executive Services and Communications Products:
Media Lines and QP Card will be developed if/as required.

Implementation of Provincial Income Assistance Rates

Issue:
The Federal Court granted an Order for an injunction prohibiting the implementation of provincial rates and standards for income assistance on First Nation reserves in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on March 30, 2012.

Background:
There has been significant opposition from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island First Nations on the implementation of provincial income assistance rates. The Order referred to above was appealed by AANDC, but the injunction was upheld.

Joint research into the impact of provincial rates has been proposed by AANDC to the Assembly of First Nation Chiefs in New Brunswick. A letter was sent on October 15, 2012 to Chiefs Ginnish and Paul and the draft terms of reference were attached. A reply has not yet been received.

In Nova Scotia, the Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative (KMK) has drafted Terms of Reference governing collaborative research into the impact of implementing provincial rates which AANDC supports. KMK has not responded on follow-up from AANDC.

Current Status:
The applicants' lawyers have asserted the scope of the injunction extends to all reporting and administrative practices, and applies to the Assisted Living Program as well as Income Assistance. Applicants submitted a motion seeking clarification on the

scope of the injunction. In its response to this motion, AANDC has clearly stated its position that Assisted Living is a separate and distinct program and is not subject to the injunction.

A hearing took place June 19 and 20, 2013 on the merit of the judicial review. Justice Scott reserved a decision, but indicated that a decision would be rendered shortly after the hearing given the significance of the case. There has been no decision communicated as of October 8, 2013.

A letter was received by AANDC on September 24, 2013 from Burchells LLP (for Tobique) indicating that Assisted Living fell within the scope of the injunction and the department should continue to wait for the decision of Justice Simpson. The Litigation Management and Resolution Branch have sent a response to Burchells LLP restating the department's position.

The Litigation Management and Resolution Branch has developed a draft contingency plan in collaboration with Education, Social Development Programs and Partnerships, the Department of Justice and the Atlantic Region.

New Brunswick First Nations Provincial Tuition

Issue:

On August 19, 2013, New Brunswick's Aboriginal Affairs and Department of Education notified all First Nations that the per child tuition rate was increasing from $9,663 to $10,775 for the school year beginning September 2013. This is an increase of 11.5 percent.

Background:

New Brunswick's first five year tuition agreement, called the "Enhanced First Nations Education Programs and Services Agreement" (Enhancement Agreement), contained a tuition rate, based on a five year projected average cost, that remained fixed for the duration of the agreement: $9,663 per student. This agreement expired June 30, 2013. The province received authority in spring 2013 to enter into a one year extension permitting time to bring about improvements for the next five year Enhancement Agreement. Previous to the official notification, First Nations understood the one year extension to the Enhancement Agreement was retaining the same tuition rate.

The rate of $9,663 was created by forecasting for known factors such as teacher contract rates and calculating a five year average. The 2013-2014 rate of $10,775 was presented using the actual cost of the most recent, complete school year (2012-2013) plus two percent.

Current Status:

First Nations were preparing for a new tuition rate to be negotiated with a new Enhancement Agreement, not the one year extension. The AANDC / First Nation funding instruments include provincial tuition budgets using two different approaches:

block or set contribution. Ten agreements have funding in the block which means, once the budget is established, there are small annual increases generated by a formula. These annual increases are specific to each First Nation, but can be in the range of one to two percent. The five First Nations funded using the set contribution approaches are reimbursed for eligible expenditures.

Informal conversations are occurring between the Executive Director of First Nations Education Initiatives Inc. (First Nation Education Initiative Inc. is a First Nation Regional Managing Organization with 12 of the15 bands in its membership), AANDC and New Brunswick. Early indications are that New Brunswick may reconsider its position recognizing that neither First Nations nor AANDC have prepared for an increase of this magnitude on such short notice. As of October 22, 2013, the province has not committed to a smaller tuition increase for school year 2013-2014.

Media Forecast:
There has been no recent media coverage on this case.

Executive Services and Communications Products:
Media Lines and QP Card will be developed if/as required

Mushuau Innu First Nation – Solvent Abuse

Issue:
Gasoline sniffing and solvent abuse issues continue in the Mushuau Innu First Nation (Natuashish).

Background:
Although the Labrador Innu Comprehensive Healing Strategy (2001-2010) made considerable progress addressing social and mental health issues in Innu communities, the communities continue to struggle with drug and substance abuse.

AANDC provides funding to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador to provide child youth and family services programming to the Innu. AANDC and Health Canada cost-shared construction, and continue to provide annual operating support, of a safe house at Natuashish where gas-sniffers can seek help.

Since 2001, Health Canada has provided specific annual funding to support healing programs in the area of mental health and addictions; maternal and child health; and, community capacity building. AANDC understands this ongoing Health Canada funding has been confirmed to 2015.

The Innu Main Table, a tripartite forum, was established to oversee the implementation of the Labrador Innu Comprehensive Healing Strategy. In April 2012, the Ministers of AANDC and Health Canada provided support to an Innu-led Round Table process which facilitates Innu priority setting, service integration and community-based healing plans and actions.

Despite an aggressive approach of removing alcohol in the dry community and an improvement in the relationship between law enforcement and Council, instances of substance abuse and vandalism continue. The Mushuau Innu First Nation has built a ceremonial hall and cabins to be used for Innu justice purposes as well as addictions treatment.

Current Status:

The Chief is requesting support to send children to Border Beacon, previously abandoned military lands located on the Labrador/Quebec border. Other councillors are not supportive of this initiative and are recommending treatment within, or closer to, the community.

Progress as of October 2013 includes the finalization of a Health Capacity Development proposal which outlines steps to build community capacity to plan, deliver and evaluate health programs; substantive work with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador concerning the devolution of the income support program; in-depth discussions with the province concerning an enhanced prevention approach to Child, Youth and Family Services programs; Innu Roundtable Secretariat incorporation and hiring of staff; and, discussions on funding authorities and transfer of AANDC funding to Sheshatshiu First Nation for Round Table support.

Minister Valcourt has recently appointed a Federal Special Representative to the Innu Round Table process to provide political oversight while maintaining a strategic emphasis on outcomes and sustainability.

On October 16, 2013, the Council unanimously voted to call for an election which is scheduled for November 15, 2013. This is in response to the challenges that Council has faced in working together.

Media Forecast:

Recent media coverage 'We want to die - nobody's listening to us'… Natuashish's ongoing gas-sniffing problem getting worse: therapist – October 1, 2013

Executive Services and Communications Products:

Media Lines and QP Card will be developed if/as required.

Elsipogtog First Nation

The Elsipogtog First Nation is located in New Brunswick near Rexton. Recently, there has been a considerable amount of media attention over Elsipogtog's protests regarding SWN Resources search for natural gas deposits in deep underground shale in that area, as well as a number of other substantive issues facing the First Nation as follows:

1. Canada Revenue Agency

2. Declaration to SWN Resources
3. Provincial Tuition
4. Audit
5. Infrastructure Funding

1. Canada Revenue Agency

Issue:

On September 9, 2013, three statutory set-offs were received from Canada Revenue Agency for arrears in non-remittances effective September 4, 2013. The total of the set-offs is $1,173,265.16 for 2011 and 2012.

Background:

Upon receipt of the Canada Revenue Agency's notice, AANDC made contact with Elsipogtog First Nation and its co-manager advising AANDC has an obligation to action the statutory set-off. The co-manager advised they had been working with Canada Revenue Agency on establishing a repayment plan and were surprised by the statutory set-off action. They advised their intention to seek legal counsel. Canada Revenue Agency advises they have tried to resolve the outstanding remittance issues with Elsipogtog First Nation with no success.

AANDC met with Elsipogtog and the co-manager on September 24, 2013, to discuss the set-off and how AANDC would implement it, should it still be in effect. The co-manager advised a proposed repayment plan with Canada Revenue Agency was still in negotiations and contingent on the results of Elsipogtog's 2012-2013 audit which was just finalized. At the same time, the co-manager advised Elsipogtog's legal counsel that Canada Revenue Agency cannot implement the set-off as it would jeopardize essential programs and services.

A review of Elsipogtog's 2012-2013 audited financial statements, received September 24, 2013, reveals as part of Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities past due balances for Receiver General payroll deductions of $999,520 and Pension plan contributions of $163,666.

On October 3, 2013, AANDC received notice Elsipogtog has filed for a court injunction related to this issue. After communicating with Canada Revenue Agency, AANDC learned Canada Revenue Agency will be rescinding the statutory set-off.

AANDC has been notified that after reviewing Canada's affidavit, the plaintiffs' counsel will request the Court adjourn the matter *sine die* or without date on October 16, 2013.

Current Status:

On October 10, 2013, AANDC received official notice from Canada Revenue Agency to cancel the statutory set-off.

2. Elsipogtog's Declaration of Sovereignty and Eviction Notice to SWN Resources

Issue:

Elsipogtog First Nation issued a declaration of sovereignty and made demands that "all projects, leases, and permits issued to SWN Resources by the Government [of New Brunswick] come to a halt until all Mi'kmaq-L'nu, and Wabanaki communities, as sovereign individuals are Meaningfully Consulted, and that we are able to come to an informed decision as individuals".

Background:

As permits were issued by the Province of New Brunswick, and the activities are taking place on provincial crown land, any duty to consult would lie with the provincial Crown (i.e. the Federal Crown has not undertaken any action that could impact a treaty or Aboriginal right). Although Premier Alward met with Elsipogtog's Council on October 7, 2013, the meeting was primarily an opportunity to exchange information and engage in dialogue, and did not constitute consultation.

Current activities are related to exploration only, and the provincial Crown has indicated that information sessions were sufficient given the low impact of exploratory activities. New Brunswick Minister of Energy, Craig Leonard, indicated the Province would engage in consultation with Aboriginal groups if the exploration suggests the shale gas industry should proceed in the province.

Current Status:

Members of the Elsipogtog First Nation established a blockade preventing SWN Resources from accessing its equipment. A provincial court injunction was issued on October 3, 2013 advising protestors to remove the blockade and allow the company to exercise its permit. On October 17, 2013 RCMP enforced the blockade and arrested 40 individuals, and seizing weapons and ammunition. The Chief has since asked for a cooling down period that now seems to be in effect. There is still a call for a moratorium on shale gas exploration.

Media Forecast

It is anticipated this issue will remain prominent in local and national media in the coming weeks.

3. Release of Restricted Provincial Tuition Funds

Background:

Where provincial tuition budgets are provided, AANDC's funding instruments require First Nations have a tuition agreement in place and the account is maintained in good standing. New Brunswick has advised that the Elsipogtog tuition account is not in good standing. As a direct result, 70 percent of the annual budget for provincial tuition (September to March) has been removed from the regular monthly cheque release. A letter from New Brunswick attesting that the Elsipogtog tuition account has returned to "in good standing" would enable, AANDC to return the tuition funds to the monthly schedule for release to the First Nation.

Current Status:

AANDC and New Brunswick have been in communication concerning the requirement for the letter "in good standing". On October 25, 2013, representatives of Elsipogtog and this department met with New Brunswick's Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. The First Nation is prepared to make the last payment (approx $98,000 related to last fiscal year and maintain the payment terms of the original Enhancement Agreement (payment date of March 28, 2014 for the 2013-14 invoices). A return to "good standing" letter is pending receipt of the final payment for 2012-13 and the final approval of this strategy by New Brunswick's Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat.

4. Elsipogtog Audit

Issue:

Elsipogtog First Nation's audited financial statements have been determined to meet all requirements as of October 16, 2013, and therefore no funds are being held.

Background:

The audited financial statements were due July 29, 2013. When the statements either become past due for 30 or more days, or don't meet requirements by that same period, AANDC halts 15 percent of block funding and 100 percent of targeted funding. This has caused approximately $718,000 to be halted. Elsipogtog First Nation has been advised of this fact.

Elsipogtog First Nation's audited financial statements were received on September 24, 2013, and reviewed on September 25, 2013. The statements met AANDC requirements, but because of a joint audit initiative with Health Canada, these statements must also be reviewed by Health Canada to determine if the audit meets its requirements.

Current Status:

AANDC and Health Canada determined that the audit meets the reporting requirements of each department. The audit is 'under detailed' review thereby releasing it hold on

funds. For November 1, 2013, the First Nation will receive a cheque of $1.9 million which include regular and held funding

5. Infrastructure Funding

Issue:

AANDC funded a water system upgrade project in 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, for a total amount of $870,000. The funding for 2012-2013 was used to pay other priorities by the Band. At this time there appears to be approximately $250,000 that was redirected from the project and some invoices that should have been paid by the project have not been paid. The First Nation is also employing a contractor who does not have bonding or other required insurances.

Background:

In 2011-2012 a Feasibility Study was undertaken to determine what upgrades were required to bring the Elsipogtog Water System up to standards and function properly. The total value of upgrades required is estimated to be $4.6 million. In 2012-2013, $400,000 was allocated to the project to complete work on the well and treatment of the water. In 2013-2014, $470,000 was allocated to repair a portion of the leaking distribution system.

Current Status:

AANDC met with Elsipogtog First Nation and the co-manager on October 3, 2013 to stress the importance of completing the work on its water system due to health and safety concerns of community members. Funds are to be recovered once the actual amount that was redirected by the First Nation is determined. The scope of work for 2013-2014 will be reduced due to the limited remaining construction season. The amendment for the $470,000 for 2013-2014 has not been forwarded to the First Nation due to other outstanding amendments.

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Sujets mis à jour :

- Situation de gouvernance à Kitcisakik

Sujet sans changement :

Sujet retiré :

- Situation à Winneway (Long Point First Nation)
- Autoroute 30 (Kahnawake)

Nouveau sujet :

- Situation maladie d'Huntington à Uashat

Prochaines élections

- Le 29 novembre 2013 à Wolf Lake : élections selon la coutume pour combler 1 poste de conseiller
- Le 30 novembre 2013 à Odanak : élections en vertu de la *Loi sur les Indiens* pour combler le poste de chef et 4 conseillers
- Le dimanche 3 novembre 2013, la plupart des municipalités de la province de Québec vont aux urnes pour combler les divers postes de maires et de conseillers.

Événements à venir

- Semaine du 28 octobre 2013 - Envoi de lettres - conformité en aide au revenu. (À la suite des exercices de revue de conformité effectués en 2012-2013 dans le cadre du programme d'aide au revenu auprès des Premières Nations du Québec, une lettre sera acheminée informant certaines bandes des montants finaux à recouvrer par le ministère. Ces lettres pourraient susciter des réactions de la part des chefs.)
- 29 octobre 2013- Inauguration du First Nation Regional Adult Education Center à Listuguj.
- 30-31 octobre et 1er novembre 2013 - Réunion des directeurs généraux des bandes, des conseils tribaux, des commissions et des organisations régionales des Premières Nations du Québec.
  (La rencontre se tiendra à Wendake. La journée du 30 octobre est réservée aux représentants d'AADNC pour faire le point sur divers enjeux d'actualité.)
- 5, 6 et 7 novembre 2013 - Conférence nationale des entrepreneurs autochtones.
- 6 et 7 novembre 2013 - National Aboriginal Economic Development Board.

- Les 9 et 10 novembre 2013, à Laval, se tiendra l'Assemblée générale annuelle de Femmes autochtones du Québec (FAQ) sous le thème *Célébrons notre histoire, dessinons notre futur*. La FAQ célèbre cette année ses quarante ans d'existence.

Situation maladie d'Huntington à Uashat

Sujet

La communauté d'Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam fait face à un nombre croissant d'individus atteints par la maladie de Huntington.

Contexte

La communauté d'Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam a fait part au Ministère de ses préoccupations face à la maladie de Huntington et des conséquences que la maladie pourrait avoir sur l'organisation et la prestation de services dans le cadre du programme d'*Aide à la vie autonome* – volet soins à domicile et centres d'hébergement.

La communauté travaille cet enjeu important en partenariat avec Affaires autochtones et Développement du Nord Canada, Santé Canada, le Centre hospitalier régional de Sept-Îles et le ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux de la province.

La maladie d'Huntington est une maladie neurodégénérative héréditaire, causée par une anomalie génétique. Il n'existe aucun traitement curatif pour cette maladie à l'heure actuelle. Les symptômes se développent généralement entre l'âge de 30 et 50 ans. La perte d'autonomie, sur une durée de 15 à 20 ans, est croissante et irréversible et se poursuit jusqu'au décès de la personne atteinte. La perte d'autonomie causée par la maladie engendre des troubles de la motricité et des atteintes psychiatriques et cognitives. Le caractère héréditaire d'Huntington fait en sorte que si un parent est atteint par la maladie, ses enfants auront 50 % de probabilités d'hériter de l'anomalie génétique. Un test prédictif existe et permet de déterminer si une personne est atteinte ou non.

Dans cette communauté de 3 107 personnes, les experts disent que jusqu'à 1 personne sur 17 pourrait avoir la Maladie de Huntington d'ici quelques années, alors que dans la population en général, 1 personne sur 10 000 en est atteinte.

Situation actuelle

À ce jour, plusieurs rencontres ont eu lieu entre les partenaires (Conseil de bande de la communauté, ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux du Québec, Santé Canada et AADNC) afin de saisir les enjeux reliés à cette problématique. Une demande de financement (de 385 000 $/année) par la communauté, a été déposée à AADNC, pour un centre d'hébergement sur réserve. Le Ministère est prêt à supporter financièrement l'ouverture de ce centre pour les personnes atteintes conformément aux modalités du *Programme d'aide à la vie autonome*. Toutefois, ce financement est conditionnel à l'établissement d'un continuum de services permettant d'assurer une prise en charge des individus atteints dont les besoins vont, ou iront, au-delà des autorisations du

Ministère. Cette condition n'a toujours pas été remplie. Toutefois, des discussions entre la communauté et la province se poursuivent sur ce sujet. Conséquemment, le financement d'AADNC n'a pu être transféré à la communauté jusqu'à maintenant. La prochaine rencontre entre les partenaires se tiendra dans les prochaines semaines afin de faire le point sur les prochaines étapes.

Prévisions des médias
Les médias locaux ont démontré un intérêt à connaître et suivre le développement de la situation dans la communauté. Le réseau APTN a contacté le Ministère pour savoir quand le centre sera ouvert et quelles sont les raisons qui en retardent l'ouverture. À cet effet, les infocapsules ont été transmises le 29 octobre 2013.

Situation de gouvernance à Kitcisakik

Sujet
Dispute découlant de l'annulation du scrutin général tenu le 5 août 2013.

Contexte
La Première Nation de Kitcisakik tient ses élections en vertu d'un code électoral coutumier. Ce conseil de bande se compose d'un chef et de trois conseillers, élus pour un mandat de quatre ans avec un quorum de trois.

Le 15 mai 2013, un référendum a été tenu dans la communauté. La population s'est prononcée en faveur d'une éventuelle relocalisation de la communauté dans le secteur du Lac Ribot dans une proportion de 57 pour cent.

Les résultats du référendum ont suscité des enjeux internes au sein du conseil de bande, ce qui a provoqué le déclenchement des élections du 5 août 2013, lesquelles étaient originellement prévues à l'automne 2013. Lors de ces élections, la chef Adrienne Anichinapeo a été réélue.

À l'issue du processus électoral, un nouveau conseil a été sélectionné. Cependant, dès le 7 août, le Comité électoral a déclaré l'invalidité du scrutin. La Chef élue, Adrienne Anichinapéo, soutient que le Comité électoral n'avait aucun mandat pour rendre une telle décision, car le code ne prévoit aucun mécanisme à cet effet.
Par cette décision, le Comité électoral laisse une communauté extrêmement divisée, aux prises avec des représentants dont la légitimité est contestée et une faction stimulant les tensions.

Devant l'imbroglio politique, le mercredi 2 octobre 2013, une assemblée générale a été convoquée par 2 conseillers sortants du précédent conseil. Au cours de l'assemblée, un comité électoral a été mis en place afin de mener à terme un nouveau processus menant à un scrutin général le 15 janvier 2014. Le comité électoral a convoqué une nouvelle assemblée générale le 15 octobre en vue d'obtenir des directives et recommandations de la population.

Le 21 octobre 2013, une instance a été introduite en Cour fédérale par Adrienne Anichinapéo et Jean-Marc Penosway, respectivement chef et conseiller élus à l'élection du 5 août. Il s'agit d'une demande de contrôle judiciaire portant sur quatre décisions: 1) la décision du Comité d'élection de Kitcisakik d'annuler l'élection du 5 août 2013; 2) la décision d'une faction de mettre en place un nouveau Comité d'élection; 3) décision du nouveau Comité électoral de lancer un nouveau processus électoral; 4) décision de deux conseillers sortant de s'approprier les fonctions de chef et conseiller par intérim. Le ministre a été signifié à titre de défendeur.

Situation actuelle

Les représentants du bureau régional d'AADNC suivent la situation de très près et ont des entretiens avec les divers intervenants dans ce dossier tout en maintenant leur neutralité. Selon l'évolution de la situation et afin de préserver la paix sociale, AADNC pourrait décider de s'adresser directement à la population.

Pour le moment, la prestation des programmes et services prévue à l'entente de financement n'est pas compromise. Cependant, puisque plusieurs membres clés du personnel de la Première Nation s'absentent pour congé de maladie et que cette situation fait craindre une détérioration des services, une lettre au conseil sortant est en préparation afin de leur faire part de préoccupations quant aux impacts des enjeux de gouvernance sur l'entente de financement.

En outre, Justice Canada fera les représentations utiles à la Cour. À cet égard, la région a tenu des téléconférences avec la procureure au dossier les 23 et 25 octobre 2013.

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Kashechewan First Nation – Capacity

Issue
Over the past 12 months, a series of events in the Kashechewan First Nation has brought into question the management capacity of the First Nation with respect to the Capital Facilities and Maintenance Program.

Background
Since November 2012, a number of events related to maintenance of infrastructure indicate a lack of capacity:

- Lack of provision of heating fuel for the fire hall and water treatment plant;
- Improper maintenance of the dyke, wastewater system and other infrastructure (partially responsible for wastewater back-up in 36 homes in spring 2013);
- Inadequate supply of chemicals required for the water treatment plant to produce potable water; and
- Salaries not paid to public works staff.

Current Status
Ontario Region officials are currently considering enhanced assistance to build capacity based on a pilot use of the Case Management approach.

Media Forecast: No media calls to date; however, this issue may potentially garner media attention.

Executive Services and Communications Products: Media lines are in development.

Sandy Lake First Nation – Declaration of a "housing crisis"

Issue
On October 15, 2013, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) officials received a declaration, dated October 11, 2013, regarding a "housing crisis" at Sandy Lake First Nation.

Background
At an October 15, 2013 meeting in Toronto, the First Nation advised AANDC officials that they had declared a "housing crisis" on October 11, 2013, due to a housing shortage and overcrowding on the reserve. The First Nation presented two project proposals to address immediate needs, which would require additional funding: the "Sandy Lake First Nation Renovation Proposal" for $1,327,196; and over $8.9 million for the "Sandy Lake First Nation Housing Shortage" proposal to build 40 homes.

On October 18, 2013, the Department also received a letter from Chief Meekis requesting urgent funding of $220,000 to winterize 200 homes.

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The First Nation is scheduled to receive $674,100 in 2013-2014 as part of its annual formula-based housing allocation.

Current Status
AANDC has granted an extension to Sandy Lake for submission of its audited financial statements. As a result, AANDC released $257,327 in halted funding to the First Nation.

Media Forecast: No media calls to date, but this issue may garner media attention.

Executive Services and Communications Products: Media lines are in HQ approvals.

Attawapiskat First Nation – Various Issues

Relevant topics include:

1. **Soil Remediation**
2. **Repairs to Teacherages**

1. Soil Remediation

On September 13, 2013, a human rights journalist submitted an enquiry to AANDC about the history of the soil remediation project including specific questions about when the diesel fuel spill occurred and what actions the Department took between 1977 and 1990 to address it.

Background
On June 29, 2012, Attawapiskat First Nation awarded a contract to WERInc. to remediate approximately 41,000 cubic metres of impacted soil at four sites (the former elementary school, the former water treatment plant, the teacherages, and the abandoned fuel supply lines). Approximately 33,000 cubic metres of the impacted soil are located on the former J.R. Nakogee Elementary School property.

Current Status
AANDC officials were in the community on August 29, 2013, and report that overall, the project is proceeding as scheduled and the clean up portion is anticipated to be complete by March 2016. The project requires two active construction seasons followed by two seasons of soil treatment (summers 2014 and 2015) at the off-site facility located near the First Nation's waste disposal site.

Media Forecast
It is expected that the human rights journalist will publish a story about the soil remediation project.

Executive Services and Communications Products
A response to the reporter is currently in HQ approvals.

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2. Repairs to teacherages as a result of spring flooding

The affected spaces were not living quarters, and there has been no impact on class schedules. The contractor, who conducted repairs on the nine flood-damaged homes, is awaiting payment of outstanding invoices before beginning work on the teacherages. The First Nation will make payment to the contractor pending the receipt of the remaining project funding from AANDC.

Media Forecast: No media interest since August 2013.

Executive Services and Communications Products: Media lines are available.

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(New information highlighted in yellow)

Elections:

November (date TBD) – Dauphin River First Nation
November (date TBD) – Garden Hill First Nation
Date TBD – Marcel Colomb First Nation

Events:

November 12 – Province of Manitoba Speech from the Throne.
November 13-14 – First Nations Emergency Management Forum and Workshop (in conjunction with Public Safety Canada) – Winnipeg.
November 18 – 19 - Aboriginal Affairs Working Group of the Council of the Federation – Winnipeg
November 19 – Scheduled court date for civil motion by Buffalo Point Cottage Owners Association v. Buffalo Point First Nation
November 25 – Scheduled court date in Winnipeg for Chief John Thunder of Buffalo Point First Nation on extortion charges. First Nation members calling for demonstration against Chief Thunder outside Law Courts.
December 5 – Scheduled court date in Steinbach for four persons arrested while occupying Buffalo Point First Nation band office. First Nation members calling for demonstration in support of arrested persons.
TBD – Ground breaking for new school at Shamattawa First Nation – date to be determined in consultation with Minister's Office.

Southern Chiefs Organization (SCO) – removal of Grand Chief and suspension of Chief of Staff

Issue

Grand Chief Murray Clearsky was suspended in early October by the Executive Council of SCO over allegations of improper expenditures. Chief of Staff Mike Bear was also suspended over allegations of sexual harassment.

Background

An internal SCO source released information to media that Grand Chief Clearsky had withdrawn over $10,000 from an SCO account while on vacation in Minnesota in September, 2013. On October 1, the SCO Executive Council voted to suspend Clearsky with pay while an investigation was taking place. At the same time, the Executive Council placed Chief of Staff Mike Bear on suspension with pay while sexual harassment charges were investigated.

Current status

A summit of SCO Chiefs was held on Tuesday, October 29 at Sagkeeng First Nation. A non-confidence motion against Grand Chief Clearsky was passed and he was removed

from office. Chief Larry Barker of Hollow Water First Nation was installed as Grand Chief. A date will be set for the election of a new Grand Chief.

AANDC has received a complaint regarding management practices and financial activities at SCO. This is being managed through the Complaints and Allegations process.

Media forecast
There is a high level of media interest regionally.

Executive Services products and communications
Media lines have been prepared and will be updated as the situation evolves.

Marcel Colomb First Nation (MCFN) – action to remove Chief (New Item)
Issue
Members of MCFN have started a process to remove Chief Andrew Colomb from office.

Background
MCFN is governed by a custom code for Band Council elections. The current Band Council was elected in 2011 for a four year term. On October 1, 2013, a quorum of Band members held a community meeting and carried a motion to remove Chief Colomb from office. The motion cited AANDC's denial of opinion for MCFN's 2012-13 audited financial statements, and Chief Colomb being charged with driving under the influence in September 2012. AANDC was informed of these actions on October 23.

Current status
Community members will meet to set a date for an election. A quorum of Council exists and there is no disruption to governance or delivery of essential programs. MCFN has an expert resource in place as per action taken by AANDC under the Default Prevention Management Policy.

Media forecast
Regional coverage in northern Manitoba media is expected.

Executive Services products and communications
Media lines will be developed and provided for approval. As MCFN follows a custom code, AANDC will direct inquiries related to the election process to the First Nation.

Marcel Colomb First Nation – failure of septic service (New item)
Issue
MCFN has indicated that septic tanks installed in 15 homes have failed, leaving residents to depend on portable toilets outside their homes.

Background:
MCFN is a First Nation community under development in northern Manitoba. Since 2009, AANDC has provided funding to MCFN for the construction of community

infrastructure such as roads, a sewage lagoon, and homes including septic systems. On January 23, AANDC officials participated in the grand opening of the First Nation's new drinking water treatment system.
MCFN had requested piped septic service, but that was not economical based on the density requirements established in the Management Control Framework.

In 2012, AANDC provided funding to support the construction of 15 homes, including trucked septic systems. MCFN advised AANDC that the septic tanks for these homes have become damaged and are inoperable, and in August, AANDC indicated that funding support would be provided for the replacement of the tanks, and temporary portable toilets for the interim period.

Current status
Portable toilets have been provided for residents, but this will not be a feasible option as temperatures become colder. AANDC Infrastructure and Housing has been in conversation with MCFN and Swampy Cree Tribal Council, and confirm that MCFN has signed a contract to have the damaged systems repaired in the coming weeks. The substantive completion date for the tanks to be completed in November 8. Portable toilets will be available for the interim period.

Media forecast
There is a high level of interest regionally around water and wastewater issues involving First Nations. Regional media coverage is expected if there is a delay in completing the replacement of damaged systems.

Executive Services products and communications
Media lines are being prepared by Manitoba Region.

Misty Lake Lodge & MANFF
Issue
2011 flood evacuees have been leaving Misty Lake Lodge at their request for private rental properties, with support from MANFF.

Background
There has been an ongoing issue between MANFF and Misty Lake Lodge in Gimli over evacuee eligibility and expenses. Evacuees have requested they be moved from Misty Lake Lodge and provided alternate accommodation. Misty Lake Lodge is also seeking funding from AANDC for damage they claim was caused by evacuees.

Current Status
There are four evacuees at the Ashern Hotel (which is also owned by the proprietor of Misty Lake Lodge) and one evacuee remains at Misty Lake Lodge. For the evacuees at Ashern, there are no alternative accommodations available in the area. Work is underway to find longer term accommodation for the remaining evacuee at Misty Lake Lodge and the individual is expected to leave by November 1. Early exit is not possible, as private accommodation is not available prior to this date.

AANDC has advised Misty Lake Lodge that their claims around damage are being reviewed with MANFF and their expert financial resource, who will provide a position in two weeks.

Media forecast
There is a high level of media interest regionally and nationally related to 2011 flood evacuees at Misty Lake Lodge, with emphasis on allegations against MANFF and money owed to the hotel owner.

Executive Services products and communications
Media lines have been prepared and are updated regularly by Manitoba Region.

Transfer of evacuee services from MANFF to CRC

Issue
Transfer of long-term evacuee services from MANFF to the Canadian Red Cross (CRC).

Background
On June 3, Minister Valcourt released a statement and instructed departmental officials to work with MANFF on a transition plan, in partnership with the affected First Nation communities and the province, for the CRC to deliver benefits to 2011 flood evacuees. CRC has completed the needs assessment.

Current Status
AANDC, CRC, and MANFF are developing a transition plan for CRC to commence delivering evacuee benefits. A timeline for CRC to assume this role has not been established.

Media forecast
There is a high level of media interest regionally and nationally. The CBC I-Team and other media continue to contact AANDC and the Minister's Office regularly on the status of transfer to the CRC and various reviews and investigations.

Executive Services products and communications
Media lines and Questions and Answers are updated on an ongoing basis.
A communications plan has been drafted with respect to the transition, and circulated to CRC and MANFF.

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Regional Office Space Lease at First Nations University of Canada

Issue:
At the FSIN Legislative Assembly, Chair of the Board of First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv) claimed the federal government surprised the institution by refusing to renew AANDC regional office space lease.

Background:
On behalf of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Public Works and Government Services Canada currently leases office space in the First Nations University of Canada Building in Regina, Saskatchewan. As the lease was set to expire on April 30, 2013, in the fall of 2011 Public Works and Government Services Canada formally initiated negotiations with the University to extend it for a 5 year term.

On January 30, 2012, the former President of the First Nations University of Canada, advised Public Works that "that the terms of your counter-offer are unacceptable to First Nations University of Canada in light of our plans for the future growth and development of the university." As a result, Public Works then negotiated with the University to extend the lease to April 2014, to allow for sufficient time to undertake a public lease tender process, in which the University had an opportunity to participate.

The Department then initiated and advertised a public tender process for space in July, 2012. The University did not respond to the public tender. The process closed August 9, 2012 and a new lease contract was awarded on October 17, 2012 for space located in downtown Regina. This space is currently being fit up as per government requirements, and is anticipated to be in service in May, 2014

Following a change in the University's leadership in April 2013, new Chair of the Board, expressed an interest in renewing the lease in a letter dated June 11, 2013 to the Minister of AANDC. On October 10, 2013 the Minister responded to the letter stating that the lease tender process had long been concluded, and that a new lease contract for space had been secured.

Current Status:
Media inquiries on the relocation of AANDC have been redirected by them to Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Media Forecast:
Some lingering regional coverage may continue this week.

Executive Services/Communications Products
Media lines have been drafted. Public Works and Government Services Canada is leading the response. Docket B13505 was the Minister's response to the issue.

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Governance Dispute within the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan

Issue:
At the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan's Legislative Assembly held September 7 and 8, 2013 in Saskatoon several members of the Provincial Métis Council did not recognize the proceedings to be legal and refused to give their consent to neither call the Legislative Assembly nor approve proposed constitutional changes. They filed a court injunction against the proceedings.

Background:
The Métis Nation of Saskatchewan is composed of 12 regions and 108 active Métis locals, with an estimated population of 52,451 individuals identifying as Métis in Saskatchewan according to the 2011 National Household Survey.

A small faction within the MN-S organization, are upset with reforms undertaking by the current leadership and have written to local Members of Parliament and have made allegations for several years to both levels of government and to the media.

In 2011, AANDC completed a **Management Practices Review** of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, examining management practices and financial controls and examined specific financial transactions of the organization in 2012 in response to allegations made by some members of the Provincial Métis Council. The Management Practice Review determined that there were no findings of criminal activity or malfeasance.

The review identified significant control weaknesses that hinder the effective functioning of the organization and presented recommendations and guidance in the establishment of appropriate, transparent and effective governance, financial accounting and reporting systems (June 15, 2011). In 2012, specific financial transactions were reviewed in response to allegations made by some members of the Provincial Métis Council. There were no findings of criminal activity or malfeasance.

The federal and provincial governments are providing resources to the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan to engage a neutral third party professional services firm (Deloitte and Touche) that is working with the Provincial Métis Council and the President of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan to address the recommendations identified in the review. The Federal and Provincial government were invited to participate as observers to this process.

The Provincial Métis Council is pursuing legal action with respect to certain constitutional amendments moved at the September Métis Nation of Saskatchewan's Legislative Assembly.

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Current Status:
The Court of Queen's Bench reserved decision on the issue, but is scheduled to deliver a decision on the injunction on the matter on November 5th. Department officials will continue to monitor the dispute to ensure that departmentally funded initiatives are not affected.

Media Forecast:
Regional media outlets have been following the issue.

Executive Services/Communications Products
A briefing note has been drafted SK 1333 and Audit and Evaluation drafted a response for the Minister to Rob Clarke, MP (Z58243), which was signed on October 24, 2013.

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Alberta Region
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Calgary Ring Road

Issue

Members of the Tsuu T'ina Nation have voted 70% in favour of a tentative land agreement with the Province of Alberta for the completion of the Calgary ring road.

Background

The Province of Alberta is constructing a ring road around the city of Calgary. Former Premier Ed Stelmach had stated that the best route for the southwest portion of the road would be through Tsuu T'ina land, but after the nation rejected the proposed deal in 2009, the province began examining alternative routes. On March 2, 2012, former Tsuu T'ina Chief Sandford Big Plume announced his intention to bring the idea back to his people and on June 29, 2012 in a secret ballot survey, 68.5% of members voted in favour of giving a mandate to Chief and Council to renegotiate a new deal with the province.

Minister Valcourt visited Tsuu T'ina Nation on July 6, 2013, and one of the main topics of discussion with Chief Roy Whitney-Onespot was the ring road. Also in attendance was Chief Federal Representative Barrie Robb. Minister Valcourt received a detailed briefing and was shown the actual area of the reserve where the ring road would begin.

Current Status

The Tsuu T'ina Nation passed a Band Council Resolution dated September 5, 2013, indicating that the Nation and Province of Alberta had negotiated a final agreement for the on-reserve portion of the proposed southwest Calgary ring road. That same day, the Province of Alberta received cabinet approval of the agreement.

On October 24, 2013, Tsuu T'ina Nation members voted overwhelmingly – 644 to 280 – to accept the ring road agreement with the province. The agreement will result in Tsuu T'ina Nation selling 428.2 hectares (1,058 acres) of its land to the Government of Alberta for:

- the transfer of 2,030.8 hectares (5,018.1 acres) of Crown land to Tsuu T'ina
- $340.7M ($275M for the land plus $65.7M to cover impacts on the reserve – replacement of lost housing, buildings and infrastructure and to improve existing roads)
- Approval for the Tsuu T'ina to purchase an additional 129.5 hectares (320 acres) of Crown land from the Government of Alberta for $1.6M

If the referendum results are not appealed before October 31, 2013, Alberta and the Nation will formally sign the agreement in a ceremony that could take place around the end of November 2013.

Canada will then be challenged to respond to and address the federal obligations which have been identified in the agreement. The proposed transactions (section 35 transfer and additions to reserve) will necessitate two Orders in Council. Federal officials have indicated to the parties that the Order in Council process can be expedited only once the documents and information set out in the federal policy are provided to Canada in final form. Once the land transfer takes place, the province must have the road open within seven years, potentially by 2020.

In the October 3, 2013 Calgary Herald, Calgary Southeast MP and senior Alberta cabinet minister Jason Kenney is quoted as saying Ottawa will fully cooperate with the First Nation, the city and the provincial government in implementing a final agreement "as long as it doesn't violate the federal interest."

"But let's be clear, we believe First Nations should be able to decide what to do with their land and if they've come to an agreement and the referendum endorses the agreement, then we will do everything we possibly can to implement that. We want to facilitate the decision ... not stand in the way."

Media Forecast

As expected, local media coverage was swift and bountiful following the Tsuu T'ina vote. Many focussed on the details of the deal and what comes next, with some pointing out that opposing band members may appeal the referendum results. Despite this, Chief Roy Whitney, Premier Allison Redford and Alberta Transportation Minister Ric McIver are speaking openly about how optimistic they are that this deal will come to fruition, with Jason Kenney again commenting that federal ratification of the agreement involving reserve land is a straightforward process due to recent legislative changes to the Indian Act, and, at most, will take a few months.

Also of note were comments from some southwest Calgary residents over future construction noise, impact on property value and increased traffic. Others criticized the cost of the deal.

News releases on the successful vote were sent by Canada and Alberta.

Executive Services/Communications Products

Media lines on the appointment of Chief Federal Representative Barrie Robb are available as are media lines on the federal role in the ultimate transfer of the land.

A detailed briefing note on the current situation is also available.

Big Horn Reserve (Stoney Tribe) Students

Issue

Parents of students attending the Eagle Ridge Learning Centre have been advised their children, being residents of Big Horn, must attend the on reserve Ta Otha Community School.

Background

The Smallboy Camp was established in 1968 by a long-time chief of the Ermineskin band who, along with about 140 followers, set up a camp west of Nordegg, Alberta to get away from the temptations of drugs and alcohol and influences of white society. The Smallboy Camp receives no funding from AANDC.

The Superintendent of Stoney Education Authority, Dr. Gordon Breen, operates the Ta Otha School on the Big Horn Reserve. There have been some parents who have opted to take their children out of that school. Beginning in the 2013 school year, a group of parents from both the Big Horn Reserve and the Smallboy Camp worked with the Red Deer Catholic School Division to establish the Eagle Ridge Learning Centre as a pilot project. The school division was under the impression that all the students were from the Smallboy Camp and were considered under provincial jurisdiction.

Upon reviewing the nominal roll for Stoney Education Authority, Dr. Breen approached the learning centre to follow up with a number of students that were no longer on the nominal roll for Ta Otha School. Dr. Breen has indicated to AANDC that 11 of 20 students were resident on reserve, Big Horn students. Dr. Breen had discussions with Red Deer Catholic School Division to share his finding. As a result, the learning centre decided to close its doors as it was no longer able to operate as a pilot project for provincial students.

On October 24, 2013, Dr. Breen met with parents in an attempt to resolve their issues with Ta'Otha Community School. He is also planning to meet with the community education committee on October 28, 2013.

Current Status

The group of parents, after being notified that the Eagle Ridge Learning Centre program is being terminated, then inquired about home schooling. First Nation schools may offer a home schooling program and must meet nominal roll age and residency requirements. Parents who choose to educate their children at home assume primary responsibility for delivering and supervising their child's courses of study and work as partners with a school board or accredited private school to ensure the child's educational goals are being met.

Funding for home schooling for students from Grades 1-12 (ages 6-19, located on reserve) allows First Nation schools systems the flexibility to deliver educational

services to their communities in a manner that is relevant and appropriate to their respective environment under special circumstances, such as pregnancy and handicapped conditions. The funding allows for $2,086 per student within a partnership approach between parents and schools.

For those students in question that live on reserve, Stoney Education Authority is working closely with parents, the community and the provincial school division to ensure the on reserve students have access to and receive an education for the 2013-14 school year.

Media Forecast

This issue was brought to light after an enquiry from the Red Deer Advocate newspaper. HQ media relations are responding to the call with developed media lines. The department was planning to only respond to policy on funding for education with details of this particular incident being referred to the Stoney Board of Education or Red Deer Catholic Regional School Division.

Executive Services/Communications Products

Regionally approved media lines have been delivered to HQ.

Yellowhead Tribal Services Agency

Issue

AANDC has served notice to the Yellowhead Tribal Services Agency (YTSA) that it is terminating its service delivery agreement to the child and family services agency because the agency has refused to appoint a recipient appointed financial advisor.

Background

On October 19, 2011, AANDC officials were informed by the Yellowhead Tribal Services Agency (YTSA) board of directors of allegations of inappropriate use of funds and case management decisions. At the request of the YTSA board, MNP conducted a financial investigation in 2012/13 which found significant evidence of serious financial management problems. These findings were submitted to the RCMP by the YTSA board of directors in September 2012.

Subsequent to the review and report, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation withdrew from YTSA and began receiving services from Alberta effective November 1, 2012. On April 1, 2013, O'Chiese First Nation submitted a Band Council Resolution regarding its intention to withdraw from YTSA. Subsequently, both Enoch Cree Nation and Sunchild First Nation stated they no longer support the continued operation of YTSA. All three nations have explored options for the future delivery of child and family services such as

creating a new First Nation child and family services society. The creation of a new agency is not supported by AANDC as it runs counter to departmental policy which promotes larger aggregated models.

With the member parties no longer supporting YTSA, it was determined the agency would cease to operate as of March 31, 2014. The region asked the board to provide its notice of intent to engage a co-manager by September 18. The board subsequently advised that they were not willing to do this. The agency considered some other options to obtain co-management services before notifying AANDC on September 30, 2013 of its decision to not proceed with a co-manager.

AANDC does not deliver child and family services. The department's role in this regard is to fund or reimburse provincially delegated First Nations service providers and provinces for administrative and protection services (operating costs) and for the direct costs of placing children in temporary or permanent care of foster parents (maintenance costs) in accordance with provincial legislation and standards.

AANDC has been transferring approximately $7 million annually to YTSA.

Current Status

AANDC advised the board of YTSA on October 9 (in writing) that with no agreement signed, the department must give the required 90-day notice, thereby withdrawing from the service delivery agreement and ceasing funding.

Both Regional Operations and ESDPP were briefed and both signed off on the briefing note on the plan to serve YTSA with notice of termination of the agreement. A letter addressed to the YTSA board of directors and the Province of Alberta (Steve MacDonald, Deputy Minister, Human Services) was sent on October 9, 2013. The letter indicates that AANDC has attempted to work with YTSA for the last couple of years to increase financial capacity, but this has not happened due to the board's reluctance to either hire a qualified financial manager or to bring in a co-manager.

In parallel to this, regional staff has confirmed with provincial officials that YTSA and the member First Nations are working with Alberta to transition the agency's child protection files over to provincial child and family service authorities.

Media Coverage

There has been no media coverage to date. Usually, media interest is possible if there is any interruption of service delivery to members and that does not appear to be the case, even with the likelihood of direct delivery by Alberta.

Executive Services/Communications Products

Briefing notes and media lines have been prepared.

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Whe-La-La-U engagement process

Issue
AANDC is initiating an engagement process to work with community members to resolve a number of issues

Background
The Whe-La-La-U lands are a 12-acre parcel of land near Alert Bay on Cormorant Island (off the east coast of northern Vancouver Island) identified by the federal government in the 1970s for the purpose of providing a new home to members of small and remote First Nations so they could access schools and health services not available at their village sites. First Nation residents do not perceive the relocation as entirely voluntary and they feel that promises were made at the time which have been breached and not fulfilled.

As the land is federal crown land and not reserve land, uncertainty about residency, jurisdiction, governance and program and service delivery has affected the people who lived there since the establishment of the Whe-La-La-U community. It is estimated that 200 people live in 57 houses at Whe-La-La-U. These residents receive services delivered by the Whe-La-La-U Area Council which is not an Indian Band but was funded as such until 2007/08. AANDC continues to provide some funding to the Area Council for education (elementary and secondary) and social development services.

The majority of the residents are members of the following five First Nations: Da'naxda'xw, Tlowitsis, Tlatlasikwala, Kwicksutaineuk-ah-kwaw-ah-mish and Mamalilikulla-Qwe'Qwa'sot'Em. The neighbouring 'Namgis First Nation surrounds the Whe-La-La-U lands and claim it as part of their traditional territory. The 'Namgis filed an Addition to Reserve request in 2006. 'Namgis band members and other Aboriginal people also reside on the lands. Numerous efforts have been made to resolve these matters including recent mediation attempts both in 2009 and 2011. However, to-date, the parties have failed to arrive at a resolution.

AANDC is prepared to work with the individual Whe-La-La-U residents to determine the future of the Whe-La-La-U lands and its residents. AANDC has an internal working group; the group will begin an engagement process to identify interests with the Whe-La-La-U residents, the five First Nations, the Whe-La-La-U Area Council and 'Namgis First Nation. The Whe-La-La-U Area Council has, on behalf of three of the First Nations, applied for and

received funding to research and develop a potential specific claim with respect to the Whe-La-La-U lands.

Current Status

There is a meeting scheduled November 5, 2013 between AANDC and Whe-La-La-U community members, including the Chief and Council of the local area First Nations. This is first of a series of meetings to seek long-term solutions to establish certainty for the individuals, land and assets at Whe-La-La-U.

Media Forecast

Media is not expected to be in attendance at the meeting. However, individuals and many of the First Nations who have members located at Whe-La-La-U have been vocal about governance and band separation issues affecting their communities (Da'naxda'wx, Kwicksutaineuk-ah-kwaw-ah-mish and Mamalilikulla-Qwe'Qwa'sot'Em). There has been media coverage of these issues. There is a possibility of media interest if individuals become frustrated with the process or seek support for their particular interests.

Products

FAQs, a fact sheet, and a media response have been approved by the Minister's Office. More fulsome media lines have been DM approved. A QP card is being drafted.

Idle No More / Day of Mi'kmaq Solidarity / Anti-Pipeline Protests

Issue

World Wide Day of Action Standing in Solidarity with the Mi'kmaq People

Background

On Friday October 18 a few hundred people gathered for a protest at the Vancouver Art Gallery in downtown Vancouver to demonstrate their solidarity with the people of Elsipogtog First Nation. Like many demonstrations across Canada, the protest happened in response to the news reports of clashes between the police and Aboriginal protestors in New Brunswick during a blockade set up to oppose local fracking operations.

The Idle No More Movement in British Columbia organizes frequent rallies throughout the Vancouver area. Their website issued a call out to supporters to gather for a protest to block the highway near the Port Mann Bridge just east of Vancouver on November 9, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. This highway is a major route in/out of Vancouver and although it is a Saturday, it will affect traffic between Vancouver and its suburbs.

The Idle No More Movement in BC is also organizing a 'No Embridge Pipeline Rally' at Science World (the local science museum) in downtown Vancouver as part of the Defend our Climate, Defend our Communities National Day of Action on November 16, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Current Status

The Idle No More Group has a Facebook page set up with a post that mentions the November 9 protest and links back to the Idle No More website. As of October 25, 263 people RSVP'ed for the November 5th event. The Facebook page posting for the November 16th rally indicates 204 people have RSVP'ed to-date.

Media Forecast

There will likely be media interest in these issues. National standard approved products (media lines, QP, etc) on protests and demonstrations exist.

Kinder Morgan pipeline and easements

Issue

Kinder Morgan Pipeline Easements and Coldwater judicial review hearing

Background

The Trans Mountain pipeline has been in operation since 1953. It is now owned by Kinder Morgan, which is planning a project to build a second pipeline adjacent to the first and to expand its marine terminal in Burnaby. Many First Nations in BC are opposed to the proposed pipeline expansion. On October 14, 2013, Tsleil-Waututh, Musqueam and Squamish First Nation representatives staged a canoe protest on Burrard Inlet between Burnaby and North Vancouver. On October 16, 2013, Greenpeace members organised a protest at Kinder Morgan's marine terminal in Burnaby.

The current pipeline uses Section 35 easements (right-of-ways) to pass through 14 reserves in BC. It is unclear if the Section 35 easements were properly assigned to Kinder Morgan when they originally purchased the pipeline in 2005. On June 18, 2012, Kinder Morgan requested a formal reassignment of the Section 35 easements to their company. On March 21, 2013, the Coldwater Indian Band commenced an action for Judicial Review of the pending Minister's decision whether to consent to the assignments. The application blends the consent to assignments and the proposed twinning of the pipeline. The hearing is scheduled for October 30 and 31, 2013.

Several First Nations have requested a modification to the current easements that would incorporate modern terms and conditions. AANDC has invited 16 affected First Nations to discuss the feasibility of a management framework for modification of the easements to Kinder Morgan under the Indian Act. The agenda does not include the controversial issues related to reassignment and the proposed twinning of the pipeline. However, it is possible the invitees could bring these issues up. A meeting date has not yet confirmed but is planned for the end of November.

Current Status

A protest may occur at the Coldwater Indian Band federal judicial review hearing on October 30 and 31, 2013.

Media Forecast

There have been no media calls to date. Since October 14 there have been several mentions of the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion in major regional news outlets, including coverage of protests opposing it. The filing of Coldwater's court action received some media coverage. Ongoing media interest is expected.

Products

Media lines are being updated and are in approvals. A QP card is in development.

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Upcoming Events

Nil

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Nil

Pictou Landing Band Council – Judicial Review Decision

Issue
On April 4, 2013 Justice Mandamin of the Federal Court directed AANDC to reimburse Pictou Landing Band Council for exceptional costs incurred providing home care to a severely disabled youth from May 27, 2010 to present. Justice Mandamin ruled that AANDC and the Province of Nova Scotia had mistakenly interpreted provincial legislation in denying Pictou Landing Band Council's request for extraordinary funding. He also ruled that Jordan's Principle applied in this case, contrary to the position that both AANDC and the province had taken.

Background
This case first came to the attention of Health Canada and AANDC's regional officials in February 2011. The question of jurisdiction was not at issue because the case was on reserve, and it was felt by federal and provincial officials that Jordan's Principle did not apply. The federal parties proceeded to establish the normative standard of care in the Province of Nova Scotia, in consultation with its provincial counterparts. On the basis of this consultation both Health Canada and AANDC responded to Pictou Landing Band Council's request for extraordinary funding by asserting that the provincial normative standard of care was being met. The matter was then taken to court by Pictou Landing Band Council.

Current Status
The Department of Justice has filed a notice of appeal of the decision on the grounds that Justice Mandamin's interpretation and application of Jordan's Principle in this case was incorrect. A draft factum presenting Canada's position with respect to the appeal was filed with the federal court on August 19, 2013.

The Plaintiffs have shared their factum in response to AANDC's appeal on October 4, 2013. The factum has not yet been officially filed with the court as counsel for the Respondents' intends to file a motion for an extension. The Respondents

have requested Canada provide a supplementary appeal book to include cross-examinations transcripts. The extension would allow them to update the highlighted page references, but not modify their arguments.

AANDC will continue its efforts to move forward in negotiation of a financial remedy

In the interim, AANDC continues to provide services to this youth under the Assisted Living – In Home Program. The 2013-2014 costs, as presented on monthly reports, have remained within the "exceptional circumstances" thresholds set out by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services.

Media Forecast
There has been no recent media coverage on this case.

Executive Services and Communications Products
Media Lines and QP Card will be developed if/as required.

Implementation of Provincial Income Assistance Rates

Issue
The Federal Court granted an Order for an injunction prohibiting the implementation of provincial rates and standards for income assistance on First Nation reserves in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on March 30, 2012.

Background
There has been significant opposition from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island First Nations on the implementation of provincial income assistance rates. The Order referred to above was appealed by AANDC, but the injunction was upheld.

Joint research into the impact of provincial rates has been proposed by AANDC to the Assembly of First Nation Chiefs in New Brunswick. A letter was sent on October 15, 2012 to Chiefs Ginnish and Paul and the draft terms of reference were attached. A reply has not yet been received.

In Nova Scotia, the Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative (KMK) has drafted Terms of Reference governing collaborative research into the impact of implementing provincial rates which AANDC supports. KMK has not responded on follow-up from AANDC.

Current Status
The applicants' lawyers have asserted the scope of the injunction extends to all reporting and administrative practices, and applies to the Assisted Living Program as well as Income Assistance. Applicants submitted a motion seeking clarification on the scope of the injunction. In its response to this motion, AANDC has clearly stated its

position that Assisted Living is a separate and distinct program and is not subject to the injunction.

A hearing took place June 19 and 20, 2013 on the merit of the judicial review. Justice Scott reserved a decision, but indicated that a decision would be rendered shortly after the hearing given the significance of the case. There has been no decision communicated as of October 8, 2013.

A letter was received by AANDC on September 24, 2013 from Burchells LLP (for Tobique) indicating that Assisted Living fell within the scope of the injunction and the department should continue to wait for the decision of Justice Simpson. The Litigation Management and Resolution Branch have sent a response to Burchells LLP restating the department's position.

The Litigation Management and Resolution Branch have developed a draft contingency plan in collaboration with Education, Social Development Programs and Partnerships, the Department of Justice and the Atlantic Region.

New Brunswick First Nations Provincial Tuition

Issue
On August 19, 2013, New Brunswick's Aboriginal Affairs and Department of Education notified all First Nations that the per child tuition rate was increasing from $9,663 to $10,775 for the school year beginning September 2013. This is an increase of 11.5 percent.

Background
New Brunswick's first five year tuition agreement, called the "Enhanced First Nations Education Programs and Services Agreement" (Enhancement Agreement), contained a tuition rate, based on a five year projected average cost, that remained fixed for the duration of the agreement: $9,663 per student. This agreement expired June 30, 2013. The province received authority in spring 2013 to enter into a one year extension permitting time to bring about improvements for the next five year Enhancement Agreement. Previous to the official notification, First Nations understood the one year extension to the Enhancement Agreement was retaining the same tuition rate.

The rate of $9,663 was created by forecasting for known factors such as teacher contract rates and calculating a five year average. The 2013-2014 rate of $10,775 was presented using the actual cost of the most recent, complete school year (2012-2013) plus two percent.

Current Status
First Nations were preparing for a new tuition rate to be negotiated with a new Enhancement Agreement, not the one year extension. The AANDC / First Nation funding instruments include provincial tuition budgets using two different approaches:

block or set contribution. Ten agreements have funding in the block which means, once the budget is established, there are small annual increases generated by a formula. These annual increases are specific to each First Nation, but can be in the range of one to two percent. The five First Nations funded using the set contribution approaches are reimbursed for eligible expenditures.

Informal conversations are occurring between the Executive Director of First Nations Education Initiatives Inc. (First Nation Education Initiative Inc. is a First Nation Regional Managing Organization with 12 of the15 bands in its membership), AANDC and New Brunswick. Early indications are that New Brunswick may reconsider its position recognizing that neither First Nations nor AANDC have prepared for an increase of this magnitude on such short notice. As of October 9, 2013, the province has not committed to a smaller tuition increase for school year 2013-2014.

Media Forecast
There has been no recent media coverage on this case.

Executive Services and Communications Products
Media Lines and QP Card will be developed if/as required

Mushuau Innu First Nation – Solvent Abuse

Issue
Gasoline sniffing and solvent abuse issues continue in the Mushuau Innu First Nation (Natuashish).

Background
Although the Labrador Innu Comprehensive Healing Strategy (2001-2010) made considerable progress addressing social and mental health issues in Innu communities, the communities continue to struggle with drug and substance abuse.

AANDC provides funding to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador to provide child youth and family services programming to the Innu. AANDC and Health Canada cost-shared construction, and continue to provide annual operating support, of a safe house at Natuashish where gas-sniffers can seek help.

Since 2001, Health Canada has provided specific annual funding to support healing programs in the area of mental health and addictions; maternal and child health; and, community capacity building. AANDC understands this ongoing Health Canada funding has been confirmed to 2015.

The Innu Main Table, a tripartite forum, was established to oversee the implementation of the Labrador Innu Comprehensive Healing Strategy. In April 2012, the Ministers of AANDC and Health Canada provided support to an Innu-led Round Table process

which facilitates Innu priority setting, service integration and community-based healing plans and actions.

Despite an aggressive approach of removing alcohol in the dry community and an improvement in the relationship between law enforcement and Council, instances of substance abuse and vandalism continue. The Mushuau Innu First Nation has built a ceremonial hall and cabins to be used for Innu justice purposes as well as addictions treatment.

Current Status
The Chief is requesting support to send children to Border Beacon, previously abandoned military lands located on the Labrador/Quebec border. Other councillors are not supportive of this initiative and are recommending treatment within, or closer to, the community.

Progress as of October 2013 includes the finalization of a Health Capacity Development proposal which outlines steps to build community capacity to plan, deliver and evaluate health programs; substantive work with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador concerning the devolution of the income support program; in-depth discussions with the province concerning an enhanced prevention approach to Child, Youth and Family Services programs; Innu Roundtable Secretariat incorporation and hiring of staff; and, discussions on funding authorities and transfer of AANDC funding to Sheshatshiu First Nation for Round Table support.

Minister Valcourt has recently appointed a Federal Special Representative to the Innu Round Table process to provide political oversight while maintaining a strategic emphasis on outcomes and sustainability.

Media Forecast
Recent media coverage 'We want to die - nobody's listening to us'… Natuashish's ongoing gas-sniffing problem getting worse: therapist – October 1, 2013

Executive Services and Communications Products:
Media Lines and QP Card will be developed if/as required.

Elsipogtog First Nation

The Elsipogtog First Nation, formerly the Big Cove Band, is located in New Brunswick near Rexton. Recently, there has been a considerable amount of media attention over Elsipogtog's protests regarding SWN Resources search for natural gas deposits in deep underground shale in that area, as well as a number of other substantive issues facing the First Nation as follows:

1. Canada Revenue Agency

2. Declaration to SWN Resources
3. Provincial Tuition
4. Audit
5. Infrastructure Funding

1. Canada Revenue Agency

Issue

On September 9, 2013, three statutory set-offs were received from Canada Revenue Agency for arrears in non-remittances effective September 4, 2013. The total of the set-offs is $1,173,265.16 for 2011 and 2012.

Background

Upon receipt of the Canada Revenue Agency's notice, AANDC made contact with Elsipogtog First Nation and its co-manager advising AANDC has an obligation to action the statutory set-off. The co-manager advised they had been working with Canada Revenue Agency on establishing a repayment plan and were surprised by the statutory set-off action. They advised their intention to seek legal counsel. Canada Revenue Agency advises they have tried to resolve the outstanding remittance issues with Elsipogtog First Nation with no success.

AANDC met with Elsipogtog and the co-manager on September 24, 2013, to discuss the set-off and how AANDC would implement it, should it still be in effect. The co-manager advised a proposed repayment plan with Canada Revenue Agency was still in negotiations and contingent on the results of Elsipogtog's 2012-2013 audit which was just finalized. At the same time, the co-manager advised Elsipogtog's legal counsel that Canada Revenue Agency cannot implement the set-off as it would jeopardize essential programs and services.

A review of Elsipogtog's 2012-2013 audited financial statements, received September 24, 2013, reveals as part of Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities past due balances for Receiver General payroll deductions of $999,520 and Pension plan contributions of $163,666.

On October 3, 2013, AANDC received notice Elsipogtog has filed for a court injunction related to this issue. After communicating with Canada Revenue Agency, AANDC learned Canada Revenue Agency will be rescinding the statutory set-off.

AANDC has been notified that after reviewing Canada's affidavit, the plaintiffs' counsel will request the Court adjourn the matter *sine die* or without date on October 16, 2013.

Current Status

On October 10, 2013, AANDC received official notice from Canada Revenue Agency to cancel the statutory set-off.

2. Elsipogtog's Declaration of Sovereignty and Eviction Notice to SWN Resources

Issue

Elsipogtog First Nation issued a declaration of sovereignty and made demands that "all projects, leases, and permits issued to SWN Resources by the Government [of New Brunswick] come to a halt until all Mi'kmaq-L'nu, and Wabanaki communities, as sovereign individuals are Meaningfully Consulted, and that we are able to come to an informed decision as individuals".

Background

As permits were issued by the Province of New Brunswick, and the activities are taking place on provincial crown land, any duty to consult would lie with the provincial Crown (i.e. the Federal Crown has not undertaken any action that could impact a treaty or Aboriginal right). Although Premier Alward met with Elsipogtog's Council on October 7, 2013, the meeting was primarily an opportunity to exchange information and engage in dialogue, and did not constitute consultation.

Current activities are related to exploration only, and the provincial Crown would argue that the issuing of a permit for exploratory activity does not impact any treaty or Aboriginal right (and therefore would not trigger the duty to consult). New Brunswick Minister of Energy, Craig Leonard, indicated the Province would engage in consultation with Aboriginal groups if the exploration suggests the shale gas industry should proceed in the province.

Current Status

Members of the Elsipogtog First Nation have established a blockade preventing SWN Resources from accessing its equipment, and the blockade remains in place despite a provincial court injunction issued on October 3, 2013 advising protestors to remove the blockade and allow the company to exercise its permit.

Media Forecast

It is anticipated this issue will remain prominent in local and national media in the coming weeks.

3. Release of Restricted Provincial Tuition Funds

Background

Where provincial tuition budgets are provided, AANDC's funding instruments require First Nations have a tuition agreement in place and the account is maintained in good standing. New Brunswick has advised that the Elsipogtog tuition account is not in good standing. As a direct result, 70 percent of the annual budget for provincial tuition (September to March) has been removed from the regular monthly cheque release. A letter from New Brunswick attesting that the Elsipogtog tuition account has returned to

"in good standing" would enable, AANDC to return the tuition funds to the monthly schedule for release to the First Nation.

Current Status

AANDC and New Brunswick have been in communication concerning the requirement for the letter "in good standing". It has not been received as of October 9, 2013.

4. Elsipogtog Audit

Issue

Elsipogtog First Nation's audited financial statements have not met all requirements and therefore funds are being held.

Background

The audited financial statements were due July 29, 2013. When the statements either become past due for 30 or more days, or don't meet requirements by that same period, AANDC halts 15 percent of block funding and 100 percent of targeted funding. This has caused approximately $718,000 to be halted. Elsipogtog First Nation has been advised of this fact.

Elsipogtog First Nation's audited financial statements were received on September 24, 2013, and reviewed on September 25, 2013. The statements met AANDC requirements, but because of a joint audit initiative with Health Canada, these statements must also be reviewed by Health Canada to determine if the audit meets its requirements.

Current Status

AANDC received a response from Health Canada on October 10, 2013, advising the audited financial statements are "conditionally accepted" which has allowed the statements as a whole to be "conditionally accepted" by AANDC. Conditional acceptance of these statements has allowed the release of funds.

5. Infrastructure Funding

Issue

AANDC funded a water system upgrade project in 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, for a total amount of $870,000. The funding for 2012-2013 was used to pay other priorities by the Band. At this time there appears to be approximately $250,000 that was redirected from the project and some invoices that should have been paid by the project have not been paid. The First Nation is also employing a contractor who does not have bonding or other required insurances.

Background

In 2011-2012 a Feasibility Study was undertaken to determine what upgrades were required to bring the Elsipogtog Water System up to standards and function properly. The total value of upgrades required is estimated to be $4.6 million. In 2012-2013, $400,000 was allocated to the project to complete work on the well and treatment of the water. In 2013-2014, $470,000 was allocated to repair a portion of the leaking distribution system.

Current Status

AANDC met with Elsipogtog First Nation and the co-manager on October 3, 2013 to stress the importance of completing the work on its water system due to health and safety concerns of community members. Funds are to be recovered once the actual amount that was redirected by the First Nation is determined. The scope of work for 2013-2014 will be reduced due to the limited remaining construction season. The amendment for the $470,000 for 2013-2014 has not been forwarded to the First Nation due to other outstanding amendments.

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Région du Québec
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Sujets mis à jour :

- Situation à Winneway (Long Point First Nation)
- Situation de gouvernance à Kitcisakik

Sujet sans changement :

- Autoroute 30 (Kahnawake)

Sujet retiré :

- Situation de gouvernance Kanesatake
- École à Manawan

Nouveau sujet :

- Listuguj –Nouveau Centre d'hébergement pour enfants, Gignu

Prochaines élections

- Le 29 novembre 2013 à Wolf Lake : élections selon la coutume pour combler 1 poste de conseiller
- Le 30 novembre 2013 à Odanak : élections en vertu de la *Loi sur les Indiens* pour combler le poste de chef et 4 conseillers

- Le dimanche 3 novembre 2013, la plupart des municipalités de la province de Québec vont aux urnes pour combler les divers postes de maires et de conseillers.

Événements à venir

À la suite des exercices de revue de conformité effectués en 2012-2013 dans le cadre du programme d'aide au revenu à la région du Québec, un envoi de lettres aux premières nations dont les rapports sont complétés est imminent. En plus de rappeler aux communautés la nécessité d'établir un plan d'action afin de répondre aux recommandations qui apparaissent aux rapports, on les informe aussi des montants finals à recouvrer par le ministère à la suite de l'exercice. La réception des lettres par les communautés pourrait entraîner du mécontentement et certaines retombées politiques.

Les 30, 31 octobre et 1 novembre 2013, se tiendra à Wendake la prochaine rencontre des Directeurs généraux (DG) des conseils de bande, des conseils tribaux et des commissions et organisations régionales des Premières Nations du Québec. La journée

du 30 octobre est réservée aux représentants d'AADNC pour faire le point sur divers enjeux d'actualité.

Autoroute 30 (Kahnawake)

Sujet
En mai 2008, le gouvernement du Québec s'est engagé à transférer environ 300 hectares de terres au gouvernement du Canada pour un ajout à la réserve de Kahnawake en compensation pour les travaux visant à prolonger l'autoroute 30. Depuis cette date, AADNC travaille avec Kahnawake et le gouvernement du Québec pour faire progresser la proposition d'ajout à la réserve en conformité avec les politiques fédérales.

Contexte
Le projet d'ajout de terres à la réserve de Kahnawake suscite des relations tendues entre le Québec, les municipalités concernées et la communauté de Kahnawake. Les terres visées par ce projet sont d'une grande valeur économique en raison de leur localisation le long de l'autoroute 30.

Le 13 octobre 2009 et le 2 février 2012, par voie de résolutions du Conseil de bande, la bande des Mohawks de Kahnawake a demandé que les terres promises par le Québec soient ajoutées à la réserve indienne de Kahnawake.

Le 15 février 2013, la ministre Larouche, a écrit au ministre d'AADNC pour confirmer son engagement à faire adopter un décret pour le transfert d'usufruit des terres pour ajouter à la réserve ainsi qu'à prendre en charge et poursuivre les négociations avec les municipalités. À cet effet, un comité de conciliation a été mis sur pied par le gouvernement du Québec afin de poursuivre les discussions avec les municipalités en lien avec ce dossier.

Le 14 mai 2013, Mme Nathalie Simon, préfète de la municipalité régionale de comté de Roussillon, a écrit au ministre d'AADNC pour exprimer son opposition au transfert de terres.

Le 15 mai 2013, le gouvernement du Québec a adopté le décret visant le transfert des terres. Le 27 juin 2013, la MRC de Roussillon et les villes de Saint-Constant, de Sainte-Catherine, de Châteauguay ainsi que la municipalité de Saint-Isidore ont déposé conjointement une requête demandant à la Cour supérieure du Québec l'annulation du décret adopté par le gouvernement du Québec.

Le 3 juillet 2013, Mme Larouche a écrit au ministre d'AADNC pour confirmer à nouveau l'engagement du Québec à faire le nécessaire pour que l'ajout de terres se fasse en conformité avec la *Politique canadienne sur les ajouts aux réserves et les nouvelles réserves,* notamment en matière d'environnement, de droits des tiers et de relations avec les municipalités.

Situation actuelle
Lors d'une rencontre le 4 septembre dernier, la ministre Larouche demandait au ministre Valcourt sa position face au dossier de l'ATR de l'Autoroute 30. Le ministre Valcourt s'est engagé à faire un suivi auprès de la ministre Larouche à ce sujet.

Le dossier d'approbation de principe a été soumis au ministre pour approbation une première fois en janvier 2013. À la suite de la requête déposée par les municipalités, le dossier a été révisé sur la base d'une analyse des risques légaux, et resoumis pour approbation le 16 août 2013.

Dans l'attente d'une décision du ministre dans ce dossier, AADNC poursuit son travail en collaboration avec le Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones, le ministère des Transports du Québec et Kahnawake en vue de régler les enjeux fonciers et environnementaux liés aux terres.

Lorsque ce travail sera complété en conformité avec les politiques fédérales, l'approbation de principe du ministre permettrait de passer aux étapes subséquentes du processus qui sont l'acceptation des terres et la préparation du décret fédéral visant à leur donner le statut de réserve.

Situation de gouvernance à Kitcisakik

Sujet
Dispute découlant de l'annulation du scrutin général tenu le 5 août 2013.

Contexte
La Première Nation de Kitcisakik tient ses élections en vertu d'un code électoral coutumier. Ce conseil de bande se compose d'un chef et de trois conseillers, élus pour un mandat de quatre ans avec un quorum de trois.

Le 15 mai 2013, un référendum a été tenu dans la communauté. La population s'est prononcée en faveur d'une éventuelle relocalisation de la communauté dans le secteur du Lac Ribot dans une proportion de 57 pour cent.

Les résultats du référendum ont suscité des enjeux internes au sein du conseil de bande, ce qui a provoqué le déclenchement des élections du 5 août 2013, lesquelles étaient originellement prévues à l'automne 2013. Lors de ces élections, la chef Adrienne Anichinapeo a été réélue.

À l'issue du processus électoral, un nouveau conseil a été sélectionné. Cependant, dès le 7 août, le Comité électoral a déclaré l'invalidité du scrutin. La Chef élue, Adrienne Anichinapéo, soutient que le Comité électoral n'avait aucun mandat pour rendre une telle décision, car le code ne prévoit aucun mécanisme à cet effet. Elle dit vouloir faire trancher la question par les tribunaux.

Par cette décision, le Comité électoral laisse une communauté extrêmement divisée, aux prises avec des représentants dont la légitimité est contestée et une faction stimulant les tensions.

Devant l'imbroglio politique, le mercredi 2 octobre 2013, une assemblée générale a été convoquée par 2 conseillers sortants du précédent conseil. Au cours de l'assemblée, un comité électoral a été mis en place afin de mener à terme un nouveau processus menant à un scrutin général le 15 janvier 2014. Le comité électoral a convoqué une nouvelle assemblée générale le 15 octobre en vue d'obtenir des directives et recommandations de la population.

Situation actuelle
Les représentants du bureau régional d'AADNC suivent la situation de très près et ont des entretiens avec les divers intervenants dans ce dossier tout en maintenant leur neutralité. Selon l'évolution de la situation et afin de préserver la paix sociale, AADNC pourrait décider de s'adresser directement à la population.

Pour le moment, la prestation des programmes et services prévue à l'entente de financement n'est pas compromise.

Situation financière à Long Point First Nation

Sujet
Long Point First Nation fait face à une situation financière déficitaire qui pourrait affecter sa capacité à livrer les services essentiels si des mesures correctives ne sont pas mises en place prochainement.

Contexte
L'analyse des états financiers vérifiés 2010-2011 de la communauté a confirmé la détérioration de sa situation financière. Un plan d'action de gestion (PAG) a été demandé à la bande pour le 30 avril 2012.

Après de nombreux rappels, un PAG n'a été soumis que le 17 avril 2013 à AADNC, mais celui-ci nécessitait des ajustements pour qu'il soit acceptable.

Situation actuelle
Un plan révisé a été reçu le 27 septembre 2013. Le Ministère a accepté le plan, sous réserve de l'approbation de la Société canadienne d'hypothèques et de logement (SCHL) et de Santé Canada sur les mesures concernant leurs autorités respectives. De plus, le Ministère a exigé que la bande retienne les services d'une ressource experte afin de les appuyer dans la mise en œuvre du PAG. AADNC fera un suivi de la mise en œuvre du PAG d'abord sur une base mensuelle, puis trimestrielle si celui-ci donne les résultats escomptés.

Les états financiers vérifiés pour l'année financière 2012-2013 n'ont pas été soumis au Ministère en date de ce jour.

Listuguj – Nouveau Centre d'hébergement pour enfants

Sujet
Une demande a été faite par M. Fred Vicaire, Analyste financier de Listuguj, afin qu'AADNC écrive une lettre stipulant que le loyer est une dépense admissible dans le taux per diem versé pour le placement des enfants. La communauté doit remettre cette lettre à la banque afin d'obtenir un prêt pour la construction d'un nouveau centre d'hébergement pour les enfants sur réserve. Le bureau régional veut s'assurer de la viabilité du projet de construction assumé par la communauté.

Contexte
La construction d'un nouveau centre d'hébergement pour les enfants est une promesse électorale du Chef.

Le Centre Gignu situé sur réserve a toujours été sous la gestion de la province, ce qui est une anomalie selon cette dernière. La province va produire un plan de transfert des responsabilités avec la communauté. La province est prête à soutenir la communauté dans ce dossier.

Actuellement, AADNC n'a pas de programme d'immobilisation pour ce genre de construction sur réserve.

Le financement ainsi que les dépenses admissibles sont établis en fonction d'un per diem établi par la province. Le financement et les dépenses admissibles reliées au volet protection sont tributaires du nombre de jours de placement des enfants admissibles multiplié par le taux per diem.

Situation actuelle
Suzie Nepton a eu des communications avec la communauté, l'Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de la Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine ainsi que le Centre jeunesse Gaspésie les Îles. Des appels sont encore prévus cette semaine à ce sujet.

Une lettre a été préparée et est en cour de révision.

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Ontario Region
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1. Pikangikum First Nation – Five of six school buses destroyed in fire

Issue

On October 2, 2013, five of Pikangikum First Nation's six school buses were destroyed in a fire. The school remains open; however the First Nation has asked the Department to fund replacement buses at a cost of approximately $373,500.

Background

Pikangikum First Nation is located approximately 90 kilometres north of Red Lake, Ontario, and 80 kilometres east of the Manitoba border. It has 2,592 members, of whom approximately 2,500 live on reserve. The Department provides funding for 619 K4 to Grade 12 students to attend the Eenchokay Birchstick School on reserve. (Pikangikum First Nation has advised that there are currently 839 students attending classes.)

On October 2, 2013, a fire destroyed five of six school buses. The number of buses was confirmed by the OPP and an AANDC-ON official. The First Nation is responsible for maintaining, operating, insuring and purchasing the vehicles used for student transportation. AANDC provides the First Nation with more than $160,000 annually to assist it with this responsibility.

AANDC officials have worked with the First Nation to ensure that students have continued access to education, including finding alternative funding arrangements to help the First Nation purchase replacement buses.

On October 8, 2013, the Chief of Pikangikum First Nation made the decision to close the school citing safety and security reasons with students arriving and departing from school. Due to pressure from parents the school was reopened on October 9, 2013.

AANDC has agreed to fund the replacement of five buses at a cost of approximately $373,500, having received three competitive quotes.

An AANDC regional official was in the community on October 10, 2013, and observed that approximately one-third of the student population attended classes that day. The official also requested that the principal provide regular updates on student attendance and potential impacts on the school year.

Current Status

A funding approval letter for the purchase of replacement buses was sent to the First Nation on October 11, 2013. The letter commits the Department to fund up to $373,500 for the purchase and delivery of five buses. A response to our letter is expected on October 15, 2013.

Media Forecast: No media calls to date.

Executive Services and Communications Products: Media lines are in HQ approvals.

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Ontario Region
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2. Gull Bay First Nation – School Closure

Issue
On October 7, 2013, Thunder Bay Newswatch cited Gull Bay Chief Wilfred King as saying the community's school continues to be closed due to a lack of funds, "which King says was caused by alleged mismanagement of funds by the former band council."

Background:
Gull Bay First Nation is located 180 kilometres north of Thunder Bay and has year-round road access. It has 1,216 members, 354 of whom live on reserve.

On September 24, 2012, the First Nation closed St. Kateri Tekawitha School, the only Kindergarten to Grade 8 facility in the community serving 36 students, due to health and safety concerns raised by the school's teachers. The building required significant repairs.

In a September 27, 2012, teleconference, AANDC committed to providing the First Nation with $100,000 for emergency repairs to the school. While the offer was rejected at the meeting, departmental officials reiterated this offer on January 18, 2013, and April 10, 2013. The Department requested a minor capital application, outlining the scope, schedule and cost to repair the school, along with a Band Council Resolution in support. To date, this information has not been received.

On January 18, 2013, regional officials also committed to release $546,085 in halted funding so that the community could resume essential health, safety, governance, education, and in particular, school services. Regional officials also committed to working with the First Nation to support a new school proposal.

On January 28, 2013, KGS Group, an engineering consulting firm, advised the Department that it had completed a mechanical, electrical and structural assessment of the school at the request of the First Nation. KGS Group further advised that an environmental assessment of the school was conducted in October 2012 by True Grit consultants under the direction of the previous Chief and Council. In correspondence to the First Nation on May 8, 2013, and August 28, 2013, the Department inquired as to the status of sharing the assessment reports and developing a scope of work to repair the school facility.

On October 4, 2013, AANDC's Manager of Community Infrastructure met with Chief Wilfred King. The discussion focused on how to move forward with the community's infrastructure priorities, particularly, the school renovation, and potential future replacement of it. The immediate and long-term water supply needs of the First Nation were also discussed. The Chief agreed to provide a copy of the existing school assessment, and to work with AANDC on the repairs to the reverse osmosis water unit.

On October 8, 2013, the principal of Armstrong Public School verbally confirmed to AANDC that students began classes off-reserve on September 3, 2013. The principal advised that students travel 71 kilometres each way between school and Gull Bay First Nation. The

principal indicated there are collective bus pick-up and drop-off locations, as well as individual pick-up and drop-off for younger students.

Current Status
On October 15, 2013, the Department received copies of the school assessments. Officials are currently reviewing the assessments and will work with the First Nation to move forward on repairs to school as expeditiously as possible.

Due to the level of engagement to date, a re-opening date for the school is unknown.

Media Forecast: No media calls to the Department to date; however, an article did appear on Thunder Bay NewsWatch on October 6, 2013. The article did not mention AANDC.

Executive Services and Communications Products: Media lines are DMO approved.

Attawapiskat First Nation – Various Issues

Relevant topics include:

1. **Election**
2. **Soil Remediation**
3. **Repairs to Teacherages**

1. Election

Background
On August 30, 2013, the Department received a copy of a Band Council Resolution (BCR) from Attawapiskat First Nation, dated August 29, 2013, confirming the re-election of Chief Theresa Spence and the election of Louis Edwards as Deputy Chief.

Current Status
The Attawapiskat First Nation Custom Election Code identifies an election appeal period of 45 consecutive days following the election, which ended on October 11, 2013.

The Department was not made aware of any appeals of the election.

Media Forecast
The Department has received enquiries about this issue and both national and regional media have reported on the election and the results.

Executive Services and Communications Products
Media lines (HQ) are available.

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2. Soil Remediation

On September 13, 2013, a human rights journalist submitted an enquiry to AANDC about the history of the soil remediation project including specific questions about when the diesel fuel spill occurred and what actions the Department took between 1977 and 1990 to address it.

Background
On June 29, 2012, Attawapiskat First Nation awarded a contract to WERInc. to remediate approximately 41,000 cubic metres of impacted soil at four sites (the former elementary school, the former water treatment plant, the teacherages, and the abandoned fuel supply lines). Approximately 33,000 cubic metres of the impacted soil are located on the former J.R. Nakogee Elementary School property.

Current Status
AANDC officials were in the community on August 29, 2013, and report that overall, the project is proceeding as scheduled and the clean up portion is anticipated to be complete by March 2016. The project requires two active construction seasons followed by two seasons of soil treatment (summers 2014 and 2015) at the off-site facility located near the First Nation's waste disposal site.

Media Forecast
It is expected that the human rights journalist will publish a story about the soil remediation project.

Executive Services and Communications Products
Media lines are currently in HQ approvals.

3. Repairs to teacherages as a result of spring flooding

The affected spaces were not living quarters, and there has been no impact on class schedules. The contractor, who conducted repairs on the nine flood-damaged homes, is awaiting payment of outstanding invoices before beginning work on the teacherages. The First Nation will make payment to the contractor pending the receipt of the remaining project funding from AANDC.

Media Forecast: No media interest since August 2013.

Executive Services and Communications Products: Media lines are available.

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(New information highlighted in yellow)

Elections:

October 23 – Pinaymootang

Events:

October 22 – Keewatin Tribal Council General Assembly, Thompson
October 29 – Southern Chiefs Organization – Summit with regard to spending allegations against Grand Chief Murray Clearsky – location TBD.
November 13-14 – First Nations Emergency Management Forum and Workshop (in conjunction with Public Safety Canada) – Winnipeg.
TBD – Ground breaking for new school at Shamattawa First Nation – date to be determined in consultation with Minister's Office.

Demolition of homes at Lake St. Martin First Nation (new)

Issue

Lake St. Martin First Nation members have claimed homes are being demolished under the flood recovery project without their consent, and by using fire.

Background

As part of the Lake St. Martin 2011 flood recovery project, AANDC has indicated that funding support will be provided for the demolition of 133 homes in the community. This is the first step toward building the infrastructure (including lot servicing and buildings) for residents to return to the community. Funding for the demolition of the 133 houses has not been provided, and has not yet started.

CBC Manitoba has spoken with residents who claim that homes are being demolished without their consent and they want assurance that new homes are being built before homes are destroyed. It has also been alleged that homes are being demolished by burning them.

Current status

Infrastructure and Housing has confirmed that residents are required to sign a letter authorizing the demolition of homes they occupied before the home is destroyed. AANDC has confirmed with the project manager that all demolition is being done by dismantling and removing materials. Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner has conducted an arson investigation, and findings have not been released. It does appear there have been incidents of arson, although this has not yet been confirmed by investigators. The First Nation's project manager has confirmed that fire is not being used to demolish houses.

Media forecast
CBC Winnipeg has contacted AANDC about this issue. It is anticipated that there will be regional media attention.

Executive Services products and communications
Media lines have been prepared by Manitoba Region.

Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC)

Issue
KTC has informed AANDC that they are unable to make high school arrangements for 9 students from Barren Lands First Nation.

Background
KTC provides high school enrolment services through the Private Home Placement (PHP) program for Barren Lands, War Lake, God's Lake Narrows and York Factory First Nations. After initially indicating that these programs could be provided for the coming school year, KTC later indicated that they would not be able to place students due to perceived underfunding by AANDC, and distributed a news release on this issue on September 5.

Current Status
61 students were initially not placed in a high school for the coming year. 52 have been placed and 9 (from Barren Lands First Nation) have not been placed.

Barren Lands First Nation has decided to locally enroll these 9 students in a 6 to 8 week Life Skills Program and have them enrolled in high school for the second semester. KTC has indicated that they agree with the First Nation's decision to enroll the students in a Life Skills Program, and there are no further issues concerning these 9 students at this time. KTC is finalizing their Nominal Roll exercise for the placed students, and continues to provide information to regional officials Prior to the KTC Assembly on October 22, AANDC will be presenting KTC with a schedule outlining the reporting requirements for future years to ensure there is no uncertainty about funding and support to students.

Media Forecast
KTC initially went to media after the meeting with AANDC on September 3, but there was limited coverage. Further media reports are not expected.

Executive Services products and communications
Media lines have been prepared by Manitoba Region and will be updated as required. An Information Memo to the Minister has been prepared.

Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation – Dispute with contractors arising from 2011 dyke construction project

Issue

Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation (SBOFN) has an unresolved dispute around the contractors involved with the 2011 dyke construction project.

Background

In 2011, AANDC supported the construction of clay dyke at SBOFN. SBOFN engaged Sigfusson Northern Ltd. as the general contractor for this project. AANDC provided $3,957,365 to SBOFN in funding for disbursement to their contractor. A dispute with SBOFN resulted in Sigfusson claiming that over $2 million was owed to them. SBOFN countered that Sigfusson's work was inadequate and billing was inflated. SBOFN engaged a consulting engineer who prepared a report in March 2013 supporting Sigfusson's position.

In March 2013, SBOFN requested that they sever ties with Sigfusson and conclude the project with a new contractor, A.D. Hanslip Excavating and Demolition Ltd. AANDC indicated that contracting Hanslip would not be supported and the dispute with Sigfusson must be addressed.

Based on the independent report, AANDC provided SBOFN with $906,987 in April 2013 for payment to Sigfusson. This funding was recently provided to Sigfusson, but they maintain they are still owed over $2 million.

Under the Default Prevention and Management Policy (DPMP), SBOFN was required to engage an expert resource in June 2013. The outstanding issues with management of their dike construction funding were factors that led to the decision to take action under DPMP.

In August 2013, counsel representing Hanslip contacted AANDC, and indicated that SBOFN had engaged Hanslip to install culverts in April 2013. Counsel stated that AANDC was in receipt of a request for funding from SBOFN for this work, and SBOFN should be provided funding to pay Hanslip. To date, AANDC has not received a funding request from SBOFN for costs related to Hanslip's completion of culvert installation. Department of Justice (DOJ) has been in communication with the counsel for Hanslip.

Current status

Manitoba Region's Infrastructure and Housing Directorate continues to work with SBOFN on ensuring amounts owed to all contractors are made, and AANDC funding is dispersed as per terms and conditions. AANDC was copied on correspondence from Sigfusson that indicates a meeting between the parties occurred in June 8, 2013, and Sandy Bay undertook to provide the contractor with a schedule to make payments by installment. Sigfusson's correspondence indicates that Sandy Bay has not provided further information since that meeting.

AANDC has drafted correspondence to SBOFN on this issue that indicates further project funding will not be provided until the issue with Sigfusson has been resolved, and verification can be provided of the work completed. DOJ has recently completed their review of the correspondence, and the letter was sent to the First Nation September 30. The Director of Infrastructure and Housing will be in contact with SBOFN.

Media Forecast
Media is not anticipated.

Executive Services products and communications
None at this time.

Pinaymootang Election – Court overturns Ministerial decision

Issue
The Ministerial decision to remove the Chief and three councillors at Pinaymootang First Nation has been overturned by the Federal Court on an interim basis.

Background
The October 21, 2011 Pinaymootang general election was appealed on the grounds that various candidates committed corrupt practices. Following an investigation, the Department recommended to the Minister that the Chief and three Councillors be removed from office and barred from running again for two years. The recommendation was accepted and on July 19, 2013, the Chief and three Councillors were notified of the decision.

On August 9, the department was notified that the Chief and three Councillors filed a judicial review seeking to overturn the Minister's decision. On August 30, Federal Court Justice James Russell ruled in favour of the Chief and three Councillors who had been removed from office following an investigation of their election and filed an appeal. Justice Russell has granted the Applicants' motion and ordered that:

- The Applicants be reinstated to their elected offices for the remainder of this term or until the JR is decided (if that happens first); and,
- The Applicants be permitted to run in the upcoming election.

Current Status
AANDC declined to appeal the Order of Justice Russell. The JR on the merits is scheduled to be heard on October 16, 2013. A general election will be held at Pinaymootang on October 23.

Media forecast
AMC issued a news release when the Chief and Councillors were removed condemning this action. CBC Winnipeg has contacted AANDC about this issue. It is anticipated that there will be regional media attention.

Executive Services products and communications
A memo to the minister, media lines and other supporting materials are being prepared by HQ.

Misty Lake Lodge & MANFF

Issue
2011 flood evacuees have been leaving Misty Lake Lodge at their request for private rental properties, with support from MANFF.

Background
There has been an ongoing issue between MANFF and Misty Lake Lodge in Gimli over eligible evacuees and evacuee expenses. The department notified Misty Lake Lodge on July 24 and July 31 not to accept any more individuals. Misty Lake Lodge registered two families in August. Misty Lake Lodge is also seeking funding from AANDC to repair damage that they claim was caused by evacuees. AANDC staff met with Misty Lake Lodge and MANFF's expert financial resource on September 13 to discuss damage to their facility.

Current Status
As of September 30, there is one family with seven evacuees remaining at Misty Lake Lodge. On September 26, AANDC communicated with this family to indicate that they will receive an allowance for private accommodations on October 1, and are responsible for negotiating a rental with either Misty Lake Lodge or another landlord to ensure they are sheltered as of October 1. AANDC also communicated with Misty Lake Lodge to provide clarification that any rental arrangements must be made directly between the hotel and the evacuees.

On October 1, the evacuees were provided with cheques for their benefits, and advised AANDC that a rental agreement has been reached for these persons to remain at Misty Lake Lodge. The rental agreement was reviewed by Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization, who have advised AANDC and MANFF that their rental agreement exceeds the rental rates established under the provincial Disaster Financial Assistance program.

On October 5, a representative of the family contacted AANDC and indicated that they would like to find alternate accommodations. The evacuees have requested they be immediately relocated to a hotel in Winnipeg while they search for a suitable rental property. On October 8, the evacuees were moved from Misty Lake Lodge to a hotel in Winnipeg. One flood evacuee remains at Misty Lake Lodge. AANDC has indicated that they will be supported for hotel accommodations until November 1, and that they must identify a rental property with a suitable rate prior to that date.

AANDC has advised Misty Lake Lodge that their claims around damage are being reviewed with MANFF and their expert financial resource, and a position will be

provided in two weeks. A representative of AANDC is working directly with families at Misty Lake Lodge who wish to move to other accommodations

Media forecast
There is a high level of media interest regionally and nationally related to 2011 flood evacuees at Misty Lake Lodge, with emphasis on allegations against MANFF and money previously owed to the hotel owner.

Executive Services products and communications
Media lines have been prepared and are updated regularly by Manitoba Region.

MANFF

Issue
Transfer of service delivery for long-term evacuees to the Canadian Red Cross (CRC).

Background
On June 3, Minister Valcourt released a statement indicating that long-term evacuation services would be transferred from MANFF to CRC.

Current Status
July 22 – CRC Assessment Report was provided to Serge Beaudoin.
August 6 – Meeting between CRC and AANDC (Serge Beaudoin)

Investigation completed into dispute between MANFF and Corporate Hotels and MANFF ordered to pay outstanding invoices. Letter sent to MANFF July 16. Regional Intervention Committee met July 17. As a result, MANFF has a dedicated full time expert resource accounting firm to provide financial advisory support and to be provided co-signing banking authority. The firm MNP started working with MANFF effective August 2, 2013.

August 14 - CRC provided a draft Discussion Paper for a proposed Transitional Framework to AANDC.

AANDC provided funding of $4.1 million to MANFF on an advance basis on July 22, 2013. This was used to pay outstanding amounts owed on accounts at Misty Lake Lodge, Ashern Hotel, and other suppliers.

August 23 – AANDC staff met with CRC and MANFF to discuss the development of a transition plan. Exchange of information has been ongoing to support CRC's development of a detailed scope of work and transition plan.

September 10 – AANDC staff met with CRC and MANFF to continue work on a detailed transition plan.

September 20 – A transition planning with senior officials meeting occurred with AANDC, CRC, and MANFF. It was agreed that a multi-agency team would be formed to discuss detailed transition requirements, and that all parties would cooperate on developing a detailed communication plan.

October 1 – A transition planning meeting occurred with AANDC, CRC, and MANFF.

October 8 – A transition meeting occurred, with review of a draft communications strategy and further development of a transition plan. It was agreed that a Technical Planning Committee would be formed to guide the transition and address any issues raised with regard to supporting evacuees. The first meeting of the Committee will be the week of October 14.

October 15 – A transition planning meeting occurred with AANDC, CRC, and MANFF.

Media forecast
There is a high level of media interest regionally and nationally on this story. The CBC I-Team continues to contact AANDC and the Minister's office regularly regarding the status of transfer to the CRC and the status of reviews and investigations.

Executive Services products and communications
Media lines and Questions and Answers are updated on an ongoing basis.
A communications plan has been drafted with respect to the transition, and circulated to CRC and MANFF.

Cross Lake First Nation – Claim 138

Issue
Cross Lake was to settle Claim 138 this summer.

Background
Claim 138 is a potable water claim that was filed by Canada against Manitoba Hydro under the arbitration provisions of the 1977 Northern Flood Agreement. Hydro and Canada settled Claim 138 in August 2004. Canada entered into concurrent settlement agreements with four of the five NFA communities between October 2004 and March 2005, but the Cross Lake First Nation's leadership rejected settlement at that time.

Upon execution by CLFN, the First Nation will receive:

- $4.030M in Hydro instalments.
- $1.1M in interest on Hydro instalments.
- $620K in sewer and water management training monies.

Manitoba Hydro will be instructed to pay remaining 2013 to 2021 installments totaling $8.525M to CLFN.

Current Status
The settlement documentation, documents were with the Minister's Office for signature as of the week ending August 9, 2013. There was a significant change in the Band Council following an election on August 21. Manitoba Regional Office has requested a 30 day extension for the newly-elected Band Council to be briefed on the agreement. On October 4, AANDC was informed the new Council is seeking further outside legal advice on Claim 138. The additional legal review has been referred to Kate Kempton of the law firm Olthuis Kleer Townshend. AANDC will follow up with the First Nation on Monday, November 4th.

Media forecast
Moderate/regional interest anticipated in settlement of this claim.

Executive Services products and communications
A decision note regarding Ministerial execution has been drafted.

A news release, backgrounder and media lines have been drafted in anticipation of a settlement agreement. It is proposed that once the agreement is signed by the First Nation and the Minister, a news release and backgrounder be issued. The First Nation may wish to hold an event after the signing.

Lake St. Martin evacuation (Ongoing)

Issues
CFR process
Longer term location
Election
School

Background
Residents of Lake St. Martin First Nation were evacuated in early May, 2011 as a result of flooding. As of October 9, 1073 evacuees remain evacuated from the community. (Hotel - 67; Private – 992; Provincial Evacuation Site – 14).

Current Status
CFR process
Chief Federal Representative Sid Dutchak submitted an interim report to the Minister dated October 16, 2012 and a final report on May 18 2013.

Longer-term location
A BCR dated July 9 was passed identifying priority lands for selection. A budget and workplan for the demolition of 133 homes has been approved by AANDC, and was signed by the First Nation on September 16.

Election
An election for Chief and Council under the Indian Act took place on June 28, 2012. An appeal was filed on August 10. On February 8, 2013, the Band Council's legal counsel faxed responses to AANDC. The analysis of these documents and the appeal itself is underway.

School
In 2012/13, students attended school at 1970 Ness Avenue or a school within the area they lived. On August 14, the TPM informed AANDC that Chief and Council have signed a lease for the facility on Ness Avenue for the 2013/14 school year.

Media forecast
Anticipate that regional and national media will continue to follow this story.

Executive Services products and communications
Comprehensive media lines, questions and answers and a chronology have been prepared on both general flooding and Lake St. Martin flood related issues and are updated on an ongoing basis. Sid Dutchak is the spokesperson.

2011 Flooding – Status of re-entry

Issue
Funds are moving to First Nations so that the necessary housing and infrastructure repairs can be made in order for evacuees to return home.

Background
A number of First Nation residents were impacted by the 2011 flood and 1,891 remain evacuated as of September 17, 2013. As of August 16, 2013, the total assistance provided to MANFF under the DFA program with regards to the 2011 spring flood is $83.58 million.

Current status
In March 2013, the DM approved the allocation of $40 million for 2013-2014 in support of the proposed strategy to return 2011 flood evacuees home. The strategy is being implemented in a three phased approach. Phase 1 has a target of returning approximately 780 evacuees home by fall 2013 so that students can begin school in their communities.

Ebb and Flow First Nation

Re-entry status
Recovery measures such as home repairs and renovations are required. AANDC has reviewed a plan from Chief and Council and has agreed to fund replacement of 10 of the highest priority houses at an estimated cost of $2.7M.

As of July 31 2013, the project for the first 10 replacement homes has returned 49 evacuees. The First Nation is managing schooling for children. A second project is underway to build 19 houses to support the remaining evacuees at a cost estimate of $6 million. It is expected that this project will be complete and all evacuees will return home in the fall of 2013.
Current number of evacuees: 59 as of October 17, as reported by MANFF.

Little Saskatchewan First Nation
Re-entry status
On December 17, a joint federal/provincial news release was issued indicating that up to 40 houses would be moved to land adjacent to Little Saskatchewan First Nation. On April 3 2013, the First Nation Chief and Council signed a Band Council Resolution identifying their site selection for the placement of their first 40 homes. CFR met with First Nation September 19, 2013 and requested letter from LSFN confirming lot size. Letter expected the week of October 7, 2013. Province of Manitoba and AANDC reviewed site plan and budget with the First Nation and budget was conditionally approved September 30, 2013. Conditions include letter of comfort from First Nation regarding lot sizes and evacuee prioritization.

On October 1, the Band Council sent a letter to Minister Valcourt requesting a meeting to discuss delays in funding and the overall progress of the flood recovery project.
Current number of evacuees: 357 as of October 17, as reported by MANFF.

Dauphin River First Nation
Re-entry status
The First Nation is requesting assistance to repair homes and the school. The department provided $124,000 for the First Nation to do an assessment of damages and the assessment has begun. The First Nation is requesting 30 homes. Assessment of housing submitted May 2013 shows repairs are required for 24 homes and 1 building and replacement is required for 35 homes and 2 buildings. The province of Manitoba and the First Nation have come to an agreement on the easement requirements for the current reserve. AANDC has purchased portable classrooms for the 2013/14 school year. The First Nation and its Project Managers provided updates on progress and anticipated timelines at a meeting held September 18 2013.
Current number of evacuees: 205 as of October 17, as reported by MANFF.

Pinaymootang First Nation
Re-entry status
Recovery measures such as home repairs and renovations are required in order to allow for return to safe homes. Work is complete on 50 replacement houses provided by Manitoba. The Chief has requested 15 additional houses and AANDC has provided

$1.5M to have housing material packages for 15 homes delivered for completion in the new fiscal year.

Current number of evacuees: 4 as of October 17, as reported by MANFF.

Peguis First Nation
Re-entry status
Recovery measures such as home repairs and renovations are required in order to allow for return to safe homes. A housing plan has been submitted to AANDC for 14 homes to return 82 evacuees at an estimated cost of $5 million and is expected to be approved November 2013. The 82 evacuees (including 27 adults and 55 children) will return home in the fall of 2013.

Current number of evacuees: 176 as of October 17, as reported by MANFF.

Media forecast
Anticipate that regional and national media will continue to follow this story.

Executive Services products and communications
Comprehensive media lines and questions and answers have been prepared on re-entry and are updated on an ongoing basis.

Litigation – Flooding – Updated by LMRB/DOJ

Issue
Lake St. Martin, Pinaymootang, Little Saskatchewan, Dauphin River, Ebb and Flow and Peguis First Nations have filed lawsuits with respect to 2011 flooding.

Background
First Nations impacted by flooding are pursuing legal action.

Current status

Anderson – Flooding Class Actions These claims are in the form of two class actions on behalf of a number of individuals from the Pinaymootang (Fairford), Little Saskatchewan, Lake St. Martin, and Dauphin River First Nations. The actions are for damages related to the adverse impacts of flooding in 2011, occasioned in part by provincial flood diversion projects. Neither class has yet been certified. On October 10, 2013, Canada consented to the consolidation of these two class actions. As such Canada is no longer required to file its Statement of Defence to the Third Party Claim by Manitoba. Statements of Defence must be filed by the other third parties on or before October 15, 2013. A motion for consolidation of the two actions will proceed on October 25, 2013. MANFF will be opposing consolidation of the two actions. The certification motion(s) is set for November 21, 2013

In addition to the existence of these claims, discussions are currently underway between Canada, the province of Manitoba and several First Nations affected by the same provincial water control regime in Manitoba's Interlake region.

LSM - On September 28, 2012 Lake St. Martin First Nation issued a news release indicating they had filed a motion in the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench asking the Court to order that both the federal and provincial governments pay the First Nation's legal expenses in advance of trial. The action claims the failure of the federal government to fulfill its duties to protect the First Nation from the province's acts.

In October, 2012, the First Nation filed a motion for advance costs in the amount of $40,000.00. A one day hearing took place on January 14, 2013. On June 18, 2013, the application was dismissed.

Costs of the motion were left to agreement between the parties; failing agreement, they will be dealt with by the Court.

Pinaymootang - On April 22, 2013, Pinaymootang First Nation filed a claim in the Court of Queen's Bench naming both Canada and the Province of Manitoba which claims that without consulting with or compensating the First Nation, and in breach of legal duties owed to the First Nation, Manitoba operated provincial water control structures in 2011, resulting in significant damages on reserve, to the community, and to the members of the First Nation. The First Nation says that Canada breached its duties to them by acquiescing to Manitoba's decisions to operate provincial water controls structures. Counsel for the First Nation has advised that the claim was filed primarily to protect against the expiry of limitations. Federal government Departments involved – AANDC and Public Safety Canada. By way of letter dated September 20, 2013, counsel for Pinaymootang FN requested Canada's Statement of Defence in this matter be filed by October 11, 2013. Justice counsel advised counsel for the FN that Canada would take the request under consideration but would not commit to filing by that date.

Little Saskatchewan – On April 30, 2013, Little Saskatchewan filed a statement of claim in the Court of Queen's Bench against Canada claiming that provincial flood control structures and operations have artificially exacerbated flooding in the Lake St. Martin drainage basin, adversely impacting reserve lands. Little Saskatchewan filed a similar claim against the Province of Manitoba on the same date. Counsel for the First Nation has advised that these claims were primarily filed to protect against the expiry of limitations. By way of letter dated September 20, 2013, counsel for Little Saskatchewan FN requested Canada's Statement of Defence in this matter be filed by October 11, 2013. Justice counsel advised counsel for the FN that Canada would take the request under consideration but would not commit to filing by that date.

Dauphin River - On February 1, 2013, Dauphin River filed a statement of claim in the Court of Queen's bench claiming that Canada breached its duties to them by acquiescing to Manitoba's decisions in the spring of 2011 to operate provincial water

control structures and otherwise impact the flow of the Dauphin River, without consulting or compensating the First Nation and that these breaches have led to significant damages on the reserve, to the community and to the members of the First Nation. The claim is for special damages, general damages in the amount of $100,000,000.00, damages for loss of enjoyment of the lands and for various declarations regarding Canada's liability. Dauphin River filed a separate claim against the Province of Manitoba on the same date. The claim is for special damages in the amount of $240,000.00, general damages in the amount of $100,000,000.00, damages for loss and enjoyment of lands, and for various declarations of Manitoba's liability. Counsel for the First Nation has advised that these claims have been filed primarily to protect against the expiry of limitations. By way of letter dated September 20, 2013, counsel for Little Saskatchewan FN requested Canada's Statement of Defence in this matter be filed by October 11, 2013. Justice counsel advised counsel for the FN that Canada would take the request under consideration but would not commit to filing by that date.

Ebb and Flow and Peguis – Ebb and Flow and Peguis First Nations filed claims in Manitoba Queen's Bench on September 16, 2011. Amended Statements of Claim were filed on December 22, 2011, and served on Canada on January 11, 2012. The Claims by Ebb & Flow and Peguis are nearly identical, and are brought against Canada, Manitoba and Manitoba Hydro in respect of diversion of water diversion for flood control and power generation within Manitoba. Failure to consult on all such projects is alleged globally. Further, they allege that Canada breached its fiduciary or constitutional duties by failing to properly supervise, halt or regulate all such projects.

Manitoba Hydro filed its Statement of Defence on March 23, 2012. Neither Canada nor Manitoba has filed their Statements of Defence but rather brought motions to strike the Plaintiffs' claims. On April 29, 2013, Master Berthaudin granted both Canada and Manitoba's motions to strike with leave to amend within 4 months from the date of the reasons (August, 29, 2013). In the written decision, it is noted that the Plaintiffs did not clearly set out the material facts for the basis of the claims being brought forward. Peguis FN filed a Notice of Appeal of that decision on May 13, 2013. In addition to the appeal, on September 20, 2013, Peguis FN filed a Amended Statement of Claim. Ebb & Flow FN has been given an extension to October 15, 2013, to file an Amended Statement of Claim

Media forecast
Anticipate that regional and national media will continue to follow this story.

Executive Services products and communications
None at this time.

Bi-weekly Issue Management Report
Saskatchewan Region
Week Ending October 18, 2013

1. Métis Nation of Saskatchewan On-going Governance Issues

Issue
Member of Parliament Rob Clarke (CON) is publically requesting Ministerial intervention in the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan governance dispute.

Background
On October 14, 2013, media reports indicate MP Clarke is asking the federal government to freeze funding to the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan (MN-S) due to on-going constitutional and procedural concerns with the organization.

On October 10, 2013, Saskatchewan's Court of Queen's Bench reserved decision on the legality of the recent MN-S Legislative Assembly and Annual General Meeting held in September. Both parties are expected back in court on November 5, 2013.

On August 8, 2013, MP Rob Clarke sent a letter addressed to Minister Valcourt, expressing concerns regarding recent protests from some Métis citizens directed at elected MN-S President, Mr. Robert Doucette. A draft response to MP Clarke is currently in departmental approvals.

In 2011, AANDC examined the organization's management practices and financial controls, with significant control weaknesses being identified in the audit. The federal and provincial governments are providing resources to address the recommendations subsequently made by the Department. Over the past year, Deloitte & Touche has been working with the organization in this regard.

In 2012, specific financial transactions were reviewed by AANDC's Audit and Evaluation Sector (AES) in response to allegations made by some members of the Provincial Métis Council. There were no findings of criminal activity or malfeasance.

AANDC provides annual core funding to the MN-S in the amount of $460,000 (2013/14)

Current Status
The Métis Nation of Saskatchewan is an autonomous organization with its own governance structure and processes. The manner in which the organization manages its affairs is internal to the organization.

Given this governance matter is before the courts, it would be inappropriate for federal officials to intervene and comment publicly.

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The organization held its Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) and Annual General Assembly (AGA) on September 7 and 8, 2013. The MNLA and the AGA are the ultimate decision-making authorities for the organization.

Media Forecast
Protests directed at the MN-S emerged in the summer of 2013 (August) and in October the media covered the court case. MP Rob Clarke raised this matter in the media on October 4, 2013, asking Minister Valcourt to intervene and stop funding the organization until the governance dispute is resolved.

Executive Services & Communications Products
The Assessment and Investigative Services Branch (AISB) in HQ has drafted a response to MP Clarke (Refer: Z58243) which includes a briefing note on their work reviewing MN-S allegations. PSD-HQ manages the Department's contribution agreement and relationship with the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan as an Aboriginal Representative Organization (ARO).

2. Update: Governance Dispute at Cowessess First Nation

Issue
Cowessess First Nation has not resolved its internal governance dispute. However, AANDC essential programs and services continue to be delivered to its community members.

Background
On April 27, 2013, Cowessess First Nation held a general election in accordance to its Custom Election Code (outside of the provisions of the *Indian Act*). In May, the Department received the Statement of the Vote which declared that Terry Lavallee was elected Chief for a three-year term.

On August 5, he was removed from the Band Governance Management System due to a letter received from a Councilor stating that the Terry Lavallee had been removed as Chief due to a failure to meet residency requirements under their Custom Code.

On September 18, 2013, this matter was heard in the federal court. As part of his submission to the court, Chief Terry Lavallee agreed to hold a meeting of the entire Chief and Council before October 1, 2013, in search of a resolution. This Chief and Council meeting occurred before the court's imposed deadline. However, no resolution was achieved at the Band level and the governance dispute continues.

Current Status
This situation continues to be an internal governance matter, as Cowessess First Nation conducts its leadership selection under its own custom election code. The Department respects the community's ability to resolve this internal matter itself.

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AANDC's role is to monitor the terms and conditions of the First Nation's current funding agreement to ensure programs and services to the membership are not disrupted. Funding for mediation services was offered to both parties in the dispute. However, neither party has pursued that option.

AANDC has no role to play in interpreting, or offering advice or legal opinions, with respect to the First Nation's election rules and procedures.

The Funding Services Officer has been in contact with various band officials who confirm that AANDC programs and services are being delivered.

Media Forecast
There have been no media inquiries to the Department. We anticipate that this matter will re-emerge once the two parties return to the courts in search of a resolution.

Executive Services/Communications Products
Media lines have been drafted. SK region has received two complaints on this matter through Allegations and Complaints process.

Weekly Issues Management Report
Alberta Region
Week Ending October 18, 2013

Calgary Ring Road

Issue

An agreement has been reached between the Tsuu T'ina Nation and the Province of Alberta on the construction of the southwest portion of the Calgary ring road. The fact that there is a draft agreement is now public knowledge but no details have been released.

Background

The Province of Alberta is constructing a ring road around the city of Calgary. Former Premier Ed Stelmach had stated that the best route for the southwest portion of the road would be through Tsuu T'ina land, but after the nation rejected the proposed deal in 2009, the province began examining alternative routes. On March 2, 2012, former Tsuu T'ina Chief Sandford Big Plume announced his intention to bring the idea back to his people and on June 29, 2012 in a secret ballot survey, 68.5% of members voted in favour of giving a mandate to Chief and Council to renegotiate a new deal with the province.

Minister Valcourt visited Tsuu T'ina Nation on July 6 2013, and one of the main topics of discussion with Chief Roy Whitney-Onespot was the ring road. Also in attendance was Chief Federal Representative Barrie Robb. Minister Valcourt received a detailed briefing and was shown the actual area of the reserve where the ring road would begin.

Current Status

The Tsuu T'ina Nation passed a Band Council Resolution dated September 5, 2013, indicating that the Nation and Province of Alberta have negotiated a final agreement for the on-reserve portion of the proposed southwest Calgary ring road.

The Province of Alberta received cabinet approval of the agreement September 5, 2013. Now approved, the Tsuu T'ina Nation has posted a Notice of the Referendum to be held on October 24, 2013.

In line with the above proposed approval schedule, Canada will be challenged to respond to and address the federal obligations which have been identified in the agreement. The proposed transactions (section 35 transfer and additions to reserve) will necessitate two Orders in Council, and federal officials indicated to the parties that the Order in Council process can be expedited only once the documents and information set out in the federal policy are provided to Canada in final form.

In the Calgary Herald on October 3, 2013, Calgary Southeast MP and regional minister for southern Alberta Jason Kenney is quoted as saying Ottawa will fully cooperate with the First Nation, the city and the provincial government in implementing a final agreement "as long as it doesn't violate the federal interest."

"But let's be clear, we believe First Nations should be able to decide what to do with their land and if they've come to an agreement and the referendum endorses the agreement, then we will do everything we possibly can to implement that. We want to facilitate the decision ... not stand in the way."

Media Forecast

News of the tentative agreement broke on Thursday, September 19, 2013 with virtually all major Calgary media outlets reporting on the story. For example, Calgary Herald: "A tentative deal has been reached to build the long-anticipated southwest leg of the ring road...," Calgary Sun: " Calgarians know not to hold their breath on this one, but as early as next month, new plans for the southwest leg of the ring road could be approved."

News of the tentative agreement was also released by Alberta Transportation Minister Ric McIver. McIver has commented that unfortunate wording of the original agreement prompted members to reject the deal in 2009. Both Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi and Premier Alison Redford are reportedly happy with the progress on the deal to complete the southwest section.

Tsuu T'ina Nation spokesman Peter Manywounds is adamant that no details of the tentative agreement be released prior to Tsuu T'ina membership voting on the agreement. The Nation is concerned that speculation in the media about the agreement detracts from information the Nation is delivering to its members.

AANDC has no comment on the agreement, which is between the Province of Alberta and Tsuu T'ina. Some of the news stories, however, referred to the federal government having to ratify the deal if approved by members. And, as noted above, regional MP Jason Kenney has publicly stated that the federal government supports the agreement if approved by members.

If the agreement is accepted by members, media interest will shift to the length of time required to put the agreement through federal approvals leading to an order-in-council. The region will keep HQ Communications informed of this process and will share media lines.

Executive Services/Communications Products

Media lines on the appointment of Chief Federal Representative Barrie Robb are available as are media lines on the federal role in the ultimate transfer of the land.

A detailed briefing note on the current situation is also available.

Yellowhead Tribal Services Agency

Issue

AANDC has served notice to the Yellowhead Tribal Services Agency (YTSA) that it is terminating its service delivery agreement to the child and family services agency because the agency has refused to appoint a recipient appointed financial advisor.

Background

On October 19, 2011, AANDC officials were informed by the Yellowhead Tribal Services Agency (YTSA) board of directors of allegations of inappropriate use of funds and case management decisions. At the request of the YTSA board, MNP conducted a financial investigation in 2012/13 which found significant evidence of serious financial management problems. These findings were submitted to the RCMP by the YTSA board of directors in September 2012.

Subsequent to the review and report, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation withdrew from YTSA and began receiving services from Alberta effective November 1, 2012. On April 1, 2013, O'Chiese First Nation submitted a Band Council Resolution regarding its intention to withdraw from YTSA. Subsequently, both Enoch Cree Nation and Sunchild First Nation stated they no longer support the continued operation of YTSA. All three nations have explored options for the future delivery of child and family services such as creating a new First Nation child and family services society. The creation of a new agency is not supported by AANDC as it runs counter to departmental policy which promotes larger aggregated models.

With the member parties no longer supporting YTSA, it was determined the agency would cease to operate as of March 31, 2014. The region asked the board to provide its notice of intent to engage a co-manager by September 18. The board subsequently advised that they were not willing to do this. The agency considered some other options to obtain co-management services before notifying AANDC on September 30, 2013 of its decision to not proceed with a co-manager.

AANDC does not deliver child and family services. The department's role in this regard is to fund or reimburse provincially delegated First Nations service providers and provinces for administrative and protection services (operating costs) and for the direct costs of placing children in temporary or permanent care of foster parents (maintenance costs) in accordance with provincial legislation and standards.

AANDC has been transferring approximately $7 million annually to YTSA.

Current Status

AANDC advised the board of YTSA on October 9 (in writing) that with no agreement signed, the department must give the required 90-day notice, thereby withdrawing from the service delivery agreement and ceasing funding.

Both Regional Operations and ESDPP were briefed and both signed off on the briefing note on the plan to serve YTSA with notice of termination of the agreement. A letter addressed to the YTSA board of directors and the Province of Alberta (Steve MacDonald, Deputy Minister, Human Services) was sent on October 9, 2013. The letter indicates that AANDC has attempted to work with YTSA for the last couple of years to increase financial capacity, but this has not happened due to the board's reluctance to either hire a qualified financial manager or to bring in a co-manager.

In parallel to this, regional staff has met with provincial officials and have confirmed that the province is prepared to take over the agency's child protection files and there will be no disruption of services.

Media Coverage

There has been no media coverage to date. Usually, media interest is possible if there is any interruption of service delivery to members and that does not appear to be the case, even with the likelihood of direct delivery by Alberta.

Executive Services/Communications Products

Briefing notes and media lines have been prepared.

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British Columbia Region
Week Ending October 15, 2013

New and updated highlighted in yellow

Kinder Morgan easement

Issue
Meeting on Modernization of Kinder Morgan Pipeline Easements

Background
The Trans Mountain pipeline has been in operation since 1953. It is now owned by Kinder Morgan, which is planning a project to build a second pipeline adjacent to the first and to expand its marine terminal in Burnaby.

The pipeline uses Section 35 easements (right-of-ways) to pass through 14 reserves in BC. It is unclear if the Section 35 easements were properly assigned to Kinder Morgan when they originally purchased the pipeline. On June 18, 2012, Kinder Morgan requested a formal reassignment of the Section 35 easements to their company. Coldwater Indian Band has applied to the Federal Court for a Judicial Review on the pending decision of the Minister to consent to the reassignments and of the proposed twinning of the pipeline. The hearing is scheduled for October 30 and 31, 2013.

Several First Nations have requested a modification to the current easements that would incorporate modern terms and conditions. In response, AANDC has invited 16 affected First Nations to a meeting on October 24, 2013. The meeting will focus on the feasibility of a management framework for modification of the easements to Kinder Morgan under the *Indian Act*. The agenda does not include addressing controversial issues related to reassignment and the proposed twinning of the pipeline.

However, it is possible the invitees could bring these issues up.

Current Status
The invitation letter was sent October 4, 2013. First Nations are still responding.

Media Forecast
There have been no media calls to date. Given the profile of pipeline projects and previously reported First Nation opposition to pipelines, media could be interested.

Products
Media lines are being developed. A QP card is in development.

Addition to Reserve Policy Revisions

Issue
British Columbia Municipalities object to Additions to Reserve Policy revisions

Background
On July 26, 2013, AANDC began seeking feedback on proposed revisions to the Policy on Additions to Reserve and Reserve Creation. An extension for public comments has been granted to October 31, 2013.

Municipal governments within the Metro Vancouver area, such as Delta, Burnaby, and Vancouver, have objected to the proposed policy revisions in the press, with concerns including issues such as community planning, taxation, and a potentially confusing patchwork of jurisdictions.

Current Status
The Vancouver Sun printed a front-page, negatively-toned article entitled "Proposals to create satellite reserves alarms municipalities" on October 10, 2013. The article outlined the Union of BC Municipalities' objections to the revised ATR policy. A response letter to the editor from the Minister has been drafted in Headquarters. In addition, several opinion pieces, letters, editorials have been written in response to the article which are positive in tone.

Media Forecast
Similar articles have appeared in local media on September 20, 2013, and August 7, 2013. Continued local media coverage of this topic is expected.

Products
Headquarters is the lead on communications for this topic. Media lines have been developed in HQ regarding the Additions to Reserve Policy.

BC First Nations opposition to First Nations Education Act

Issue
First Nations groups in BC have called for the suspension of the First Nations Education Act.

Background
In a September 20, 2013 joint press release, the BC First Nations Leadership Council (Union of BC Indian Chiefs, First Nations Summit and BC Assembly of First Nations) claimed that development of the proposed bill was unilateral and the subsequent consultation process inadequate. The groups are calling for jointly-drafted legislation. The release also states that any future First Nation education legislation must support the current BC First Nations Education system and the Tripartite Education Framework Agreement.

On September 27, 2013 the First Nations Summit passed a resolution during its general meeting rejecting the proposed First Nations Education Act.

On October 7, The First Nations Education Steering Committee, First Nations Schools Association, Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association, and First Nations Early Childhood Development Council sent out a press release to commemorate the Royal Proclamation. The release highlighted the need for First Nations control over education and that BC First Nations groups have built a functioning education system in the province.

Current Status
The BC Joint Gathering 2013, co-hosted by AANDC and BC First Nation Leadership Council will take place October 15-17, 2013. A plenary session is scheduled October 16 to discuss the proposed First Nations Education Act.

Media Forecast
On September 20, 2013, the Assembly of First Nations also issued a separate release reaffirming its rejection of the First Nations Education Act. Many media articles with a national focus were published between October 7-10 focusing on the perceived lack of consultation on the First Nation Education Act including interviews with the AFN National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo. Media interest is ongoing.

Products
Media lines on BC Joint Gathering 2013 are in HQ approvals. HQ Communications has approved general lines on the Education Act.

Mamalilikulla-Qwe'Qwa'Sot'Em Band Division

Issue
The Department has received complaints regarding Band leadership and the possible division of the Mamalilikulla-Qwe'Qwa'Sot'Em Band

Background
In 1988, members of the Mamalilikulla-Qwe'Qwa'Sot'Em Band (located on northern Vancouver Island) formally requested a band division to re-establish the Mamalilkulla Band and the Wiumasgum Qwe'Qwa'Sot'Em Band. Members of the two proposed groups have emphasized that the intention of the division is to undo an 80-year-old amalgamation and to restore the cultural and political differences of the two distinct communities that existed prior to the 1931-32 amalgamation.

The Band completed its agreement-in-principle for the separation and in April 2013 the Deputy Minister gave approval-in-principal to the proposal. The Band is currently holding information sessions for its members, the first of which was on October 5, 2013.

The final steps in the process are a ratification vote to confirm that the electorates of the communities affected agree to the terms of the separation, and ministerial approval of the creation of a new First Nation.

The Region has received complaints about the proposed division from two sources:

Complaint #1
BC Region was contacted in March 2013 by a Band member who complained about the Band's leadership claiming that the Sewid family (referred to as the Qwe'Qwa'Sot Em) does not belong to the Mamalilikulla and should not be on Council. The complainant asked that a forensic audit be conducted.

The Mamalilikulla-Qwe'Qwa'Sot'Em Band elects its Chief and Council through its own custom community election system rather than by the election rules contained in the *Indian Act*. As a result, the department has no role to play as to how the community's leadership is selected or how governance disputes are resolved. A letter was sent to the complainant on March 14, 2013, noting that there are no grounds for a forensic audit.

On August 18, 2013, BC Region received further correspondence from the same Band member who invited the RDG to attend the general Band meeting scheduled for October 19th at which she will be requesting a forensic audit. On August 26, 2013 the RDG responded in an email stating that he would not be attending the meeting.

Complaint #2
The Department received a letter dated October 30, 2012, from Chief Robert Chamberlin of the neighbouring Kwikwasut'inxw/Haxwa'mis First Nation expressing concern over the referendum and possible Band division. The Kwikwasut'inxw/Haxwa'mis First Nation ask to be consulted with respect to any further steps the Department takes relating to the referendum.

A response letter was sent to Chief Chamberlin in January 2013 explaining the role of the Department is to ensure that band division follows the process set out by the *Indian Act* and the New Bands/Band Amalgamation policy. The letter also explained that the process of band division does not involve claims to rights or jurisdiction over traditional territory and encouraged Chief Chamberlin to discuss concerns with the Mamalilikulla-Qwe'Qwa'Sot'Em Band.

Current Status
On October 2, 2013, staff from the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk Tribal Council (MTTC) and Chief Robert Chamberlin met with BC Region staff to discuss the Mamalilikulla-Qwe'Qwa'Sot'Em Band division proposal and how it will affect them. They wanted to know how they can stop the process, or appeal and/or challenge the outcome. They also stated that they intended to protest at the information meeting on October 5, 2013 and that the issue would be brought to the attention of the media. A regional response is being drafted in consultation with HQ Governance.

On October 7, 2013 BC Region received an email from the MTTC regarding the protest held at the information session on October 5, 2013. The protesters were not invited into the meeting and they protested peacefully outside. The email states that they will not stop

protesting this process and they want AANDC to review its policy. A regional response is being drafted in consultation with HQ Governance.

Media forecast
Media interest is possible. Chief Chamberlin is a high profile figure in BC, not only as a Chief but also as the Vice President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

Products
Media lines are being developed. A QP Card is being developed.

Tlazt'en Band Division

Issue
Binche Keyoh community members are upset with progress on the separation

Background
Tl'azt'en First Nation (located along the north shore of Stuart Lake in the northern interior of British Columbia) is comprised of three communities: Middle River, Tache and Binche Keyoh. The Binche Keyoh community would like to separate from the Tl'azt'en First Nation to form their own First Nation.

In March 2011, AANDC received a Band Council Resolution (BCR) from Tl'azt'en First Nation indicating that Tl'azt'en and Binche Keyoh's are entering into negotiations for an agreement-in-principle to separate. The agreement-in-principle must include information about how the two groups will deal with shared assets, liabilities, debts, reserves and resources. On average it takes about 10 years for First Nations groups to separate.

AANDC does not provide funding or become involved in the negotiations for separations. Once the Band completes its agreement-in-principle for the separation, it requires approval-in-principle by the Deputy Minister. The final steps in the process are a ratification vote to confirm that the electorates of the communities affected agree to the terms of the separation, and Ministerial approval of the creation of a new First Nation.

A call was received from the Caledonia Courier newspaper on August 9, regarding the Department's role in this process and what progress has been made. A response was provided on August 22. A story also appeared on September 24 in the Caledonia Courier.

On September 18, BC Region received an email and letter from Joshua Hallman, an elected councillor and separation committee member for Binche Keyoh alleging the Tl'azt'en First Nation has been stalling the separation process. Councillor Hallman requested the Department to appoint an independent third party to negotiate for Tl'azt'en First Nation and move the separation process forward. The Minister's office, the BC Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Minister John Rustad and MP Nathan Cullen, were copied on the letter.

Current Status

The Region sent a response letter to Mr. Hallman October 8, 2013. The RDG declined the request for a meeting, and stated that the Department cannot appoint an independent third party to negotiate and move the separation process forward. On October 9, 2013 the Department received a response email from Mr. Hallman questioning AANDC's New Band/Band Amalgamations policy and asking that it be amended. He also invited the Manager of Governance and/or the RDG to visit the community and discuss changes to the policy. A response is currently being drafted.

Media Forecast

Further local media coverage is likely.

Products

Media lines have been prepared. A QP Card is being developed.

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Government withheld information at hearings, immigration lawyers say
Immigration lawyers say failed refugee claimants who came to Canada aboard the MV Sun Sea three years ago ought to have their cases reopened following the revelation that government representatives did not disclose at some hearings evidence that the Tamil passengers could face persecution if returned to their native Sri Lanka. It's just the latest in a string of legal battles that have played out since the arrival of nearly 500 Tamil asylum-seekers on the shores of B.C. in August 2010. Refugee lawyers have argued that the Tamils are legitimate refugees from a country wracked by years of civil war, and face possible abuse or torture if sent back. The man, who RCMP accused of being part of the smuggling operation, was reportedly killed last month after being hit by a truck. Yet representatives for the **federal public safety minister** have not disclosed details related to these two detentions at refugee-determination hearings, according to the Sept. 6 ruling by federal Judge Sean Harrington. Gabriel Chand, a Vancouver lawyer representing some of the Sun Sea passengers, said Friday that the government has provided "incomplete, and therefore, misleading" evidence to Immigration and Refugee Board adjudicators assessing the Sun Sea migrants' refugee claims. Postmedia News (Vancouver Sun, Calgary Herald, Leader-Post, Montreal Gazette, Edmonton Journal, The Province, Canada.com)

The case of the genomic suspects

An editorial states, “Peter MacKay, the Minister of Justice, said, in an interview with The Globe this month, that he and his colleagues were considering drafting a bill that would empower police officers to collect a DNA sample from someone suspected of certain crimes at the time of that person's arrest. The harvesting of DNA samples should not become routine; it should not be treated as equivalent to the taking of fingerprints. A judge's warrant should continue to be required, not just a police force's preference for accumulating more and more genetic data. A majority of states in the United States - 28 - permit officers to take DNA samples for all "serious crimes," which are known by the old-fashioned term "felonies." It is to be hoped that Mr. MacKay and his colleague **Steven Blaney, the Minister of Public Safety**, are not thinking of requiring genetic material for, say, all indictable offences in the Criminal Code. The current list of offences for which samples can be sought is already a long one. It would be hard, for example, to see how most serious fraud cases would need biological evidence; printouts of spreadsheets and other accounting records are unlikely to have been dipped in blood…” Globe and Mail, F9

Conservative crime agenda to keep Parliament busy this fall
If you thought the federal Conservatives had completed their "tough-on-crime" agenda by now, think again. Justice policy plays to the party's base of supporters, is hard for the opposition to attack, and ultimately tugs on the heartstrings of all Canadians who want to see victims helped and crimes prevented or punished. What can we expect as Parliament resumes? A Victims Bill of Rights: The Harper government has vowed to make the justice system more sensitive to the needs of crime victims…Tougher Penalties for Child Predators Act: First announced in August, the bill will include mandatory minimum and maximum sentences and those convicted on multiple counts will be required to serve their sentences consecutively…Cyberbullying and lawful access: The suicide of cyberbullied Dartmouth teenager Rehtaeh Parsons hit close to home for Nova Scotia-based Justice Minister Peter McKay, who has promised to introduce "holistic" legislation to combat the problem this fall …Police also want the power to compel Internet service providers to preserve information such as emails and text messages while law enforcement obtains a warrant…The Not Criminally Responsible Reform Act and Tackling Contraband Tobacco Act died on the order paper when Parliament prorogued. Both remain government priorities and are likely to be reintroduced where they left off…The tobacco bill would create a new RCMP task force and make selling, distributing and transporting contraband cigarettes a Criminal Code offence. It also proposes mandatory minimum sentences for repeat offenders…Mental Health and the challenge for corrections: Between yet another damning report by Correctional Investigator Howard Sapers and the ongoing inquest into the prison suicide of Ashley Smith, the federal government will be under pressure to do something about inmates with severe mental-health issues…Fines for marijuana possession: The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) wants a new tool: the ability to fine people caught with 30 grams of pot or less. MacKay was initially cool to the idea but Harper said the government is "certainly looking at their proposal very carefully."…DNA, the modern fingerprint: CACP president Jim Chu argues DNA should be "collected upon charge, not upon conviction" just as fingerprints are now…Economics of policing: Ex-**public safety minister Vic Toews** kicked off a national discussion to find ways to rein in the high cost of policing and court administration. The Canadian Police Association is organizing another conference in Toronto. Stakeholders, however, say legislation is likely far off in the distance…Canadian Police Association's Tom Stamatakis is concerned about a cop killer who was granted an escorted absence from prison by a warden despite a negative parole board decision. When it first came to light, **Toews** expressed outrage. One backbencher was considering a private member's bill and there was talk of a government bill. In March, a different Tory backbencher tabled a private member's bill that has yet to move beyond the introduction stage. Canada.com

Temporary flood housing project to open in southeast Calgary
Alberta is opening another temporary housing project for people forced from their homes by the June flood. The Municipal Affairs Department says the Great Plains temporary neighbourhood will open Tuesday in southeast Calgary. Trailers in the Calgary project will be able to house up to 700 people who have been living in hotels or other accommodation since the devastating floods. The department says the housing will help people as they rebuild their lives. The government says more than 2,000 people are still out of their homes in southern Alberta. That includes about 1,400 people who are living in temporary housing such as the Saddlebrook project in the town of High River. Calgary Herald

Manitoba natives in limbo after 2011 flood
Four months after Ottawa asked the Red Cross to look into caring for about 2,000 flood evacuees in Manitoba, responsibility for their care is in a state of limbo and the bill for their food and shelter is hovering around $86 million. The federal government asked the charitable organization to conduct a needs assessment of the long-term evacuees in June, with a view to having it assume responsibility for their care, a process that was expected to be complete by August. Four months later, that needs assessment has been completed, but no one will say what it says or if the Red Cross is taking over. Canadian Press (Edmonton Journal)

Science matters: despite Fukushima, scientists say eating West Coast fish is safe
An opinion piece by David Suzuki states, "Following Japan's devastating 2011 earthquake and tsunami, fear spread about risks of leaked radiation from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant - for the health of those living in or near Fukushima or involved in cleanup efforts, and for the planet and the potential impacts on our complex marine food web. Shunichi Tanaka, head of Japan's Nuclear Regulation Authority, told reporters radioactive water has likely been leaking into the Pacific Ocean since the disaster hit. It's the largest single contribution of radionuclides to the marine environment ever observed, according to one report. With 300 tonnes of contaminated water pouring into the sea every day, Japan's government finally acknowledged the urgency of the situation in September. Social media is now abuzz with people swearing off fish from the Pacific Ocean. Given the lack of information around containment efforts, some may find this reasonable. But preliminary research shows fish caught off Canada's Pacific Coast are safe to eat. Determining the full effects of years of exposure to lower levels of radioactive contamination leaking into the ocean will take time and require continued monitoring and assessment. While Health Canada monitors radionuclide levels in food sold in Canada, and one of its studies incorporates samples from Vancouver, we need to remain vigilant and demand timely monitoring results..." Whitehorse Star, 31

What if oil and B.C.'s coastal waters mix?
A study commissioned by the B.C. government into oil-spill preparedness confirmed what most already knew: As things stand, a tanker accident would almost certainly cause an environmental disaster. Premier Christy Clark had said as much last week when she declared in an interview that Canada is woefully under-resourced when it comes to having a plan to deal with the fallout from a tanker mishap in coastal waters. But the report by U.S.-based Nuka Research, released this week, put the scope of that vulnerability in grim, black-and-white terms. The analysis identified a range of gaps in Canada's current response design that included everything from not having enough rescue tugs to the absence of laws that lay out how parties affected by a spill will be compensated. More than anything, however, the report made clear that when it comes to dealing with a major oil leak, it's not a question of how it will all be cleaned up because it won't: Even in the best-case scenario sketched out by Nuka, nearly 50 per cent of the oil remained in the water after spill-response efforts were conducted. In most cases it was much higher. Globe and Mail, S1

Students learn career tools at launch party
That was one of two questions asked to a group of about 10 students who attended the Sentinel Systems Ltd. launch party for a new upgrade to the company's disaster response technology system on Oct. 2 at the Sentinel office in Bathurst. In keeping in the theme of "innovation," it wasn't your typical launch party. Sentinel workers' innovative ideas led to the development of software that assists communication during disaster times. It addresses the needs of police, firefighters, provincial emergency management

operations, hospitals, public health agencies, the Canadian Red Cross, National Defence, and more. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, H7

Care for native Manitoba: flood evacuees in limbo
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Embattled High River still has 'so much to be grateful for'
Don't get Jill Patterson wrong - she is a grateful woman. "We're glad to be here, to have a space of any kind," says the co-owner of Cottonwood Bridal and Formals. These past 115 days, the small businesswoman has had a front-row seat to the best of human kindness and generosity. She's seen the hundreds of volunteers from organizations such as Samaritan's Purse and Mission Possible help her and her fellow citizens clean their way out of mountains of muck and debris created by the worst natural disaster in Alberta's history. Like so many of her fellow citizens, though, she's also still mired in insurance battles, frustrated with what she says is inaction on the part of the province's disaster relief officials and worried over the fates of her own business and the entire town. Yhe "leap of faith" sentiment is one shared by many High Riverites on this autumn day, when the local Sobeys and Co-op are busy selling Thanksgiving turkeys and pumpkins in preparation for the big meals many will enjoy over the weekend. Touring its eerily quiet downtown and residential streets, one can't help but notice that High River is a town stuck in time. While it's not the only community still reeling from the raging flood waters that overcame our part of the province on June 20, the scope and depth of it here is nothing short of jaw-dropping, even today. Calgary Herald

Nuclear waste issue boils down to just one question
At low-key environmental hearings in southwestern Ontario, the arguments are technical to the point of distraction. But the fundamental question being addressed by a federal panel is alarmingly simple. Should radioactive nuclear waste be buried next to Lake Huron, a remarkably pristine body of water that is one of the wonders of the world? Common sense would say an emphatic no, particularly since some of the material slated to be buried 680 metres below ground near the picture-perfect town of Kincardine will remain dangerously radioactive for up to 100,000 years. But after hearings finish this month, the panel will make its recommendations to Ottawa on the basis of science rather than common sense. That's not a bad thing if the science used by dump proponents has taken absolutely everything into account. Yet has it? Ontario Power Generation, the Crown corporation charged with finding a place to bury 200,000 cubic metres of so-called low- and intermediate-level nuclear waste from the province's atomic electricity plants, is confident. Toronto Star, A16

Nuclear industry still too hot to handle
At a conference this week in Toronto, nuclear energy industry officials spent more time talking about the threat of shale gas than the Fukushima tragedy two years ago, suggesting the tsunami disaster that wrecked the Japanese plant is slowly becoming a distant, if still-painful, memory. But in reality, the industry has merely lurched from one disaster to the next. "Fukushima was an event that we learned from - that has been on the technical and regulatory side. On the economic side, shale gas has been a challenge," Tom Mitchell, chief executive of Ontario Power Generation said in an interview on the conference's sidelines on Wednesday. In Ontario, the nuclear industry is entering a "critical decade," according to Mr. Mitchell, as the aging Darlington and Bruce Power nuclear power plants are set to undergo refurbishment (nuclear industry jargon for replacement). But any chance of Ontario being the centre of a nuclear revival was dashed Thursday when the provincial government announced it is cancelling two new nuclear plants at Darlington station. National Post

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Canada's hacking power awes Brazilian security expert
Brazilian security expert Paulo Pagliusi says he is "astonished" by Canada's hacking power. He recently spent three hours reviewing the leaked Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC) slides on behalf of Brazil's Fantastico TV program, which broadcast a report last week alleging CSEC spied on internal communications at the Brazilian Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME). A retired navy officer-turned-chief executive for Procela IT Security Intelligence, a security-intelligence company, Mr. Pagliusi answered questions from The Globe and Mail via e-mail. The exchange has been edited. You said that you were amazed by the "sheer power" of this attack. Can you expand on why you said this? I was astonished by the power of these tools to infiltrate the ministry, such as the "Olympia" program from CSEC. I was especially surprised by the detailed and straightforward way in which the process is explained to intelligence agents, and how thoroughly the Brazilian ministry's communications were dissected. Globe and Mail, A3

Snowden drawn into investigation of alleged spying
Brazil will ask the Russian government for permission to speak with Edward Snowden to learn more about U.S. and Canadian espionage activities in this country, the deputy chair of a parliamentary inquiry into the spying told The Globe and Mail. "Next week, we will visit the Russian ambassador to obtain authorization and see if we can do a teleconference and question Snowden directly, since he is the primary source," Brazilian Senator Ricardo Ferraco said. Mr. Snowden is the former U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) contractor whose leak of a giant stash of classified documents has unleashed a series of scandals about the activities by national intelligence organizations. Wanted by U.S. authorities on espionage charges, Mr. Snowden was granted temporary asylum in Russia in August after he fled Hawaii for Hong Kong and then spent weeks in legal limbo in the transit area of the Moscow airport. This past week, Glenn Greenwald, an American Rio-based journalist who has been working with Mr. Snowden, and the Brazilian investigative program Fantastico , used some of those documents to reveal that Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC) targeted Brazil's Ministry of Mines and Energy for surveillance. Globe and Mail, A3

*** Canada and the emerging 'surveillance state'**
American whistleblower Edward Snowden may be living in exile in Moscow, but he is the gift that keeps on giving and Canadians should be thankful of that. His ongoing release of secret U.S. intelligence documents is allowing us a glimpse at one of the most threatening legacies of the post-Sept. 11 world. Largely in secret and well beyond the reach of overseers, a secret surveillance state is developing among western countries, and the Canadian government, it appears, is an enthusiastic charter member. Snowden, a former contractor for the U.S. National Security Agency, was the source of the documents that revealed one of Canada's intelligence agencies has been spying on Brazil's mines and energy ministry. According to the documents, which were made public in a Brazilian TV report on Sunday, Canada used a spying program code-named Olympia to track emails and phone calls within the Brazilian ministry. Not without irony, this type of espionage allegedly done by China is routinely denounced by western leaders. Toronto Star

Allegations of spying don't come as a shock
An opinion piece states, “Canadians may find it unseemly and some of the Brazilian outrage may be real, but no one should be shocked that we are today standing accused of spying. We should not take this news with a shrug, but to think that security agencies are not trying to poke holes in the privacy of other nations around the world on a daily basis in 2013 is naive. We have certainly been targeted. Did we believe this was a one-way street? It is also worth remembering the recent, sometimes frosty, history between Brasilia and Ottawa. Yes, this is a worse blow to bilateral relations than the days when Brazilian restaurateurs poured Canadian whisky down the sewer and a cow was marched to the Canadian embassy…” Red Deer Advocate, A7

You call that a spy scandal?
An opinion piece states, “In the grand scheme of geopolitics, Canada can feel a bit out of the way. The "great game," pitting great powers against each other in a largely covert struggle for power, is more likely to be played out in hot spots like Afghanistan or the Middle East, or contested areas of influence like

Cuba or eastern Europe. Spy scandals are thus few and far between here at home. My favourite was the Gerda Munsinger sex and spying scandal of the 1960s, immortalized by comedian Don Harron's alter ego Charlie Farquharson. He brilliantly deadpanned how he wished he'd been there "to see Gerda Munsinger present her briefs to Parliament."...The Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC) document suggests Canada may (repeat "may") have monitored the communications of some Brazilian government officials in the natural resource field..." Ottawa Citizen, B6

Memoirs of a dead asset
The title of the analyst's note Tuesday was in bold, all-caps text: "CAN'T GET RID OF ALLSTREAM!" Dvai Ghose, head of research at Canaccord Genuity, was reacting to the government's rejection of Manitoba Telecom Services Inc.'s (MTS) deal to sell its enterprise telecom unit to a foreign owner on the basis of national security concerns. "We believe there are no other Allstream bidders," he wrote. Allstream's roots date back decades to a merger between the telegraph offshoots of Canada's two major railways, but the fibre optic telecom provider with the long history now faces a limited future. Onone hand, the federal government, bent on promoting competition in the telecom market, has made it clear deals that make the country's three biggest players any larger will be a tough sell, severely shrinking the pool of domestic telecom buyers. On the other hand, after opening up the industry to non-Canadian investment in small providers, Ottawa has now rejected a foreign investor many assumed to be acceptable. National Post, FP1

The PR battle to convince you privacy never mattered
An opinion piece states, "Mass surveillance "is the greatest human rights challenge of our time," Edward Snowden says. Of course he didn't say this in person at the European Parliament Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs this month. Snowden is living in Russia, though I don't know how long he will live. He sent them a nice letter. He is right. But there is a grand effort going on right now by governments worldwide to subvert efforts to call a halt to mass surveillance. We are in the middle of a huge PR battle. It's aimed at you, so pay attention. The Internet was a communications revolution and then it was betrayed. Governments are now inside your head, inside your house and, frankly, inside your underpants. They track everything you do online, follow you wherever you go and list your friends. You liked the Internet. You thought it was good. But as you stood on the sand, blissed out by the surf sounds, the light and the endless horizon within reach for the first time in human history, surveillance wavelets were lapping at your feet. The sand washed away and suddenly you were tottering. You would never feel your feet safely planted ever again. You are being watched, you have no privacy, you are living in a new Soviet Union, a new East Germany...Does this mean the Communications Security Establishment Canada is doing grunt work for private interests? Are we spying for the Americans?..." Toronto Star, A4

How Canada spies: A guide to the sometimes obscure acronyms of our intelligence world
No one loves acronyms more than spies, a field where everything has an acronym, making spycraft an alphabet soup of disjointed letters. Perhaps stemming from its culture of shadows, obscure abbreviations usually come into general parlance only when scandal or questions emerge over the secretive work they do. While Hollywood makes U.S. spy agencies household terms, the National Post's Adrian Humphreys explains Canada has its own vast intelligence apparatus - with its own alphabet soup: PCO:..The PCO's National Security Advisor, currently Stephen Rigby, has the ear of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, putting him at the top of the intel food chain; the PCO chairs the Interdepartmental Committee on Security and Intelligence, which handles top-level strategic policy, resourcing, sensitive national security matters and reviews proposals destined for Cabinet; and the PCO recommends the annual intelligence priorities to government. Also within the PCO are two important intelligence secretariats ("Security & Intelligence" and "Intelligence Assessment") along with Ward Elcock, a special advisor on human smuggling...CSIS: The Canadian Security Intelligence Service is Canada's primary spy agency, with a mandate to investigate, analyze and advise the government on suspected threats to Canada's national security... RCMP: The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is a law enforcement agency and its mandate is to investigate and prevent crimes, make arrests and prepare prosecutions, so its work must meet the scrutiny of the courts in terms of methods and what it gathers...CSEC: Officially, the Communications Security Establishment Canada is an arm of the military, although it largely operates

independently...DGID: The Director General Intelligence Division is the traditional arm of military intelligence, primarily tactical intel directly used by the Canadian Forces to support its operations abroad...ICO: The Immigration Control Officer network, a part of Citizenship and Immigration Canada, has staff at Canada's missions abroad working as frontline intelligence gathering to better protect the integrity of the refugee and immigration determination process...ITAC: The Integrated Terrorism Assessment Centre is an analytical office housed within CSIS but staffed by personnel seconded from other agencies and police forces. It takes intel from various agencies and allies and produces analytical assessments and reports. It reports both to CSIS and to the National Security Advisor of the PCO.OTHERS: Other government agencies have their own intelligence offices, some larger, more important and more effective than others. These offices tend to focus on specific peculiarities of the agency's mandate, such as Transport Canada and the Canada Border Services Agency. National Post

The real crime in the Brazilian spying case was getting caught
The claim by Brazil President Dilma Rousseff that Canada is committing "cyberwar" by spying on her country's mining ministry has provoked hysterical suggestions that our spy agencies are running amok. The chorus of condemnation from opposition politicians and peaceniks has been thunderous. But who speaks in defence of the spies?...National Post, A1

B.C. bombing victim can argue for share of Iran's Canadian assets in U.S. lawsuit, court rules
The first Canadian to make use of a new law that allows victims to sue state sponsors of terrorism will be allowed to intervene in a case that threatens to hand Iran's assets to Americans, leaving her with nothing. The Ontario Court of Appeal ruled Friday that Dr. Sherri Wise, a Vancouver dentist injured by Palestinian suicide bombers, can make arguments in the case of Marla Bennett, a U.S. terror victim whose family is seeking Iran's Canadian assets. The appeals court wrote in its decision that a lower court judge had "mischaracterized the nature of the case" when he denied Dr. Wise's application for intervener status, and that "important public issues are at play." National Post

Secret trials give citizens no way to judge competing claims
The fate of Mohamed Harkat hangs in the balance. The government of Canada, which first arrested him in 2002, accuses him of being an al-Qaida sleeper agent and seeks to deport him on a national security certificate. Meanwhile, in a different 2009 certificate case, the Federal Court of Canada and several reliable experts determined that al-Qaida did not have a sleeper agent network. How can this be? The answer is secret evidence presented in secret hearings. Such practices, however, undermine justice. Currently, the lawyers for Harkat are asking the Supreme Court to force the government to release its evidence, while the government claims it cannot due to "national security" concerns. What are the expert views about an al-Qaida sleeper agent network? Where, if anywhere, does Harkat fit into this picture? One of the authors of this piece, Mark Stout, is the program director of global security studies at Johns Hopkins University and a former intelligence analyst with the U.S. State Department and the CIA. He recently stated that "I am completely unaware of any evidence of sleeper agents in that formal sense ever existing. What it really boils down to is that in the first months and few years after 9/11, the notion of an al-Qaida sleeper agent was entirely plausible, but it just never ever panned out." Marc Sageman is a former CIA field operative turned psychiatrist who has been described in court as the foremost terrorist profiler in the world. He stated in his book Leaderless Jihad (which was quoted in court in the 2009 case) that there are no sleeper agents in the U.S., with one possible exception (in 2001), which now seems unlikely. Ottawa Citizen, B6

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Canada, Netherlands negotiating trusted traveller deal**
Canadian and Dutch citizens would be able to visit each other's countries more easily under a plan to expand Canada's trusted traveller programs beyond North America. Canada and the Netherlands have been negotiating a bilateral agreement that would allow their citizens to apply to each other's programs for travellers considered to be a low security risk, records obtained under the Access to Information Act show. The initiative would be modelled on the current Nexus travellers program between Canada and the

United States, the Canada Border Services Agency records say. Officials have been developing the regulatory, technological and fee-collection systems needed to implement an accord. "Canada has had discussions with the Netherlands since 2010," Maja Graham, a border services agency spokeswoman, said in an emailed response to questions. Graham declined to make anyone available for an interview. However, the internal agency records make it clear an agreement with the Netherlands would be the first strand of an effort to create a large web of mutual traveller programs with other countries. Trusted traveller programs are intended to speed the flow of low-risk, known citizens across borders by ushering them into express queues, giving security officers more time to focus limited resources on those who may pose a higher risk. In signing a much-touted perimeter security deal with the United States two years ago, Canada committed to expanding the Nexus program - which has about 700,000 members - to third countries. Canadian Press (The Telegram)

'Good riddance' expert says Canada shouldn't ask U.S. to extradite sex offender

There is confusion over how closely police are tracking a convicted sex offender fugitive who police say has fled Canada for the United States. While Edmonton police maintained they are confident they know Michael Stanley's location, the U.S. Marshals Service says it isn't watching him and doesn't even know where he is. And a British Columbia extradition lawyer believes the smartest thing Canadian officials can do is leave Stanley south of the border. Gary Botting said Friday that if Stanley is eventually arrested in the U.S., his extradition process would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and he would face little jail time if convicted of the minor charges he is currently wanted on in Canada. A federal official told the Associated Press on Friday that U.S. authorities were aware of a warning from Canada that Stanley might try to cross the border. But the official said Stanley was allowed through after his records were checked. Jack Williams, acting deputy chief of the U.S. Marshal Service in Seattle, confirmed his office is the lead U.S. police agency on the case. But there's really not much his service can do without the warrant. Stanley's criminal record in Canada dates back to 1987. He last received a 32-month prison term for assault and forcible confinement. The Parole Board of Canada determined that he posed a risk to reoffend and kept him behind bars until his warrant expiry date, the final day of his sentence, in 2011. Canadian Press (Edmonton Journal, Calgary Herald, Leader-Post, Starphoenix, Waterloo Region Record, Red Deer Advocate, Whitehorse Daily Star); * Associated Press (Times Colonist); * Leader-Post (Starphoenix); La Presse Canadienne (La Voix de l'Est)

Talking point

A letter to the editor states, "The Harper government launches yet another voter-seduction campaign: This time, Stephen Harper is wooing Canada's Tamil community by shunning the Commonwealth summit in Sri Lanka. In 2010, his government detained more than 490 Sri Lankan Tamils - men, women and children - who tried to enter Canada as refugees. Many were kept in B.C. jails for months, awaiting the resolution of their claims. Vic Toews, then **Public Safety minister,** told reporters the government wanted to make sure "our refugee system is not hijacked by criminals or terrorists." The government has since enacted legislation that, to put it mildly, severely limits Canada's humanitarian tradition on refugee acceptance. The Prime Minister will have a lot of work to do before he comes calling on the Tamil community for votes." Globe and Mail, F8

The plight of climate refugees

A pending court case in New Zealand involving a man from the low-lying island of Kiribati could have profound implications worldwide on the future of migration due to climate change. The 37-year-old is seeking refugee status, but not because he is being persecuted back home. Rather, he says, flooding and rising sea levels due to climate change are making it too dangerous for him, his wife and three children to return to Kiribati. The island nation is made up of 33 coral atolls in the Pacific, half way between Hawaii and Australia. But many states, including Canada, would prefer not to deal with the issue at all, says Jose Rivera, senior adviser to the director of international protection at the UNHCR. "There is agreement today that climate change will result in changing weather patterns," he says. "The problem is many states have not taken climate change seriously. They haven't begun to do the forward thinking and planning for populations in harm's way." Toronto Star, IN1

Secularism crossroads

An opinion piece states, "…When Baltej Singh Dhillon became an RCMP cadet during the late 1980s, he was told to remove his turban. But Dhillon said to do so would violate his beliefs as a devout Sikh and asked to be exempted from the rule. "I have been practising my religion for the last 23 years," he said in a CBC-TV interview with the late Barbara Frum. "Now, is somebody really asking me to protect a tradition, or are they asking me to sacrifice my religion, my principles, my disciplines, my respect in the community, the respect I have from my family, and all the other things that tie into this religion?" In 1990, Solicitor General Pierre Cadieux announced turbans would be allowed in the Mounties. Dhillon's victory was a milestone for religious accommodation in Canada, the first country in the world to adopt an official multiculturalism policy in 1971. "For although there are two official languages, there is no official culture, nor does any ethnic group take precedence over any other. No citizen or group of citizens is other than Canadian, and all should be treated fairly," former prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau said…While most Canadians support immigration, multiculturalism has been criticized for leading to ethnic enclaves and tolerating groups whose beliefs are inconsistent with liberal values. A poll in March by Forum Research showed 62 per cent of Canadians think immigrants should abandon their native cultural values when they conflict with Canadian values…" Montreal Gazette, B2

A consumer manifesto

An opinion piece states, "…How do these tariffs impact consumers? Cotton T-shirts and pants are subject to an 18% tariff in Canada, as are bed linens. Automobile parts, hair dryers, bicycles, lamps, mattresses, hats, shoes, suitcases, and on and on. If you bought something in Canada, you probably absorbed the cost of a tariff on it. Why do these things persist in a world where free trade is supposed to be the order of the day? In a submission to the Senate finance committee last year, the Retail Council of Canada argued that many tariffs remain in place simply because they have never been challenged by free-trade disputes. It's almost philosophical. Why do these tariffs exist? Because they do. And that's not all. In a submission to that same finance committee, which was studying why Canadian retail prices remain stubbornly higher than in the United States, Canadian Tire said it examined 15,697 imported products and found that 78% of them had a higher tariff rate in Canada than they did in the United States. We call ourselves a free-trading nation? Our legislators should be ashamed to even utter that phrase…" National Post, A1

*** Law protecting workers proclaimed**

New legislation intended to protect immigrants and foreign workers from exploitation and mistreatment has been proclaimed in Saskatchewan. "It's the right thing to do, I think, if we are going to rely on training at home, bringing people from across the country and asking people from around the world to find opportunity in our province," Energy and Resources Minister Tim McMillan said after the legislation was proclaimed Friday. "It's prudent for our government to have an environment where there's certainty for those people." The Program Integrity Unit within the Ministry of the Economy received 353 case files during the five-year period from August 2008 to September 2013. Starphoenix (Leader-Post)

*** Fundraising for Fas Gas shooting victim going strong**

More than $20,000 has been raised for shooting victim Jaysen Reyes since a trust fund was established for the Filipino temporary foreign worker three weeks ago. The trust fund was set up for Reyes by Parkland Fuel Corp., the company that owns Fas Gas, after the 26-year-old was shot during an armed robbery at the West Park Fas Gas location where he was working on Sept. 11. Reyes suffered injuries to his face and hands as a result of the shooting. A Parkland spokesperson reported $20,179 in the trust fund for Reyes, money that has come from a number of individual donations. The account has been set up at Scotiabank and is named Parkland Fuel Corporation ITF Jaysen Arancon Reyes - account number 12989 0475718. The company is still working on getting Reyes' mother to Canada from her home in the Philippines. It has committed to cover the costs of facilitating his mother's document processing, travel and costs incurred while she is in the country. Red Deer Advocate, A3

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Soldier returned from Bosnia 'changed' - inquest
The former girlfriend of an ex-soldier fatally shot by RCMP says he came home from a peacekeeping tour in Bosnia a different person. Sonya Booker dated Matters for five years while he was based at 5th Canadian Support Base Gagetown in New Brunswick. "Greg was an amazing man," Booker said through tears when asked what he was like before he was deployed to the Balkan country in 2001. But she said after Matters returned from a six-month tour of duty in Bosnia, he was injured physically and emotionally changed. Canadian Press (Daily Gleaner, The Guardian); Canadian Press (Times Colonist)

Freemen targeted
So-called Freemen-on-the- land have harassed government officials and led the province's services minister to consult with police and other officials from across Canada. Those meetings, said Manmeet Bhullar, could lead to an overhaul of provincially-operated personal property registries to prevent their abuse. Manmeet Bhullar wouldn't confirm or deny a report that one of those agencies he'd met with was the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS). "I can't talk about that ... what would be the big deal about that anyway?" said Bhullar. "It's very prudent for us to reach out to a variety of jurisdictions, regulatory bodies and law enforcement agencies to see how they were affected by such individuals, how they responded and if any collective efforts are necessary." The issue of the sovereigntist Freemen, who spurn statute law and government regulation, has increasingly come to the fore in Alberta with alleged squatting incidents in Calgary and near Grande Prairie. Calgary Sun, 3

Member of Freeman-on-the-Land movement voices objections
Her name is Amy Collins, but she refused to answer to it when her case was called in provincial court in St. John's Friday. "I do not have a name," she told Judge Mike Madden. "I have a calling." The woman is a reportedly acting as a member of Freeman-on-the-Land, a fairly new movement in North America whose members believe all statute law is contractual. They refuse to heed rules on the basis that statute laws are voluntary, and anyone declaring themselves a sovereign citizen doesn't have to adhere to government rules. The 36-year-old was charged with obstruction of justice, resisting arrest and two counts of breaching court orders, stemming from an incident in September 2012. The Telegram

*** Alleged human trafficker sought**
Police want the public's help to track down a 30-year-old Ottawa man wanted in connection with human trafficking. Ricardo Spence is wanted in connection with trafficking a person, living off the avails, and assault with a weapon. Police on Friday obtained an provincewide warrant for his arrest. Spence is known to frequent the Ottawa area, as well as Mississauga, Niagara Falls and London, Ont. Ottawa Sun, 15

Agency seeks to prevent exploitation worldwide
Many humanitarian agencies work in developing countries to help the oppressed and the poor, but International Justice Mission goes a step further. "IJM seeks to bring justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression," Ben Bernard, a mobilization associate for IJM Canada, says. "IJM has lawyers, investigators and after-care professionals who work with local officials to ensure immediate victim rescue and after care, to prosecute the perpetrators and ensure that public justice systems - police, courts, laws - effectively protect the poor. IJM tackles the most pressing issues in an area, the place it can make the most impact." Bernard says Canada has laws on sex tourism that allow a Canadian known to sexually exploit and abuse minors in another country to be convicted and punished for the crime here. "But while the legislation is in place," he says, "it is incomplete because there isn't funding in place to allow for investigation of such allegations. When IJM has personnel in the country in question, it does whatever it can to help an investigation go forward. Starphoenix, E9

*** Justice - Les dommages d'une taupe**
L'affaire Roberge ébranle le système judiciaire comme jamais depuis la commission Poitras. Trahison, crise de confiance, panique. La liste des dommages causés par la taupe est épouvantable. Dans le secret de leurs conversations stratégiques, une quantité d'acteurs du système judiciaire espèrent une chose, au fond : que Benoit Roberge plaide coupable le plus rapidement possible aux accusations portées contre lui. Les crimes reprochés à l'ex-enquêteur spécialisé en crime organisé sont trop graves pour en faire l'étalage dans un procès criminel. M. Roberge aurait vendu des informations à un membre des Hells Angels, René Charlebois, de janvier 2010 à septembre dernier. Charlebois s'est suicidé, le 26 septembre dernier, une douzaine de jours après son évasion du pénitencier de Montée Saint-François, à Laval. Il aurait enregistré ses échanges avec Roberge, une preuve accablante obtenue par la Sûreté du Québec (SQ). Accusé de gangstérisme, d'abus de confiance et d'entrave à la justice, l'ancien policier est au coeur du dispositif d'enquête sur les Hells Angels depuis le milieu des années 90. Le Devoir, B1; La Presse (Le Nouvelliste); La Presse; Agence QMI (Journal de Montréal)

*** Former chocolate factory turning to pot**
An abandoned factory once owned by Hershey Co. in Canada may soon be making products that offer a bigger buzz than a chocolate kiss: marijuana, under license by the government of Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Bruce Linton, chair of Tweed Inc. - one of 185 companies seeking a permit to start producing pot next year - said finding a location was one of his biggest obstacles because landlords shun even sanctioned drug production. "Five years ago, your parents would have disowned you if you thought about doing this," said Linton, 47. Canada's health department in June said it would end a system allowing people to grow medicinal pot in their homes and instead have companies supply the drug. The image of pot factories represents a shift for Harper, who says he never smoked marijuana and who has campaigned on being tough on crime. The licensing of output is a "tightening up versus loosening up" of drug laws because it separates "the legitimate from the illicit use," said Mark Mander, chair of a drug panel for the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and head of police in Kentville, N.S. Waterloo Region Record, A4

*** Oilpatch boom brings drugs**
The booming Bakken oilpatch that's given a major boost to U.S. energy production has emerged as a new front in the fight against drug trafficking. Organized crime rings are popping up in the Northern Plains, with traffickers sensing opportunity in the thousands of men and women lured there by the hope of a big paycheque. Law-enforcement officers across the region have teamed up to crack down on the trafficking, netting one of their most significant indictments so far this week - four arrests in North Dakota and a dozen in Montana, all but one on drug charges. Authorities say more arrests are in the works as part of an interagency partnership that will be announced Friday. But with drug offences, violence and property crimes on the upswing, they face an uphill climb to reduce the spiking crime rate. The changes at play in oncequiet prairie communities were demonstrated this week with the shooting of an FBI agent in the small, unincorporated town of Keene, N.D. The agent, who was not seriously injured, was executing a search warrant as part of an oilpatch-centred investigation, said U.S. Attorney for North Dakota Tim Purdon. "More people equals more money equals more crime," Purdon said, adding the federal shutdown is making the situation worse. Montreal Gazette, C11

*** Collision near Portage sends eight to hospital**
One adult and six children are in hospital with undetermined injuries after a grain truck collided with a van near Portage late Friday afternoon. The driver of the grain truck has been treated and released, according to Portage RCMP. Winnipeg Free Press

*** RCMP officer admits to stealing drugs**
A longtime RCMP officer has admitted to stealing prescription drugs from a police locker.
Cpl. Blair Ross pleaded guilty Friday in provincial Supreme Court in Charlottetown to charges of stealing exhibits with a value of more than $5,000, breach of trust, and possession of oxycodone, morphine and hydromorphone. The 25-year veteran of the force was suspended with pay and charged in June. At the

time, Ross was responsible for the care and handling of police exhibits at the detachment. Toronto Star, A22; The Guardian

*** 'Starlight tour' complaint against Saskatoon police unfounded commission**
There is "no reasonable basis" to believe an allegation that Saskatoon police officers took a 19-year-old man out of the city and kicked him out of their car in -30C temperatures, the Saskatchewan Public Complaints Commission (PCC) has ruled. Drayton Bull had claimed in the media, and his mother posted allegations on Facebook, that on Jan. 21, 2013, a Saskatoon Police Service officer took him to an isolated area outside the city and left him to walk home. Bull never filed a formal complaint, but Saskatoon police still asked the provincial PCC to investigate. Reports and records obtained from police confirmed no police vehicles were outside the city limits of Saskatoon during the date or time of the alleged incident, stated a Government of Saskatchewan news release on Friday. When the allegations began to surface in January, Chief Clive Weighill said the police service was taking a close look at the allegations. Although Bull did not file a formal complaint, police referred the matter to the commission. Bull's mother posted on Facebook claims of her son being taken by police that night. Police investigators at the time of the allegations believed Bull and his mother had given statements to the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN), which has a unit dedicated to investigating police complaints. The FSIN declined comment at the time. Starphoenix (Leader-Post)

*** Trail of Daisy the pig goes cold on North Saskatchewan**
The faint blips of the radio tracking signal tell us we are close to the pig, or what's left of it.
Iain Phillips, an entomologist with the Water Security Agency, turns off the boat's motor and we scan the North Saskatchewan River for this special pig. So far, the only farm animals we've seen are the cows from nearby ranches hoofing it down paths along the shore. We drift past a man resting, perhaps from an early morning hunt, on the shore beside his bow and kayak. "Are you looking for fish?" the hunter yells across the river. "No! We're looking for a pig," Phillips says. "A pig?" "Yeah, there's a dead pig with a radio transmitter inside it somewhere in the river." I think I hear the hunter laughing as Phillips yanks the motor back to life. In September, RCMP threw a dead pig named Daisy into the North Saskatchewan River near North Battleford. It sounds like the start of a bad joke, but it's really the beginning of a science experiment with the potential to improve forensic work and missing persons investigations in Saskatchewan and elsewhere. When a body disappears into the river, finding it is often a matter of chance. Investigators want to make their search efforts more predictable. A pig is the next best thing to a human body, scientifically speaking, so when the Saskatoon RCMP historical cases unit and forensic anthropologist Ernie Walker decided earlier this year to go whole hog and find out how bodies travel in water, they acquired a pig carcass, sewed a tracking device to its vertebrae, and dropped it in the river to float away. Starphoenix

*** Montreal police mole scandal leads to lie-detection testing**
Montreal police detectives have submitted to lie-detector tests after a former biker investigator was charged with selling information from ongoing investigations to the Hells Angels. A SWAT team arrested Benoit Roberge last weekend in the presence of a Hells member. A source told QMI Agency that Roberge's arrest has stoked suspicion within the anti-biker unit where he worked for 11 years. He left the unit in August. Edmonton Sun, 16

*** Farm combines hit by booby traps**
Some farmers in southern Saskatchewan have been rolling over more than crops with their combines this fall. RCMP say someone has been deliberately hiding metal cultivator shovels underneath swaths of grain in farm fields. A farmer then drives by in his combine and unwittingly scoops up the metal, damaging the expensive harvesting machine. Cpl. Tim Sartison says police are investigating at least four complaints. He says in some cases the damage to combines has been up to $40,000. Ottawa Citizen, A2

*** Distraught family members leave courtroom as graphic photos of Surrey Six murder scene are shown**
Several distraught family members of the Surrey Six murder victims left court Friday as the Crown showed for the first time graphic photos of the crime scene. Prior to showing the photos, the Crown warned the court's public gallery that the bloody scene in a top-floor suite of the Balmoral Towers in

Surrey was about to be displayed. Eileen Mohan, whose son Christopher was shot to death along with the five other victims, sat in the front row of the gallery and held her head in her hands as she watched the photos being shown. She left the public gallery shortly thereafter. Michael Lal, the father of murder victims Michael and Corey Lal, also left the courtroom as photos of his sons were depicted. Several other women also departed the courtroom in tears. The photos showed the locations of the six bodies in the small one-bedroom apartment. Pools of blood could be seen around their heads. The victims were shot to death execution-style, according to the Crown. The three accused - Cody Haevischer, Matthew Johnston and Michael Le - sat calmly in the prisoners' dock observing the photos. Two handguns as well as numerous shell casings and bullets were also shown in the photos described in court by retired RCMP Staff Sgt. Ken Griffin. The Province

*** The cost of keeping Comrade Duffy in check**
An opinion piece states, "At first glance, allegations made by the RCMP that Senator Mike Duffy paid $64,916 to Gerry Donohue, his old friend from the 1980s, to do almost nothing, do not appear to reflect well on Mr. Duffy. According to court documents filed by the RCMP this week, Mr. Donohue has "acknowledged that he produced no tangible work product for Duffy." The retired television technician had no prior government consultancy experience before Mr. Duffy engaged his services, but says that over four years he did online research for the senator and provided him with verbal advice on subjects "such as obesity, or being a Conservative." Sometimes Mr. Donohue, who in one case billed $200 an hour, told the RCMP he'd watch the news and then chat about it with his old friend..." Globe and Mail, F3

*** $1M GROW-OP FOUND**
Police have busted what they say is a million-dollar grow-op in West Kildonan. Cops seized 913 marijuana plants, with an estimated street value of $1,022,560, from a home on the 400-block of McAdam Avenue. Six pounds of dried pot, valued at $12,000, were also seized, as well as $12,000 worth of grow op equipment and $2,475 in cash. A 48-year-old woman and 50-year-old man face drug-related charges. Winnipeg Sun, 10

*** City to tweak planning after successful emergency exercises**
By day, Kent Orosz is an environmental scientist. But earlier this week, he navigated for the RCMP as the force's Dragonfly UAV took to the skies in Exercise Domino. "Working with the RCMP Dragonflyers was a lot of fun," Orosz, president of the volunteer Saskatoon Search and Rescue group said. Ten of their volunteers logged more than a combined 150 hours working with police and fire services. It was the largest operation the group has been involved in. Some helped evacuate buildings, while others were loaded into STARS air ambulances while playing as evacuees. Starphoenix

*** One diver dead, another missing after accident near Nanaimo**
Police in Nanaimo, B.C., say one person is dead, one is missing and another is back on shore after a recreational diving accident. The incident occurred in the late afternoon near Snake Island, a short boat ride from Departure Bay. Sgt. Sheryl Armstrong of the Nanaimo RCMP says police and Canadian Coast Guard vessels attended the scene. Vancouver Sun

*** Time for action**
An opinion piece states, "While it is gratifying to see that a Moncton court yesterday granted a 10-day extension on an injunction obtained more than a week ago by SWN Resources - intended to control activities by protesters at a blockade of Route 134 in Kent County - it is equally mystifying that no action has been undertaken to serve it. The injunction would empower the RCMP to open the road and permit the exploration company to go about its legitimate business of exploring for natural gas in our region. This, setting aside any illegal activities which have occurred at the site and which could have been dealt with earlier in our view. Felling trees, setting fires in the roadway or uttering threats as have either been alleged or directly observed can be investigated and prosecuted by the police without benefit of a court injunction..." Times & Transcript, D6

*** Councillors leery of chief's Taser deadline**
Hamilton's police chief says he needs to know by Dec. 1 what you think of his $1-million proposal to equip all officers with Tasers. City councillors will consider a letter from Chief Glenn De Caire Wednesday

outlining an "imperative" need for the city to poll residents on the plan in the next two months. The letter accompanies a police board report recommending council also weigh in on the plan and, if approved, cover the $992,462 cost of training and equipment. That timeline, De Caire said, would keep the service on track to train more than 570 officers in the use of conducted energy weapons by the end of June 2014. Councillors aren't sold on either the Taser price tag or the urgency of a quick decision, said Lloyd Ferguson, a councillor and police board member. Hamilton Spectator, A6

*** Company files suit over dumped crab**
Jim Hughes is the lawyer who represents Golden Shell Fisheries of Hickman's Harbour.Initially, the company filed a suit against the FFAW. However, the union claimed it did not organize the protest, and that it was an action taken by a group of fishermen.Therefore, Hughes said, individuals must be held accountable. Hughes said eventually they will combine the two suits.During the protest in April the RCMP was on scene and videotaped and photographed activities throughout the day. The Telegram

*** Something has to change**
They were sick. They were mentally ill. They were in distress. And all three met violent ends at the hands of Toronto Police. Next week, an inquest is scheduled to examine the deaths of Reyal Jardine- Douglas, 25, Sylvia Klibingaitis, 52 and Michael Eligon, 29, not to assign blame --the Special Investigations Unit has cleared the officers in each case--but to come up with recommendations on how police can better respond to the mentally ill. And yet it feels as if we have been through this exhaustive exercise so many times before, with nothing really changing at all. As Ontario ombudsman Andre Marin has said, "It seems to be like Groundhog Day. Inquest after inquest, police shooting after police shooting." The demand for real change could not be higher, with this inquest coming just months after public outrage at the inexplicable killing of teen Sammy Yatim, gunned down by eight police bullets as he stood alone in an empty Dundas St. streetcar. Toronto Sun

*** Police arrest Edmonton man on child pornography and child luring charges**
Police have charged an Edmonton man with five child pornography and other offences involving a 15-year-old girl. The Northern Alberta Internet Child Exploitation Unit says it began investigating last year after someone complained about a man who was active on social media and chat websites. Police say officers searched the man's home and seized electronic devices. Red Deer Advocate, A2

*** Lawyer offers insight into injunctions**
Court injunctions are largely civil matters, but it seems the police still have a role to play. As Court of Queen's Bench Justice George Rideout yesterday extended an injunction he had granted to SWN Resources on Oct. 3, the spokeswoman for the New Brunswick RCMP said the police force remains focused on maintaining public safety and allowing negotiations to bring an impasse between the exploration company and protesters to a peaceful resolution. SWN Resources sought the original injunction after protesters blocked a driveway to a compound just outside Rexton, where it is storing exploration vehicles and equipment in its search for natural gas deposits in deep underground shale. The protesters later blocked Highway 134 on either side of the driveway after felling a number of trees. Premier David Alward and Elsipogtog First Nation chief Arren Sock have been negotiating personally, though it remains unclear if Sock speaks for all of the protesters. While many of the protesters are members of the Elsipogtog First Nation, a significant number are Mi'kmaq from around the Atlantic region. Still other protesters are non-native. Times & Transcript, A1

*** Critics warn civil forfeiture gives government a 'licence to steal' as Hells Angels gear up to fight legislation**
Regina resident David Mihalyko was broke and his 13-year-old Chevy Blazer truck was out of gas. It was September 2010, and all he had in his pocket were some Oxycontin tablets, "legally prescribed for him as a result of an injury he suffered to his foot," according to court documents. Mr. Mihalyko decided to raise some cash by selling two tablets to a woman he thought was a prostitute, working the Regina stroll. She paid $60 for the tablets. Mr. Mihalyko spent all of the cash on fuel for his truck. The woman was an undercover police officer. Mr. Mihalyko was arrested and charged with trafficking in a controlled substance. He pleaded guilty to the offence, and received a conditional sentence of nine months. But the Crown in Saskatchewan wasn't satisfied. It turned to relatively new civil forfeiture laws to extract more

from the hapless defendant. The state went after his truck, claiming it was an instrument of crime. National Post

*** Driver's Charter rights were not violated judge**
A Yukon judge ruled there was no breach of Charter rights when a police officer suspected a Whitehorse woman of drunk driving, administered a roadside screening test and detained her last December. On Dec. 1, 2012, Christine March was driving up Two Mile Hill in a truck with no rear lights illuminated when an RCMP officer pulled her over. Whitehorse Daily Star, 3

*** Enforce injunction**
RCMP have been complicit in the illegal actions of protesters on Route 134, a lawyer for SWN Resources Canada Inc. told a Moncton court Friday. Matthew Hayes was before Court of Queen's Bench Justice George Rideout, arguing that the injunction granted by the judge last week should be enforced by the court and police. He said the RCMP has blocked the road around the protest, but are allowing protesters to come and go as they please while those very same protesters block SWN trucks in a compound on Route 134 near Rexton. Hayes said campers are being allowed in and out, a barbecue was brought in, the porta-potties are being serviced - all while police stand by and watch. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, A1; Daily Gleaner (Times & Transcript); L'Acadie Nouvelle

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Closing the door on Kingston Pen
The main door to the Kingston Penitentiary is as thick as thieves, as heavy as tears and as impenetrable as evil, and when it slams shut behind you as you enter, it can cause a knot to form in the pit of your stomach, a sickening feeling that for some must have grown so big, separating yesterday from tomorrow and all the tomorrows that followed, that no amount of penitence could ever erase it. How must Montreal's Antoine Beauche have felt when he heard that door close? The prison was then just a decade old, with 154 cells each measuring only eight feet long, 29 inches wide and six feet, seven inches high. Beauche, his two brothers and a friend had been sentenced to three years apiece for picking pockets on a steamship. Inmates were forbidden then from speaking to one another, nor could they even "exchange looks, wink, laugh, nod or gesticulate to each other." The penalty for doing so was a lashing from a cat-o'-ninetails, and Beauche received a whipping in his first week at what was known then as the Provincial Penitentiary of the Province of Upper Canada. Over the next nine months, he received nearly 50 more, all, it was later reported, "for offences of the most childish character." Postmedia News (Ottawa Citizen, Windsor Star, Edmonton Journal, Montreal Gazette, Vancouver Sun); La Presse Canadienne (Le Soleil)

*** Court approves EMSB's settlement with victims of Renwick Spence**
Under the terms of the settlement, the school board will pay out $5 million to victims who were sexually abused by Spence, who taught biology at Montreal West High School. Spence, now 84, was sentenced to 30 months in prison after admitting that he molested eight male students at Montreal West between 1967 and 1981. He received a full parole in 2009. Launched by 17 former students, the class action lawsuit was authorized in 2007. The lead claimant, who uses the pseudonym Sebastian, said Spence took advantage of his authority by inviting students to his cottage, where he sexually abused them. Sebastian and the other claimants say the EMSB (then the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal) was aware of the abuse and didn't act. Montreal Gazette

*** Public warned about violent offender**
Police are warning the public about a violent offender who is living in downtown Edmonton following his recent release from the Saskatchewan Penitentiary Maximum Security Unit. Lance David Blanchard, 56, completed a 34-year sentence for sexual assault, assault with a weapon, unlawful confinement, assault causing bodily harm and manslaughter, Edmonton police said. Police say Blanchard is considered to be an "extremely violent and opportunistic offender." He poses a significant risk of harm to the community, especially with vulnerable people. He will be closely monitored by officers in the police behavioural

assessment unit. Blanchard is as six-feet-five, 220 pounds, with brown hair. He may be using a wheelchair. Edmonton Journal; Edmonton Sun

*** Homecoming reality check**
A letter to the editor states, "Unfortunately the early evening tweets last weekend by Mayor Mark Gerretsen over the homecoming events has ignited a discussion that I believe has sidetracked what should be a legitimate economic discussion over the influence of Queen's University and Homecoming on Kingston...So in a year where Kingston has seen the elimination of prison farms and the closing of Kingston Penitentiary, ultimately straining the employment landscape in Kingston, why is the mayor and the city continuing to create divisions between the university and the Kingston community? Clearly based on these economics, the community depends on the donations of many alumni who come back to celebrate their experiences in this great city. What we need to be discussing here is what initiatives did we take this time around that resulted in reduced tickets and arrests, and how can we improve them to bring them to a 100% reduction?..." Kingston Whig-Standard, A4

*** Child-killer's bid to preserve evidence denied**
A convicted childkiller's push to have evidence in cases carrying a life sentence preserved for the rest of the offender's life has been denied. The Ontario Appeal Court has dismissed an appeal filed by the Innocence Project on behalf of Amina Chaudhary, who was found guilty in 1984 of killing her lover's eight-year-old nephew. Chaudary continues to claim her innocence and has asked the federal government for a ministerial review of her case. Her lawyers initially argued autopsy photographs that could help clear her name had disappeared due to inconsistent preservation rules. Leader-Post

*** Crown wants to take Jeffrey Leinen case to Supreme Court**
The Crown wants to take the case of a Calgary man accused of killing a college student with his pickup truck to the Supreme Court of Canada. Jeffrey Leinen was convicted in December 2011 of second-degree murder for ramming into a group of people outside the Texas Mickey Bar in Olds, Alta. Nicholas Baier, an 18-year-old student at Olds College, was killed and Leinen was sentenced to life with no chance of parole for 14 years. Red Deer Advocate

*** Libertés fondamentales?**
Un article d'opinion déclare, « Le rapport Bouchard-Taylor se prononce pour l'interdiction des signes religieux dans le cas des juges, des policiers et des gardiens de prison sous prétexte qu'ils possèdent un pouvoir de coercition. Mais si l'interdiction des signes religieux va à l'encontre des libertés fondamentales des croyants, comment peut-on l'interdire à ces fonctionnaires et non pas aux autres? Parizeau, Bouchard et Landry sont-ils prêts à violer les libertés fondamentales des juges, des policiers et des gardiens de prison pour protéger les libertés des autres fonctionnaires? Où est la logique? Soyons cohérents. Ou bien l'interdiction viole les libertés fondamentales ou elles ne les violent pas. Si elles les violent, il ne faut interdire les signes à aucun fonctionnaire. Si elles ne les violent pas, il faut les interdire à tous les fonctionnaires. » Le Droit, 23

*** Gilles Losier condamné à deux ans de prison pour avoir fraudé Productions Phare-Est**
L'ex-directeur général des Productions Phare-Est est condamné à deux ans de prison pour avoir volé plus de 90 000 $ à son ancien employeur. Gilles Losier a été reconnu coupable le 4 septembre des quatre chefs d'accusation de fraude, de vol, de production de faux et d'usage de faux qui pesaient contre lui. Entre 2005 et 2008, M. Losier a contrefait la signature de son employeuse, Cécile Chevrier, pour empocher 24 faux chèques d'une valeur totale de 91 400 $. Il était passible de 14 ans de prison. Vendredi, le juge Jean-Paul Ouellette de la Cour du Banc de la Reine a condamné l'homme de 57 ans à deux ans de prison dans un pénitencier fédéral. Il sera éligible à une libération conditionnelle après avoir purgé le tiers de sa peine. L'Acadie Nouvelle, 11

*** City to pursue bid for Windsor Jail**
It might not have a plan for it yet, but the city is formally expressing its interest to the province that it wants the westside Windsor Jail. City council this week instructed administration to begin negotiations with Infrastructure Ontario toward a municipal acquisition. The department had given Windsor until next Thursday to provide a written expression of interest. Mayor Eddie Francis indicated those talks should

lead to provincial involvement in finding a new use for the massive stone structure built almost a century ago at 378 Brock St. Its current occupants will soon be moving to a new correctional facility being completed in South Windsor. Francis said when the provincial government first announced it was proceeding with a new correctional facility there were MPP comments made of "new uses" for the property once vacated, "that we'd not end up with an empty building ... I think we want to hold the province to its earlier commitment." In the same block, the federal government recently abandoned another historically significant building, the post office. Windsor Star, A3

*** Mother's perseverance inspires son's success**

Stephen McNeil is a cautious man, but even his closest advisers thought he was taking it too far when he proposed selling an improbable campaign platform that promised no shiny tax cuts, no pricey new programs and no balanced budgets. His doubters worried this would doom the party. But the Nova Scotia Liberal Leader prevailed, tapping into the latent disappointment among a cynical electorate fed up with politicians and their broken promises. Her job was to transport convicts to nearby prisons, such as New Brunswick's notorious Dorchester Penitentiary or the medium-security facility in Springhill, N.S. At the time, sheriffs used their own cars, so she drove the Maritime highways with juvenile offenders or hardened crooks in the back seat of her Chevy Impala. Globe and Mail

*** Parole Board recommends Vancouver child sexual predator be locked up after breaching parole**

A charge of breaching the conditions of a long-term supervision order is being recommended by the Parole Board of Canada for a child molester with a history of abusing boys and girls dating back to the 1980s. It won't be the first time Shaun Joshua Deacon, 48, has been accused of violating the long list of special conditions by which he must abide while in the community. Deacon has breached his 10-year long-term supervision order more than 15 times since his release in 2004, according to a recent decision from the Parole Board of Canada. After serving a three-year sentence for sexually assaulting an eight-year-old boy in an Aldergrove Dairy Queen washroom, followed by another two years for having a 10-year-old boy in his room at his halfway house while on parole, Deacon was released into the community in November 2004. From then until May 2006, even though for a period he was being monitored 24 hours a day by a personal escort, Deacon's long-term supervision order was suspended at least four times. On one occasion he was caught with a photo of a prepubescent boy on his computer. Between August 2006 and December 2008, Deacon's release was suspended on at least eight occasions. Offences included having duplicate keys to his community residential facility that allowed him to access secure areas, having multiple cellphones and having multiple computers with Internet capability. The Province

*** Dreaming of a better life after jail**

The men set out on an overcast spring day in a Zodiac boat, navigating the choppy waters of Portsmouth Olympic Harbour as they ogled the waterfront and schemed the fortress's future. The magnitude of Kingston Penitentiary's frontage confirmed, in their minds, that the property is ripe for a total re-imagination. Down with the imposing boundary walls that once isolated the likes of Paul Bernardo and Clifford Olson. Up with residential units, restaurants and retail space. Up, importantly, with what the Kingston mayor deemed an "intriguing" feature: an international sailing centre to solidify the Ontario city as the freshwater sailing capital of the world, improve Canada's chances of winning Olympic medals and attract people to the sport. It's early days - the penitentiary will not be decommissioned until 2015, Correctional Service Canada (CSC) has not decided what to do with the property, and multiple federal government departments could be involved in any lease, sale or transfer. It is unclear how heritage designations for most of the prison buildings will complicate future plans, and other proposals must be considered. Globe and Mail, A15

*** Fighting the good fight**

Junior (The Real Deal) Moar was being interviewed in a booth at the downtown Pony Corral restaurant earlier this year when he stopped and looked around, realizing something. "The last time I walked through these doors I walked in with the Hell's Angels," Moar said, shaking his head. "It's totally different. Obviously I walked in with my family today, so it's totally different where my mindset is." It's been quite the ride for Moar, who has turned his life around and will headline the Peg City Massacre boxing card on Saturday night at Winnipeg Convention Centre. The 34-year-old will defend his Canadian light heavyweight crown in a 10-round bout against Michael Walchuk, and it will be his first fight in Winnipeg

since March 2007. And he paid the price. He ended up in solitary confinement at Stony Mountain Institution for 27 months. Funny how that makes you think twice about being in a gang. Winnipeg Sun

*** Does anyone still think Manitoba doesn't have a serious crime problem?**
Manitoba has by far the highest rate of incarceration for both adult and youth inmates among Canada's 10 provinces. And the number of adult inmates in Manitoba jails has jumped by nearly 50% over the past four years, according to Manitoba Justice's 2012-13 annual report released last week. Does anyone still think this province doesn't have a serious crime problem? Unlike the inmate population in federal prisons, which has been stable in recent years, Manitoba's jail population has skyrocketed. And it's being noted in Manitoba Justice's most recent annual report. In 2011-12, Manitoba's incarceration rate was 234 people per 100,000. The only other province even close to that was Saskatchewan with a rate of 195 per 100,000. Alberta was a distant third at 104 per 100,000 and every other province was below 100 inmates per 100,000 people. Winnipeg Sun, 5

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*** Tories ponder laws targeting Freemen-on-the-Land**
An Alberta cabinet minister says he is exploring methods to prevent followers of a self-proclaimed sovereignist movement from flouting laws to exploit unsuspecting victims. Manmeet Bhullar, minister of Service Alberta, said he has been meeting with government officials from other provinces to explore ways to crack down on Freemen-on-the-Land, members of the fringe group who argue courts and police have no jurisdiction over them. Bhullar said he has heard reports from other provinces that followers of the movement have attempted to place "frivolous" and "vexatious" liens on the property of law enforcement officials and government employees. It's also one of several tactics that Freeman Mario Antonacci used when declaring a Calgary duplex as his embassy. Calgary Herald

*** Supreme Court to hear case of first driver ever convicted of using vehicle as murder weapon**
The first driver in Canada to be convicted of murder for using a vehicle as a weapon, but had his conviction overturned on appeal last month, will have his fate decided by the Supreme Court of Canada. Karen Molle, lawyer for Jeffery Kevin Leinen, told Court of Queen's Bench Justice Earl Wilson on Friday that the Crown had appealed the decision to the country's highest court. Leinen, who remains in custody, was in court as the case adjourned until March 14. Calgary Herald

*** Convicted torturer not beyond hope, psychologist testifies**
Convicted roommate torturer Dustin Paxton has many issues to deal with, including anti-social personality disorder, but he is not beyond hope, a psychologist testified in his defence at his dangerous offender hearing Thursday. Marc Nesca said Paxton, 33, has previously completed a number of anger management courses, but they were of a lower complexity and of little assistance. He believes Paxton could safely be released into the community in the future and would do well. "In this case, treatment is so meagre, I'd say he's untreated," Nesca told defence lawyer Andrea Serink. "Treatment would be very beneficial to him for the future." Crown prosecutors Julie Morgan, Joe Mercier and Nadia Tejpar, citing the severe injuries suffered by the victim, DL, and Paxton's lengthy criminal record, are trying to have Paxton declared a dangerous offender and be subjected to an indeterminate prison sentence. Calgary Herald

*** B.C. justice to rule on child abductor's fate**
A B.C. Supreme Court Justice must decide if a 48-year-old man with an IQ of 65 and the impulse control of an eight-year-old should be declared a dangerous or long-term offender, or if he should spend just two years in jail for abducting a Sparwood youngster from his bed more than two years ago. The sentencing hearing for Randall Hopley concluded Thursday in Cranbrook and Justice Heather Holmes ordered Hopley to return to the courtroom on Nov. 29, to hear her decision. Holmes was presented with a wide variation in submissions during the four day sentencing hearing for Hopley, who admits to the abduction of three-year-old Kienan Hebert in September 2011. Crown prosecutor Lynal Doerksen said, accounting for time already served, a range of seven to nine years behind bars is appropriate, followed by a 10-year

long-term supervision order sim-ilar to parole with strict conditions. If Hopley broke those conditions, Doerksen explained, he would return to prison. The Crown also requested dangerous offender status. But defence counsel William Thorne argued Hopley is not a dangerous offender and should receive two years in jail, once time served is tallied. Chronicle-Herald, A12 (Calgary Herald, The Guardian)

*** Refusing to be silenced**
An opinion piece states, "…
Disheartened we may be, but we cannot stop our efforts to educate both ourselves as Muslims and those of our fellow Canadians who perceive us so negatively. To demonstrate our ongoing commitment, let me share some of our organization's current projects. CCMW has two major projects, one regarding violence against women and girls, and the other a study on the niqab -- face covering -- worn by some Canadian Muslim women. These are controversial issues, but we believe they must be addressed and who better than by a group of women? Around the world and in all communities across Canada, violence against women and girls continues to be the most persistent and devastating assault on human dignity. CCMW addresses this reality in its recent publication -- Violence against Women: Health and Justice for Canadian Muslim Women. The author, lawyer Pam Cross, provides an overview and analysis of the specific practices in the international and Canadian contexts, and provides recommendations for policy and action in Canada. A foreword by the renowned Islamic scholar, Asma Barlas, challenges this violence from an Islamic perspective…" Kingston Whig-Standard, H14

*** Two sex criminals, one damaged city**
All Bobby Hayes can ask is why. Working in a community devastated by generations of child sex abuse, he can see the scars left behind. Most notably the pain left by two convicted men whose destructive and deviant crimes have been once again cast in the public spotlight this month. "I've watched generations of kids, and watched the damage, and it's unbelievable," says the founder of the Joshua Group, a charity that supports at-risk youth. "You've taken productive people out of the community and upset their life. "You've torn their souls out of them." Child sex offenders Ken Estabrooks and Donnie Snook both held positions of trust and authority in Saint John. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, B1

*** Tough on crime**
A certain kind of person sneers at politicians who dare to be "tough on crime." They despise our current federal government for this. Such Neanderthals, they sniff. But the rest of us could only look on with envy this week as we watched the U.S. justice system dish out a breathtakingly harsh but well-deserved punishment to former Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. Twenty. Eight. Years in jail. And no parole for 24 of them. If only we could take down the really bad guys in Canada that way. Only our serial killers get sentences like that - our ordinary murderers are out of jail in months. It took 10 years, but the once invincible Kilpatrick and his cronies ended up crushed by a single-minded prosecution team determined to see the public protected from his evil. If only we had those kinds of laws in Canada, and such determination in our Crowns. Maybe we'd have fewer politicians padding their expense accounts and using public money to fund their political parties, and fewer clearly corrupt billion-dollar rackets to pay for. Of course, we'd have to build more new jails to hold all the guilty parties. But some of us would be more than willing to pay that bill…" Windsor Star, A3

*** Vigil calls for action on behalf of 600 missing, murdered aboriginal women**
Nikah Meekis said she can't help but become emotional when she speaks about the murdered and missing aboriginal women and girls in Canada. "I've seen my friends go through this ... we've seen our sisters, our mothers," Meekis said. "The message is getting out there. We are calling on all levels of government to work with aboriginal women and representative organizations ... One year ago, the Native Women's Association of Canada launched a petition calling for a national public inquiry. Completed forms have arrived each day, filled with signatures as well as messages of solidarity." Meekis was among the participants in the sixth annual Sisters in Spirit Vigil held at Tobique First Nation on Oct. 4. Approximately 600 cases of murdered or missing aboriginal women and girls have been documented by the Native Women's Association of Canada and the vigil is held to draw attention to those numbers and to promote dialogue. The petition will be submitted to the federal government on Oct. 18 as part of a national day of action. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, H2

*** Droits des Autochtones : le rapporteur de l'ONU à Hobbema**
Le rapporteur spécial de l'ONU sur les droits des populations autochtones visite la réserve Hobbema
Le rapporteur spécial de l'Organisation des Nations unies (ONU) sur les droits des populations autochtones était de passage dans la réserve d'Hobbema vendredi, la seule Première Nation de l'Alberta qu'il visitera lors de son séjour de neuf jours au Canada qui se terminera le 15 octobre. James Anaya rencontre des membres de différentes communautés autochtones du pays pour dresser un portrait de la situation précaire de ces populations. Radio-Canada

*** Good Samaritan law may have saved son, mom says**
It took more than seven hours for Austin Padaric to receive medical attention for an overdose of hydromorphone, which would ultimately kill him. There were a half-dozen people at the party on April 7 in Elmira, but no one called 911 right away. They were too scared. Padaric's mother, Christine, said the 17-year-old athletic high school student reportedly started showing signs of distress around 3 a.m. and was placed in a bathtub of cold water. He was then laid on his side on a bed and everyone else went to sleep. Around 10 a.m., a person checked on Padaric and apparently "he looked dead," said his mother. That's when someone finally dialed 911. Padaric never regained consciousness. He died in hospital on April 12. There is currently no federal government interest in a Good Samaritan law in Canada, a spokeswoman for federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay told the Star. Toronto police spokeswoman Const. Wendy Drummond said that when police receive a call about an overdose, the first priority is preservation of life. She said there is a "greater risk" of a person facing negligence charges for not calling 911, rather than drug-related charges. Toronto Star, A23

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ASHLEY SMITH / ENQUÊTE SUR LA MORT D'ASHLEY SMITH

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Outside legal bill for former minister Christian Paradis, staff, costs Public Works nearly $150,000
The federal Public Works Department has paid $148,599.75 for private lawyers to advise former minister Christian Paradis and six of his political staffers during several investigations into their conduct during his tenure heading the department. Documents obtained under access-to-information legislation show that Public Works paid at least $72,439.42 to Ottawa lawyer Paul Lepsoe, who was for years the Conservative Party's lawyer. Arthur Hamilton, who became counsel to the party after Lepsoe and continues in that role, received $10,102.06 for advising Paradis in one of the investigations. The documents do not show who received the other payments but the department said this week that taxpayers have spent a total of $148,599.75 on lawyers for those being investigated. Under the federal government's indemnification policy for "Crown servants," ministers, political staffers and civil servants are provided with legal counsel

so that they are "protected from personal liability as long as they are not acting against the interests of the Crown." Canada.com

Conservatives hope to 'push reset' with throne speech
A political blueprint, a channel-changer, a bookend on an "annus horribilis." Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Conservatives have high hopes that next week's throne speech will turn the page on a year marked by scandal and controversy. On Wednesday afternoon, Governor General David Johnston will read the broad brush blueprint intended to take the Conservatives through the final two years of their term and, they hope, back to power in 2015. Toronto Star, A14

Jobs at Bathurst federal building safe for now
A reduction of employment hours at the Nicholas Denys Building in Bathurst has not come to fruition. Last month, the Public Service Alliance of Canada issued a press release saying that 74 of the 88 employees at Service Canada's call centre in Bathurst learned their hours of work would be reduced to part-time. Debbie Gray, national vice-president for New Brunswick for the Canada Employment and Immigration Union, which falls under the umbrella of the alliance, said that decision has since been reversed. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, H1

Fight is on to keep district Veterans Affairs office open in Charlottetown
Canadians are being urged to lobby the federal government to overturn its decision to close Veterans Affairs Canada district offices, including the one in Charlottetown. "They fought for us and now it is our turn to fight for them," a passionate Jeannie Baldwin of the Public Service Alliance of Canada declared during a town hall meeting held Friday in the capital city. Baldwin's rallying cry comes one week after Canadian veterans were in Ottawa to launch a national campaign to protest the anticipated shutting of nine VAC offices. The campaign, a three-and-a-half minute YouTube video, features a number of Canadian veterans and front-line support workers. They say they are all disappointed by the federal government's decision to close the district offices and that Ottawa is betraying Canada's veterans. The video was played Friday at the Charlottetown Legion to a small gathering that includeing politicians from all three levels of government. The Guardian, A3

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PM should finally pay heed to climate change
Canada's vast oil reserves have spurred critical debate, pitting environmentalists and activists against investors and oil companies. Alberta's oilsands generate an estimated 40 million tonnes of CO2 per year, more than all the cars in Canada combined. Scientists believe the planet is warming as a result of the heat-trapping action of greenhouse gases. David Jacobson, the former U.S. ambassador to Canada, told Canadian reporters before he left that the White House would like to see more progress in Canada to reduce emissions but the Harper government plays on, spending millions on a "Go with Canada" ad campaign that pops up on major U.S. websites, reminding Americans that Canada and the U.S. adopted the same greenhouse gas reduction targets at Copenhagen, that Canada is a friend and ally and that, together, the two countries can achieve energy independence. Times & Transcript, D6

Jailed Canadians return home
After a month in an Egyptian prison, Tarek Loubani says he was pulled into a two-hour interrogation that did not seem aimed at investigating anything. It started, Dr. Loubani said, with questions about the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas, but slid into vague threats from a prison intelligence officer who told him "if he could, he would burn us alive." Dr. Loubani, 32, said the 53 days that he and Toronto filmmaker John Greyson, 53, spent in the Cairo jail began with a beating, and continued in a crammed cell. But Dr. Loubani said there appeared to be no reason, other than they had been swept into Egypt's penal system, where they "sort of throw people in and turn the key." Globe and Mail, A4; Toronto Star; QMI Agency (Kingston Whig-Standard); Canadian Press (Times Colonist)

A not-so-warm welcome for John Greyson and Tarek Loubani
An opinion piece states, "When filmmaker John Greyson and Dr. Tarek Loubani landed in Toronto on Friday night, I doubt there were many National Post readers waiting at the airport to greet them. Throughout the pair's seven weeks imprisonment in a Cairo jail, readers have been questioning their motives for being in Egypt in the first place, not to mention attending a protest in support of ousted Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi...Many readers wondered why Mr. Greyson, an openly gay man, would travel to Egypt, en route to the Gaza Strip - since gays face serious persecution in both areas..." National Post

Soldiers arrive in Edmonton from Afghanistan with feeling of accomplishment
Tim Hortons and cell-phones greet the first of the last soldiers. Soldiers deployed in Afghanistan returned to home soil on Friday at the Shell AeroCentre. Of the 89 Canadian Armed Forces members who returned to Canada, 16 returned to Edmonton. The homecoming was the first of several returning from a mission to prep Afghan security forces in their roles. The last troops are expected back in March 2014. Capt. Matthew Hou said he was looking forward to seeing his partner and having a nice meal with a cold beer at CFB Edmonton after a 3.5-month deployment. The former Vancouverite joked he never thought he'd be so happy to see the prairies. In Kabul, he saw progress in his job as a logistics manager. Edmonton Sun

When Canada made things worse
A column states, "In those early, hopelessly naive years, when Canadian soldiers and their energetic general encamped in Kandahar to kill "scumbags" and set Afghanistan on the road to democracy, the accompanying media fell into line - in love with the general, the soldiers and their mission. The early coverage was largely ahistorical, gung-ho, a big group hug for the Canadians - a travesty of journalism, really. What Canadians needed then was a clear-eyed analysis of the country and its history, an understanding of its regional antagonisms, an appreciation of the daunting, even impossible task Canada and its government - to say nothing of the entire North Atlantic Treaty Organization - had signed up for in that forbidding place. Many years later, as the Americans prepare to withdraw their forces and the last Canadians (trainers for the Afghan army) can see the end of their time in Afghanistan, Westerners will have left behind graveyards of their fallen and a country still corrupt, tribally divided and closer to civil strife than civil peace..." Globe and Mail, FP2

La méthode Harper
Un article d'opinion déclare, « Cette semaine, coup sur coup, Ottawa a durement critiqué le Sri Lanka et les îles Maldives et menacé de couper les vivres au Commonwealth. L'année dernière, le Canada avait suspendu tous liens avec l'Iran. Chaque fois, Stephen Harper a invoqué la violation des droits de la personne comme une des raisons justifiant ses décisions. Et dans chaque cas, il faut dire que le premier ministre avait raison. Mais la méthode Harper a ses limites. L'Iran et le Sri Lanka figurent parmi les régimes les plus brutaux de la planète. Régulièrement, Amnistie Internationale et Human Rights Watch publient des rapports accablants sur le traitement réservé aux opposants et aux minorités. En ce qui concerne l'Iran, il est aussi accusé de soutenir le terrorisme international, de violer ses engagements en matière de non-prolifération nucléaire et de vouloir détruire Israël. Au Sri Lanka, le régime dérive rapidement vers un autoritarisme violent et criminel. En 2009, le gouvernement a mis fin à 40 ans de conflit avec un groupe révolutionnaire tamoul: pas moins de 40 000 personnes auraient alors été tuées. L'ONU a exigé une enquête, sans résultat. Depuis, les violations des droits de la personne, y compris des disparitions forcées, des exécutions sommaires et des actes de torture se poursuivent..." La Presse, A29

The rape victims Canada won't help
An opinion piece states, "Last week, not long after Foreign Minister John Baird denounced sexual violence in a speech at the United Nations, the Conservative government announced it would not fund overseas projects that help war rape victims and child brides get abortions. The policy, announced by International Development Minister Christian Paradis, flew under the radar, virtually causing no ripples. The government is absolutely within its rights to decide who gets its aid dollars, but decisions have consequences, and it is important to shine the spotlight on the kind of people our government has decided it is not in our interest to help. These are essentially victims of sexual violence, and their numbers beggar belief. The World Health Organization estimated that in 2002 alone, 150 million girls and 73

million boys experienced "forced sexual intercourse" or other forms of sexual violence across the globe. But immediately, those who would be most affected by Canada's decision are largely women and children in conflict zones around the world. They are the ones who are often kidnapped, captured, detained or abducted from their homes by assorted military bands, and used as sexual objects by cruel and brutal men. This obnoxious behaviour has become a weapon of war, used to terrorize, humiliate and subjugate opponents..." Ottawa Citizen

NAVY LOOKS TO ALLIES
Canada will count on allies to bridge the gap between retiring aged navy ships and launching new ones. And a delay in Coast Guard shipbuilding will cost taxpayers an extra $55 million to keep an old icebreaker seaworthy. Officials at a briefing Friday said two new Royal Canadian Navy joint support ships won't be ready before its late-'60s-era logistics ships, HMCS Preserver and HMCS Protecteur, are paid off. A new timetable will see construction of the German-designed support ships start in late 2016 at Vancouver Shipyards, and the ships in service by 2019 -- two years after Preserver and Protecteur are retired. "During that gap we will rely on our allies, as they do on us," said a senior official. As construction winds down on support ships, the Canadian Coast Guard's new polar icebreaker, CCGS Diefenbaker, will be built. It's to enter service in 2022. London Free Press, B1

How Harper bungled a Supreme Court appointment
An opinion piece states, "Prime Minister Stephen Harper has made a spectacular mess of filling the latest Quebec seat on the Supreme Court of Canada. That's the view of many in Quebec's broader legal community. It's the talk of the profession's social, political and judicial circles, and not just Quebec but beyond. On Thursday, the mess left the country's top court one judge shy of a full bench with major cases on its agenda because the appointee has stepped aside. Nobody knows for how long. All because a court challenge has been brought against Harper's decision to vault over Quebec's bench and bar, and pick from the federal court bench - a challenge that could, in theory, go all the way up to the high court itself. But good luck getting anyone to go on the record to talk about it..." Toronto Star, A8

*** Rwandan genocide case a blight on record of Canada's new Supreme Court justice**
An opinion piece states, "Forget about whether the Red Wings once "drafted" young Marc Nadon to their farm system. There are more substantial issues at play here. Justice Nadon's elevation to the Supreme Court of Canada revives memories of his role once in a case related to the 1994 Rwanda genocide, when Hutu extremists systematically murdered some 800,000 Tutsi civilians. How was Canada involved? Eighteen months before the genocide, a Rwandan Hutu fanatic named Leon Mugesera made an inflammatory anti-Tutsi speech to a Hutu gathering. Mr. Mugesera's own ruling party repudiated his incendiary remarks. He was forced to flee the country, landing in Canada and settling in Quebec City. The Canadian government soon began proceedings to deport Mr. Mugesera based on his incitement to genocide. In 2000-01, after a hearing of the Immigration Appeal Division, his case came to the Federal Court trial division (a body that no longer exists), presided over by Justice Marc Nadon. Justice Nadon had to deal with several issues, some factual, some of law. Globe and Mail

*** Surveillance camera boom sparks privacy concerns**
Whether you're visiting a local library, dropping a child off at school or taking a local university course, odds are someone's watching you. Local schools and governments employ more than 1,800 surveillance cameras at their facilities. The Region of Waterloo has the most cameras - 426 - and Wilfrid Laurier University is a close second with 318, including its faculty of social work site in Kitchener. Though they record the public, some local authorities are secretive about the cameras or lack policies on how to handle the information. The City of Waterloo has 150 cameras, but does not have a policy on who has access or how the information is used or disposed, said communications director Megan Harris. Waterloo Region Record, A1

*** B.C. woman guilty of role in U.S. arson spree**
The posters located around the Pacific Northwest were a study in contrasts. "Wanted," they screamed in bold, red type, "Should be considered armed and dangerous." Pictured inside the space usually reserved for hardened and dangerous suspects was instead the slight, unassuming countenance of a 25-year-old Canadian, her hair pulled back, her mouth pursed. It was this image that defined Rebecca Rubin during

her seven years on the run, from the month before charges were filed in January 2006 until Thursday, when the North Vancouver resident eased herself into a leather-backed chair in a Portland, Ore., federal courtroom and pleaded guilty. Rubin, now 40, was a member of the ecoterrorism group "The Family," which claimed responsibility for 20 fires across the U.S. West that caused about $40 million in damage between 1996 to 2001, when the group effectively disbanded. U.S. federal investigators, working under the aegis of "Operation Backfire," used a former member's drug habit to turn him into an informant, and one by one, members of the group fell into prosecutors' hands. Ten of them pleaded guilty to arson and conspiracy charges in 2007. Two of them remain in hiding. No deal, her Canadian lawyer said. So she waited. And the U.S. government waited. Associated Press (Times Colonist)

*** Quebec doctors warned to end virginity tests**
The Quebec college of physicians has issued a warning to doctors to stop performing virginity tests, a practice linked to bridal purity and family honour. Chastity isn't a medical or health condition, college president Charles Bernard said in an interview. Gynecological exams for virginity certificates contravene the profession's code of ethics on several grounds, including breaching patient confidentiality, Bernard said The practice is outrageous, repugnant, irrelevant and unacceptable, he said. "Imagine a doctor who does a gynecological examination with the sole purpose of ... it goes beyond the imagination. And it's degrading to women," Bernard said. The World Health Organization considers virginity tests to be sexual violence against women, Faucher said. Women and girls sometimes resort to plastic surgery to create the illusion of virginity. Windsor Star, D8 (Edmonton Journal, Montreal Gazette)

*** Opposition brands Canada Revenue Agency spending on audits of charities a 'witch hunt'**
By the end of the fiscal year, the Canada Revenue Agency estimates it will have spent nearly $3 million for monitoring and audits from a new fund created to investigate the political activities of charities, and about $1.6 million to gather information in a database about what charities are doing on social media websites and their efforts to organize protests. After its first year and nearly 900 audits, the program, first announced in the 2012 budget, allowed the agency to revoke the charitable status of only one organization, Physicians for Global Survival, for engaging in excessive political activity. The total amount set aside for the program is $8 million over two years, with the money spent on audits estimated to double after the first year. Canada.com

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Barack Obama using same shadowy tactics as prior regimes to pick off suspected terrorists around the world
Abu Anas Al-Libi had just returned home from early-morning prayers when three masked men waving handguns jumped out of a white Mercedes van. BINazih Abdul-Hamed al-Ruqai, known as Abu Anas al-Libi, who was indicted in 2000 in the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Within seconds, they swarmed the suspected senior Al-Qaeda leader. "Just as my father was parking, these cars came from everywhere," said his son, Abdullah Al-Ruqai, 21. "There were three white cars which blocked the street, then came the van, all of them with tinted windows. The van pulled up and 10 men got out; three of them had masks and handguns fitted with silencers," he told the British newspaper The Guardian. Although his family says Mr. Libi is innocent of any wrongdoing, the U.S. accuses him of playing a major role in the U.S. embassy bombings in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam that killed hundreds of people in 1998. Using a practice once derided as America's shame by leftists, the Obama administration continues to snatch suspected terrorists from foreign lands in a process known as rendition. National Post

Bali bounces back after years of violence
A decade ago, Bali's famed white sand beaches and popular shopping areas were deserted as visitors scared off by terrorism shunned the "island of the Gods." The dark cloud of the suicide bombings that killed 202 mostly foreign tourists in 2002 lingered for years, decimating one of Asia's top tourist destinations. But the Hindu-dominated resort island has worked to overcome that image and is sending a message to the world it's now on a Bali high by hosting leaders and more than 8,000 delegates, business people and journalists at the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit. Associated Press (Toronto Star)

*** Washington capture un chef taliban**
Les États-Unis ont capturé un chef taliban pakistanais lors d'une opération militaire, a annoncé hier la diplomatie américaine. «Je peux confirmer que les forces américaines ont bien capturé le responsable terroriste Latif Mehsud lors d'une opération militaire», a indiqué la porte-parole adjointe du département d'État, Marie Harf, précisant qu'il s'agissait d'un haut commandant du Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan.
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Omar Khadr restera à sécurité maximale
Le Canadien Omar Khadr, âgé de 27 ans et détenu au Canada après 10 ans passés à Guantanamo, continuera de purger sa peine dans un pénitencier de haute sécurité, a décidé hier un juge. L'avocat Dennis Edney avait intenté une action pour que son client arrêté par les Américains en Afghanistan à l'âge de 15 ans soit transféré d'un pénitencier fédéral vers une prison provinciale, plaidant qu'Omar Khadr était mineur au moment des faits... **Le ministère public s'opposait au changement des conditions d'emprisonnement d'Omar Khadr. Le ministre de la Sécurité publique Stephen Blaney s'est déclaré satisfait de cette décision en rappelant que M. Khadr avait *"plaidé coupable pour des crimes haineux"*.** La Voix de l'Est, 38; Le Droit

Khadr reste à la prison à sécurité maximale
Omar Khadr demeurera incarcéré dans un pénitencier à sécurité maximum, a tranché hier un tribunal albertain.La Cour du Banc de la Reine de l'Alberta a refusé la requête de l'avocat de Khadr, Dennis Edney, qui voulait que son client soit transféré dans une prison à sécurité moyenne, parce qu'il a commis son crime alors qu'il était un mineur... Le gouvernement fédéral s'oppose à ce qu'Omar Khadr purge sa peine dans une prison provinciale. Même s'il a concédé que la peine pour meurtre en est une pour un mineur, le gouvernement fédéral a souligné que les autres accusations pour lesquelles il a plaidé coupable, dont terrorisme et espionnage, sont liées à des peines pour adulte. Le verdict a été bien accueilli à Ottawa, qui a condamné les "crimes haineux" commis par Khadr. ***« Le gouvernement du Canada s'opposera vigoureusement à toute action judiciaire demandant une réduction de la peine prononcée à son égard, a déclaré le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney. Nous accueillons favorablement le jugement rendu aujourd'hui (vendredi) »*** Journal de Montréal, 45

Omar Khadr restera détenu dans une prison fédérale
La Cour supérieure de l'Alberta a tranché hier : Omar Khadr ne pourra purger sa peine dans une prison provinciale. Il restera donc dans un pénitencier à sécurité maximale. L'ancien détenu de Guantánamo s'était présenté pour la première fois devant un tribunal canadien le 23 septembre dernier pour demander un transfert. L'homme aujourd'hui âgé de 27 ans a plaidé coupable à des accusations de meurtre et de soutien matériel au terrorisme. Il était âgé de 15 ans au moment des faits… ***"Nous accueillons favorablement le jugement rendu aujourd'hui",* a déclaré le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney. Depuis plusieurs semaines, il martèle que *"le gouvernement du Canada s'opposera vigoureusement à toute action judiciaire demandant une réduction de la peine prononcée à son égard [d'Omar Khadr]".*** Le Soleil, 26 (La Tribune; La Presse)

Khadr ordered to stay put - Judge denies bid to move from a federal to provincial prison
Former Guantanamo detainee Omar Khadr has lost his bid to be moved to a provincial jail from Edmonton's maximum-security penitentiary. Alberta Associate Chief Justice John Rooke ruled Friday the 27-year-old Khadr should remain in the federal Edmonton Institution even though he was only 15 when the crimes were committed in 2002 in Afghanistan… The federal government said it "welcomed" the court's decision. ***"Omar Ahmed Khadr pleaded guilty to heinous crimes,"* said Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney. *"The government of Canada will continue to vigorously defend against any attempt to lessen his punishment for these crimes."*** Vancouver Sun, B3 (Edmonton Journal; Regina Leader-Post; Montreal Gazette; Ottawa Citizen)

Court denies Omar Khadr transfer to provincial institution
Former Guantanamo Bay detainee Omar Khadr will remain in a maximum security federal penitentiary, limiting his chances for parole. Edmonton Justice John Rooke issued his ruling Friday, denying a request to transfer the 27-year-old to a provincial institution... **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said he "welcomed" the ruling, reiterating Prime Minister Stephen Harper's previous statement that *"The Government of Canada will continue to vigorously defend against any attempt to lessen his punishment."*** … Dennis Edney, Khadr's Edmonton-based lawyer, had argued that an eight-year sentence for murder in Canada would be considered a youth sentence and therefore Khadr should have been sent to a provincial institute. **Edney later criticized Blaney's statement in the case, saying the "public safety minister should read the ruling before making comments that he will fight any effort to reduce Omar Khadr's sentence.** As the ruling stated it is not about reducing Omar's sentence but an issue about what type of prison he should be lodged in." Toronto Star, A6

Judge denies Khadr transfer to provincial jail
Omar Khadr is staying put in the Edmonton Max. Court of Queen's Bench Associate Chief Justice John Rooke on Friday denied the former Guantanamo Bay detainee's application to be transferred to a provincial medium-security jail… The ruling was met with approval from the federal government, which reiterated its condemnation of Khadr's "heinous crimes." ***"The government of Canada will continue to vigorously defend against any attempt to lessen his punishment,"* Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said in a release shortly after the decision. *"We welcome today's ruling."*** Kingston Whig-Standard, 13

Khadr won't be moved, judge rules - Guantanamo ex-inmate's lawyer to file appeal
An Edmonton judge has denied former Guantanamo Bay inmate Omar Khadr a transfer from a federal prison to a provincial jail. Justice John Rooke dismissed an application from Khadr's lawyer that his 27-year-old client be moved out of the Edmonton Institution… The federal government welcomed the ruling. ***"Omar Ahmed Khadr pleaded guilty to heinous crimes, including the murder of American Army medic Sgt. Christopher Speer," P*ublic Safety Minister Steven Blaney said in an email from Ottawa. *"The government of Canada will continue to vigorously defend against any attempt to lessen his punishment for these crimes."*** The federal government has insisted that Khadr is a dangerous terrorist who deserves to be treated as such. It blocked a request by The Canadian Press earlier this year to interview him. Calgary Herald, A20 (Moncton Times and Transcript; New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal)

AIDS groups want prison needle exchange

... A former federal inmate told a Toronto audience Friday that despite the threat of infection, many prisoners put their health, and later the health of the public at risk as they inject intravenous drugs using recycled needles... Canadian prisons do not currently permit the distribution of sterile injection equipment and the federal government has repeatedly said it has no plans to implement such programs, despite their success in some countries. ***"Our government has a zero tolerance policy for drugs in our institutions,"* said a spokesman for Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney.** Charlottetown Guardian, A9 (Vancouver Sun; Montreal Gazette; Edmonton Journal; Fredericton Daily Gleaner)

486-day bid for sanctuary ends
When Victoria Ordu and Ihuoma Amadi first opted to seek sanctuary in a Regina church on June 19, 2012, they were hopeful their deportation order would quickly be overturned. On Friday morning, after nearly two years of fighting, the University of Regina students gave up on their bid to stay in Canada, flying out of the city just before 10 a.m... There is some disagreement about whether this was technically a deportation; the young women left voluntarily, but as part of a two-sentence emailed response to questions about Ordu and Amadi's departure, the federal government stated Friday it would "not compromise on the integrity of (Canada's) immigration system." ***"These individuals, who benefited from multiple avenues of appeal, are being removed from Canada,"* wrote a spokesman for Steven Blaney, the minister of public safety**, which oversees the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). Neither Blaney nor Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander were made available to comment, though a CBSA media release Friday evening categorized the women as "removed" from the country. Regina Leader-Post (Star-Phoenix); * Charlottetown Guardian

There's still time to make it right - Nigerian students should be allowed to return
An opinion piece states “Mean, petty and vindictive - that sums up the federal Conservative government's treatment of two Nigerian students at the University of Regina (U of R) who voluntarily gave up their two-year fight against deportation yesterday. For committing the apparently unpardonable ‘crime’ of working part-time at Walmart for two weeks in 2011 - an unintentional technical breach of their student visas - Ihuoma Amadi and Victoria Ordu have seen their education wrecked... Emotionally exhausted, the women recently decided to leave and U of R President Vianne Timmons organized a personal fundraising effort to pay for Amadi and Ordu to fly home. They left Regina Friday morning and were scheduled to fly out of Toronto last night to Nigeria. Once home, Timmons says Amadi and Ordu plan to reapply to study at the U of R - and she says she'll support their efforts. However, given the Tory government's dismal track record in this case we are pessimistic there will be a happy ending to this story... **Indeed, the continued rigid approach was evident in a comment from a spokesman for federal Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney Friday: *‘Our government will not compromise on the integrity of our immigration system.’”*** Regina Leader-Post, A10

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Rail companies hauling oil face new costs after Lac Mégantic
New rules will boost costs to transport crude by rail in North America as trains are forecast to carry as much as two million barrels a day, about equal to daily output from Norway. "You're going to see a massive flood of spending to get ahead of these government regulations," Jerry Swank, managing partner at Dallas-based Swank Capital, said during the Bloomberg Link Oil & Gas Conference in Houston. Regulators in Canada and the U.S. imposed emergency requirements and may seek stiffer rules after a runaway train carrying crude derailed and exploded on July 6 in Lac-Mégantic, Que., killing 47 people. Transport Canada issued emergency directives for transporting hazardous cargoes after the July derailment, including requiring two train operators, locks on cabins and ensuring that brakes are properly applied. Stricter labelling requirements were imposed on Thursday. Edmonton Journal, C3

Rising above flood - Experts suggest ways to outlast natural disaster
With future flooding likely, Albertans should consider building amphibious homes to outsmart the rising waters, says a veteran of the hurricane Sandy recovery. Seeking innovation, such as homes with hydraulic foundations that would enable them to ride out flooding, should be explored rather than calling for a wholesale retreat from river areas, said Thomas Dallessio. Concepts of flood-adaptable buildings

should be examined, said Calgary's disaster response and Fire Chief Bruce Burrell. "If you rebuild the same, you'll get the same results, so we have to be open to learn from whatever concepts are out there," he said. The city, he said, is looking at anti-flooding measures used by the Dutch, such as gates embedded in streets that can rise to block water. Burrell said Calgary's post-deluge recovery is going well, with 226 homes still under repair and 25 businesses not yet operating. Calgary Sun, 6; Calgary Herald

Flood is the key issue in High River

It's been nearly four months since flood waters ripped through Leslie Lambert's home in High River. The house... still sits empty, much of the flooring hasn't been replaced and it's missing a furnace. It's also been remediated, twice, for mould. The province gave her a disaster recovery cheque of $5,000 to cover repairs... "I love High River, I love the community here," she said. "I still feel so heartbroken by all of the devastation. I would like to see it all come back together and be rebuilt. We'll be the stronger for it." That kind of resolve runs through High River as its 13,000 residents continue to recover, slowly, from the June 20 flash flood that swept through southern Alberta - now deemed the costliest natural disaster in Canadian history. It's not an event residents, even diehard boosters like Lambert, want to experience again... "If they don't feel safe and secure in High River, they're not going to want to come back," said Jamie Kinghorn, a one-term councillor gunning for the mayor's chair. Kinghorn and his opponent, lifetime resident and businessman Craig Snodgrass, realize High River's future hinges on protecting the town, and residents, from another flood. "There's a huge opportunity for people if you're looking for a nice small town to live in," said Snodgrass, owner of Lyle Reeves Funerals. "High River is a great opportunity when we get the river mitigation in place because the confidence is there that your investment is safe." But safeguarding that investment will largely fall onto higher levels of government, the province and, to a lesser degree, Ottawa, and will come in some form of costly flood mitigation. Calgary Herald, A17

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

BlackBerry must be wary: PM - Foreign bids for Waterloo-based company will raise national security concerns, Harper says

BlackBerry should be wary of a potential takeover that raises national security concerns, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says. Ottawa would closely examine those issues in any foreign bid for the Waterloo-based smartphone maker, Harper said in an interview... BlackBerry, which has drawn the interest of foreign companies such as China's Lenovo Group, is "a very important player" in the fields of information technology and communications, Harper said. "So it would be very important that any transactions involving BlackBerry in the future not lead to any concerns about security in that particular area of the economy." Harper made the remarks a day after a Wall Street Journal report that Lenovo has signed a nondisclosure agreement with BlackBerry, giving it access to confidential financial data. The Chinese company's chief financial officer, Wong Wai Ming, told Bloomberg News in January that Lenovo was considering a possible deal with BlackBerry. The smartphone maker officially put itself up for sale in August, after a new operating system failed to fuel a comeback. Waterloo Region Record, C1; Edmonton Journal (Calgary Herald)

Spies, eh!

When you think of Canada, the shadowy world of international spies isn't the first thing that comes to mind. The boring truth is, we are a lot better known for maple syrup, slapshots and our polite population than we are for cloak-and-dagger espionage missions. Yet here we are, the True North, Strong and Free, at the centre of a brand-new, shadowy spy scandal that is making headlines around the world. Canada's top-secret electronic spy agency, the Ottawa-based Communications Security Establishment Canada, is being accused of mounting a sophisticated spy operation against Brazil's Ministry of Mines and Energy. The claim stems from documents leaked to Brazilian media by Edward Snowden, a former contractor with the National Security Agency, the U.S. counterpart to Canada's CSEC, which monitors foreign computer, satellite, radio and telephone traffic for intelligence of interest to Canada. At issue is whether Canada is secretly gathering information abroad that could benefit its mining and energy companies. You may be surprised to learn, however, that Canada has a long history of spies and spy scandals. Winnipeg Free Press

'Lawyer's lawyer' lives to take on government - Mistrust of authority motivates Supreme Court appointment foe

"In order to succeed Rocco must change his attitude," the Grade 8 report card states. "He is hostile toward any form of authority. This attitude comes out in his rudeness and indifference to teachers and peers. Rocco can be an excellent student but must direct his energy toward the positive rather than the negative." Forty years later, Rocco Galati is proud to say he hasn't changed one bit. His mistrust of authority is the backbone of his successful law practice, which only takes on cases against the government... Tax, immigration and constitutional cases make up the bulk of Galati's work. But it's the handful of terrorism-related cases that first made him known to the public. It began in 1999, with Mahmoud Jaballah, an Egyptian man who was detained indefinitely under a national security certificate over alleged links to Osama bin Laden. Galati was the first lawyer to ever get such an order terminated... The terrorism cases led, he claims, to finding dead cats on his doorstep and receiving death threats that got him to back off most national security-related cases for three years - until he represented one of the Toronto 18 in 2006. He claimed for years that CSIS was listening in on his phone calls with clients, and found out last year through court documents that they were in fact doing it. He believes they still are. Toronto Star, GT1

Spy watchdog launches probe into alleged CSIS intimidation

The watchdog overseeing Canada's spy agency is investigating a complaint by a Hamilton man who says he received an unannounced visit at his home by two agents earlier this year after making public statements that were critical of the Harper government's position on Iran. Ken Stone, a longtime antiwar, social justice and environmental activist, said the agents from the Canadian Security Intelligence Service wanted to ask him more about his views on Iran and his travels there. Stone said Friday the visit was a clear attempt at intimidation. "I was startled. I was not amused.... The more I thought about it, the angrier I got," said Stone, 67. "Canadians should be very worried about CSIS. We have Charter rights, freedom of speech and association." In June, Stone wrote to the Security Intelligence Review Committee, the

external body that examines the activities of the spy agency, demanding a formal apology from CSIS, as well as the release of all records related to the visit. Star-Phoenix, A10 (Montreal Gazette)

*** Spying not a shock to former diplomat - Past ambassador says Brazilian Ministry of Mines and Energy deals with Canadian interests, so surveillance 'makes sense'**
The former Brazilian ambassador to Canada whose phone was singled out for attention by a Canadian spy agency has spoken for the first time about his reaction on learning he was the only public figure caught up in the dispute over Canadian spying in Brazil. Paulo Cordeiro Andrade de Pinto told The Globe and Mail he was startled and disappointed - but, as a veteran diplomat, ultimately not all that surprised - to learn that the government of Canada was following his telecommunications trails. Documents leaked by the former U.S. National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden reveal that Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC) was mapping the phone calls of Brazil's Ministry of Mines and Energy. In a presentation to security analysts from other allied countries in 2012, a CSEC analyst showed off a program called "Olympia" that allows the user to map the phone traffic in and out of a target, in this case the mining ministry. Mr. Cordeiro has been posted to Ottawa three times, first in the early 1990s, and most recently as Brazil's ambassador from 2008 to 2010. He described seeing unmarked RCMP cars with antennae on the back idling outside embassies of former Soviet republics during his years in Ottawa - so he wasn't naive to the idea that this kind of surveillance went on. And, he added, it's on page one of the diplomat's handbook to assume someone is listening when you talk on the phone. Globe and Mail, A4

*** Slides reveal Canada's powerful espionage tool**
Security experts say that Canadian intelligence has developed a powerful spying tool to scope out and target specific phones and computers so as to better set up hacking and bugging operations. The outlines of the technology are contained in the slides of a PowerPoint presentation made to allied security agencies in June, 2012. Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC) called the tool "Olympia," showing how its analysts sifted through an immense amount of communications data and zeroed in on the phones and computer servers they determined merited attention - in the demonstration case, inside the Brazilian Ministry of Energy and Mines. Within weeks, CSEC figured out who was talking to whom by plugging phone numbers and Internet protocol addresses into an array of intelligence databases. In this way it "developed a detailed map of the institution's communications," Paulo Pagliusi, a Brazilian security expert who examined the slides, told The Globe. The slides are part of a large trove of documents that have been leaked by Edward Snowden, the former contractor with the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) whose disclosures have set off a debate over whether the agency has improperly intruded on the privacy of Americans. Other disclosures have raised questions about its spying on foreign governments, sometimes with the assistance of allied intelligence agencies. Globe and Mail, A4

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Québécois inculpé de meurtre à Miami**
La justice américaine veut rapatrier un Québécois de 34 ans en Floride afin de le juger pour meurtre, après que les douaniers du poste frontalier de Lacolle eurent mis un terme à sa cavale alors qu'il tentait de revenir en douce au Canada. Détenu à la prison de Rivière-des-Prairies, Odsonn Jean-Baptiste sera escorté au palais de justice de Montréal vendredi prochain pour la suite des procédures d'extradition intentées contre lui, en Cour supérieure. Les procureurs fédéraux de l'État de la Floride réclament son transfèrement à Miami afin qu'il puisse y être jugé pour un meurtre non prémédité commis l'été dernier. Journal de Québec, 15 (Journal de Montréal)

*** Les négociations ont progressé chez Silicium Québec - La poursuite des pourparlers est prévue le 1er novembre**
Sous le coup d'un lock-out depuis le 3 mai dernier, le syndicat des travailleurs de l'usine Silicium Québec était de retour à la table des négociations, hier. Et la progression aura permis de prévoir une nouvelle date pour la poursuite des pourparlers, soit le 1er novembre. "Dans l'ensemble, ça s'est bien déroulé. On a traité quelques articles. C'est plus dans le style de négociations comme on le connaît", a commenté au Nouvelliste le président de la section locale 184 du Syndicat Unifor, Jean Simoneau. D'ailleurs, les démarches amorcées par les propriétaires ont amené l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada à leur

donner raison et à imposer depuis le 22 juillet dernier des droits provisoires de 60 % du prix à l'exportation à tous les exportateurs de marchandises en cause originaires ou exportées de la Chine. Le Nouvelliste, 22

*** Man who fled Canada registered as sex offender in U.S.**
A high-risk sex offender who recently fled Canada has registered with local authorities in the Seattle area. King County Sheriff's Sgt. Cindi West confirmed Friday that Michael Sean Stanley had registered as a sex offender as required by police. Authorities located the 48-year-old in downtown Seattle on Thursday and said he would be arrested if he failed to register within three days. Stanley has a long history of sexual offences against women and children and had been missing since Oct. 1, when he left Edmonton and cut off his electronic-monitoring bracelet in Lloydminster, on the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary. Edmonton police said they warned U.S. counterparts that he might try to cross the border, but U.S. officials allowed him in after determining he was an American citizen and not the subject of an extraditable arrest warrant. Last weekend, Alberta Justice announced it would not seek Stanley's extradition to Canada because the breach of recognizance, mischief and driving charges he faces north of the border don't involve violence. Charlottetown Guardian, A12 (Vancouver Sun); Edmonton Journal; Regina Leader-Post (Calgary Herald); Edmonton Sun (Calgary Sun)

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

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Keeping vigil in Rexton
A dedicated group of shale gas opponents continued to occupy a camp along Route 134 on Friday as many of those who had stood there a day earlier made court appearances. Though SWN Resources, the company that has been doing exploration for shale gas in the area, has moved its equipment out of a nearby compound, people continued to hold vigil outside the gates. The group that numbered just a dozen in the morning had grown to more than 60 by late afternoon. Meanwhile, Rexton Mayor David Hanson said on Friday he was disappointed the village wasn't kept better informed throughout the standoff. "The biggest concern that we on council (had was) when all of this carried on for two weeks or so, and we never once had an update from the RCMP," Hanson said. He said he reached Minister of Public Safety Bruce Northrop by phone on Thursday after learning of the police operation. "Basically we were in a situation of lockdown," he said, adding communications with the RCMP have now improved. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, A1; Moncton Times and Transcript; Halifax Chronicle-Herald; * L'Acadie Nouvelle

Arrested protesters appear in court
Several shale gas protesters now sit in jail cells, but while they've lost their freedom, they haven't lost their will to fight... The courthouse was buzzing with activity long before court began. Dozens of people outside the building protested shale gas exploration and fracking, encouraging motorists to honk their horns in support. Reporters were inside and outside the building, covering both the first appearance of the nine protesters who were arrested on Thursday and a Court of Queen's Bench hearing dealing with SWN Resources Canada's injunction preventing protesters from interfering with the company's work and equipment... Police arrested 40 people in Rexton on Route 134 on Thursday after a blockade that lasted nearly three weeks. Protesters had blocked a compound that contained trucks and equipment belonging to SWN and its subcontractors, but that equipment was moved on Thursday after the RCMP broke up the protest. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal (Moncton Times and Transcript; Fredericton Daily Gleaner)

*** Des autochtones armés jusqu'aux dents, dit la GRC - La manifestation contre le gaz de schiste n'était pas pacifique**
La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) a rapporté que les manifestants autochtones qui protestaient contre la présence d'une entreprise d'exploration de gaz de schiste, près de Rexton, au Nouveau-Brunswick, étaient armés jusqu'aux dents.En conférence de presse à Fredericton, la GRC a placé sur une table un grand nombre d'armes à feu, d'explosifs, de couteaux et de vaporisateurs de chasse-ours.

"Les armes et les explosifs saisis montrent qu'il ne s'agissait plus d'une manifestation pacifique et qu'il y avait un danger grave pour la sécurité publique. Nous avons pris les mesures nécessaires pour garantir la sécurité publique", a déclaré le commissaire adjoint Roger Brown, commandant divisionnaire de la GRC au Nouveau- Brunswick. Des autochtones de la nation Micmac d'Esipogtog bloquaient l'accès à la route 134 depuis septembre pour empêcher à l'entreprise SWN Resources Canada d'accéder à son site. Lorsque la GRC est intervenue, les esprits se sont échauffés, si bien qu'une quarantaine de manifestants ont été arrêtés et que six véhicules de la GRC ont été incendiés. Personne n'a cependant été sérieusement blessé, selon les policiers. Les manifestants affirment que les policiers les ont d'abord attaqués, notamment avec du poivre de cayenne, tandis que la GRC avance que des coups de feu ont été tirés et que des cocktails Molotov ont été lancés en leur direction. Journal de Montréal, 30; Toronto Sun (Edmonton Sun; London Free Press; Kingston Whig-Standard); L'Acadie Nouvelle

*** RCMP - Protest response protected lives**
The RCMP's commanding officer in New Brunswick defended the police response to a shale gas protest that erupted into violence, saying Friday that if the Mounties hadn't acted, lives could have been in danger. "Our officers demonstrated incredible professionalism as they worked to resolve the situation under tremendously difficult and dangerous circumstances," assistant commissioner Roger Brown told a news conference in Fredericton. "There came a point in time where we knew that this situation was no longer safe and that we had to do something before it turned into a situation where, regrettably, somebody could've been injured or even killed, and that's what triggered the decision." A spokeswoman for the police force said Thursday that threats were made against private security guards at the site on Wednesday night. The Mounties said Molotov cocktails were tossed at them and they fired non-lethal sock rounds - beanbag type bullets - and pepper spray to defuse the situation. But Brown said no officers discharged their firearms at any point Thursday. Halifax Chronicle-Herald, A15 (Charlottetown Guardian; St. John's Telegram; Victoria Times-Colonist; Toronto Star)

*** Blockades concern trucking association**
Angry trucking companies are keeping the Atlantic Trucking Association's telephone lines busy. Jean Marc Picard said many are worried about the impact road blockades connected with anti-shale gas protests are having on their bottom lines. Picard said the trucking companies want to know what the RCMP are going to do and what the province is going to do to stop the blockades so they can continue to run their businesses. Picard was part of a conference call with the government's critical infrastructure representatives Friday along with the Retail Council of Canada, transportation companies and other stakeholders who are all concerned about what's happening. Picard said he and others were told the road blockages Friday would be short-lived, based on information the government has received from the RCMP. However, he said, it's unclear what will happen in the days ahead. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, A5 (Moncton Times and Transcript; Fredericton Daily Gleaner)

*** SWN souhaite que l'injonction soit prolongée indéfiniment**
SWN Resources et la province du Nouveau-Brunswick souhaitent que l'injonction contre les opposants au gaz de schiste soit prolongée indéfiniment. Fredericton fait maintenant partie des intervenants dans la demande d'injonction ordonnée par le juge George Rideout le 3 octobre. Le juge a acquiescé vendredi à la demande du représentant du procureur général du Nouveau-Brunswick afin de permettre à la province d'exprimer son opinion à la cour dans cette affaire. Le 11 octobre, la compagnie américaine SWN Resources a obtenu le prolongement de l'injonction jusqu'au 21 octobre. Lors de l'audience du 11 octobre, une nouvelle rencontre des parties dans cette affaire avait été prévue pour vendredi. C'était avant l'opération policière de Rexton qui s'est transformée en émeute jeudi. La GRC a pris les grands moyens jeudi pour faire respecter l'injonction qui ordonnait aux opposants de céder le passage aux camions sismiques de SWN pris au piège sur la route 134 depuis trois semaines. L'Acadie Nouvelle, 5

*** Premier and chief meet, ask for cooling-off period**
Premier David Alward and Chief Aaron Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation emerged from a lengthy, closed-door meeting on Friday night committed to the need for more talk and a cooling-off period after the explosive violence in Rexton... Alward said provincial government and Elsipogtog representatives will meet early next week to begin work on what he called a framework for a process that will allow for communication and consultation. "We're not talking moratorium today," the premier said. "We are talking

about the issues that took place yesterday (Thursday) and the healing that needs to take place, and the debriefing in the community. More basic than that is the framework we need to put in place as to how we build our relationships going forward." Sock, one of 40 people arrested in the RCMP crackdown in Rexton, also appeared tired from the events of the past two days. "First of all, I want to thank all the First Nations across Canada for their overwhelming support," he told reporters. "What happened yesterday is a black mark on the RCMP, on the province and on the First Nation community of Elsipogtog. Nothing good came out of it. It was unfortunate, but it happened." New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, A7

*** protest fallout echoes**

Fallout from the violent protests in southeastern New Brunswick continued to reverberate throughout the province and across the country on Friday. Events were scheduled for numerous locations in Canada and the United States to demonstrate solidarity for the people of the Elsipogtog First Nation and those opposed to shale gas development, according to listings on the Idle No More website. Rallies and marches from Halifax to British Columbia, as far north as Iqaluit and even in downtown New York City were planned as the turbulent situation in Rexton earlier in the week seemed to breathe new life into the anti-shale gas movement across North America. A small group of shale gas opponents demonstrated in pouring rain on Friday outside the offices of Energy Minister Craig Leonard and Premier David Alward, saying that now is the time to order exploration companies such as SWN Resources out of the province. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, A1

*** Shale gas company's injunction decision due Monday**

A Moncton judge will decide on Monday if an injunction against shale gas protesters should be extended. Court of Queen's Bench Justice George Rideout presided over a hearing Friday morning where an SWN Resources Canada lawyer requested that the injunction granted earlier this month be extended indefinitely, until a further order of the court. SWN received an injunction from Rideout on Oct. 3, ordering protesters not to interfere with the company in Kent County. The company is exploring for natural gas in this province and has equipment at a compound in Rexton on Route 134. Many aboriginal and some non-aboriginal protesters blocked that site for almost three weeks, and police shut down the road. Protesters cut down trees to partially block the road but those were later removed. SWN got a 10-day extension of the injunction on Oct. 11 and SWN lawyer Matthew Hayes expressed frustration at the time, saying police were "aiding and abetting" the protesters by not making arrests. On Thursday, the RCMP moved in and enforced the injunction, arresting 40 people. Several police vehicles were burned during the unrest. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, A4

*** Protest supporters may block second highway today**

Police are warning motorists of potential traffic disruptions around London, Ont., today, due to a possible demonstration by First Nations protesters. Sgt. Dave Rektor said Highway 402 near Strathroy would be closed starting at 10 a.m., if the protesters show up as expected. The demonstration follows one on Thursday, when 30 to 40 protesters shut down Highway 6 between Hagersville and Caledonia. The road blockages are being held in solidarity with protests in eastern New Brunswick over shale-gas exploration. Victoria Times-Colonist, A11

*** Protesters disrupt Enbridge pipeline hearings - Demonstrators chant their opposition to expanding Line 9B that runs across Toronto**

Shouts decrying everything from Alberta's oilsands to the police shooting of Sammy Yatim filled the air outside the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Friday afternoon as hearings on an Enbridge pipeline proposal met opposition from intervenors and, by nightfall, protesters. The hearings in front of the National Energy Board were delayed when protesters tried to enter the room and were initially told there wasn't space. About 70 people gathered outside, chanting "No Line 9," "Idle No More" and rhymes about police brutality. The demonstration was to protest Enbridge plans for its 639-kilometre pipeline that runs across Toronto, and to show solidarity with fracking protesters in New Brunswick who were arrested Thursday after clashes with the RCMP. Toronto Star, GT2

*** Peace reigns at rally supporting N.B. First Nation**

Protesters in Saskatoon are throwing their support behind Elsipogtog First Nation and others participating in anti-fracking demonstrations in New Brunswick. On Thursday, Molotov cocktails were hurled at officers,

police vehicles were torched and protesters were sprayed with tear gas after authorities in eastern New Brunswick tried to end a demonstration against an energy company. RCMP said dozens of people were arrested. Supporters in Saskatoon held their own demonstration Friday at the edge of the University of Saskatchewan campus. Serena Gamble said she was saddened to see police reaction to what she understood to be peaceful protests against the energy company. "How it went from a peaceful protest to an act of violence, of course that is going to upset anybody. It's just an injustice," Gamble said. She was one of at least 50 people who showed up to the morning rally in Saskatoon. Star-Phoenix, A3

*** Peepeekisis members line highway to show support**

Drivers were forced to slow down along Highway 10 near Balcarres on Friday as members of the Peepeekisis First Nation gathered in a show of support for the Elsipogtog First Nation in New Brunswick. Protesters stayed to the side of the 1 road while RCMP members made sure traffic reduced speed while driving past. There were around 50 people at the peak of the Highway 10 protest and five RCMP members were at the scene. "This is a peaceful protest," said Dieter. "The federal government has to sit down with First Nations all across Canada and come to our agreements. They're forcing their bills on us and calling it an agreement." Regina Leader-Post, A1

*** Protesters back fracking fracas**

In a show of solidarity for their counterparts out east, Idle No More took to downtown Calgary Friday evening. Several dozen protesters gathered at Olympic Plaza to say their piece against fracking and offer their support to those struggling with their own protests near Rexton, N.B. "We're so lucky here in Calgary -- we have such an incredible relationship with the police department," Chantal Chagnon said on behalf of Idle No More."Not only Idle No More but any protesting group who wants to come and step forward and protest in a peaceful and good way."We've never had any issues."Chagnon said she realizes, however, this is not entirely an issue with the Mounties in New Brunswick. "I know in my heart it is not really the RCMP -- there are people out there who are really starting to instigate ... trying to make something happen," she said. Calgary Sun, 8

*** Downtown fracking protest caught police off-guard**

A solidarity protest that snarled traffic on one of Winnipeg's busiest streets at rush hour Thursday grew quickly and became unwieldy for police, a spokesman said Friday. A group of about 100 protesters, showing support for a New Brunswick anti-fracking group that clashed with RCMP there this week, moved from the human rights museum at The Forks to Portage Avenue and Main Street around 5 p.m. A Canadian flag was burned at the intersection by protesters. Const. Eric Hofley said the protest, which ended by RCMP headquarters on Portage Avenue, was spontaneous and police had to consider public safety in addressing it. Winnipeg Sun, 7

*** Protesters block Trans-Canada Highway exits**

After a peaceful demonstration on the city's north side on Thursday night, protesters from St. Mary's First Nation gathered in Lincoln yesterday morning, blocking traffic at Nevers Road and the Trans-Canada Highway near the Irving Big Stop. About 40 protesters took part in the demonstration, which started at about 6:30 a.m. The protesters were stationed at both exits. They allowed regular traffic to proceed but stopped commercial vehicles until about noon, when the protest concluded. Chief Candice Paul said the decision to protest in Lincoln was made on Thursday evening following the protest on Cliffe and Union Streets. Paul said protesters want to keep things peaceful, but they also want to send a message to the province. Moncton Times and Transcript, D5

*** Fracking tensions should worry West**

A camouflaged police officer looking down the scope of a high-powered rifle has become the picture of stakeholder engagement in the fracking debate in Canada. For the oil and gas industry - which puts so much emphasis on the need for a social licence to operate - the optics of snipers, burned-out police cruisers and the tense standoff between RCMP and First Nations protesters in New Brunswick this week could hardly be worse. It may be a harbinger of things to come. There were demonstrations as far away as Regina within the hours and plans announced - some organized through the Idle No More movement - for more rallies across the country, including Calgary. However promising the potential for shale gas in

New Brunswick may be, the big stakes are on the other side of the country - in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia - where the vast majority of oil and gas in Canada is found. Calgary Herald, C1

*** Questions raised about nature of protest**
An editorial states "...As news of the police action against the protest outside of Rexton spread yesterday, the messages of support from aboriginal groups across Canada began to arrive. Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo, in a letter to Premier David Alward, called the RCMP actions "completely unacceptable" and an "extreme use of state force and control over First Nations citizens and territories."...The arrests raised questions about the true nature of the protest. It certainly turned violent - but was it over shale gas, treaty rights, or general dissatisfaction with the great divide between aboriginal and non-aboriginal groups in Canada? Interestingly, the violence and arrests came just two days after James Anaya, the UN special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, completed a nine-day fact-finding visit to Canada. Anaya, a professor of human rights law and policy at the University of Arizona, made stops in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec but skipped the Maritimes completely." Moncton Times and Transcript, D1

*** A Rude Dismissal of Canada's Generosity - Rex Murphy on this week's violent clash between native protesters and police in New Brunswick**
An opinion piece states "There was a very disturbing confrontation between police and native protesters in New Brunswick on Thursday. It was a violent clash, there were reports of several shots fired, police vehicles were set on fire, explosive devices were found, Molotov cocktails were hurled. All of which will now be bundled up into the usual charges from activists of settler brutality, the iron fist of the colonialists once again turned against peoples. Protests that end up with Molotov cocktails, the torching of politics vehicles, improvised explosive devices exposed, and intense standoffs between mobs of protesters and ranks of police, can only rarely be seen as justified protests at all. Most times they are righteousness on a rampage. They work against any cause for which they are set in motion. Such protests are not only actions, of course. They come with a vocabulary. In the New Brunswick incident, and in many other hot moments of recent times - Caledonia is the epic example, Idle No More an interlude - there is a resort to very raw and provocative insult. At what can be called the harder edges of native activism, there is a disturbing turn toward ugly language, a kind of razor rhetoric that seeks to cut a straight line between the attitudes of a century or a century and a half ago and the extraordinarily different attitudes that prevail today." National Post, A20

*** Take down the barricades**
An editorial states "The blockades that have been erected by First Nations across Canada underline the fact that the violence near Rexton had nothing to do with shale gas. The clash between police and protesters occurred because non-native shale gas protesters tried to hitch their wagon to outstanding aboriginal land claims issues - a much more explosive issue, and one which rapidly moved to the forefront... While the provincial government undertook negotiations with Elsipogtog in good faith, seeking a peaceful resolution, the protest site became an armed camp, attracting more self-described "warriors." When the police finally moved in to clear the road, enforcing a provincial injunction that had been in place for approximately two weeks, officers were shot at and firebombed. We believe that the government of New Brunswick does need meaningful and constructive dialogue with First Nations on the issue of mutually beneficial economic development. This dialogue must include the federal government. But First Nations leaders also need to realize that violence is unacceptable. Self-described "warriors" and "war chiefs" have no role to play in peaceful and constructive discussions. Their actions are threatening, and potentially criminal - and if charges stemming from the violence at Rexton go to trial and result in convictions, we believe restitution for the RCMP's policing costs and destroyed vehicles should be part of the sentencing." New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, A8

*** Reality check - The law is the law**
An opinion piece states "With the violence in Rexton on Thursday at risk of spreading across the province, Premier David Alward must step up and lead. Opponents and supporters of the shale gas industry want the same thing: a province where our children can find work and we can all drink the water. What should be a fact-based debate, weighing industry claims against our economic and environmental needs, has sadly turned into a battle pitting New Brunswickers against one another. This has to stop.

Weeks after a blockade erected by a group of anti-shale gas supporters went up, blocking a public road and access to private property, the Court of Queen's Bench issued a clear injunction, ordering that the blockade come down. Two weeks later and the RCMP finally act, one day after the Attorney General said more time was needed. This confusion is why I cannot support the development of the shale gas industry: if the government cannot deal with their opponents, why should we expect them to have the courage to use the law when it means standing up to their friends? Any blockade - any acts of violence by opponents to shale gas - must end. Not because one side or the other on the shale gas debate is right, but because the law is the law." New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, A9

'I am a time bomb' - A lot of people saw Greg Matters' end coming including Greg Matters. It still might have been avoided

Greg Matters was a soldier, a gentle bear of a man, and sensitive to a fault. He had a beautiful girlfriend, Sonya Booker, whom he'd met in New Brunswick early in his military service... But when he returned from deployment to Bosnia in 2001, something wasn't right. Mr. Matters withdrew, from Ms. Booker, from other friends. He knew, but would mostly keep to himself, that he was "screwed up." He was suffering from something common to soldiers but kept under wraps. In those days, post-traumatic stress was seldom diagnosed, let alone discussed. More than 10 years later, and just months before his final, fatal confrontation with police, Mr. Matters was in RCMP custody, sitting at the Prince George detachment with a young officer, talking it out... Mr. Matters was under arrest for uttering threats. Not for the first time, either. He'd already made serious threats against Ian McPhail, director of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP. In November 2010, Mr. Matters emailed a corrosive note to Mr. McPhail, expressing anger at the outcome of a complaint he had made against the RCMP in New Brunswick. According to a police report obtained by the National Post, Mr. Matters had expressed a desire and intent to kill the complaints commissioner, and police. National Post, A8

*** Shooting inquest adjourned**

A spokeswoman for the B.C. Coroners Service says the inquest into the police shooting death of a former Canadian soldier has been adjourned until Jan. 27. Greg Matters was fatally shot in the back by Mounties last September on the rural property he shared with his mother near Prince George. The coroner's jury has already heard that Matters was in treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder when RCMP officers came to arrest him for an alleged assault against his brother. Victoria Times-Colonist, A5

*** L'un des deux chefs du "clan des narcotorpilles" restera en prison**

Sarto Berthiaume, 63 ans, l'un des deux chefs du "clan des narcotorpilles", restera derrière les barreaux. On a refusé hier la demande de libération du résidant de Pointe-Calumet, dont l'organisation avait importé des centaines de kilos de cocaïne dans des tuyaux fixés à des coques de navires il y a une dizaine d'années. L'audience d'hier a toutefois permis d'en savoir plus sur le trafic que gérait ce criminel. Notre journaliste raconte comment la GRC avait à l'époque réussi à lui mettre la main au collet et à arrêter parallèlement d'autres importateurs de drogue qui utilisaient des voiliers pour transporter leur cargaison. La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) a alors amorcé une enquête, baptisée Cubain, et recruté un agent civil d'infiltration qui était un client de Kelly et Berthiaume. Mais ce nouveau collaborateur travaillait également pour un autre réseau de Québec qui importait de fortes quantités de cocaïne sur des voiliers. La GRC a donc décidé de cibler ces derniers dans un autre projet d'enquête simultané, appelé Cabernet, et de déclencher une opération digne des meilleurs films de James Bond. La Presse, A18

*** Une liste de dirigeants à solliciter**

Selon des documents obtenus par La Presse, le principal acteur du système était nul autre que Robert Marcil, l'ingénieur à qui la commissaire France Charbonneau a demandé s'il était «imbécile et incompétent» lorsqu'il a nié avoir eu conscience des malversations à la Ville de Montréal. L'AIMQ, qui regroupe les ingénieurs employés par les municipalités du Québec, n'avait pas de permanence jusqu'en 2012. Elle fonctionnait grâce à des bénévoles. Ses dépenses étaient reliées aux services offerts aux membres et à son séminaire de formation. Robert Marcil, un des piliers de l'organisme, était président du comité organisateur pour le séminaire de 2007, tenu «dans le cadre enchanteur du prestigieux Château Vaudreuil», comme le précisait alors l'annonce interne. La Presse a obtenu des documents du comité de financement du séminaire pour 2007. Sept ingénieurs y sont désignés comme «parrains». Ils ont une liste

de dirigeants d'entreprise à solliciter, avec les coordonnées et un montant cible pour chacun. Par moments, la liste ressemble à un annuaire des noms cités à la commission Charbonneau. La Presse

*** Écoute électronique - la FTQ déboutée**
La Cour d'appel a rejeté, hier, une requête visant à empêcher la Commission Charbonneau d'utiliser l'écoute électronique impliquant notamment le président de la FTQ, Michel Arsenault. Me Jean-Claude Hébert, qui représente M. Arsenault, le Fonds de solidarité de la FTQ et Guy Gionet, un administrateur relié au Fonds, avait demandé la permission d'en appeler d'une décision de la Cour supérieure qui a récemment permis l'utilisation de l'écoute électronique par la Commission Charbonneau en attendant que le tribunal se prononce sur le fond de la question. Ultimement, Me Hébert espérait convaincre la Cour que la commission n'a pas le droit d'utiliser cette preuve. La Voix de L'Est, 7

*** Trois individus arrêtés pour fraude**
Après des perquisitions survenues dans les bureaux de la Ville de Matagami, la Gendarmerie Royale du Canada (GRC) a annoncé avoir procédé à l'arrestation de trois individus relativement à des accusations de fraude en lien avec la gestion de l'Écolodge Matagami. Olivier Allenbach-Illaire, 47 ans, Manon Bellehumeur, 46 ans, de Rouyn- Noranda ainsi que Daniel Cliche, 40 ans, de Matagami font face à des accusations de fraude et de complot pour fraude envers le gouvernement canadien. La fraude est évaluée à 115 000 $. Journal de Montréal, 45

*** Video of assault prompts charges - Young man attacked; tipster went to RCMP**
A 16-year-old Manitoba girl has been charged with attempted murder after a video surfaced showing a violent attack. Flin Flon RCMP began their investigation last month after being given the evidence. "Someone basically walked into the police station and said 'here you go,' " RCMP spokesman Sgt. Rob Lockhart told the Free Press Friday. RCMP said the video revealed an assault on a young man. Lockhart wouldn't provide details such as where the incident occurred, when it happened and whether weapons were used. Winnipeg Free Press, A10

*** A perfect policing storm**
Spiralling police costs are devouring the budgets again for the City of Windsor and the communities of Essex County. When are voters going to fight back and tame this monster? In the city, police pensions and benefits - not wages - are the problem, Mayor Eddie Francis said this week. Windsor "froze" its police budget two years ago. Yet Windsor council has watched the annual police budget leap by millions anyway due to inescapable pension and benefit increases decreed by Queen's Park and provincial arbitrators. Windsor has actually chopped 33 people from its police department payroll in recent years. Yet the city still spends more per capita on policing than any other large city in the province, according to the Ontario Benchmarking Initiative. Windsor Star, A3

*** PMO bomb threat suspect released on bail**
A Toronto man accused of making a bomb threat in the building that houses the Prime Minister's Office was released from custody on Friday under the supervision of his wife. Mohamoud Jimale, 45, must reside at his home in Toronto and is banned from returning to Ottawa unless he is appearing in court or meeting with his lawyer. Jimale is accused of threatening to kill a security guard at the Langevin Block on Wednesday. He allegedly dropped off a briefcase, claiming it contained a bomb. He is also charged with mischief because he allegedly "did interfere with the lawful use of the Prime Minister's Office," according to court documents. None of the allegations has been proven in court. Evidence in the case is covered by a publication ban. RCMP and the Ottawa police bomb squad determined that the briefcase was safe with the help of a remote-control robot. Ottawa Citizen, E5

*** A check on background checks**
Thousands of Canadians are discovering that records of even trivial contact with police can follow them for years and prevent them from getting a job or volunteering in their children's schools… when it comes to getting what is often trivial contact with police expunged from a record check, the convicted person seeking a pardon has more legal rights than the nonconvicted or non-charged person who have none. “There are so many people impacted," said Abby Deshman, director of public safety programs for the CCLA. "I get calls pretty much every week from people across the country who have come up against a

non-conviction record they didn't know was there." Police in Canada pump out hundreds of thousands - perhaps millions - of background checks each year. Ottawa Citizen, B1

*** Police critics skeptical of game - G20 Aftermath**
An exhibition hockey game that was meant to bring Toronto police and activists together to heal bitterness left behind by the G20 riots is facing opposition from some who call the gesture "insulting." The first game in what is hoped to be an annual event will take place Saturday night at Mattamy Athletic Centre - the former Maple Leaf Gardens - between the public safety and emergency management unit of Toronto police and Artists for Civil Liberties. "This hockey game is absolutely not a good idea and not the way to establish a better relationship between the police and the public," said Miguel Avila of Toronto Cop Watch, a group that monitors and records police interactions with protesters and is planning to demonstrate at the game. "There is no trust with the police whatsoever." National Post, A17

*** Province must act to halt out-of-control cop budgets - POINT OF VIEW**
An opinion piece states "It seems every year the cries grow louder, but every year nothing changes. The London police budget has landed, once again, with a thud that's resounded across the Forest City as the police force asks taxpayers for 4.2% more... The reality is 93% of the police budget is eaten up by salaries. Those salaries, like police budgets, have spun out of control because of an arbitration system that forces cities and rural communities to pay police officers comparable wages whether they can afford it or not. It's a bitter pill to swallow, especially in a city where many are struggling to make ends meet. That's what's broken -- and the city is powerless to fix it. The province, however, isn't. When is the province going to take a serious look at the arbitration system and fix it so municipalities aren't left holding the bag?" London Free Press, E2

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Closing the door - Canada's most notorious prison held some of the worst prisoners
...The Kingston Pen has housed some of Canada's worst criminals, including Russell Williams, Michael Briere, Mohammad Shafia and his son Hamed, Paul Bernardo and the self-described Beast of B.C., Clifford Olson... The prison was notorious across the country, and returning prisoners were fully aware of what they were getting into when they arrived. Jay Pyke, who started at KP as a corrections officer in 1999 and served as its warden from April 2010 until it closed last month, notes, though, that convicts arriving for the first time were often unprepared for the intimidation they experienced, as other inmates announced the rookies' arrivals with catcalls, banging on their cell bars, and exclamations of such invitations as "I can't wait to see you." "If they were brand new, it could be quite intimidating," he said. "Everybody at some point was a newcomer to Kingston Pen." For Pyke... the end of KP as a prison has been an emotional occasion. "Look at the architecture," he said. "Look at the history. **This is the foundation of (the Correctional Service of Canada). It's the generations of people who came before, the history."...** Since KP's closure, for three weeks this month, the public has been allowed to visit the National Historic Site courtesy of tours organized and sold by the United Way, an invitation that hasn't been extended since the warden in 1912 discontinued the practice of allowing the public to pay to view the prisoners in their cages. Regina Leader-Post, G3

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*** Views on aboriginal prosperity**
James Anaya reminds us that all statements on aboriginal prosperity come from one of two viewpoints. On Tuesday Anaya gave his concluding remarks on his Canadian tour as the UN special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples. Many expected Anaya's nine-day trip to result in words mirroring the more extremist Idle No More voices. After all, Anaya has an activist background. However, his remarks were balanced. He said Canada has addressed concerns raised by his predecessor's visit. He applauded the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. But stressed Canada could do more. He addressed treaty talks, the First Nations Education Act and argued for an inquiry on murdered and missing aboriginal

women. The latter is clearly needed. Calgary Sun, 15 (Ottawa Sun; Toronto Sun; Winnipeg Sun; Edmonton Sun)

*** Ottawa veut durcir les peines**
Un projet de loi fédéral pourrait faire en sorte que les Canadiens reconnus coupables des crimes les plus graves, par exemple de meurtres multiples ou d'agressions sexuelles répétées sur des enfants, passent le reste de leur vie derrière les barreaux. Le ministre de la Justice, Peter MacKay, a affirmé hier qu'en vertu de ce projet, promis cette semaine lors du discours du Trône, de tels contrevenants n'auront plus accès à la libération conditionnelle. "Nous parlons de faire passer toute une vie en prison aux individus qui ont commis les crimes les plus odieux", a dit M. MacKay lors d'une téléconférence visant à discuter des priorités en matière de justice du gouvernement conservateur. Il a précisé que ces futures dispositions seraient appliquées de manière très limitée. "Quand je parle des pires des pires, des plus violents et récidivistes des criminels, je parle de meurtres multiples, d'agressions sexuelles répétées, sur les plus vulnérables, nos enfants, a-t-il expliqué. Nous voulons nous assurer que certains individus capables et reconnus coupables de tels délits ne sortent jamais de prison." La Voix de L'Est, 34

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PSAC loses bid to protect Senate jobs - Layoffs as result of contracting out not prohibited
The Public Service Alliance of Canada has lost a bid to protect the jobs of about 100 support staff at the Senate of Canada from the impact of contracting out. Though the Senate has no plan to contract out work currently done by the workers, the union had sought to add a clause to a new collective agreement covering its operational group that would have prohibited layoffs as the result of the contracting out of a function. Most of the employees perform maintenance functions, with others working in committee support, mail and printing services, installations, transport and trades. Ottawa Citizen, A4

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Obama's pick for Homeland Security shows big shift - Jeh Johnson to head fight on terrorism
President Barack Obama on Friday nominated the Pentagon's former top lawyer to help craft U.S. counterterrorism policy as secretary of the Homeland Security Department, suggesting a shift from the department's emphasis on immigration and border security. Jeh C. Johnson, whose first name is pronounced "Jay," would replace Janet Napolitano, who left the post last month to become president of the University of California system. Obama said he was nominating Johnson because of his "deep understanding of the threats and challenges facing the United States." He credited Johnson with helping design and implement policies to dismantle the core of the al-Qaida terror organization overseas and to repeal the ban on openly gay service members in the U.S. military. Charlottetown Guardian, B10

Norwegian-Somali ID'd in attack - Student was devout, disenchanted
Almost one month after gunmen attacked an upscale mall in Kenya, one of them has been identified as a Norwegian-Somali, officials said Friday. Charred body parts taken from a collapsed portion of the shopping centre continue to be analyzed to determine if they were the remains of other assailants. The suspect identified is Hassan Abdi Dhuhulow. It is the first time officials have confirmed having a real name

of one of possibly four attackers from the Somali militant group al-Shabab who stormed the mall on Sept. 21. The attack left more than 60 people dead, including two Canadians. Norwegian tax records show a Hassan Abdi Dhuhulow was born in 1990 and was registered at an address in Larvik, southern Norway, as late as 2009. Hamilton Spectator, A18

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'Great big flames way up high,' witness says of Gainford derailment, explosion
Emergency crews are monitoring a massive fire burning after a tanker train carrying oil and gas derailed west of Edmonton overnight. Thirteen cars - four carrying petroleum crude oil and nine carrying liquefied petroleum gas - came off the tracks around 1 a.m. in the hamlet of Gainford, about 85 kilometres west of Edmonton on Highway 16, halfway between the Seba Beach overpass and the old Gainford Hotel. Emergency crews responded shortly after 1 a.m. to reports of an explosion. Jim Phelan, Parkland County fire chief, told a news conference that one car carrying liquefied petroleum gas exploded, causing damage to several other cars. No injuries have been reported. Ken Lemke, the MLA for Stony Plain, said some CN workers were taken to hospital for observation but released. Residents for miles around saw and heard a "large fireball," Phelan said. "There's been no explosion or similar event like that since," he said. "How it exploded, and why, that's yet to be determined." Phelan said crews on scene are allowing the product to burn off. Edmonton Journal (Vancouver Sun); Vancouver Province; Journal de Québec; Canadian Press (CBC News; CTV News); Toronto Sun (Ottawa Sun)

BALLOT BATTLES - Historic flood dominates High River election
No other Alberta community faces daunting issues like flood-devastated High River -- challenges that have inundated the town's electoral race. Mayor Emile Blokland, who's become a weary face of the town's painful recovery from the deluge that wrecked two-thirds of High River, is stepping down as mayor, but is still seeking one of five councillor's slots. Those posts are being pursued by 24 other hopefuls. Looking to fill that mayoral void are two men whose homes were swamped by muddy water, Craig Snodgrass and Jamie Kinghorn. Post-flood concerns have inevitably submerged other issues on the campaign trail, said Kinghorn, who's served one term on town council. "For many, many, many people the floods are the predominant issue," said Kinghorn, whose Wallaceville home was flooded out last June. "We've got to apply pressure on the provincial government and the municipal districts around us" to ensure faster recovery, said Kinghorn, an industrial salesman by trade. Calgary Sun, 12

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Terrorism overdrive - Foreign money is radicalizing Canadian Indians and sending them as cannon fodder against our own police
An opinion piece by Ezra Levant states “Thursday's riot in Rexton, N.B., was an act of eco-terrorism. Terrorism is defined as the use of violence, or the threat of violence, to achieve political objectives. Or maybe even kill them. Why else would the rioters have had a cache of high-p ower weapons at their encampment, including enormous stores of bullets, Sovietstyle assault weapons, and even Iraq-style IEDs? Let us take a moment to praise the RCMP, who took out this large terrorist encampment and made 40 arrests without the loss of life... You'd think eco-lobbyists like the Sierra Club would be scrambling to distance themselves from eco-terrorists, too. But you'd be wrong. Because they're funded by the same foreign foundations. The Sierra Club of Canada... has gone into overdrive, issuing supportive comments for the rioters, denouncing RCMP officers as political thugs and demonizing Canada as a ‘petro-state.’ Foreign money is radicalizing Canadian Indians and sending them as cannon fodder against our own police, all to shut down Canadian oil and gas jobs. How is that different from any other sort of terrorism?” Toronto Sun, O6 (Edmonton Sun; Calgary Sun; Ottawa Sun)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Sun sea migrants' uncertain fate
One man is facing a deportation order to Sri Lanka, which his lawyer is fighting amid revelations two other asylum seekers from the MV Sun Sea were imprisoned, one brutally tortured, after they were sent back to that country. Another man is in jail facing human smuggling charges that have been found by one trial judge to be unconstitutional. That decision is being reviewed by the B.C. Court of Appeal. They're examples of the myriad legal challenges facing the federal government's aggressive stance on 492 Tamil asylum seekers who came to Victoria on the MV Sun Sea on Aug. 13, 2010. The Conservative government vowed to challenge the refugee claims of many Sun Sea passengers and prosecute people who organized the ship's voyage from Thailand, in order to send a strong message to human smugglers. ***"Canada will not tolerate abuse of our immigration system for financial gain through the despicable crime of migrant smuggling,"* Vic Toews, then the public safety minister, said in a written statement when human smuggling charges were announced in 2012.** Victoria Times-Colonist, A1

Refugee or illegal immigrant? - It's up to the B.C. Court of Appeal to decide merits of human-smuggling legislation
The RCMP's case against the men who organized the MV Sun Sea humansmuggling operation could fall apart if the B.C. Court of Appeal upholds a decision that the law is unconstitutional. Kunarobinson Christhurajah, 33, is waiting for the judge's decision from behind bars... Christhurajah, listed as the owner of the ship, is one of six men charged with human smuggling in connection with the operation that brought 492 Tamils to Canada on Aug. 13, 2010. Those prosecutions are in limbo after a B.C. trial judge in January dismissed human smuggling charges against the four men accused of bringing 76 Tamil

migrants into Canada on the Ocean Lady, which arrived 10 months earlier in October 2009… In May 2012, Christhurajah, Lesly Jana Emmanuel and Thayakaran Markandu were charged with human smuggling, which carries a possible life sentence and $1-million fine. Markandu was arrested in France, and Canadian authorities were trying to extradite him here. A month later, RCMP charged three more men, two Canadians from the Toronto area, Thampeernayagam Rajaratnam and Nadarajah Mahendran, and a Sri Lankan man, Sathyapavan Aseervatham. Aseervatham had already been deported to Sri Lanka in July 2011. The CBSA would not answer questions as to whether the agency worked with Sri Lankan officials on the case of Sathyapavan Aseervatham case, citing privacy rules. Victoria Times-Colonist, D7

An uneasy asylum - The Canadian government is trying to take a hard line on would-be migrants, even if they face danger at home
A Tamil asylumseeker who came to Canada aboard the MV Sun Sea says she's hopeful her husband's deportation order will be suspended after news that one man deported to Sri Lanka was tortured and another was jailed and has since disappeared… She's not surprised at allegations of torture by the Sri Lankan army, which she said is common against ethnic minority Tamils. The risks are even greater for asylum-seekers known to have fled to Canada on the MV Sun Sea, which arrived in Canada Aug. 13, 2010, with 492 Tamils on board. Immigration lawyers are arguing that any failed refugee claims for people on the MV Sun Sea should be reopened after a federal court judgment found Canadian government representatives withheld evidence that two Tamils deported to Sri Lanka faced persecution… Sathyapavan (Sathi) Aseervatham was deported in July 2011 because of a gun-smuggling conviction in Thailand. Aseervatham was wanted by the RCMP, who believed he had a key role in the MV Sun Sea human smuggling operation. Aseervatham wrote that after CBSA officials escorted him to Sri Lanka, he was jailed for over a year and repeatedly beaten and interrogated, according to a signed affidavit dated Oct. 29, 2012… The Canadian Council for Refugees has filed a formal complaint over CBSA's apparent cooperation with Sri Lankan officials on the Aseervatham case. Victoria Times-Colonist, D1

Contrebandiers ingénieux Rien ne les arrête pour passer de la drogue aux douanes
Les douaniers ont beau être à l'affût de toutes les astuces, les contrebandiers continuent de rivaliser d'imagination pour faire passer incognito de la drogue aux frontières. Camouflés sous une perruque, dilués dans des litres d'huile de tournesol, mélangés à des grains de riz ou dissimulés dans des statuettes, toutes les façons sont bonnes pour passer ni vu ni connu des produits illicites aux douanes. «Ils ne font que penser à de nouvelles façons de cacher de la drogue, explique Angelo De Riggi, de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC). Et parfois, ils se donnent bien du trouble.» Chaque jour, les douaniers doivent garder l'oeil ouvert pour cibler les voyageurs, les bagages ou les marchandises qui semblent suspects. Mais de leur côté, les contrebandiers redoublent d'ingéniosité et ont plus d'un tour dans leur sac pour arriver à leurs fins. Journal de Montréal, D22 (Journal de Québec)

Woman who tried to smuggle guns into B.C. fined $8,000
An Arizona woman who tried to cross the border into Canada in May with two guns stashed in her car has been fined $8,000. Wilma Jean Allen pleaded guilty in B.C. Provincial Court in Surrey this week to two charges each of smuggling goods into Canada and possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition. Allen was arrested on May 26 after border services officers searched her car at the Douglas border crossing and found two undeclared firearms. She was released four days later on $10,000 bail. Victoria Times-Colonist, A8

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Nil

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Fracking protesters meeting Sunday to refocus
Members of New Brunswick's Elsipogtog First Nation are meeting Sunday to plan their next steps after a tense week of anti-fracking protests. The CBC's Jessica Doria-Brown says the meeting will be open to the

media, unlike previous private sessions. Demonstrations against fracking were held on Saturday in the New Brunswick communities of Sackville, Moncton, Rexton and Bouctouche. Hundreds of people held signs, waved flags and blocked roads to protest shale gas exploration in the province... Protesters told CBC it was time to regroup and refocus after a turbulent week that saw police face off with protesters, vehicles torched, weapons seized and dozens of people arrested... New Brunswick Premier David Alward plans to meet with Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock this week to discuss the disturbances and the province's plans for shale gas exploration. CBC News

Des protestataires menacent des médias
Le directeur des nouvelles de la chaîne Global News au Nouveau-Brunswick affirme qu'un véhicule de la station de télévision et une caméra ont été saisis par cinq manifestants du village de Rexton, samedi, et qu'une journaliste a été menacée. Selon Jim Haskins, la journaliste Laura Brown était sur les lieux d'une manifestation contre les gaz de schiste, aux alentours de midi, lorsque les protestataires ont confronté un autre média et saisi un véhicule. M. Haskins poursuit en indiquant que Mme Brown est entrée dans son propre véhicule et a barré les portes, mais a malgré tout été menacée par les manifestants. " Ils ont cogné à la vitre et demandé qu'elle sorte de son véhicule et l'abandonne, a dit M. Haskins. Elle a tout d'abord refusé, mais la situation est devenue dangereuse et intenable, et elle a donc verrouillé les portières et s'est éloignée à pied. " La journaliste était en sécurité dans des locaux de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), samedi après-midi, et transmettait une déclaration à la police. Mme Haskins, qui est originaire d'Halifax, dit recevoir des informations contradictoires à propos de la possibilité de récupérer son véhicule. Le Quotidien, 69; Toronto Sun (Ottawa Sun; Edmonton Sun; Calgary Sun); Canadian Press (Toronto Star); CTV News

Hundreds rally to protest pipeline plan - Final day of hearings on Enbridge application is cancelled over 'security risk' as demonstrators stress ecological danger
Hundreds converged on the Metro Toronto Convention Centre to protest an Enbridge pipeline proposal on Saturday, despite scheduled public hearings getting cancelled last-minute over security concerns. After three days of mainly opposition at public hearings in Toronto on Enbridge's application to increase and reverse the flow of its pipeline 9B, the Calgary company was to deliver its final replies in front of a three-member panel from the National Energy Board Saturday morning. But late Friday night, the federal regulator posted a letter online announcing a postponement, stemming from a protest that afternoon that disrupted proceedings. Energy board spokesperson Carole Léger-Kubeczek said the Friday protests "carried a security risk." Toronto Star, A2; Canadian Press (CBC News)

Un coup de pouce au monde criminel
L'achat d'un emballage de 200 cigarettes de contrebande passe, aux yeux du consommateur, pour un simple geste d'évasion fiscale, mais les 20 $ qu'il débourse pour se procurer la marchandise vont devenir un important levier pour financer des activités criminelles aux conséquences beaucoup plus graves pour l'ensemble de la collectivité. Le policier à la retraite Michel Rouillard et porte-parole de la Coalition nationale contre le tabac de contrebande est en tournée au Québec pour sensibiliser les consommateurs aux conséquences de ce geste anodin: " Monsieur Tout-le-monde pense que c'est une simple évasion fiscale qu'il commet. Mais c'est beaucoup plus. " Les différentes enquêtes menées sur l'ensemble du territoire canadien ont démontré que cette industrie illégale reposait entre les mains de pas moins de 175 organisations criminelles. La mafia, les motards criminalisés, les gangs de rue dans les grandes métropoles et inévitablement les réseaux de passeurs installés dans les réserves indiennes frontalières constituent le coeur de cette activité qui prive les gouvernements fédéral et provinciaux de recettes fiscales de l'ordre de 2,4 milliards $ par année. Le Quotidien, 38

'Vengeance is on his mind' - Reputed Montreal crime boss has Ontario mobsters on the run
Mobsters in southern Ontario are on the run or hiding out in fear a war with Montreal foes will lead to more murders, a police source says. "They (Ontario mobsters) know there are going to be a couple more murders," the source told the Toronto Sun. "It's quite an interesting time. "It's a chess game," he added." Everybody's waiting for the Valentine's Day Massacre, but I don't see it." Making themselves scarce are members of a Mafia and 'Ndrangheta co-operative -- with Toronto links -- that attempted to take out the powerful Rizzuto family in Montreal. Disputes within the co-operative ended in deadly violence, allowing reputed Mob boss Vito Rizzuto to muscle his way back into power after his release from prison, Mob

experts say. As a result, the source said, police investigators expect there will be more murders in the GTA area of specific 'Ndrangheta members as the Montreal Mob works to strengthen its grip in southern Ontario. The signs of Rizzuto's ascension resonated throughout southern Ontario with the July assassination of Greater Toronto Area Mob hitman Salvatore "Sam" Calautti outside a Woodbridge banquet hall. Police believe Calautti's slaying was another surgical strike against 'Ndrangheta clans in the GTA, southern Ontario and Mafia members in Quebec who challenged Rizzuto. Toronto Sun, 4

Angel's hire led to layoffs, staff claim
In the aftermath of the hiring of a Hells Angel member, the City of Vancouver allegedly mis categorized the man's employment status and completed a mass layoff this fall that included the Hells Angel, according to sanitation workers. As The Province first reported in late August, full-patch Hells Angel member Ronaldo Lising, 50, was hired by the city in May after his statutory release from an 11-year, nine-month jail sentence. Gang police believed Lising had not resigned from the Hells Angels while working for the city. When media outlets questioned Lising's hire, a statement from Mayor Gregor Robertson was issued. It said Robertson was "concerned to hear that a person with extensive past ties to organized crime was hired to do temporary seasonal work in sanitation for the City of Vancouver ... As is standard practice in the fall season, all seasonal sanitation workers are laid off in the coming days and weeks, which is the case with the position in question." Vancouver Province

Third attack at UBC spurs police warning to women
Police are cautioning UBC students after a teen walking across campus alone was brutally attacked. Police are describing the suspect as a white man in his late 20s to early 30s. He is about 6-foot-2 and has a thin build and short, cropped hair. "This assault series has become University RCMP detachment's top priority," said Sgt. Drew Grainger in a statement. "We are engaged with many partner law enforcement agencies to attempt to identify and apprehend the person or persons responsible for these attacks. "The RCMP would also like to reinforce the continued strong message for all citizens who walk through the campus at night to exercise every precaution to ensure their own personal safety." Victoria Times-Colonist, A11; CBC News

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Sex offender who fled Canada wants fresh start
A convicted high-risk sex offender who eluded police in Saskatchewan and Alberta before crossing the U.S. border says he just wants to start a new life. Seattle's KIRO-TV News tracked down Michael Sean Stanley on the streets of Seattle on Friday after he registered with authorities in the city. The 48-year-old explained what went through his mind as he spent a week on the run after cutting off his electronic-monitoring bracelet in Lloydminster, on the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary. "I said I had enough. I'm leaving this country because it hasn't been good to me," said Stanley, who said he has a brother in Seattle and spent part of his childhood there. Last weekend, Alberta Justice announced it would not seek Stanley's extradition to Canada because the breach of recognizance, mischief and driving charges he faces north of the border don't involve violence. Victoria Times-Colonist, A7

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Slavery today comes in different forms

An opinion piece states "The first global survey ranking countries according to practised, tolerated or promoted enslavement within their borders was released last week, and received scant coverage in Canada. In a way that's understandable, because Canada comes out of it modestly, and Canadians are notoriously modest - and a little smug when they look at the botched economies and quality of life in other countries. The U.S. comes 134th of the 162 countries surveyed, Canada 144th - 18 countries are calculated to have fewer enslaved people than Canada, including Panama, Costa Rica and, if you can believe it, Cuba. This first survey focused on countries at the extremes, the best and worst; doubtless future surveys will look at Canada in detail. And there's evidence of what it will find. Last week, a B.C. man was sentenced to 18 months in jail for human trafficking for the way his live-in Filipina nanny was treated. Last month, 50 tree planters, mostly from Africa, testified before a B.C. human rights tribunal about working and living in slave-like conditions in Interior camps." Victoria Times-Colonist, D2

INTERNATIONAL

Homeland insecurity alert - Dry ice and dry runs -- will America keep hitting the post-9/11 snooze button?

An opinion piece states "Testing, 1,2,3, testing. Jihadists never go on furlough. The question is: Will America keep hitting the post-9/11 snooze button?... Last summer, the Department of Homeland Security inspector general called for stricter background checks on baggage handlers, maintenance workers and other civilian airport employees... Rest assured, however, we are as vulnerable as ever to the old tried-and-true scheme of sending hijackers aboard planes to take them down. The U.S. Airline Pilots Association spelled it all out in a memo obtained by WTSP Tampa Bay reporter Mike Deeson last week. 'Bringing down an air-liner continues to be the Gold Standard of terrorism,' the document warned U.S. Airways pilots. 'If anyone thinks that our enemies have 'been there, done that' and are not targeting commercial aviation --think again. There have been several cases recently throughout the industry of what appear to be probes, or dry runs, to test our procedures and reaction to an inflight threat.' The assessment bluntly described 'a group of Middle- Eastern males' who boarded a flight at Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., for Orlando, Fla., on September 2. Onboard, the men made "a scene" -- running toward the flight deck door, loudly opening and shutting overhead bins, and making what appeared to be a coordinated attempt to distract flight attendants... The memo notes a security search found 'evidence of tampering' on the plane. Feckless feds keep admonishing the rest of us to 'say something' if we 'see something.' But what good will it do if they're asleep at the wheel, blind to corruption and deaf to jihad?" Toronto Sun, O8

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19-Oct-13	**N/A**	**Vancouver**		**06:00 EDT**	**Caravan being formed to send people to NB in to support protesters in NB.**	**RCMP**			
19-Oct-13	**New Hazelton Plaza**	**New Hazelton**		**16:00 EDT**	**March for Mother Earth to begin at the New Hazelton Plaza.**	**RCMP**			
19-Oct-13	Swy-a-lana Lagoon	Nanaimo		17:00 EDT	March	Media & RCMP			

Alberta

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Actual start time	Active?	Actual end time
19-Oct-13	Turtle Island	Edmonton		15:00 EDT	Prayer Ceremony	Media			

Saskatchewan

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Actual start time	Active?	Actual end time
19-Oct-13	**College Dr & Wiggins Ave**	**Saskatoon**		**09:30 EDT**	**Rally to support Elsipogtog and Mi'kmak anti-fracking blockade to take place at the corner of College Dr & Wiggins Ave**	**RCMP**			
19-Oct-13	**15th St W & 2nd Ave W**	**Prince Albert**		**17:30 EDT**	**Protest in solidarity with the "Elsipogtog Warriors" to take place at the corner of 15th St W and 2nd Ave W.**	**RCMP**			

Manitoba

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Ontario

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19-Jan-13	**Seaway Int'l Bridge**	**Cornwall**		**01:00 EDT**	**Temporarily shut down southbound trafic on Seaway Int'l Bridge linking Cornwall, ON and Massena NW**	**TC**	**01:00 EDT**	**No**	**01:30 EDT**
19-Oct-13	**2730 Carling Ave**	**Ottawa**		**09:30 EDT**	**Potluck workshop at the Old Forge Community Resource Centre - 2730 Carling Ave**	**RCMP**			
19-Oct-13	Eastbound Highway 402	Strathroy		10:00 EDT	Protest	ON EMO			
19-Oct-13	**Highway 45**	**Roseneath**		**10:00 EDT**	**"Round Dance and Flash Mob Peterborough and surrounding areas", a peaceful demonstration at Hwy 45 in Alderville First Nations.**	**RCMP**			
19-Oct-13	**Metro Convention Centre**	**Toronto**		**12:00 EDT**	**Protest "No Lime 9! No Tar Sands Pipelines" at the Toronto Metro Convention Centre located at 255 Front St**	**RCMP**			
19-Oct-13		**Sault Ste Marie**		**12:00 EDT**	**Sacred fire at the teaching lodge located at Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gaming.**	**RCMP**			
19-Oct-13	**Hwy 21 to Hwy 402**	**Forest**		**13:00-16:00 EDT**	**Rally and peaceful demonstration at Hwy 21 (at the overpass) and proceeding to Hwy 402 after which they will attend the London event at the London event at the RCMP detachment.**	**RCMP**			
19-Oct-13		**Kenora**		**16:00 EDT**	**"Treaty3 Jingle Dress Healing Dance".**	**RCMP**			
19-Oct-13	**Native Friendship Centre**	**Barrie**		**18:00 EDT**	**INM "taco fundraiser, raffle and jam session" event to take place at the Native Friendship Centre.**	**RCMP**			
19-Oct-13	**Tom Davies Square**	**Sudbury**		**18:00 EDT**	**Candlelight rally in support against SWN and fracking at the Tom Davies Square.**	**RCMP**			
19-Oct-13		**Kitchener-Waterloo**		**21:00 EDT**	**Rally with speakers Sylvia McAdam Saysewahum, Co-founder of Idle No More Movement, and Bridgette DePape.**	**RCMP**			

Québec

Date of Planned	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Actual	Active?	Actual
19-Oct-13	**Pie-IX Metro Station**	**Montreal**		**09:00-15:45 EDT**	**Tour organized by the Montreal History Centre and the First Nations Garden Centre d'histoire to the vicinity of Pie-IX metro station.**	**RCMP**			
19-Oct-13	**N/A**	**Montreal**		**17:00 EDT**	**March in support of the anti-fracking blockade at Cabot Square.**				

New Brunswick

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Actual start time	Active?	Actual end time
19-Oct-13	**Mountain Rd**	**Moncton**		**09:00 EDT**	**Protest "Moncton Joins the Global Frackdown" located on Mountain Rd south of the Wheeler Blvd Overpass.**	**RCMP**			
19-Oct-13	**Route 134**	**Rexton**		**08:00 EDT**	**Blockade on Route 134.**	**RCMP**			

Nova Scotia

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Actual start time	Active?	Actual end time
19-Oct-13	**Clock Park**	**Wolfville**		**08:00 EDT**	**Continued peace vigil to take place in Clock Park.**	**RCMP**			

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21-Oct-13	Vancouver	Vancouver			Caravan expected to leave Vancouver on 21 Oct, travelling to NB, may involve several vehicles.	RCMP	79		

Alberta

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time

Saskatchewan

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Manitoba

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Ontario

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
20-Oct-13	Queen's Park	Toronto		14:00 EDT	Rally		100		
21-Oct-13	Carleton University	Ottawa		11:30 EDT	Protect our Mother Earth Flash Mob Round Dance	RCMP	43		
26-Oct-13	Corwall Island	Cornwall			Undetermined at this time	CBSA			

Québec

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New Brunswick

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
20-Oct-13	Elsipogtog First Nation.	Rexton		10:00 EDT		Open	Unknown		

Nova Scotia

Date of Planned Event	Location	City	Organization	Time	Event	Source	Number of Participants	Actual start time	Actual end time
20-Oct-13	Waycobah				ongoing		10		
20-Oct-13	Membertou				ongoing		20		

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Please add this event to the list of locations for events over the period of 17-19 Oct 2013.
It may also be worth mentioning all the events nationwide scheduled as part of Global Frackdown, October 19th".
http://www.globalfrackdown.org/events/

Yukon Region - Whitehorse
IDLENOMORE - A GATHERING IN SOLIDARITY WITH ELSIPOGTOG, OCTOBER 17, 2013

WHEN:
October 18, 2013 at 5pm - 6pm

WHERE:
Healing Pole (1st and Main Street)
Whitehorse , YT Y1A
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>>> Michelle Ring 10/18/13 17:00 >>>

I am forwarding additional media received this afternoon regarding protests that have taken place in Saskatchewan in support of the Shale Gas Protest.

Michelle

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Saskatoon protesters rally in support on N.B. demonstrators
About 50 people stage peaceful event in front of the University of Saskatchewan
NewsTalk

Demonstrators in Saskatoon are showing their support for protesters in New Brunswick involved in a violent clash with RCMP.

About 50 people showed up Friday morning at the corner of College Drive and Wiggins Avenue carrying signs and claiming to stand with the east coast demonstrators.

"It's about showing solidarity with our Mi'kmaq brothers and sisters out east," said Serena Gamble, who took part in the event, which lasted for about half an hour.

Dion Ladouceur was also present for the demonstration. He said mainstream media reports were painting an unfair picture of the New Brunswick activists.

"(They're) misjudging the fact that these were all peaceful protests," he said. Ladouceur went on to say that it wasn't right to paint the incident as merely an aboriginal issue.

"This isn't just for the natives. This is for everybody, even if you're just sitting in your house and looking at this as a big violent moment. It's about land. This is about your children's children's children.... This isn't about being native. This is about being for the Earth," he said.

Mark Bigland-Pritchard is a familiar face at Idle No More and indigenous rights events in Saskatoon. He said as far as he was concerned, RCMP had taken the "storm trooper" approach in New Brunswick.

"I have a friend who was out there for a couple weeks with Christian Peacemaker Teams and she was saying how well disciplined everybody was and how committed to a non-violent way," he said.

Ultimately, Bigland-Pritchard laid the blame for the incident at the feet of the federal government.

"It ought to be possible to get the RCMP under democratic control and I think the problem that we have here is that we have a government that isn't interested in democratic control. It's interested in Harper control," he said.

Idle No More Shows Its Support For Elsipogtog Protesters
MBC News

It was slow going for motorists on highway 10 near Balcarres this afternoon.

Idle No More protestors staged a three hour highway slowdown in a show of solidarity for the Elsipogtog first nation north of Moncton New Brunswick.

About a dozen members of the band were arrested yesterday during a violent confrontation with RCMP over a native blockade protesting natural gas exploration on first nations land.

Last night in Regina, about 80 members of the Idle No More movement descended on RCMP headquarters to protest the way mounties handled the New Brunswick situation.

Local organizer, Jason Bird, says the protest accomplished its objective.

"We only wanted to get out there to be seen and be heard. That was really the only goal. It made it across, it made it into newspapers and we just wanted to show the people of Elsipogtog we saw you and we're doing something as well."

About 60 Idle No More supporters rallied in front of the University of Saskatchewan this morning and they are scheduled to meet again this evening at 5:30 p.m. on Broadway Avenue.

Erica Lee, one of the local organizers, says the Saskatchewan Idle No More movement feels it is important to show its support for what is currently happening on the East Coast.

“The media tends to portray the people who are resisting as violent protesters when in reality all they’re doing is protecting the land.”

Bird says more actions are planned over the coming weeks in Saskatchewan.

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CBC News: Shale gas protesters defy order to remove Rexton barriers

Barricades remain in place on Route 134 near Rexton despite a court order to remove them that was issued on Thursday.

Protesters opposed to shale gas development blocked the highway and a staging area used by SWN Resources Canada on Monday.

Many of the protesters are members of nearby Elsipogtog First Nation. On Tuesday, Elsibogtog Chief Arren Sock issued an eviction notice to SWN Resources. The company ignored the notice. Instead, it went to court seeking an injunction to end the protest. It was granted Thursday by Court of Queen's Bench Justice George Rideout.

Shale gas protesters are defying a court order issued Thursday to remove barricades on Route 134 (Jen Choi/CBC)

Despite the order, protester Suzanne Patles had no plans Thursday to leave the site.

"I think that our rights supersede that injunction because we are asserting our rights," said Patles. "We are asserting our treaty rights. We are asserting our aboriginal rights. And we are asserting our title rights over the land and the water."

Tensions were high at the protest site on Thursday night. RCMP blocked all highway access to the area. At one point, the protesters formed a human chain across the road.

On Friday morning, the barricades remained in place.

Police are present and there are many ambulances standing by in the area, according to Radio-Canada producer Paul Ward.

Between 50 and 100 protesters remain at the protest site Friday. Their camp remains in place and there is no indication the protesters intend to leave the idea.

The protesters have been demanding to meet with officials from SWN Resources and the provincial government.

Premier David Alward stated Wednesday that he will not meet with anyone while they are breaking the law. On Friday, Alward's office issued a statement saying the premier is prepared to meet with the leadership of Elsipogtog First Nation.

"I wish to reiterate my willingness to meet with the chief and council of the Elsipogtog First Nation," said Alward in his statement. "I have always been available to meet the leadership of the First Nations community, and I will continue to make myself available to meet with them at any time."

The order instructs any peace officer to arrest, remove and remand anyone in contravention of the order not to impede traffic and to allow SWN to carry out its exploration activities without harassment.

Protesters said Thursday night the RCMP told them they would not be taking action for 24 hours. They plan a meeting at the protest site on Friday evening to discuss the situation.

The protesters are concerned about the potential impact of the hydraulic fracturing used to release shale gas on groundwater. The gas is released by injecting a mixture of air, water and chemicals into the earth to break apart shale rock formations to release the gas.

Nicolas Latourelle

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Courier-Islander: New Brunswick and First Nations leaders resume talks to end shale gas protest

FREDERICTON - New Brunswick Premier David Alward and members of the Elsipogtog (ELS-ih-pook-took) First Nation resumed talks today to resolve a dispute over shale gas exploration.

They met at a hotel in Fredericton to try to end a protest that has blocked a highway near Rexton in eastern New Brunswick for more than a week.

Both Alward and Chief Arren Sock say they hope to build on a three-hour meeting they held Sunday in Moncton.

The RCMP blocked Highway 134 on Sept. 29 after a protest against shale gas exploration began spilling onto the road.

Protesters subsequently cut down trees across another part of the highway and have blocked an entrance to a compound used by energy company SWN Resources to store exploration equipment.

The protesters want SWN Resources to stop seismic testing and leave the province.

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CTV News: N.B. energy minister says he's monitoring shale gas protest in province

SAINT JOHN, N.B. -- New Brunswick's energy minister says he won't give the RCMP any instructions on how to proceed with a court injunction issued against shale gas protesters blocking a highway near Rexton.

Craig Leonard says he is getting updates from police on the situation where protesters have blocked Highway 134 and the entrance to an equipment compound used by SWN Resources since Monday.

The protesters want a meeting with Premier David Alward and for SWN Resources to stop seismic testing for shale gas and leave the province.

The protesters say the shale gas industry threatens groundwater supplies and native treaty rights.

On Thursday, Alward said he would not meet with any protesters while they are breaking the law, but today issued a statement saying he is always willing to meet with the chief and council of the Elsipogtog First Nation.

Leonard says there will be consultations with First Nations groups if the exploration suggests that a shale gas industry should proceed in the province.

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'Great big flames way up high,' witness says of Gainford derailment, explosion
Emergency crews are monitoring a massive fire burning after a tanker train carrying oil and gas derailed west of Edmonton overnight. Thirteen cars - four carrying petroleum crude oil and nine carrying liquefied petroleum gas - came off the tracks around 1 a.m. in the hamlet of Gainford, about 85 kilometres west of Edmonton on Highway 16, halfway between the Seba Beach overpass and the old Gainford Hotel. Emergency crews responded shortly after 1 a.m. to reports of an explosion. Jim Phelan, Parkland County fire chief, told a news conference that one car carrying liquefied petroleum gas exploded, causing damage to several other cars. No injuries have been reported. Ken Lemke, the MLA for Stony Plain, said some CN workers were taken to hospital for observation but released. Residents for miles around saw and heard a "large fireball," Phelan said. "There's been no explosion or similar event like that since," he said. "How it exploded, and why, that's yet to be determined." Phelan said crews on scene are allowing the product to burn off. Edmonton Journal<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310405968484_1542.htm> (Vancouver Sun); Vancouver Province<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013104024578297_1545.htm>; Journal de Québec<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310484651361_1886.htm>; Canadian Press<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/edmonton-train-derailment-latest-safety-setback-for-cn-rail-1.2127244> (CBC News; CTV News); Toronto Sun<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-20131018571916_26.htm> (Ottawa Sun)

BALLOT BATTLES - Historic flood dominates High River election
No other Alberta community faces daunting issues like flood-devastated High River -- challenges that have inundated the town's electoral race.

Mayor Emile Blokland, who's become a weary face of the town's painful recovery from the deluge that wrecked two-thirds of High River, is stepping down as mayor, but is still seeking one of five councillor's slots. Those posts are being pursued by 24 other hopefuls. Looking to fill that mayoral void are two men whose homes were swamped by muddy water, Craig Snodgrass and Jamie Kinghorn. Post-flood concerns have inevitably submerged other issues on the campaign trail, said Kinghorn, who's served one term on town council. "For many, many, many people the floods are the predominant issue," said Kinghorn, whose Wallaceville home was flooded out last June. "We've got to apply pressure on the provincial government and the municipal districts around us" to ensure faster recovery, said Kinghorn, an industrial salesman by trade. Calgary Sun<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-20131045015123_17.htm>, 12

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Terrorism overdrive - Foreign money is radicalizing Canadian Indians and sending them as cannon fodder against our own police
An opinion piece by Ezra Levant states "Thursday's riot in Rexton, N.B., was an act of eco-terrorism. Terrorism is defined as the use of violence, or the threat of violence, to achieve political objectives. Or maybe even kill them. Why else would the rioters have had a cache of high-p ower weapons at their encampment, including enormous stores of bullets, Sovietstyle assault weapons, and even Iraq-style IEDs? Let us take a moment to praise the RCMP, who took out this large terrorist encampment and made 40 arrests without the loss of life... You'd think eco-lobbyists like the Sierra Club would be scrambling to distance themselves from eco-terrorists, too. But you'd be wrong. Because they're funded by the same foreign foundations. The Sierra Club of Canada... has gone into overdrive, issuing supportive comments for the rioters, denouncing RCMP officers as political thugs and demonizing Canada as a 'petro-state.' Foreign money is radicalizing Canadian Indians and sending them as cannon fodder against our own police, all to shut down Canadian oil and gas jobs. How is that different from any other sort of terrorism?" Toronto Sun<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-20131018516609 47_26.htm>, O6 (Edmonton Sun; Calgary Sun; Ottawa Sun)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Sun sea migrants' uncertain fate
One man is facing a deportation order to Sri Lanka, which his lawyer is fighting amid revelations two other asylum seekers from the MV Sun Sea were imprisoned, one brutally tortured, after they were sent back to that country. Another man is in jail facing human smuggling charges that have been found by one trial judge to be unconstitutional. That decision is being reviewed by the B.C. Court of Appeal. They're examples of the myriad legal challenges facing the federal government's aggressive stance on 492 Tamil asylum seekers who came to Victoria on the MV Sun Sea on Aug. 13, 2010. The Conservative government vowed to challenge the refugee claims of many Sun Sea passengers and prosecute people who organized the ship's voyage from Thailand, in order to send a strong message to human smugglers. "Canada will not tolerate abuse of our immigration system for financial gain through the despicable crime of migrant smuggling," Vic Toews, then the public safety minister, said in a written statement when human smuggling charges were announced in 2012. Victoria Times-Colonist<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310475365684_4.htm>, A1

Refugee or illegal immigrant? - It's up to the B.C. Court of Appeal to decide merits of human-smuggling legislation
The RCMP's case against the men who organized the MV Sun Sea humansmuggling operation could fall apart if the B.C. Court of Appeal upholds a decision that the law is unconstitutional. Kunarobinson Christhurajah, 33, is waiting for the judge's decision from behind bars... Christhurajah, listed as the owner of the ship, is one of six men charged with human smuggling in connection with the operation that brought 492 Tamils to Canada on Aug. 13, 2010. Those prosecutions are in limbo after a B.C. trial judge in January dismissed human smuggling charges against the four men accused of bringing 76 Tamil migrants into Canada on the Ocean Lady, which arrived 10 months earlier in October 2009... In May 2012, Christhurajah, Lesly Jana Emmanuel and Thayakaran Markandu were charged with human smuggling, which carries a possible life sentence and $1-million fine. Markandu was arrested in France, and Canadian authorities were trying to extradite him here. A month later, RCMP charged three more men, two Canadians from the Toronto area, Thampeernayagam Rajaratnam and Nadarajah Mahendran, and a Sri Lankan man, Sathyapavan Aseervatham. Aseervatham had already been deported to Sri Lanka in July 2011. The CBSA would not answer questions as to whether the agency worked with Sri Lankan officials on the case of Sathyapavan Aseervatham case, citing privacy rules. Victoria Times-Colonist<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310471937760_4.htm>, D7

An uneasy asylum - The Canadian government is trying to take a hard line on would-be migrants, even if they face danger at home
A Tamil asylumseeker who came to Canada aboard the MV Sun Sea says she's hopeful her husband's deportation order will be suspended after news that one man deported to Sri Lanka was tortured and another was jailed and has since disappeared... She's not surprised at allegations of torture by the Sri Lankan army, which she said is common against ethnic minority Tamils. The risks are even greater for asylum-seekers known to have fled to Canada on the MV Sun Sea, which arrived in Canada Aug. 13, 2010, with 492 Tamils on board. Immigration lawyers are arguing that any failed refugee claims for people on the MV Sun Sea should be reopened after a federal court judgment found Canadian government representatives withheld evidence that two Tamils deported to Sri Lanka faced persecution... Sathyapavan (Sathi) Aseervatham was deported in July 2011 because of a gun-smuggling conviction in Thailand. Aseervatham was wanted by the RCMP, who believed he had a key role in the MV Sun Sea human smuggling operation. Aseervatham wrote that after CBSA officials escorted him to Sri Lanka, he was jailed for over a year and repeatedly beaten and interrogated, according to a signed affidavit dated Oct. 29, 2012... The Canadian Council for Refugees has filed a formal complaint over CBSA's apparent cooperation with Sri Lankan officials on the Aseervatham case. Victoria Times-Colonist<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013104715365936_4.htm>, D1

Contrebandiers ingénieux Rien ne les arrête pour passer de la drogue aux douanes
Les douaniers ont beau être à l'affût de toutes les astuces, les contrebandiers continuent de rivaliser d'imagination pour faire passer incognito de la drogue aux frontières. Camouflés sous une perruque, dilués dans des litres d'huile de tournesol, mélangés à des grains de riz ou dissimulés dans des statuettes, toutes les façons sont bonnes pour passer ni vu ni connu des produits illicites aux douanes. «Ils ne font que penser à de nouvelles façons de cacher de la drogue, explique Angelo De Riggi, de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC). Et parfois, ils se donnent bien du trouble.» Chaque jour, les douaniers doivent garder l'oeil ouvert pour cibler les voyageurs, les bagages ou les marchandises qui semblent suspects. Mais de leur côté, les contrebandiers redoublent d'ingéniosité et ont plus d'un tour dans leur sac pour arriver à leurs fins. Journal de

Montréal<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013104814129500_116.htm>, D22 (Journal de Québec)

Woman who tried to smuggle guns into B.C. fined $8,000
An Arizona woman who tried to cross the border into Canada in May with two guns stashed in her car has been fined $8,000. Wilma Jean Allen pleaded guilty in B.C. Provincial Court in Surrey this week to two charges each of smuggling goods into Canada and possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition. Allen was arrested on May 26 after border services officers searched her car at the Douglas border crossing and found two undeclared firearms. She was released four days later on $10,000 bail. Victoria Times-Colonist<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-20131047856813_4.htm>, A8

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Nil

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Fracking protesters meeting Sunday to refocus
Members of New Brunswick's Elsipogtog First Nation are meeting Sunday to plan their next steps after a tense week of anti-fracking protests. The CBC's Jessica Doria-Brown says the meeting will be open to the media, unlike previous private sessions. Demonstrations against fracking were held on Saturday in the New Brunswick communities of Sackville, Moncton, Rexton and Bouctouche. Hundreds of people held signs, waved flags and blocked roads to protest shale gas exploration in the province... Protesters told CBC it was time to regroup and refocus after a turbulent week that saw police face off with protesters, vehicles torched, weapons seized and dozens of people arrested... New Brunswick Premier David Alward plans to meet with Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock this week to discuss the disturbances and the province's plans for shale gas exploration. CBC News<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/fracking-protesters-meeting-sunday-to-refocus-1.2127250>

Des protestataires menacent des médias
Le directeur des nouvelles de la chaîne Global News au Nouveau-Brunswick affirme qu'un véhicule de la station de télévision et une caméra ont été saisis par cinq manifestants du village de Rexton, samedi, et qu'une journaliste a été menacée. Selon Jim Haskins, la journaliste Laura Brown était sur les lieux d'une manifestation contre les gaz de schiste, aux alentours de midi, lorsque les protestataires ont confronté un autre média et saisi un véhicule. M. Haskins poursuit en indiquant que Mme Brown est entrée dans son propre véhicule et a barré les portes, mais a malgré tout été menacée par les manifestants. " Ils ont cogné à la vitre et demandé qu'elle sorte de son véhicule et l'abandonne, a dit M. Haskins. Elle a tout d'abord refusé, mais la situation est devenue dangereuse et intenable, et elle a donc verrouillé les portières et s'est éloignée à pied. " La journaliste était en sécurité dans des locaux de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC), samedi après-midi, et transmettait une déclaration à la police. Mme Haskins, qui est originaire d'Halifax, dit recevoir des informations contradictoires à propos de la possibilité de récupérer son véhicule. Le Quotidien<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310235597302_69.htm>, 69; Toronto Sun<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013101848379870_26.htm> (Ottawa Sun; Edmonton Sun; Calgary Sun); Canadian Press<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310181666264_25.htm> (Toronto Star); CTV News<http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/tensions-persist-at-scene-of-anti-fracking-protests-in-new-brunswick-1.1504379>

Hundreds rally to protest pipeline plan - Final day of hearings on Enbridge application is cancelled over 'security risk' as demonstrators stress ecological danger
Hundreds converged on the Metro Toronto Convention Centre to protest an Enbridge pipeline proposal on Saturday, despite scheduled public hearings getting cancelled last-minute over security concerns. After three days of mainly opposition at public hearings in Toronto on Enbridge's application to increase and reverse the flow of its pipeline 9B, the Calgary company was to deliver its final replies in front of a three-member panel from the National Energy Board Saturday morning. But late Friday night, the federal regulator posted a letter online announcing a postponement, stemming from a protest that afternoon that disrupted proceedings. Energy board spokesperson Carole Léger-Kubeczek said the Friday protests "carried a security risk." Toronto Star<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310184879370_25.htm>, A2; Canadian Press<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/line-9-protests-see-hundreds-converge-in-downtown-toronto-1.2126943> (CBC News)

Un coup de pouce au monde criminel
L'achat d'un emballage de 200 cigarettes de contrebande passe, aux yeux du consommateur, pour un simple geste d'évasion fiscale, mais les 20 $ qu'il débourse pour se procurer la marchandise vont devenir un important levier pour financer des activités criminelles aux conséquences beaucoup plus graves pour l'ensemble de la collectivité. Le policier à la retraite Michel Rouillard et porte-parole de la Coalition nationale contre le tabac de contrebande est en tournée au Québec pour sensibiliser les consommateurs aux conséquences de ce geste anodin: " Monsieur Tout-le-monde pense que c'est une simple évasion fiscale qu'il commet. Mais c'est beaucoup plus. " Les différentes enquêtes menées sur l'ensemble du territoire canadien ont démontré que cette industrie illégale reposait entre les mains de pas moins de 175 organisations criminelles. La mafia, les motards criminalisés, les gangs de rue dans les grandes métropoles et inévitablement les réseaux de passeurs installés dans les réserves indiennes frontalières constituent le coeur de cette activité qui prive les gouvernements fédéral et provinciaux de recettes fiscales de l'ordre de 2,4 milliards $ par année. Le Quotidien<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310231222691_69.htm>, 38

'Vengeance is on his mind' - Reputed Montreal crime boss has Ontario mobsters on the run
Mobsters in southern Ontario are on the run or hiding out in fear a war with Montreal foes will lead to more murders, a police source says. "They (Ontario mobsters) know there are going to be a couple more murders," the source told the Toronto Sun. "It's quite an interesting time. "It's a chess game," he added." Everybody's waiting for the Valentine's Day Massacre, but I don't see it." Making themselves scarce are members of a Mafia and 'Ndrangheta co-operative -- with Toronto links -- that attempted to take out the powerful Rizzuto family in Montreal. Disputes within the co-operative ended in deadly violence, allowing reputed Mob boss Vito Rizzuto to muscle his way back into power after his release from prison, Mob experts say. As a result, the source said, police investigators expect there will be more murders in the GTA area of specific 'Ndrangheta members as the Montreal Mob works to strengthen its grip in southern Ontario. The signs of Rizzuto's ascension resonated

throughout southern Ontario with the July assassination of Greater Toronto Area Mob hitman Salvatore "Sam" Calautti outside a Woodbridge banquet hall. Police believe Calautti's slaying was another surgical strike against 'Ndrangheta clans in the GTA, southern Ontario and Mafia members in Quebec who challenged Rizzuto. Toronto Sun<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013101840254166_26.htm>, 4

Angel's hire led to layoffs, staff claim
In the aftermath of the hiring of a Hells Angel member, the City of Vancouver allegedly mis categorized the man's employment status and completed a mass layoff this fall that included the Hells Angel, according to sanitation workers. As The Province first reported in late August, full-patch Hells Angel member Ronaldo Lising, 50, was hired by the city in May after his statutory release from an 11-year, nine-month jail sentence. Gang police believed Lising had not resigned from the Hells Angels while working for the city. When media outlets questioned Lising's hire, a statement from Mayor Gregor Robertson was issued. It said Robertson was "concerned to hear that a person with extensive past ties to organized crime was hired to do temporary seasonal work in sanitation for the City of Vancouver ... As is standard practice in the fall season, all seasonal sanitation workers are laid off in the coming days and weeks, which is the case with the position in question." Vancouver Province<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310205453584_1545.htm>

Third attack at UBC spurs police warning to women
Police are cautioning UBC students after a teen walking across campus alone was brutally attacked. Police are describing the suspect as a white man in his late 20s to early 30s. He is about 6-foot-2 and has a thin build and short, cropped hair. "This assault series has become University RCMP detachment's top priority," said Sgt. Drew Grainger in a statement. "We are engaged with many partner law enforcement agencies to attempt to identify and apprehend the person or persons responsible for these attacks. "The RCMP would also like to reinforce the continued strong message for all citizens who walk through the campus at night to exercise every precaution to ensure their own personal safety." Victoria Times-Colonist<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013104755611_4.htm>, A11; CBC News<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/3rd-ubc-sexual-attack-makes-series-top-priority-rcmp-1.2126932>

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Sex offender who fled Canada wants fresh start
A convicted high-risk sex offender who eluded police in Saskatchewan and Alberta before crossing the U.S. border says he just wants to start a new life. Seattle's KIRO-TV News tracked down Michael Sean Stanley on the streets of Seattle on Friday after he registered with authorities in the city. The 48-year-old explained what went through his mind as he spent a week on the run after cutting off his electronic-monitoring bracelet in Lloydminster, on the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary. "I said I had enough. I'm leaving this country because it hasn't been good to me," said Stanley, who said he has a brother in Seattle and spent part of his childhood there. Last weekend, Alberta Justice announced it would not seek Stanley's extradition to Canada because the breach of recognizance, mischief and driving charges he faces north of the border don't involve violence. Victoria Times-Colonist<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310478443709_4.htm>, A7

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ASHLEY SMITH / ENQUÊTE SUR LA MORT D'ASHLEY SMITH

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Slavery today comes in different forms
An opinion piece states "The first global survey ranking countries according to practised, tolerated or promoted enslavement within their borders was released last week, and received scant coverage in Canada. In a way that's understandable, because Canada comes out of it modestly, and Canadians are notoriously modest - and a little smug when they look at the botched economies and quality of life in other countries. The U.S. comes 134th of the 162 countries surveyed, Canada 144th - 18 countries are calculated to have fewer enslaved people than Canada, including Panama, Costa Rica and, if you can believe it, Cuba. This first survey focused on countries at the extremes, the best and worst; doubtless future surveys will look at Canada in detail. And there's evidence of what it will find. Last week, a B.C. man was sentenced to 18 months in jail for human trafficking for the way his live-in Filipina nanny was treated. Last month, 50 tree planters, mostly from Africa, testified before a B.C. human rights tribunal about working and living in slave-like conditions in Interior camps." Victoria Times-Colonist<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310471637485_4.htm>, D2

INTERNATIONAL

Homeland insecurity alert - Dry ice and dry runs -- will America keep hitting the post-9/11 snooze button?
An opinion piece states "Testing, 1,2,3, testing. Jihadists never go on furlough. The question is: Will America keep hitting the post-9/11 snooze button?... Last summer, the Department of Homeland Security inspector general called for stricter background checks on baggage handlers,

maintenance workers and other civilian airport employees... Rest assured, however, we are as vulnerable as ever to the old tried-and-true scheme of sending hijackers aboard planes to take them down. The U.S. Airline Pilots Association spelled it all out in a memo obtained by WTSP Tampa Bay reporter Mike Deeson last week. 'Bringing down an air-liner continues to be the Gold Standard of terrorism,' the document warned U.S. Airways pilots. 'If anyone thinks that our enemies have 'been there, done that' and are not targeting commercial aviation --think again. There have been several cases recently throughout the industry of what appear to be probes, or dry runs, to test our procedures and reaction to an inflight threat.' The assessment bluntly described 'a group of Middle- Eastern males' who boarded a flight at Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., for Orlando, Fla., on September 2. Onboard, the men made "a scene" -- running toward the flight deck door, loudly opening and shutting overhead bins, and making what appeared to be a coordinated attempt to distract flight attendants... The memo notes a security search found 'evidence of tampering' on the plane. Feckless feds keep admonishing the rest of us to 'say something' if we 'see something.' But what good will it do if they're asleep at the wheel, blind to corruption and deaf to jihad?" Toronto Sun<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013101845207737_26.htm>, O8

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Good day,

Please disregard our request, our partner has confirmed that the information they had received had been an exaggeration and that the situation in Elsipogtog remains peaceful. Thank you and we apologize for any inconvenience,

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Good day,

We have received notification from one of our partners that there appears to be a stand-off between the First Nations community in Elsipogtog, NB and the RCMP. The FN community is protesting shale gas drill on what they claim is their land.

We found an open source report that claimed that on 27 Jul 2013, approximately 35 anti-shale activists blockaded a 20-ton truck, which lasted until 02:30 EDT. The blockaded ended peacefully.

Do you have any additional information on this incident? Is it still ongoing or is the open source correct in saying its ended peacefully?

Thank you,

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All night Anti-shale gas truck seizure, road block, ends peacefully despite RCMP negotiation failure.
Halifax Media Co-op
Miles Howe
July 28 2013

Last night, July 27th, about 35 anti-shale gas activists blockaded a 20 ton truck, subcontracted to SWN Resources Canada, for over 8 hours. The truck, filled with helicopter bags - each containing dozens of geophones - was attempting to exit southward along Irving Road, a back road west of highway 126 in New Brunswick. The truck, as well as eight other equipment trucks subcontracted to SWN, were conducting seismic testing in the hopes of finding shale gas deposits along a 35.9 kilometer north-south line known as 'Line 5'. All the equipment and workers were halted until about 3:30am Atlantic Time.

Activists had originally negotiated with RCMP for a 3 hour work stoppage, in homage to the Ghost Dance that the Sundancers in Elsipogtog were undertaking yesterday evening. Elsipogtog War Chief John Levi, himself a Sundancer, was absent from the blockade. In his stead, Jason Okay, District War Chief, and 'Seven', the Mi'kmaq territory War Chief, had come to the assistance of the anti-shale gas movement.

The 3 hour work stoppage was meant to occur at the end of the workday. It would appear that RCMP had agreed to this temporary block.

However, when the 20 ton truck was first blocked at about 5pm - in front of an already heavy police presence - the RCMP immediately blocked in the activists who surrounded the truck. At the time there were about 35 activists at the scene, and word began to trickle in to those encamped that an RCMP roadblock at the entrance to Irving Road - about 16 kilometers to the south - was not allowing anyone to pass. This was apparently counter to the original agreement, and began what was to be a standoff that continued until the early morning hours.

RCMP and the 'Elsipogtog Peacekeepers' - a group of three individuals on Elsipogtog Band payroll who ostensibly serve as a neutral party - did not seem able or desirous of undoing the police roadblock that was refusing all entry. The activists requests were initially straightforward, only asking that anyone wishing to attend their ceremony be allowed to drive the 16 kilometer distance. The activists also specifically requested a drum leader and a pipe carrier to assist them. Social media sources continued to note that a sizable line of cars was still being refused entry.

Tensions further increased at about 7:30pm when Annie Clair, also known as 'Pochahontas' to the anti-shale gas activists, climbed atop the roof of

the seized truck and chained and padlocked herself to a spare tire mounting welded to the roof. She was quickly joined by two other activists, one of whom also chained herself to the roof while the other locked herself to a helicopter bag filled with geo-phones.

Clair, who only days before had tied herself to helicopter bags and had halted work at a helicopter launching site, was defiant in her message to the gathered police force, noting that if they were going to shoot her, to go ahead.

RCMP and the Peacekeepers again continued to 'negotiate', but did not seem able to relay the message to the RCMP blockade that the first step towards resolving the standoff was to allow traffic to flow freely. Activists, for their part, remained adamant that the 3 hours they were promised for ceremony would only begin once the RCMP blockade was removed and their supporters could join them. As the hours of standoff continued, and food and water were denied to the activists, RCMP marched in formation through the blockade with numerous boxes of pizza and cases of water.

Eventually, one of the Elsipogtog Elders - also a clan mother - begged Clair to unchain herself and descend from the truck roof. With social media now reaching something of a frenzied pitch - and stories of dozens of police cruisers and paddy wagons waiting for the activists, Clair complied. Indeed, the activists were now visibly blocked in by numerous police trucks and cruisers. Infrared lights shone from some of the RCMP cars and a large spotlight was erected shining directly onto the activists' makeshift encampment.

RCMP negotiators noted that they would not arrest anyone that night, but made no guarantees that future days might not see activists picked off one by one in house arrests. As has been the case since early June when active protests began against shale gas exploration in Kent County, yesterday police made no secret of their heavy surveillance of the action. At 3:30am, as activists moved their trucks and cars off the road, it became clear that an entire SWN work crew had been stopped. With a heavy police escort, eight SWN trucks emerged from a side road and quickly sped past the gathered crowd. With no equipment or SWN workers left to guard, the RCMP quickly left the scene as well.

Link<http://halifax.mediacoop.ca/audio/all-night-anti-shale-gas-truck-seizure-road-block/18408?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter>

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Executive Summary

A number of First Nations protests or demonstrations in response to the 17 Oct 2013 incident in Rexton, NB, are planned for 17-19 Oct 2013 across Canada. Organizers have called for peaceful actions.

Please find attached ST232-13B - Shale Gas, NB. Information valid as of 18 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT. For your convenience, new information has been bolded.

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Globe and Mail: Royal Proclamation's 250th anniversary has First Nations reflecting on their rights

Susan Levi-Peters easily rhymes off the names and dates of the many treaties her Mi'kmaq people signed with the Crowns of Europe and their emissaries, starting with Samuel de Champlain in the early 1600s.

The former chief of the Elsipogtog First Nation in New Brunswick, Ms. Levi-Peters has a medal that was presented to her ancestors by King Louis XV of France nearly 300 years ago. She brought it with her this week to Ottawa, where she took part in celebrations of the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation, the document signed by King George III of England that is regarded as a seminal declaration of the rights of indigenous peoples.

But as Ms. Levi-Peters was listening to politicians praise the relationship between the First Nations and the rest of Canada, her people back home were fighting to keep a resource company from conducting seismic testing on land near their reserve. New Brunswick Premier David Alward stepped in, and it was agreed Monday that a working group would be established to mediate the dispute. Meanwhile, the First Nations protest group Idle No More held a number of demonstrations in Canada and around the world on Monday, also timed for the proclamations anniversary.

The promises of the Royal Proclamation are absolutely pertinent to what is going on in Elsipogtog, Ms. Levi-Peters said. Under the 1763 treaty, she said in a telephone interview, it specifically states that, in order for anybody to buy or do anything to First Nation land, they would have to go through the Crown but also through the Indians in a public forum.

The battle between the Elsipogtog and SWN Resources, whose officials did not return calls Monday, has been going on for three years. SWN has been trying to test for shale gas. The Elsipogtog say the testing will ultimately lead to fracking, which, they argue, could cause the irreparable environmental degradation of their reserve and the surrounding area.

This year, they resorted to a series of roadblocks in an effort to keep SWN workers from their task. There have been multiple arrests and the situation is very volatile, said Ms. Levi-Peters, who accuses the company of failing to consult with the First Nation. My people don't want the fracking of shale gas or testing or exploration or anything of that form, she said.

But native activists say the situation is emblematic of the confrontations that have erupted between the First Nations and the resource industry. And it is why the Royal Proclamation, which states that all land in North America belongs to indigenous people until it is ceded by treaty, is held out by First Nations as a foundation of their rights.

At a symposium held Monday in Gatineau, Que., to mark the proclamation's anniversary, Governor-General David Johnston described the document as a framework of values or principles that has given us a navigational map over the course of the past two-and-a-half centuries.

And Bernard Valcourt, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, said it lays out the duty our government has to consult with

and work alongside First Nation peoples but also to protect aboriginal rights across Canada.

As part of the Idle No More demonstrations on Monday, one of the group's affiliates delivered a message to SWN's head office in Houston that requested all projects near Elsipogtog come to a halt until the First Nations have been adequately consulted.

What we're saying is, Why test?' Ms. Levi-Peters said. We're not going to let you frack anyway. We have researched it and studied it and we cannot see a safe way of it being done.

Nicolas Latourelle

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HIGHLIGHTS

Canadian Weather
A low pressure system will move away from Newfoundland on 19 Oct. Rain will gradually cease over NL as the system is leaving. Another system over the Great Lakes will move to QC by the evening of 19 Oct, bringing rain over southern ON and western QC. Rain will turn to snow over northwestern QC during the night. A low pressure system will track southeastward across SK on 19 Oct bringing a mix of rain and snow just to the north of its path. A few centimetres of snow are possible over central SK and southern MB.

Tropical Activity

· Typhoon Francisco – Update.

Space Weather

· There is currently no major storm watch in effect.

Incidents / Special Events

· (232) Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB – Update.

· (237) Train Derailment – Gainford, AB - New

Upcoming

· Nothing Significant to Report.

Wildland Urban Interface Fire

· Nothing Significant to Report.

Flooding

· Nothing Significant to Report.

GEOMATICS PRODUCTS

Weather - Current Conditions - http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada_e.html
Public Weather Warnings - http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/warnings/warnings_e.html
Hurricane Track Information – Atlantic - http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/data/hurricane_images/track.png
Space Weather Zones – http://216.254.169.195/static/Daily_Brief_Space_Weather_map_ENG.pdf

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HIGHLIGHTS

Canadian Weather
A low pressure system will move from central QC to the Gulf of St-Lawrence and will spread rain from central QC to Newfoundland. Wet snow is expected to fall behind the system, over northwestern QC on 20 Oct. A depression over the Dakotas is expected to reach the Great Lakes. Wet snow will fall near the MB/ON border on 20 Oct and will spread over northwestern ON by the evening of 20 Oct to finally reach sectors north of Lake Superior by the morning of 21 Oct. More than 5 cm are possible locally over these regions until the morning of 21 Oct. A low pressure system over northern NT will give strong winds over the area the afternoon of 20 Oct.

Tropical Activity

· Tropical Storm Raymond – New.

· Typhoon Francisco – Update.

Space Weather

· There is currently no major storm watch in effect.

Incidents / Special Events

· (232) Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB – Update.

· (237) Train Derailment – Gainford, AB – Update.

· (238) 6.5 Magnitude Earthquake – Gulf of California, Mexico - New.

Upcoming

· Nothing Significant to Report.

Wildland Urban Interface Fire

· Nothing Significant to Report.

Flooding

· Nothing Significant to Report.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Canadian Weather
A band of moisture moving onshore from the Pacific will create some showers over northern BC, with flurries over higher terrain. A low over the Beaufort Sea will spread snow over parts of NT and a mix of rain and wet snow along an axis through SK. Rain will move from eastern ON over QC and northern NB today as a low pressure system moves from Lake Superior to James Bay. Up to 15 cm of wet snow is forecasted over northeastern ON with this system. Rain is expected over Newfoundland as a low pressure system will track from west to east. A cooler air mass will move in behind the system along with some flurries over Labrador and western Newfoundland.

Tropical Activity

- Hurricane Raymond – Update.
- Typhoon Francisco – Update.
- Tropical Storm Lekima – New.

Space Weather

- There is currently no major storm watch in effect.

Incidents / Special Events

- (232) Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB – Update.
- (237) Train Derailment – Gainford, AB – Update.
- Hurricane Raymond – New.

Upcoming

- Nothing Significant to Report.

Wildland Urban Interface Fire

- Nothing Significant to Report.

Flooding

- Nothing Significant to Report.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Canadian Weather
Fair weather for most of BC and AB today due to a stationary high pressure system. A Pacific low will spread rain over portions of northern BC today, becoming snow tonight over inland northern BC and southern YT. Some light rain and wet snow is expected over the central and eastern Prairies. A large depression over James Bay region will cause 5-15 cm of wet snow for areas adjacent to the Bay today and over central QC tonight, accompanied by strong winds. A band of rain ahead of this system will pass through eastern QC and the Maritimes today.

Tropical Activity

- Tropical Storm Lorenzo – New.
- Hurricane Raymond – Update.
- Typhoon Francisco – Update.
- Typhoon Lekima – Update.

Space Weather

- There is currently no major storm watch in effect.

Incidents / Special Events

- (232) Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB – Update.
- (237) Train Derailment – Gainford, AB – Update.
- Hurricane Raymond – Update.

Upcoming

- Nothing significant to report.

Wildland Urban Interface Fire

- Nothing significant to report.

Flooding
Nothing significant to report.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Canadian Weather
Continued fair weather for much of western Canada. A Pacific disturbance will move quickly across YK and into the NT, giving heavy snow to the mountains of the eastern YK and western NT. A low pressure system continues to spin about central QC giving 5-15 cm of snow to the area. This system is also responsible for the significantly cooler temperatures to ON and QC. A frontal system will bring rain to Newfoundland today but will quickly depart late on 23 Oct. An intense system now developing south of NS will bring heavy rain and strong winds to eastern Newfoundland early 24 Oct.

Tropical Activity

- Tropical Storm Lorenzo - Update.
- Hurricane Raymond - Update.
- Typhoon Francisco - Update.
- Super Typhoon Lekima - Update.

Space Weather

- There is currently no major storm watch in effect.

Incidents / Special Events

- (232) Shale Gas Protest - Rexton, NB - Update.
- (237) Train Derailment - Gainford, AB - Final.
- Hurricane Raymond - Update.

Upcoming

- Nothing significant to report.

Wildland Urban Interface Fire

- Nothing significant to report.

Flooding

- Nothing significant to report.

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iPolitics: Working group to end shale gas dispute

FREDERICTON - New Brunswick Premier David Alward and members of the Elsipogtog (ELS-ih-pook-took) First Nation have agreed to form a working group to help end a dispute over shale gas.

Alward and Chief Arren Sock left a three-hour meeting at a Fredericton hotel today to say they will continue talking in an effort to end a protest that began more than a week ago over shale gas exploration.

The working group will include members of the government, First Nations and industry, but further details have not been worked out.

The RCMP blocked Highway 134 near Rexton on Sept. 29 after a protest against shale gas exploration began spilling onto the road.

Protesters subsequently cut down trees across another part of the highway and have blocked an entrance to a compound used by energy company SWN Resources to store exploration equipment.

The protesters want SWN Resources to stop seismic testing and leave the province.

Last Thursday, SWN was granted an injunction to end the blockade of their compound but the RCMP has not enforced it.

Nicolas Latourelle

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1. CBC News: Transcript of Shawn Atleo's Speech at Rally to honour Missing, Murdered Aboriginal Women and Girls

Host: Live on parliament hill, now, the Assembly of First Nation Chief, Shawn Atleo speaking at this rally honoring the lives of missing and murdered aboriginal women, let's listen in.

Shawn Atleo: When Canada was attempting to put a railroad across the country. Forced starvation of indigenous peoples, this is not a new story. What are these families looking for? Nothing less than justice for what they are facing right now. Native women's association of Canada, and others are looking for support for shelters, for an action plan to support the most vulnerable. Is that not the measure of any society? Is that not the question to be asking Canada right now? This story, Canada, is your story. The story of these families. In working with the Native Women's Association of Canada I know that my fellow executive members to a person has stories in their own families, in their own communities, amongst their own nations. I stand here, in support of the Native Women's Association of Canada and all organizations and I want to send a message to Gladys as well, who walked across the country. She made sure, she says Shawn, I want to make sure you have on your desk the story of one of the missing. Don't you ever forget that perhaps there needs to be these pictures and meetings with families, by every single member of parliament, and every senator so that you understand deeply in your hearts and minds that you have inherited this story. You have inherited this legacy that goes onto this very day. So, to be absolutely clear what it is we are calling for, to shine a light into the deepest, darkest corners of this country's consciousness and the actions that are happening to this very day, and we stand in solidarity calling for a full national public commission of inquiry into the issue of murdered and missing indigenous women in this country. As we are on the eve of the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Proclamation coming up on the 7th, the promise was much different than the reality today and we will make sure the world knows when the special rapporteur on indigenous peoples comes to this country, James and I, we'll hold a mirror up for all Canadians and for in fact the entire world to know that a country that is often heralded as being in the top ten of U.N. human development index, like was said here today on these steps, faces a grave human rights crisis. Canada, this is your -- this is our grave human rights crisis and we're calling for action right now. I'll ask on behalf of our executive, for our National Women's Chair to please come and share some remarks and in doing so, I send messages of care

and love to the families that I have spent time with across the country. Moms walking in to identify barely recognizable bodies of dear loved ones. No more, Canada. This is the moment we have the opportunity to put a stop to it. Please join me in expressing your love and appreciation to all the families gathered here, and to the families gathered in over 200 vigils from coast-to-coast-to-coast. Our national women's council chair.

Host: The assembly of First Nations Chief Shawn Atleo calling for a national public commission of inquiry looking into the missing and aboriginal women in the country, Native Women's Association saying they've counted 582 women missing and murdered and Shawn Atleo saying this is a grave human rights crisis in this country and, they are calling for action, and for the inquiry. The provinces support the call, the opposition leaders support the call but the federal government is saying no, that there are emergency services for aboriginal women. NDP leader Tom Mulcair will also be speaking shortly at the event and we'll bring you that straight ahead, here on the "CBC News Network."

2. CBC News: Updated Rallies honour missing, murdered aboriginal women and girls

Canadians are rallying in over 200 locations today to honour and remember the lives of missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls as they have annually for the past eight years on Oct. 4.

Dozens of families gathered on Parliament Hill recounted the stories of the missing or murdered women in their lives, often breaking down into tears as they plea for the federal government to take action and call a national public inquiry.

Politicians and aboriginal leaders also took part in the Sisters In Spirit Vigil in Ottawa, an event organized by the Native Women's Association of Canada.

National Chief for the Assembly of First Nations Shawn Atleo called on Canadians to take notice.

Canada faces "a grave human rights crisis," Atleo said.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair also spoke at the rally, accompanied by NDP aboriginal affairs critic Jean Crowder and NDP foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar.

A young woman named Caitlin Tolley spoke in honour of her grandmother, Gladys Tolley, who she said was killed by a Quebec provincial police officer over 10 years ago.

"My family is still hurt by the loss of my grandmother that was taken from me at a young age. We are still demanding an inquiry and a followup into her case."

"Today I would like to ask Mr. Harper, how many times must we come and stand out here, and call and demand for an inquiry for our women," Tolley told a crowd gathered on Parliament Hill.

Tolley called on all political parties to "do the right thing."

Dawn Lavell-Harvard, the interim president of NWAC, also spoke at the rally.

She said the case of missing or murdered aboriginal women is not a women's issue or an aboriginal issue but rather "a human tragedy" and "a national disgrace."

The interim president said, "The time has come for us to put aside the wrangling over jurisdiction, our concerns about political stripes, to stand shoulder-to-shoulder, to raise our voices and to make sure the memory of those women carry on."

National public inquiry
The NWAC has said it has documented over 600 cases where aboriginal women have been murdered or gone missing

between 2005 and 2010 a number the RCMP has told CBC News it can't confirm.

The association has been calling on the federal government to launch a national public inquiry into the case of missing or murdered aboriginal women.

Canada's premiers agreed, this summer, to support aboriginal leaders in their call for a national public inquiry during a two-day summit of the Council of the Federation in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. in July.

While the federal government has yet to agree to call a national public inquiry, in a written statement sent to CBC News, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt said: "The Government of Canada is deeply concerned about the high number of missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls, and we are taking firm action to achieve lasting change."

"This includes the 2010 introduction by our government of a seven-point strategy that improves the response of the law enforcement and justice systems to better meet the needs of aboriginal women, girls and their families."

Liberal aboriginal affairs critic Carolyn Bennett and Liberal Senator Lillian Dyck, who is a member of the Gordon First Nation in Saskatchewan, are also expected to speak at the rally. Green Party member Lorraine Rekmans had also confirmed her attendance.

3. Vancouver Sun: B.C. day students seek class action for suffering at native residential schools

KAMLOOPS - Students who attended native residential schools in B.C., but did not live in residence, are seeking redress for their experiences.

Lawyers representing groups of former day scholars from the Tk'emlups and Sechelt bands say an application to certify a class action lawsuit will be filed in federal court sometime this month.

Chief Shane Gottfriedson of the Tk'emlups Band near Kamloops, says if the suit is approved, he's hoping it will be joined by thousands of day students who were sent to residential schools operating across Canada for more than 120 years.

Once approved, any class action suit would not be heard until the fall of 2014, at the earliest.

Day scholars attended the same residential schools where many aboriginal students suffered physical, emotional and sexual abuse, but the day scholars have been exempted from the federal apology and

are not eligible for compensation packages.

Gottfriedson says Canada is seeking reconciliation with First Nations but he wants senior governments to offer support to everyone affected by the residential school system.

4. CTV News: N.B. energy minister says he's monitoring shale gas protest in province

SAINT JOHN, N.B. -- New Brunswick's energy minister says he won't give the RCMP any instructions on how to proceed with a court injunction issued against shale gas protesters blocking a highway near Rexton.

Craig Leonard says he is getting updates from police on the situation where protesters have blocked Highway 134 and the entrance to an equipment compound used by SWN Resources since Monday.

The protesters want a meeting with Premier David Alward and for SWN Resources to stop seismic testing for shale gas and leave the province.

The protesters say the shale gas industry threatens groundwater supplies and native treaty rights.

On Thursday, Alward said he would not meet with any protesters while they are breaking the law, but today issued a statement saying he is always willing to meet with the chief and council of the Elsipogtog First Nation.

Leonard says there will be consultations with First Nations groups if the exploration suggests that a shale gas industry should proceed in the province.

5. CBC News: Shale gas protesters defy order to remove Rexton barriers

Barricades remain in place on Route 134 near Rexton despite a court order to remove them that was issued on Thursday.

Protesters opposed to shale gas development blocked the highway and a staging area used by SWN Resources Canada on Monday.

Many of the protesters are members of nearby Elsipogtog First Nation. On Tuesday, Elsibogtog Chief Arren Sock issued an eviction notice to SWN Resources. The company ignored the notice. Instead, it went to court seeking an injunction to end the protest. It was granted Thursday by Court of Queen's Bench Justice George Rideout.

Shale gas protesters are defying a court order issued Thursday to remove barricades on Route 134 (Jen Choi/CBC)

Despite the order, protester Suzanne Patles had no plans Thursday to leave the site.

"I think that our rights supersede that injunction because we are asserting our rights," said Patles. "We are asserting our treaty rights. We are asserting our aboriginal rights. And we are asserting our title rights over the land and the water."

Tensions were high at the protest site on Thursday night. RCMP blocked all highway access to the area. At one point, the protesters formed a human chain across the road.

On Friday morning, the barricades remained in place.

Police are present and there are many ambulances standing by in the area, according to Radio-Canada producer Paul Ward.

Between 50 and 100 protesters remain at the protest site Friday. Their camp remains in place and there is no indication the protesters intend to leave the idea.

The protesters have been demanding to meet with officials from SWN Resources and the provincial government.

Premier David Alward stated Wednesday that he will not meet with anyone while they are breaking the law. On Friday, Alward's office issued a statement saying the premier is prepared to meet with the leadership of Elsipogtog First Nation.

"I wish to reiterate my willingness to meet with the chief and council of the Elsipogtog First Nation," said Alward in his statement. "I have always been available to meet the leadership of the First Nations community, and I will continue to make myself available to meet with them at any time."

The order instructs any peace officer to arrest, remove and remand anyone in contravention of the order not to impede traffic and to allow SWN to carry out its exploration activities without harassment.

Protesters said Thursday night the RCMP told them they would not be taking action for 24 hours. They plan a meeting at the protest site on Friday evening to discuss the situation.

The protesters are concerned about the potential impact of the hydraulic fracturing used to release shale gas on groundwater. The gas is released by injecting a mixture of air, water and chemicals into the earth to break apart shale rock formations to release the gas.

6. Huffington Post: Turn on the Tap to Clean Water for First Nations

Safe tap water is one of the most important services a government can provide to its citizens. Without it, sustaining good public health, a strong economy and overall productivity is incredibly difficult. However, it is only during the rare events when our public water supplies fail us on a large scale, or when contaminated water claims lives, that we realize just how valuable clean tap water truly is and how much we depend on our government to provide these services.

It is often assumed that the lack of safe tap water only seriously impacts developing countries and regions like South Asia or Sub Saharan Africa, but this assumption is false.

Canada is a country with countless pristine rivers and lakes and an incredible seven per cent of the world's renewable freshwater supply. It might seem odd that any Canadian could be living without clean drinking water, but some are. No matter how clean a river or lake may seem, any source of surface water in any part of the world is vulnerable to contamination and should be treated before it is used for drinking or bathing. Given this fact, and the sometimes complex causes of water contamination, it is not actually surprising that drinking water advisories come into effect in some communities from time to time across Canada. Water advisories require people to either boil water before drinking or avoid drinking tap water altogether.

What is shocking, however, is the wildly disproportionate degree to which water advisories affect Canada's First Nations communities -- virtually all of which are located near abundant water supplies. While less than one per cent of communities in Canada are currently living under a drinking water advisory, for First Nations communities that number jumps to a whopping 20 per cent. One in five First Nations communities are living under a drinking water advisory. And compared to other Canadians, First Nations' homes are also 90 times more likely to be without any running water, which means that these homes are not even counted when drinking water advisories are issued by Health Canada.

And it is not only the ratio of First Nations communities affected, it is also astounding how long some of these drinking water advisories have been in place. When my brother, Tyler, and I visited Neskantaga First Nation in Northwestern Ontario just last year, we were shocked to learn that they have been living under a boil-water advisory since 1995. Despite multiple requests to have their water plant fixed by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), the people of Neskantaga have had no choice but to boil their drinking water for the past 18 years.

Of course, building and maintaining water treatment plants in remote areas like Neskantaga is a very expensive and challenging process. And even when functioning water treatment plants are built, it can be very difficult for small communities with limited financial resources to pay and retain qualified water plant operators.

However, remote communities are not the only ones struggling through this crisis. Even the most populous First Nations community in Canada -- only a one-hour drive from Toronto -- is not able to provide clean drinking water for most of its residents.

One key problem is jurisdiction: while drinking water across Canada is regulated by the provinces, First Nations communities, created by treaties, are under federal jurisdiction. Amazingly enough, it was not until this past summer that a federal law was put in place governing the safety of drinking water in these communities.

While this new legislation is an important first step, there is no plan for how the federal government and First Nations

would finance and manage the infrastructure needed to finally bring clean water to the communities that have been waiting for so long.

We know how critical clean tap water is for any modern developed nation. How can First Nations overcome a wide range of social and economic challenges and ongoing troubles with access to education, health care and employment if they do not even have equal access to clean drinking water? There is no doubt in my mind that Canada can do better, and the first step in resolving Canada's troubled relationship with First Nations begins with clean water.

Alex Mifflin and brother Tyler Mifflin host the award-winning eco-adventure series, The Water Brothers, exploring the world's most important water

7. Times & Transcript: SWN gets injunction against protesters

SWN Resources Canada Inc. obtained a court injunction yesterday, ordering protesters not to interfere with the company in Kent County.

The company is exploring for natural gas in this province and has equipment at a compound in Rexton, off Route 134. Many aboriginal and some non-aboriginal protesters have been at the site since last weekend, blocking access to the facility.

Trees have been cut down and are blocking some of the road, and a camp has been set up with tarps and tents. The RCMP have closed that section of Route 134 to traffic, saying they want to ensure the safety of the protesters and the motoring public.

The protest has gone on all week, but a lawyer for the company, Matthew Hayes, was in Moncton's Court of Queen's Bench yesterday, arguing for an injunction, which Justice George Rideout granted.

The respondents named in the order are people involved in the protest, including Lorraine Clair, Jim Pictou, Seven Bernard, Jason Okay, Greg Cook, Wilhelmina "Willi" Nolan, Melanie Elward, Ann Pohl, Rachel Daigle, Suzanne Patles, Jane Doe and John Doe. The order also includes the respondents' members, servants, agents, representatives, substitutes and any other person acting under their instruction or on their behalf and anyone having knowledge of the order.

The order bars them from interfering or attempting to interfere by force, threat of force, intimidation, coercion, blocking, standing or any unlawful means, the applicant and anyone affiliated with the applicant who are seeking peaceful and lawful passage to and from SWN's staging area and storage facility on Route 134 and the surrounding area for one kilometre.

They can't interfere with any SWN-affiliated individuals on Route 134, Route 11 or any public roadway and they can't interfere with any seismic testing activities including vehicles, equipment, or people engaged in those activities.

Vehicles going into the storage facility can't be hindered and the protesters are not allowed to station any vehicle, person or object in the vicinity of the staging area and storage facility to obstruct or impede traffic.

They are banned from causing a nuisance in that area and doing anything that would deter people with a peaceful objective from entering and leaving the site. They also must not molest, threaten, assault or intimidate anyone connected with the applicant.

Any peace officer is authorized to arrest, remove and remand any person who violates the order and the applicant shall take all steps necessary to enforce the order.

The order remains in place until midnight on Oct. 12 and the applicant will commence proceedings against the respondent within 10 days.

"The respondents are still to be permitted to voice their objections to the operations," wrote Rideout. "They should be permitted limited signage. However, they cannot block the highways, roadways and entrances to the applicant's operations."

While a couple of arrests were made earlier in the week and there were some tense moments between police and the protesters, all was quiet yesterday afternoon, before it was known SWN had obtained the injunction. There were several police officers stationed on either end of Route 134, surrounding the protest site, but they were only monitoring the situation and diverting traffic.

At the protest site, trees were still partially blocking the road and signs were hung with anti-fracking and anti-shale gas slogans. Between 20 to 30 people were at the site, calmly maintaining the protest.

Some of the protesters were asked what they would do if SWN obtained an injunction that prevented them from blocking the site, including Patles, who's specifically named in the court document. The woman, who like many present was dressed in green fatigues, didn't say anything when asked what she thought of a possible injunction. She merely raised her two hands in the air and mimicked tearing a piece of paper in two.

"Our treaty rights would supersede any injunction," said Patles.

She said the protesters have maintained good communication with the RCMP all week.

"As long as that communication goes on, things will remain peaceful," she said.

Clair, who's also named in the court order, said Chief Arren Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation was supposed to meet with Premier David Alward earlier in the day and it was hoped he would bring back some ideas being put forward by the government to resolve the protesters' concerns. But she said the only way the protest will end is if SWN agrees to take all its equipment and go back to the U.S.

Clair said they don't just want them out of New Brunswick, they want them out of Canada.

"We want to personally escort them to the border," she said.

Clair said this is a peaceful protest and those taking part are set on protecting the land and the environment from shale gas exploration.

"No one has weapons here, there are no bows and arrows and hatchets," she said. "We are just letting them know we will fight for our province."

Clair's sister, Mona Lisa Saulnier, is also taking part in the protest and she was asked yesterday what the reaction will be if SWN got an injunction limiting protesters.

"If they try to get us to leave? We're not going anywhere, for as long as it takes," she said. "My feet will be planted here. They're going to have to fight all these people. We're here to protect the land and that's what we're going to do."

8. CBC News: UN special rapporteur, James Anaya, to gauge aboriginal peoples' progress

Visit comes at delicate time for federal government's relationship with First Nations

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is about to put Canada under a microscope.

James Anaya is arriving this weekend, before embarking on a nine-day tour of the country, starting Monday.

He will meet with aboriginal people, as well as government officials and even natural resource industry representatives.

Anaya's predecessor visited in 2003 and his final report was not flattering to Canada. It highlighted the continuing inequalities that aboriginal people face in Canada, in terms of economic and social rights, education, housing and health.

"The purpose of my visit is to take stock of what progress has been made," Anaya told CBC News in an interview from his office at the law faculty of the University of Arizona. "That past report does serve as a benchmark of sorts for my visit."

In February of 2012, Anaya asked the Canadian government if he could come visit.

He didn't hear back until more than a year later, just this past spring.

"Of course I would have liked to have earlier acceptance of the visit, but I'm more pleased that it was eventually accepted," he said.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo. (Canadian Press)

Anaya's visit comes at a critical time for indigenous peoples. In an interview with CBC News, Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo outlined why.

"Deep impoverishment, over 600 murdered, missing indigenous women and girls, underfunding in education, challenging Canada at the Canadian Human Rights Commission," he listed, adding that Anaya's visit will be "the holding up of a mirror, reflecting back to Canada, about its relationship with First Nations."

But the UN Special Rapporteur's visit also comes at a critical time for the federal government.

Resource development
Prime Minister Stephen Harper has staked the future prosperity of the country on natural resource development, much of which would take place on or near indigenous lands.

Anaya said it is clear what those industries need to do.

"If the extractive activities go forward, it (must) be done so with the consent of the indigenous people concerned and consistent with their own aspirations for development," Anaya said.

Without proper consultation, Anaya warned what will happen.

"There's going to be social conflict and typically the projects aren't going to be sustainable, not just because of the social conflict but because of the inability of the project to go forward without the active support of the people most affected by the activity."

'It is about, right now, collaboration or collision.'- Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo
In fact, Anaya said he has seen all over the world that the more indigenous peoples are consulted over development, the more open they are to negotiating with industries about development on their land.

Atleo agreed. He said First Nations can either stand in the way of development or be partners in it, depending on how the government approaches them.

"It is about, right now, collaboration or collision."

Atleo added that along with legal and moral reasons, there is also an economic imperative for the government and industry to consult them.

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development was not available for comment.

9. golbeandmail.com: Native groups press for public inquiry on missing women with day of demonstrations; Candlelight vigils, marches to be held Friday to highlight more than 600 cases of missing women

Canadians are preparing to join candlelight vigils, march through the streets, pause at their desks, or spend a moment of silence at home to register their anger at the disproportionate number of aboriginal women who have become victims of violence in this country.

At the eighth annual Sisters in Spirit vigils on Friday, native organizations will continue their call for a national public inquiry into the large number of native women and girls who have been murdered or gone missing over the past 50 years. For the first time, the number of related events will top 200.

"It's a Canadian issue now," said Jennifer Lord, the strategic policy liaison with the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC). "For years we have been saying this is not a women's issue, this is not a native problem. This is a Canadian human-rights issue that impacts all of us and we are seeing that support now."

NWAC has documented nearly 600 cases of aboriginal women who have been murdered or gone missing since the 1960s but it is widely believed that the actual number is much larger. While aboriginal women make up 3 per cent of the female population of Canada, they account for 10 per cent of all female homicides. Meanwhile, the rate of resolved cases for the murders of aboriginal women lags well below the average for the rest of the population.

Canada's provincial and territorial premiers have called for a national public inquiry and NWAC has created a petition it will present to Parliament on Oct. 18 demanding that the Conservative government launch such an inquest. It has gathered more than 10,000 signatures and Ms. Lord said she is hoping many more names will be added over the next two weeks.

"This message is coming from the families - the hundreds of families out there in Canada who are saying their voices still aren't being heard," she said.

"This is racialized, sexualized violence. This is about hate crimes in this country, aboriginal women being targeted for extreme sexual violence because they are aboriginal women. And we need that changed."

Shawn Atleo, the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said Thursday that his group will be unrelenting in its call for a public inquiry.

Mr. Atleo said he also wants assurances that the work of a parliamentary committee that had planned to study the issue will not be disrupted by prorogation.

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1. 'We are woefully under resourced' says Clark

Michael Smyth

British Columbia is not prepared for a large coastal oil spill and the spill-prevention-andresponse system needs a major upgrade, especially before any new oil pipelines are approved.

That will be the bottom line in a new report on the province's oil-spill system to be released this week by the Christy Clark government.

As B.C. debates two major oil-pipeline projects - Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline and Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline - the government hired Alaska-based Nuka Research to investigate our coastal-spill system.

The company's report has been received by the government, I'm told, and Clark hinted at its contents in comments last week.

"We are woefully under resourced," Clark said, adding the spill-response system must be improved, especially "before any more heavy oil comes off the coast."

British Columbia already has hundreds of oil tankers passing through coastal waters and this week's report will question whether the spill-response system is adequate even for existing tanker traffic, I'm told.

The report will echo earlier concerns raised about B.C.'s inadequate preparation for a major coastal oil spill.

"Even a moderately sized spill would overwhelm the province's ability to respond and could result in a significant liability for government," said briefing notes prepared in June for B.C. Environment Minister Mary Polak and obtained by The Canadian Press.

"The Canadian Coast Guard's national emergency management plan is out of date, and the organization has not fully assessed its response capacity in over a decade," Scott Vaughn, then Canada's independent environment commissioner, said in 2010.

"Because the Coast Guard does not have a reliable system to track spills, it cannot accurately determine the number of spills that occur each year, their size and their environmental impacts.

"We note several areas of concern, from incomplete assessments to out-of-date emergency response plans. These must be addressed to ensure the federal government is ready to respond to any ship-source oil spill occurring in Canadian waters."

The alarm bells are ringing as debate rages over the two proposed pipelines that would pump heavy crude oil - diluted bitumen - from the Alberta oilsands to the B.C. coast for shipment by super tankers to Asia.

Enbridge, the Calgary company behind the proposed $6.5-billion Northern Gateway pipeline, has launched a new ad campaign touting the environmental safety of the project.

Leaked planning material from the ad blitz includes a "mood board" showing pictures of breaching whales and migrating salmon alongside photos of people and cars.

The proposed text for one commercial compares Enbridge vice-president Janet Holder to an orca, saying they both love "clean oceans and a full life" and both hate oil spills.

An Enbridge official said the material came from an early draft of commercials that were not produced, but convey the company's commitment to preventing a spill.

"What we are saying to the public is that our focus and concern aligns with their focus and concerns: the environment," said Holder, the B.C.-based Enbridge executive in charge of the project.

Premier Christy Clark has laid down five conditions for supporting the Enbridge and Kinder Morgan pipelines, including addressing First Nations' concerns, ensuring B.C. gets a "fair share" of the profits and establishing "world-leading" environmental protection standards.

The government told a federal environmental panel in the spring it officially opposes the Enbridge project because it has not met those conditions. But Clark has stressed the conditions were always meant to be a "path for success" and not meant to permanently block economic development.

This week's report on the province's oil-spill system will include recommendations on how to bring it up to the world-leading standards Clark has demanded.

A report produced by the government last year singled out Alaska and Norway for having leading oil-spill regimes, pointing out superior standards for training, spill-response technology, and permanently staffed and equipped emergency depots and vessels.

Holder, the Enbridge vice-president, said the company is willing to meet the government's world-leading standards.

"We can still make changes to the project," she said.

A key question, though, is whether any oilspill system will be adequate in the dangerous waters of B.C.'s north coast.

"For most open ocean spills, no oil from a spill is recovered," the B.C. government said in legal arguments on the Enbridge pipeline in May, adding oil recovery could be even more difficult in the fall and winter months in confined and treacherous waters.

"There are significant periods during which spill response will be impossible or severely constrained," said the legal brief.

Art Sterritt, leader of anti-pipeline Coastal First Nations, is dubious any oil-recovery system can be put in place that would convince First Nations groups to support the pipeline.

"This industry has spent trillions of dollars on longer pipelines and bigger super tankers to ship more oil to more destinations than ever - but they've spent hardly anything on a system to clean up a freaking spill," he said.

"If you can't prove to us that you can clean up your own accident - because we know you'll have one at some point - then we will fight you to the wall."

The government's report on B.C.'s oil-spill response system and how to improve it is bound to crank up the debate even higher this week.

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2. Iain Hunter

Will oil erase explorer's inscription?
Iain Hunter

I suppose Alexander Mackenzie started it all. When the Scottish explorer finally reached tidewater on the Pacific Coast, he left his mark on a rock at the water's edge that's there still.

"Alex Mackenzie from Canada by land 22d July 1793," it says. Others have followed him, some filled with wonder as he must have been; some determined to make something of what he discovered.

A few more than 200 kilometres away from his rock as a seabird flies lies Kitimat, the designated terminal for the Northern Gateway pipeline from which tankers would carry Alberta bitumen down the constricted Douglas Channel to Asia if the project turns out to be more than a pipedream of Enbridge and other members of the pipeline consortium.

The project is a nightmare for many coastal dwellers, as it is for many inlanders who dread the iron snake moving, segment by segment, to tidewater across supernatural land they cherish.

They fear the bile that that snake would carry. They don't dream of seabirds flying from Mackenzie's rock; they imagine seabirds on a shore suffocating in a shroud of heavy oil, drowning in what makes mighty engines run.

People knowledgeable about all this keep saying the Gateway is blocked. They say that though Premier Christy Clark might persuade others to meet one of her five "conditions" for supporting the project - that B.C. get a fair share of profits - the other four conditions can't be met.

They include approval by the federal environmental review, meeting aboriginal rights requirements and the development of "world-class" oil-spill response strategies.

"World-class" as used by Clark makes the last condition sound achievable. But it's not nearly as strong as the insistence by the B.C. government at review panel hearings in June that the consortium must come up with an "effective response" to any spills.

Last week, in an interview with the CBC's Peter Mansbridge, the premier left the oil-spill response responsibility with Ottawa. She said that the federal government hasn't the resources to handle a large tanker spill off the B.C. coast today, let alone when 525,000 barrels of Alberta bitumen a day are being offloaded at Kitimat.

"We're woefully under-resourced," Clark said. She found it "encouraging" that the feds have begun to look at coastal safety and coast guard resources, but made it clear more has to happen "before any more heavy oil comes off the coast."

Enbridge, as part of its revamped PR campaign, is boasting about what it intends to do to keep the birds, animals and fish and forests, plains and waters of B.C. thriving when it has built a better pipeline and provided expanded marine safety measures.

Yet the company testified before the pipeline hearings that its liability ends at the end of the pipe. Is good faith enough?

Besides, if there's a large spill, what can be done? The coast guard has been decimated in the interests of fiscal responsibility. It can't perform cleanup, only supervise it.

Western Canada Marine Response Group Corp. says it has skimmers, booms and absorbent pads in coastal caches and 28 response vessels. But in the event of a big spill, it would have to call for help from other spill response outfits.

And it would take 72 hours to respond, longer in storms. There's even talk of conscripting fishboats and other craft. Then what?

"No current cleanup methods remove more than a small fraction of oil spilled in marine waters," said a U.S. National Academy of Sciences panel in 2003.

Chemicals used to disperse oil are toxic to the environment and human beings. Scientists in Europe are wondering if freeze-dried oil-eating bacteria might work better.

"In most open ocean spills, no oil from a spill is recovered," B.C. testified before the pipeline hearings. And heavy crude sinks.

Yet Clark said she's "confident" her five conditions can be met, that "effective response" is possible.

Enbridge says it's confident that oil will be flowing through its pipes in five years.

The company sounds as if it's planning another historic marker at Kitimat: "Enbridge from Alberta by land 22nd July 2018."

How long before it and Mackenzie's rock would be obliterated by an oilsands slick?

3. Ring of Fire mining project no magic bullet for aboriginal communities: Rae

TORONTO _ Former Liberal leader Bob Rae says natural resource projects such as Ontario's massive Ring of Fire aren't a "magic bullet" to eliminate poverty in remote aboriginal communities.

Rae told a conference on Saturday that several approaches are needed _ including jobs training, education and governance _ to help the resource-rich but underdeveloped areas raise themselves up.

"If you want to see conditions of real underdevelopment, and see what the impact is on people and families, on children and on adults, you do not have to go very far," he told the crowd.

The former MP recounted his experiences from a trip to northern Ontario trip that he returned from on Friday, which included a visit to the community of Marten Falls First Nation. Rae said roughly 300 people live with intermittent electricity, $8 cartons of milk and no Internet access.

Marten Falls lies within the 5,000-square kilometre boundary of the Ring of Fire, a mining project that the Ontario and federal governments hope will attract billions of dollars in private investment to extract valuable minerals such as stainless-steel ingredient chromite.

But Rae said money from the massive proposed mineral project can't be counted on to fix the community's woes.

"The way this situation is now described in the north is to say, 'we have the magic bullet, it's called the Ring of Fire,'" Rae said.

"It's seen as the solution _ (that) we now have the answer to underdevelopment. But everyone has to understand that this is not the magic solution to poverty, because you've got to get people ready for jobs and for work," he added.

"You've got to create the conditions under which people are able to participate in the workforce," Rae said, adding the effort could include targeted loans to help aboriginals launch businesses in traditional trades and crafts.

Rae stepped down from federal politics this year and is acting as chief negotiator for Matawa First Nations Tribal Council in talks with the province over Ring of Fire development. Marten Falls is one of the nine communities in the council.

He said that while Canada has the experience and know-how to help impoverished communities abroad, it should start applying that knowledge domestically.

"Think of about what you know... of how what we're doing in Canada compares to what we've learned (internationally) over the last 60-70 years about what works and doesn't work," Rae said in his speech.

He said resource developmental money that floods into aboriginal communities can't be counted on to "trickle down" to improve the lives of average residents.

The northern Ontario communities he's visited are not against the Ring of Fire plan, but are worried about its negative effects, Rae said.

"They're expressing strong concerns about how do we protect the water. How do we protect the heritage that we have."

4. N.B. Natives: What the frack!

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The Assembly of First Nations says the federal, New Brunswick and First Nation governments must resolve the issues surrounding the shale gas protests in New Brunswick.

A protest against shale gas and hydraulic fracking has been underway near Elsipogtog First Nation in New Brunswick since early June.

The community says fracking threatens groundwater supplies and native treaty rights.

Protesters set up a barricade on a highway on Monday but a judge ordered its removal on Thursday.

"This is about governments respecting and recognizing First Nations rights and that we have a right to free, prior and informed consent on any proposed development that could affect our lands, our waters or our people," AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo said in a statement. "All parties must commit to a sustained process of engagement to set sustainable plans for responsible economic development that are acceptable to all. This is the approach we want to see going forward in all parts of the country." ILLUS: photo of SHAWN ATLEO Shale gas

5. When the system fails

Jail not the answer for young man with learning disability

Put yourself, even for just a moment, in Christopher Ferland's shoes. The random lottery that is birth has you come into the world with a learning disability. You live on a remote, impoverished Manitoba reserve, are apprehended by the child-welfare system as a kid, bounced in and out of foster care, then transported to a large, strange city.

At 16, a relative punts you out of her home because social assistance cuts off the benefits they're willing to spend on you. You're cast onto the streets. You find temporary shelter at the Salvation Army hostel and, at times, with a another relative, but essentially, you're now a periodically homeless street kid.

Perhaps remarkably, you don't fall in with a gang or take up a criminal lifestyle to get by. Instead, you find help from a school offering a special class and a counsellor willing to work with you so you can try to overcome some cognitive challenges you live with.

But then everything changes. You find yourself arrested for a domestic assault that allegedly occurred many months before, one you deny happened. For the first time, at 19, you're thrust into an unfamiliar justice system, initially without a lawyer to guide you. Because you have no prior record, police release you to appear in court at a later date.

You turn up for that first court date, but are confused and can't navigate the bureaucracy of the courts building.

You wind up with a warrant out for your arrest for non-attendance. Over the coming months, you're rearrested several times -- a couple of them because you're not living where you told the court you would be. One rearrest comes after police see you shaking hands with someone at a downtown mall and they suspect you are dealing drugs. You're not.

Police and prosecutors give you chances to get out of custody without opposing your release, but after your fourth rearrest, the Crown now wants to see you held in custody until you deal with your charges.

A judge grudgingly gives you a fifth shot at freedom, saying he can't believe he is, but is doing so largely because he doesn't believe you're a risk to the public.

But you soon get collared as a break-and-enter suspect after being found with others in a vacant home. Police concede it's a case of "victim unknown." No damage other than to the rear door has occurred. It's not clear who broke the door.

After sitting in custody for a couple weeks, this time a different judge refuses to let you out again.

Notably, her concerns are "not so much for the safety of the community as it is a concern you won't follow court orders."

You're out of chances. Now you sit in locked custody until you resolve your charges, despite the fact you have no prior criminal record. You won't finish school this year, and you've lost the placement at where you were living.

How long resolution of your charges will take, who knows? You're contesting the initial assault allegations that put you in this predicament in the first place. Trials take time to arrange.

It's safe, however, to say you'll spend longer behind bars on remand than you would for any sentence that may get noted on your new criminal record at the end of the day.

Let's summarize the key points: You're poor, cognitively challenged, essentially homeless and without much support in life through no fault of your own.

And now, to a great degree, those factors, which are beyond your control, are preventing you from being able to follow court orders and let you stay out of jail, where you're being exposed to violence and the influence of concentrated

criminality.

This is Christopher Ferland's story, by and large. It's similar to many seen in Manitoba's justice system.

I'm not going to pretend I don't agree with Judge Catherine Carlson in her decision to keep Ferland in custody this time.

It's pretty apparent giving Ferland a sixth shot at bail would make, as she felt it would, a mockery of the bail system as it exists today.

Neither can I fault newly minted Court of Queen's Bench Justice Sheldon Lanchbery for refusing to overturn Carlson's ruling this week.

Judges have a job to do, and front and centre is their responsibility to uphold the rule of law and the administration of justice.

We can, however, ask ourselves if maybe the bail system they work within -- as set out by the Criminal Code -- is broken in cases like Ferland's.

The argument can easily be made -- as it was this week by defence lawyer William Marks -- that we're criminalizing and incarcerating aboriginal people at the bail stage because of background factors they have zero control over. Remember, it was just a few weeks ago that one judge agreed to release Ferland because he didn't pose a safety risk.

If there's no risk to public safety, why are we locking him up?

It's well-established by now that aboriginal people comprise a staggering percentage of the inmate population in provincial jails. In Manitoba, it's more than 70 per cent.

Anyone with half a conscience would say this shows something is fundamentally wrong and has to change.

I believe a major issue in Manitoba is our lack of a so-called "Gladue court" where cases like Ferland's could be diverted and reassessed at all stages -- from bail to pretrial to sentencing.

If we had one, the background factors influencing why Ferland keeps getting rearrested could be examined in depth.

Detailed plans could then be put forward to secure his freedom. Those plans would try to address his unique background factors while keeping him in compliance with the law.

And our laws are clear, at least when it comes time to dish out a sentence, that "all available sanctions other than imprisonment that are reasonable in the circumstances" should be on the table, especially for aboriginal offenders.

Yes, setting up a Gladue court would mean we'd have to pony up the dough for an adequate community-resource and supervision regime.

But consider this: If we keep Ferland locked up for a total of six months, we'll have spent more than $31,000 (at the provincial estimate of $174 a day) just to keep him in jail.

And what for? Judges have already indicated he's not a risk to public safety.

That's precious taxpayer money that could have gone to providing Ferland resources to help address his homelessness and learning disability. No doubt that would be less expensive.

It's odd. In Manitoba, we're not strangers to trying innovative, problem-solving justice methods. For years, we've had drug-treatment court and recently saw the addition of a mental-health court.

These are really, at root, collaborative responses to serious social problems.

What could be a more serious social problem than people rotting in jail -- not because of serious, violent criminality, but because we refuse to innovate?

It was more than 20 years ago the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry made several recommendations regarding fair treatment of aboriginal suspects at the bail stage.

One was that provincial judges should guard against placing inappropriate release conditions, such as financial guarantees

and cash deposits, on people who are destitute.

Ferland's case shows we still have a long way to go.

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1. Marketwired: Change is Achievable, but Parties to BC Treaty Negotiations Process Need to Refocus Efforts

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Oct. 7, 2013) - Is BC committed to long-term solutions? Is Canada committed to negotiating in good faith? Are First Nations committed to solving territorial disputes? The BC Treaty Commission has no choice but to ask these questions due to constant delays that affect the momentum of the treaty negotiations process.

"These delays have gone on long enough," said Chief Commissioner Sophie Pierre. "It's well past time for all the parties to show they are serious by engaging in meaningful negotiations. Let's just get it done."

The Treaty Commission will release their 2013 annual report, Pathways to Change, at a news conference this Tuesday, they emphasize that all Parties hold some degree of responsibility for this situation, and the Treaty Commission is calling on them to refocus their efforts.

As the independent facilitator for treaty negotiations in BC, the Treaty Commission has seen great strides made toward settling the land question. However, there remain significant challenges to moving that process forward. The federal government is causing delays by undertaking various studies and reviews, the province has made economic development instead of long-term treaties their priority, and many First Nations are engaged in prolonged disputes because of overlapping and shared territory.

Members of media invited to attend news Conference in Victoria BC:
Hotel Grand Pacific, East Vancouver Island Ballroom (first floor), 463 Belleville Street.
9:30 a.m.: Advance hard copies of the report will be available.
10:00 a.m.: News conference starts.

Live webcast of news conference:
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About the BC Treaty Commission: The Treaty Commission is the independent body responsible for overseeing treaty negotiations among the governments of Canada, BC, and First Nations in BC. It has three roles: facilitation, funding, and public information and education. Visit www.bctreaty.ca to learn more about the Treaty Commission.

2. Marketwired: BC First Nations Education Organizations Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Proclamation, 1763

COAST SALISH TERRITORIES, BRITISH COLUMBIA and VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Oct. 7, 2013) - The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC), First Nations Schools Association (FNSA), Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association (IAHLA), and First Nations Early Childhood Development Council (FNECDC) commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Proclamation, 1763.

The Royal Proclamation was issued October 7, 1763, by King George III to, among other things, bring greater peace in relations with the Indigenous peoples of North America. It regulated settlement, trade and land purchases on the western frontier, forbidding settlers to take Indigenous lands.

The Royal Proclamation continues to be of great legal importance and political significance to First Nations in Canada given its recognition of the pre-existing First Nations' sovereignty. A founding constitutional document, it represents the first legal recognition by the British Crown of Aboriginal rights, based on First Nations' prior occupation of the lands. It also serves as an origin for the Crown's duty to act honourably in its relations with First Nations. As affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada: "The obligation of honourable dealing was recognized from the outset by the Crown itself in the Royal Proclamation of 1763 ... in which the British Crown pledged its honour to the protection of Aboriginal peoples from exploitation by non-Aboriginal peoples. The honour of the Crown has since become an important anchor in this area of the law." The Royal Proclamation is enshrined in Section 25 of the Constitution Act, in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which guarantees that nothing can terminate or diminish the Aboriginal rights outlined in the Proclamation.

On its 250th anniversary, it is important to reflect on the spirit, intent and significance of the Royal Proclamation when examining the Crown's relationship with First Nations in Canada today.

"In BC, First Nations have spent the past two decades building the First Nations Education System - a First Nation-driven system that represents a manifestation of the fundamental tenet of First Nations control of First Nations education," stated Tyrone McNeil, FNESC President. "Following on the heels of the tragic Indian residential school initiative and destructive colonial education policy, the whole purpose of this important endeavour is to assist First Nations communities to regain control of and fully exercise their inherent authority over the education of our children. No one can ignore the dark past that came after the Royal Proclamation, but we can each commit to ensuring that mistakes will not repeated."

"The BC First Nations Education System is supported by tripartite agreements with the Governments of Canada and BC, and supporting legislation," commented Greg Louie, FNSA President. "Consistent with the recognition afforded to First Nations' self-governing authority in the Royal Proclamation, First Nations in BC seek a continued government-to-government commitment to build collaboratively on successes to date, in a responsive manner that fully and genuinely supports and achieves First Nations control of First Nations education." He continued, "This would uphold the minimum standards of Indigenous peoples right of self-determination affirmed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Unilateral initiatives unsupported by First Nations, such as the federal development of national First Nations education legislation, are a practice of days gone by - such practice has no place in honourable reconciliation today."

We remind the governments of the promises of the Crown that were made many years ago and remain relevant today. The expectation is always that the Crown will honour such promises, which form a part of the constitutional fabric of this country.

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3. iPolitics: Working group to end shale gas dispute

FREDERICTON - New Brunswick Premier David Alward and members of the Elsipogtog (ELS-ih-pook-took) First Nation have agreed to form a working group to help end a dispute over shale gas.

Alward and Chief Arren Sock left a three-hour meeting at a Fredericton hotel today to say they will continue talking in an effort to end a protest that began more than a week ago over shale gas exploration.

The working group will include members of the government, First Nations and industry, but further details have not been worked out.

The RCMP blocked Highway 134 near Rexton on Sept. 29 after a protest against shale gas exploration began spilling onto the road.

Protesters subsequently cut down trees across another part of the highway and have blocked an entrance to a compound used by energy company SWN Resources to store exploration equipment.

The protesters want SWN Resources to stop seismic testing and leave the province.

Last Thursday, SWN was granted an injunction to end the blockade of their compound but the RCMP has not enforced it.

4. Nanaimo Daily News: Massive investment so far suggests B.C.'s LNG industry no pipe dream: minister

VANCOUVER - British Columbia's minister of natural gas development says a commitment by a Malaysian national company to build a liquefied natural gas plant in B.C. and investment by other countries suggests the province isn't chasing an LNG pipe dream.

Rich Coleman will leave Friday for Malaysia, South Korea and China to promote what he calls B.C.'s competitive advantage when it comes to the LNG industry.

Coleman says B.C.'s abundant natural gas supply could provide Asia's needs for 84 years through several proposed plants in a province where the temperate climate means making LNG takes less energy.

He says the province has signed pipeline agreements with many First Nations to create a stable environment for the proposed industry, which Premier Christy Clark has said will be the cleanest in the world despite criticism about pollution from LNG operations.

Coleman says that while the government is pushing the development of three LNG plants in northern B.C. by 2020 as a massive economic opportunity, the province is also opening eight new mines and expanding nine mines by 2015.

On Sunday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper received news in Malayasia that the country's state-owned oil and gas company Petronas will invest $36 million in B.C. on an LNG plant and the pipeline to transport the gas.

5. Courier-Islander: New Brunswick and First Nations leaders resume talks to end shale gas protest

FREDERICTON - New Brunswick Premier David Alward and members of the Elsipogtog (ELS-ih-pook-took) First Nation resumed talks today to resolve a dispute over shale gas exploration.

They met at a hotel in Fredericton to try to end a protest that has blocked a highway near Rexton in eastern New Brunswick for more than a week.

Both Alward and Chief Arren Sock say they hope to build on a three-hour meeting they held Sunday in Moncton.

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6. Huffington Post: We Need Justice for Missing and Murdered Women and their Families

For seven years now, Indigenous women, men and children have gathered on Parliament Hill to ask the Government of Canada to acknowledge and act upon the murders and disappearances of hundreds of their family members. Their vigil is a powerful symbol of the strength that is born in grief and loss.

The October 4th vigils have grown in size and scale, and can now be found in all regions of the country. The growing numbers of missing and murdered Indigenous women have become well known throughout Canada, and in recent years the international community has issued call after call for the Canadian government to take action.

This year, families have been dealt a specific blow by the Conservative government. On September 13th, in their

response to the UN Universal Period Review, the Government of Canada rejected recommendations calling for immediate action to address violence afflicting Indigenous women. Canada formally stated that it would not be conducting any kind of review or inquiry into the deaths and disappearances of more than 600 women. Instead, they again transferred responsibility onto local and provincial governments.

Indigenous organizations, and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit women and families have long asked for justice to be served, demanding a National Inquiry and a coordinated National Action Plan to end violence against women. In the summer of 2012, I -- along with my NDP caucus -- joined with the Manitoba Chiefs in calling for an inquiry. This year, all of Canada's premiers have followed suit, supporting calls for national action. In the face of such overwhelming consensus, I believe it is the Conservative government's duty to assume the task they are being told to perform. And yet, they refuse.

Indigenous women face violence at a rate 5 times higher than non-Indigenous women, and are seven times more likely to be murdered. Mothers, daughters, wives, cousins and aunts continue to be kidnapped, trafficked and killed. Why, in the face of a crisis such as this, is Stephen Harper not responding? I cannot help but wonder if his response would be the same if it were not First Nations, Métis and Inuit women who are at risk.

New Democrats have been steadfast in their support of First Nations, Métis and Inuit families.

My Private Member's Motion, M-444, calls for a comprehensive and a coordinated National Action Plan to Address Violence against Women -- of which a national public inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls is a key component. Alongside the call for an inquiry, I am calling for benchmarks for measuring progress based on the collection of data on levels of violence against women over time.

Today, and every day, I stand in solidarity with families of murdered and missing Indigenous women. From my home in Northern Manitoba, where families have lost loved ones, to my seat in the House of Commons, I will not stop acting in solidarity until there are no more stolen sisters.

Niki Ashton
NDP MP, Churchill-Manitoba

7. CP: Canada marks 250th anniversary of landmark document for aboriginals

By Steve Rennie

THE CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA - Groups affiliated with the Idle No More movement held protests across Canada and in parts of the United States on Monday as an important document for aboriginal land claims and self-government marked its 250th anniversary.

``We have chosen this day, the 250-year anniversary of the British Royal Proclamation,'' Clayton Thomas-Muller, one of the leaders of the Idle No More movement, said in a statement. ``We are using this founding document of this country and its anniversary to usher in a new era of reconciliation of Canada's shameful colonial history, to turn around centuries of neglect and abuse of our sacred and diverse nations.''

The Royal Proclamation of 1763 set out rules for European settlement in North America, recognized First Nations' land rights and set out the treaty process.

Idle No More organizers said more than 50 events were scheduled to take place in Canada, the U.S. and in other countries. One of the planned protests was at the B.C. legislature over planned pipeline projects and oil tanker ports.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and Gov. Gen. David Johnston

all released statements about significance of the Royal Proclamation.

In Ottawa, the head of Canada's largest aboriginal group said the anniversary should be the catalyst for action on a number of fronts.

"Two-hundred and fifty years, we still, with every government - including this one - are saying that the time for First Nations to help drive a future must be led by them," said Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations. ``Not just on land. On education, in child welfare, in all aspects of our lives. So it is an important moment. What's even more important than the words that we're hearing, including the words that go back to the 2008 apology, (is) it's time for action."

Among other issues that need to be addressed, Atleo said an inquiry needs to be called into the hundreds of aboriginal women who have been murdered or who have gone missing.

The governing Conservatives have so far not heeded calls for such an inquiry. Atleo said Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt has not given him any indication that the Conservatives would commit to a public hearing.

``He's not mentioned it, but I remain hopeful," Atleo said. ``Our people remain resolute."

Atleo added that he hopes the visit to Canada of a special United Nations fact-finder will draw worldwide attention to these and other issues. The UN has dispatched law professor James Anaya to speak to First Nations representatives and government officials as he drafts a report for the world body. He arrived in Canada on Sunday evening and will travel the country before leaving next week.

8. CP: First Nations Anniversary

OTTAWA - Canada's Aboriginal Peoples are marking the 250th anniversary of a landmark document in their history.

The Royal Proclamation of 1763 set out rules for European settlement in North America, recognized First Nations' land rights and set out the treaty process.

The Prime Minister's Office issued a statement on Stephen Harper's behalf calling the Royal Proclamation a seminal document in Canada's history. Gov. Gen. David Johnston says the document is part of Canada's legal foundation and continues to be relevant today.

A statement issued for NDP Leader Tom Mulcair says Canadians must still be guided by the Royal Proclamation's recognition of title and the authority of treaties.

And Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, says Aboriginal Peoples are marking the occasion by calling on the government for action on their rights.

9. CBC News: Royal Proclamation of 1763, Canada's 'Indian Magna Carta,' turns 250

A symposium of academics and aboriginal leaders is being held near Ottawa to commemorate one of the most important documents in Canadian history.

The Royal Proclamation of 1763, issued by King George III, essentially defined the relationship between the Crown and the native peoples in the new territories in North America acquired by the British land that would become Canada.

The document became a guide to all treaty-making since, and its presence is felt in the legal underpinnings of Confederation in 1867 and in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in 1982. Some refer to it as the Indian Magna Carta.

'The treaty relationships and aspirations that were expressed in the Royal Proclamation are about us sharing the land, wealth and resources of this country. That has not happened'- Shawn Atleo, AFN national chief
The Creating Canada symposium marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the document was organized by the Land Claims Agreements Coalition, a group of modern treaty governments and organizations in Canada.

In a press release, the coalition's co-chair, Mitchell Stevens, president of Nisqa'a Nation, said, "The Royal Proclamation of 1763 is a foundational document in Canadian history because it affirms the government-to-government relationship between First Nations and the Crown."

The proclamation put in writing the inherent right of aboriginals to their land, and it acknowledged the "the great frauds and abuses have been committed in the purchasing lands of the Indians, to the great prejudice of our interests, and to the great dissatisfaction of the said Indians."

Modern-day treaties
But Chief Danny Cresswell of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation in Yukon said in an interview the Royal Proclamation of 1763 has never been implemented, nor have modern-day treaties. He said Carcross/Tagish signed a treaty with Ottawa seven years ago, but the guaranteed law-making authority for education and child welfare that was promised in the treaty has not happened.

The Royal Proclamation of 1763. (Julie Van Dusen/CBC)

The Royal Proclamation of 1763
Issued by King George III at the end of the Seven Years' War between Britain and France, the Royal Proclamation of 1763 set out how the inhabitants of the former colony of New France, now part of Quebec, would be governed under the British.

It also recognized that indigenous peoples in British North America had rights to the lands they occupied, and promised to protect and not "molest them."

Because of that promise, which lives on in Article 35 of Canada's Constitution Act of 1982 and a series of Supreme Court rulings, natives have long viewed the proclamation as a bill of rights for indigenous peoples in this part of North America.

"[It] says [the Crown] can't go in and invade their lands without some kind of a consultation or, more than that, it says they have to be compensated, dealt with, treated fairly ... It wasn't lived up to or enforced. It was nice to say ..." Cresswell said.

However, Cresswell said he was pleased both Gov. Gen. David Johnston and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Bernard Valcourt will be present at the symposium Monday.

"That's a big step. That shows there's some meaning to this," he said.

Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said in an interview with Evan Solomon of CBC Radio's The House, "The treaty relationships and aspirations that were expressed in the Royal Proclamation are about us sharing the land, wealth and resources of this country. That has not happened."

This is a critical time for a government which is pitting a lot of its economic policy on resource development, Atleo said, speaking of the more than $600 billion in natural resources that Canada wishes to develop.

"First Nations are absolutely four-square right in front of and adjacent to and in the middle of these proposed development areas, and have the right to free, prior informed consent and will have a say over natural resources development in Canada.

"Direct nation-to-nation discussions is the only way forward," he said.

Atleo added he intends to accompany the Governor General to London at a future date to commemorate the signing of the Royal Proclamation of 1763.

Grand Chief David Harper of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak is already in London and has attended a reception at the High Commission for Canada and a pipe ceremony at Green Park. On Monday, a meeting with a member of the House of Lords is scheduled.

'250th anniversary of broken promises'
NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, speaking to reporters Sunday during a meeting of the NDP's federal council in Ottawa, called the event "the 250th anniversary of broken promises."

He noted the proclamation was "the first time the word nation was used to describe the original inhabitants of Canada. The NDP will become the first government in Canadian history to respect that nation-to-nation approach."

The Creating Canada symposium is taking place at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Que.

The protest group Idle No More plans to hold a rally at the museum along with what an article on its website says is "an international day of action " on Oct. 7, with rallies planned across Canada and in the U.S. and U.K.

The federal government has contributed $30,000 to the symposium which is otherwise funded by the Land Claims Agreement Coalition and the registration fees of participants.

Although the government spent $28 million on celebrations for the War of 1812, and has plans for the 200th birthday of Sir John A. MacDonald and the 25th anniversary of the signing of NAFTA, it did not make similar preparations for the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763.

10. Northern News Services - Mining company defends Gahcho Kue consultation process

De Beers responds to First Nations opposition to proposed mining project

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De Beers Canada Inc. responded late last month to opposition to its Gahcho Kue Diamond Mine Project, as expressed by four First Nations this summer.

On Aug. 20, the Tlicho Government, Lutsel K'e Dene Band, Deninu Kue First Nation and Yellowknives Dene issued a joint letter to Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt,requesting the project be returned to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board for further study. The aboriginal groups argued that recommendations made by the review board did not address all their environmental and cultural concerns surrounding the project's potential impacts.

The review board ordered an environmental impact review in the summer of 2006, which it passed conditionally in its July 19 report.

The proposed development would consist of a large open-pit diamond mine located at Kennady Lake, approximately 280 kilometres northeast of Yellowknife and 80 kilometres southeast of the De Beers' Snap Lake Mine.

In a seven-page letter addressed to the director general of the Northern Projects Management Office of the Canadian

Northern Economic Development Agency on Sept. 23, De Beers chief operating officer Glen Koropchuk defended his company's history of consultation with the aboriginal groups.

The First Nations' position "completely disregards the fact that through the thorough multi-year environmental impact review process, a number of comprehensive commitments were made," he stated, referencing 19 pages of the review board's 207-page report. "Many of these were made as a result of consultation with the four First Nations and Metis groups, and the commitments made apply to every aspect of the project, including engineering, environmental and socio-economic."

With respect to environmental issues raised by the First Nations, such as questions about water quality at Kennady Lake and sediment and erosion management, Koropchuk suggested the matters should be dealt with by the Mackenzie Land and Water Board during the water licence and land use permitting application process, not as part of the present regulatory review.

In terms of cultural impacts, he added De Beers has committed to incorporate traditional knowledge into all phases of the project and, because the First Nations advanced no further recommendations for measures or mitigations relating to cultural impacts in their latest correspondence, "there is nothing to be gained by referring this back to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board."

In their letter to the minister, the First Nations highlighted a worry that a winter road connecting the proposed mine site with the Tibbit-to-Contwoyto Winter Road and other development would slow caribou herd recovery, resulting in more harvesting restrictions.

In De Beers' response, Koropchuk countered that the opportunity to provide input to the Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program and Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan has been extended to all aboriginal parties and regulators. The monitoring program is also being updated to include the review board's recommendation that De Beers' follow-up program must monitor and assess the impact of the road on caribou movement and behaviour.

Metis Alliance president Bill Enge sent an e-mail to Minister Valcourt on Aug. 22 encouraging him to adopt the review board's recommendations as they currently stand. The Metis alliance is the only aboriginal group to have signed an impact benefit agreement with De Beers.

Gahcho Kue is 51 per cent owned by De Beers in a joint venture partnership with 49 per cent owner Mountain Province Diamonds.

In an Aug. 28 letter to the Northern Projects Management Office of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, NWT Metis Nation president Garry Bailey criticized the Aug. 20 deadline as too short for his organization to comment on the review board's report.

Representatives from the Tlicho Government, Lutsel K'e Dene Band, Deninu Kue First Nation and Yellowknives Dene were on duty travel and not available for comment late last week.

11. Northern News Services - Devolution - 'Not much of a bone to scrap over'

Devolution expected to add 259 positions to the GNWT, 25 of which will go to new recruits in communities outside Yellowknife

Laura Busch
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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
Community leaders are underwhelmed by the number of regional jobs being added to the territorial government once devolution takes effect.

"It's not much of a bone to scrap over, is it?" said Hay River Metis Council president Wally Schumann while mulling over the newly-released numbers of positions to be located in the regional centres.

Sixty-seven of the 259 new GNWT jobs expected to result from the transfer of land and resource management from Ottawa to the territory will be regional positions. However, 15 of those will be located in Yellowknife. Subtract the 27 non-Yellowknife positions being offered to employees at the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and that leaves 25 new positions expected to be split among the regional centres.

Inuvik Mayor Floyd Roland said he plans to contact the GNWT to request a more detailed breakdown of just how many positions are expected to go to which community.

"The devil's in the details," he said. "I want to see just what's in those details because if it's not much more than existing federal employees moving over, well, I would say that's a real loss. Not only to the GNWT but to this region."

Among the community positions, several are expected to be senior management jobs within the lands department.

Hay River North MLA Robert Bouchard said the jobs will be divided among six communities, a fact he is not impressed with.

"There are 33 communities in the territory and we are only dealing with seven of them," he said.

Bouchard added the GNWT has done a poor job preparing communities for the new positions, citing Hay River as an example where office space and housing could have been built.

"I understand it's complicated, but we should have had the foresight to know ... we are a bit disappointed in Hay River," he said. "I am happy with the authority and control that will come with devolution, but everything depends on how it rolls out and right now I am not pleased with the way it's happening."

Under the devolution agreement, the GNWT is required to offer AANDC employees, whose jobs will be affected by the change, with reasonable offers in the same community where they currently work, explained Shaleen Woodward, assistant deputy minister of devolution implementation planning shortly after the new organizational structure was released on Oct. 1.

"In the devolution agreement, it identifies that when we're making reasonable job offers to staff that we will try to, as best as possible, replicate their current functions, roles, duties and also their community of residence," she said.

To that end, 113 job offers were sent to AANDC employees on Oct. 1, and more offers are expected. Those employees now have 60 days to decide whether or not they will accept the offers.

This is a tiered process, said Woodward. After the federal employees are positioned, the devolution implementation team will focus on filling the remaining positions.

The 17th legislative assembly made decentralization one of its priorities.

Decentralization means moving jobs out of headquarters in Yellowknife and into other communities.

"The idea is to bring programs and services closer to the people they serve," said Olin Lovely, director of the management board secretariat with the Department of Finance - the department tasked with co-ordinating decentralization efforts.

Those efforts essentially began last year, during this assembly's second year in office, said Lovely. In 2013-14, 18 positions were decentralized; 10 were new positions and eight were moved out of headquarters.

The next phase of decentralization will be decided during the 2014-15 budget process.

For Schumann, government positions are not coming fast enough for the South Slave.

"This 17th assembly promised decentralization and 18 jobs just doesn't cut it," he said.

This sentiment was echoed by Roland. In a time when the Beaufort Delta's economy is struggling, stable government jobs would go a long way.

"There is a lot of government in the NWT," he said. "They should look at where the big economic drivers in the future are and situate people there.

"It's always harder to move after they've been settled in," he said.

12. Aljazeera America: Activist group Idle No More gets busy again in Canada

by Benjamin Shingler

Indigenous tribes of Canada plan day of protest for Monday, vow they're just getting started

In the past few weeks, First Nations groups in Canada have set up a blockade to stop shale-gas exploration in New Brunswick, marched outside the Ontario premier's house to protest high mercury levels and forced a coal-mining company in British Columbia to delay exploratory drilling.

The protests are part of a growing First Nations activism that took root in Canada last winter with the powerful movement known as Idle No More. The mass protests, which drew thousands to snow-lined streets across the country, have gone quiet in recent months, but activists insist the fight is far from over.

On Monday they will try to take that message to the wider public, with 50 events planned across Canada and the United States, along with an estimated 10 other countires, including England and India. That day marks the 250th anniversary of the British Royal Proclamation, which led to the founding of Canada.

"We must collectively send a clear message that our movement will not stop intervening in Canada's attempts to conduct business as usual," says a statement from the group declaring Oct. 7 a Day of Action.

Activists are now hoping for a reset on the relationship between aboriginal and nonaboriginal people. Monday coincides with the arrival of the United Nation's special Rapporteur on Indigenous Rights, who will begin a week-and-a-half-long tour investigating the plight of the country's aboriginal peoples.

Planned events for the day range from a flash-mob round dance in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to a picnic in Toronto to a protest on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

Idle No More began, the story goes, with a flurry of emails among four women in Saskatchewan.

They worried a new piece of federal legislation Bill C-45 would erode indigenous rights and strip environmental safeguards that protect water, land and air quality. The hefty piece of legislation, known as an omnibus budget bill, meant changes to the Indian Act, the Navigation Protection Act and the Environmental Assessment Act.

In November 2012 they held a meeting with local activists. Soon after that, one of the women, Jessica Gordon, sent out a tweet with the hashtag #IdleNoMore. It would remain a trending topic in Canada for much of the winter.

After the first nationwide Day of Action last December, flash mobs, railway blockades and street demonstrations began to pop up across the country.

Activists developed a set of demands as the protests continued to grow. Idle No More called for the federal government to honor historic treaties between Canada and First Nations and move toward peaceful coexistence.

Meanwhile, Theresa Spence, chief of the troubled Attawapiskat First Nation in Ontario, went on a hunger strike over the housing crisis in her community. The result was a cross-country aboriginal protest movement that many described as unprecedented.

Chelsea Vowel, a well-known First Nations blogger, attributes the unrest to a "perfect storm" of outrage.

"There was a lot of anger about the stereotypes and prejudices being displayed, and then on top of it there were these very intrusive pieces of legislation," says Vowel, a 35-year-old Métis woman who lives in Montreal.

After a winter of frenzied protest, however, Idle No More started to fizzle out.

"The energy that came out of that, fundamentally, is not sustainable," said Clayton Thomas-Muller, national campaigner for Idle No More, explaining the slowdown.

Spence agreed to end her strike in January after Prime Minister Stephen Harper met with a group of First Nations leaders. Most of Idle No More's demands weren't met, and the legislation passed anyway.

Planned actions through the summer months, coined Sovereignty Summer on a slick website, drew far smaller crowds and rarely made the headlines.

Vowel, though, believes a foundation was laid for further activism.

She explains that online tools like Twitter and Facebook have helped bring together aboriginal activists scattered across Canada. She adds that there are encouraging signs the terms of debate have shifted at least a little since Idle No More began.

"Over the past year, there has been more of a representation in the media of our voices," says Vowel, who works as an educator in Montreal. "I think it's become less common for people speaking on our behalf, and that was the norm before for a really long time. People weren't willing to listen to our issues unless a white person said them."

If Idle No More appears to have slowed, there's still plenty of action behind the scenes.

One evening late last month, Melissa Mollen Dupuis gathered with a dozen First Nations women in a Montreal university classroom to lay out their plans for a day of protests.

Dupuis, a 35-year-old Innu woman who lives near Montreal, started the Quebec chapter of Idle No More last winter. She wants to focus more on educating the public.

Her group is pushing for changes to the province's high school history curriculum to better explain the devastating impact of government policies like the residential school system. Thousands of aboriginal children were forced into church-run institutions, where many suffered mistreatment and abuse.

Across the country, pockets of First Nations activists like Dupuis are working toward the same goal. Many of them, observers have noted, are young, educated aboriginal women a fast-growing segment of Canada's population.

In Canada, there are more than 1.4 million aboriginal people, making up 4 percent of Canada's population. Poverty, however, is an issue. A study released this summer found that half of Canada's First Nations children are living below the poverty line triple the national average.

There is also a disproportionately high number of missing and murdered native women in Canada. The apparent lack

of action by law enforcement to take on the issue is a major concern among protesters.

Despite those grim numbers, Thomas-Muller sees cause for optimism. He's encouraged by events like a reconciliation march in Vancouver last month, which drew an estimated 70,000 people despite rain. He contends that Idle No More will one day be looked upon as a "turning point" in Canadian history.

"We have been forced into a situation where a line has been drawn to stop harmful projects threatening our air and our water and our clean earth," he says.

13. CBC Newsworld report on Royal Proclamation and U.N. Rapporteur

>>Host: Canada's First Nations are using a key date in history to raise important issues affecting their communities. Today is the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation from 1763. The document really set the framework for treaties between First Nations and the government. We have got Rosemary Barton following the story and she joins me live from our bureau in Ottawa. Why is this Royal Proclamation, rosemary, so important?

>>Reporter: It is viewed by some, Suhana, as really the indigenous bill of rights for First Nations in this country. So it is being celebrated and marked today by rallies across the country. A lot of those Idle No More rallies and protests actually happening as well, not only to mark the occasion, but to point out what has not been done and what still needs to be done, following in line with the proclamation. It was signed in 1773 by King George the Third, and it was the move that really set the terms between the relationship between the Crown and First Nations. It said primarily that First Nations have the right to stay on the land they occupied, and the Crown's job was to protect that right. Basically, it was the early stages of how to settle and negotiate treaties with First Nations. But, as I point out, a lot of First Nations believe that while it was there as the blueprint, it has not really come to fruition and has not borne fruit. Shawn Atleo, the head of the Assembly of First Nations, was asked about that today and hear is what he had to say in terms of where things need to go.

>>Atleo: We know that our rights are real. We know that treaty rights are real and courts affirmed it, we have a declaration and now we need to -- the federal government, particularly through the Prime Minister, that gives expression to the relationship with the Crown. But we will also take care of the important business to go back and to remind the Crown itself, who forged the Royal Proclamation in the beginning, there was a promise that the Crown would support and protect indigenous nations from the behavior of colonial governments.

>>Reporter: Actually Shawn Atleo is headed off to London, England, tomorrow, to put some of that message forward as well, to remind people of these past agreements, their importance and then how they can move forward with them.

>> Suhana: While he heads out of the country there is a U.N. representative heading into the country who is going to study the relationship between Aboriginal Canadians and the government. What is the story there?

>> Reporter: This is interesting, in terms of time. This is James Anaya, the Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous people. There will be the first worldwide summit held by the U.N. on indigenous rights in the world. So this is sort of part of that preparation, if you will. He is here to measure the progress in terms of how Canada is treating its' First Nations. In 2003 there was another Rapporteur who visited the country and came back with some criticism, harsh criticism in fact, about education, housing, water, all these things that need to be addressed in First Nations communities. He is traveling the country, nine different stops, where he'll meet with First Nations and meet with the Minister responsible, and talk about things that still need to be done. But there is obviously concern on the part of the government the criticism will come forward and the things the government is trying to correct in terms of education, for instance, that seems to be their number one priority, that that stuff will not be discussed enough and will not be highlighted enough. So the fact that Minister Valcourt is meeting with him is an attempt to try to shape the message and focus on the positives they think they have accomplished in the past number of years.

14. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Help us bring these missing Aboriginal women and girls home!

Ottawa, October 7, 2013 Today the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), in collaboration with various police partners, launched a week-long social media campaign as part of its efforts to help solve outstanding cases of missing aboriginal women. The campaign will highlight specific cases from across Canada that are featured on the Canada's Missing website (www.canadasmissing.ca) and encourages the public to help in solving these cases.

From October 7th until October 11th, the RCMP will share information on these cases on its Facebook and Twitter accounts and call on policing partners and the public to take part in this campaign. Each case on the Canada's Missing website is profiled with a poster that provides information about the missing individual and the circumstances of the case and can be printed for distribution.

How the public can help:

•Visit the canadasmissing.ca to review the cases learn how to submit a tip
•Like the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on Facebook to see information about the cases and share them
•Follow @rcmpgrcpolice on Twitter to read about and retweet information on the cases
RCMP officers and investigators from our partner police agencies work tirelessly to solve cases of missing persons. The RCMP is leading task forces across the country dedicated to actively reviewing files of missing women, including Aboriginal women. Project DEVOTE in Manitoba, Project E-PANA in Northern and Central British Columbia and Project EVEN-HANDED in Vancouver are great examples of RCMP-led multi-agency taskforces diligently investigating cases of homicides and missing persons in Canada. The RCMP also works in consultation with the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) in order to raise awareness of the issue of Missing Aboriginal women in Canada.

This initiative is an opportunity for communities across the country to be involved by sharing information that may generate tips for the investigating officers. With the public's help we hope to bring these women home.

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15. Canada Newswire: Idle No More Global Day of Action, #Oct7Proclaim

55 Actions in Canada, United States, United Kingdom, and across the Planet

OTTAWA, Oct. 7, 2013 /CNW/ - Today marks the global day of action of Idle No More, the Indigenous Peoples social movement. On October 7, 1763, King George III of England signed the British Royal Proclamation, an historic document that legally mandated Canada to recognize Indigenous land rights.

Today, two hundred and fifty years later, at over 53 actions and events taking place across Canada, the United States, and in countries across the planet, thousands of Indigenous Peoples and our supporters are taking direct action to assert sovereignty and self-determination over Our Land -- Our Water -- Our Bodies -- Our Stories -- Our Future -- and to proclaim our Indigenous Sovereignty!

Today also marks the day that the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Professor James Anaya, begins his official UN visit to Canada to examine the human rights situation of the Indigenous Peoples of this country.

Actions on the front lines today include the anti-fracking fight in Elsipogtog Mi'kmaq Nation in New Brunswick, Canada, where Mi'kmaq warriors have been blockading roads to protect their collective rights, lands, and water from the Houston-based, SWN Resources.

"The time has come for us to emancipate our Nations; it is time for us to assert our sovereignty. We must protect our

water, and we must unite together to sever the chains of colonialism. Our fight is for the water, for our Treaties, for our Rights, and for our People. Let's unite and proclaim our right to our voices, and speak out against corporate greed and environmental genocide. We are stronger when we stand together," said Suzanne Patles of the Mi'kmaq Warriors, who are blockading in Elsipogtog First Nation.

In Victoria, British Columbia, in solidarity with Idle No More, thousands of youth participating in Powershift BC, one of Canada's largest climate conferences, will descend on the BC Legislature to confront Premier Christy Clark and her government's ongoing attempts to allow controversial tar sands pipelines and oil tanker ports to cross this ecologically sensitive region against the will of hundreds of thousands of First Nations and BC citizens who have unequivocally said no.

"There has been no bill of sale and Indigenous people have not ceded our lands, territories, and rights to Canada. By trampling and blatantly ignoring our Indigenous rights and culture, Canada is breaking international law established in the Royal Proclamation of 1763," said Powershift BC presenter and Sliammon First Nation youth activist, 12-year-old Ta'Kaiya Blaney. She went on to say, "The current 'leaders' and decision makers of Canada are denying and nonchalantly attacking our rights and therefore our future without a second thought. Being the children of a land and culture, of which we have sustained ourselves from for thousands of years, we are paying the price of industrial and human annihilation, we are suffering the consequences: We will say no more, we will be Idle No More."

Kahnawake Mohawk, Russell Diabo of Defenders of the Land said, "Canada has a long standing plan to terminate the collective Inherent, Aboriginal, and Treaty rights of First Nations. By taking advantage of First Nations poverty and maintaining the colonial Indian Act as an instrument of control, Canada seeks sign-on from First Nations to final agreements that compromise and terminate their constitutionally protected and internationally recognized land rights, Treaties, and the right to self-determination as Peoples."

Idle No More has joined forces with Defenders of the Land and together they have developed a joint campaign with six high-level political demands of the Harper conservative government of Canada. Today's actions taking place across the globe represent the galvanizing of our political base towards manifesting traction on our political goals here in Canada and in other colonial countries across Mother Earth.

SOURCE Idle No More

16. Shawn Atleo Q's and A's at Royal Proclamation event

>>Question: Chief Atleo, you're meeting with Minister Valcourt in two schools. Do you have the impression the government is taking this anniversary seriously enough, mentioning it enough in your view?

>>Atleo: Well, as you've heard me relate, the royal proclamation perhaps is even more important than moments that we've seen recognized, and perhaps rightfully so, like the war of 1812. In fact, one of the four major elements of the proclamation is about alliances, absolutely military. That's what led directly to the royal proclamation being initiated. I have just received a note that both the Prime Minister and the Governor-General have issued statements. I think those are very welcome. We also have an important moment with the Governor-General today. As you mentioned, I will be attending to some schools today because as I read the words of the Governor-General, who represents the Crown, and we've got representatives who are in London, this is an international moment as well. To be very clear the United Nations declaration on the rights of the indigenous peoples reminds Canada that it is a successor state, that it has, along with all Canadians, inherited the responsibility to implement treaties in the spirit and intent with which First Nations understand them. So, for example, it means just not looking at the words that are on the document of the royal proclamation. You heard me use the terms wampum belt, covenant chain. It's the way in which First Nations view the engagement of both the royal proclamation, the recognition of our rights. Of course we were coming at it through different perspectives back then. 250 years, we still, with every government including this one, are saying that the time for First Nations to help drive a future must be led by them. Not just on land, in education, in child welfare, in all aspects of our lives. So it is an important moment. What's even more important than the words we're hearing, including the words that go back to the 2008 apology, it's time for action, action on education. action on building our

economies, action on supporting First Nations to develop and deliver a vision for sustainability with the living environment. It's important to support and recognize that we have the fastest growing segment of the Canadian population. That was reflected in statements made this morning, indigenous young people. They're going to be, I think, out helping Canada to understand this in major activities of action all across the country. More must be done. We have a long ways to go.

>> Question: Concerning education, because you've mentioned it, does the First Nation have to be in the driver's seat? We know there's probably going to be a bill presented soon. How is it going? I know that there's a document to be -- that consultation is ongoing right now, but how is it going? How is the climate on this consultation?

>>Atleo: Well, on the one hand, after over 30 years of focus and effort by First Nations to achieve education as being an important priority, we have a sense in this country, because of the growing momentum and awareness amongst Canadians, education experts, the general community, that something must be done. Everyone agrees that education for First Nations does not belong in the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs office. So on this we seem to have achieved a sense of shared priority and of shared consensus. The challenge is how to implement. We have been under a 2% cap since 1996 on funding. Our children receive $2,000 to $7,000 less per child for education than others in the rest of Canadian society. Completely unacceptable, and in fact unfounded in most of the top ten developed in the world even. So this is a major issue. The focus is to make sure that First Nations are designing those systems, that they receive fair, sustainable predictable funding for the education for their children. So this is an important moment that the government went, as we've experienced, as has been our experience, I referenced it as paternalistic at best, assimilationist at worse, unilateral in nature. The unilateral launching of a blueprint, the unilateral indication of the development of legislation, being quite contrary to what the United Nations declaration reflects, and that is that we have the right to design and to develop education systems and lead them and have them be led by First Nations. So we are at a very critical moment. On the one hand we have a shared sense of what must happen, that education doesn't belong in the Minister of Indian Affairs. It belongs to be led by First Nations. I will stand firmly on those principles. First Nations are standing firmly on those principles, that First Nations design, control, deliver and that there be fair funding that is predictable, sustainable, and at minimum equitable with the rest of Canadian society.

>> Question: The government is pushing ahead, looking at $650 billion in resource projects over the next decade. I'm wondering how you view that as a way out of Aboriginal poverty?

>>Atleo: Well, the recognition that the First Nations will be implicated, will have a say over, that our rights and treaties are implicated in over $650 billion, is a reflection of growing awareness. It was only in 2005 that Natural Resource Canada pinned that number at between $6 billion and $8 billion. In 2005 I could have pointed out one community where there was an $8 billion proposed natural resource project. So the over 150 court cases, the biggest winning legal streak really, perhaps some say globally, for sure in this country, is First Nations rights being even acknowledged within the domestic court system. The U.N. declaration of rights creates the new minimum recognized standard of the right to free prior and informed consent. So as it pertains to the proposed natural resource activity going forward in the next 10 to 20 years, this is the moment of collaboration or collision. The recognition and implementation of treaty rights and entitlement rights means that governments must directly deal with First Nations as the rights holders. You've heard me say in this and other rooms that the Assembly of First Nations and my role is not that of a titleholder or a treaty rights holder. It's not my responsibility to do that. That's up to First Nations. Our job is to support and advocate for that recognition to be there. So the way forward is twofold: to recognize that First Nations are not opposed to development, just not supportive of development at any cost. That engagement must happen early and it must happen often and it must be based on respect for our rights and title. Secondly it's absolute recognition that Canada is facing a growing retiring mainstream population and there's a need for a skilled labour force. There's every reason to recognize, to match the fastest growing youthful demographic, First Nations young people, who, in many parts of country unfortunately, experience a higher incarceration rate than they do a graduation rate. So it's incumbent on business and industry sectors to step forward and support that. Absolutely governments have an important leadership role to play. So as such, the importance of supporting k-to-12 success, maintaing post-secondary and continuing to grow that. The third element is that the vision for natural resources is one that indigenous peoples will shape. That means recognizing our link between ecosystems, between our relationship to water, to the air, to the environment, to the medicines, and to the foods that have sustained us for millennia. So indigenous peoples, not just in this country but around the globe, are stepping forward and are really bringing

forward really a refreshed vision that's based on a sense of inter-connectedness with the living world around us. Those are the three major points.

>>Question: Even through the "Idle No More" movement, the few polls that came out showed that, or suggested that, Canadians perhaps are skeptical or aren't ready to embrace major changes in the relationship. Why do you think Canadians, who often see themselves as compassionate or generous, have those reservations about the claims you're talking about?

>>Atleo: I think there's been greater support perhaps for many in Canada to understand the human rights plights of people in other parts of the world. I never thought that I would be saying, did you see the article that Allan Gregg wrote that was just published. I saw a youtube video about him stepping forward and saying I'm a PHD in Canadian history, and I did not know the story of Tecumseh. 200 years ago approximately, around now, is the time of Tecumseh's death. Or the book written called "Clearing the Plains". It's a PHD student out of the University of Manitoba, talking about forced starvation on the story of the expansion of the CN rail to the west. We have PHD experts right now in the halls of learning across the country, or those who graduated, who go on to form policy at all levels of government or to run large multinationals or large domestic corporations who admittedly say, we did not know this history. So the Governor-General's statement this morning I welcome. He is encouraging all Canadians, and we're seeing young people and we're seeing school districts and regions and jurisdictions now saying this must be an absolute necessity that children leave institutions of learning knowing what treaties are, knowing what the royal proclamation is, knowing why those military aalliances were so important, and to recognize that these rights are real and that the treaties that were created 200 years ago, they're as valid today as the day they were forged. That's a large component of the misunderstanding that has emerged. The young people across this country, just a quick anecdote to pick up on this particular piece. In the 60's we had about a dozen indigenous students in post-secondary learning. We have over 30,000 post-secondary graduates now amongst indigenous peoples. Of course we didn't have social media not that many years ago, so the information between and amongst our people moves lightning-fast. The analysis of a bill, the comments made by a legislative body or a court or of course the media for that matter. So the exchange of information, the awareness, the level of consciousness both amongst our indigenous young people but amongst Canadians as well, NGO's that will build clean water projects in Africa or build schools and put libraries in South America, they're now doing that here. We only have about 20 libraries amongst the over 600 First Nations communities. We need 60 schools to be built right 60 schools to be built right now. So we are looking for a major transformation in the effort placed especially on indigenous young people.

>> Question: You were with the Aboriginal Affairs Minister this morning and earlier you were speaking about murdered and missing Aboriginal women. Do you get any sense from him that there's going to be anything in the Throne Speech about murdered and missing Aboriginal women in terms of a public inquiry?

>>Atleo: I'm not sure. He's not mentioned it but I remain hopeful, our people remain resolute. We do believe that the Special Rapporteur's visit is a critical moment. Governments need to take decisions on how to receive that. We're reaching out to all Canadians to help recognize that in the Fall of 2014 the United Nations are going to host the first ever World Indigenous Summit. Canada can look in the mirror and take some serious choices right now about how it's going to respond to a grave human rights crisis like the fact that we have over 600 murdered and missing indigenous women across this country.

17. Canada Newswire: Statement by the Honourable Bernard Valcourt on the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763

OTTAWA, Oct. 7, 2013 /CNW/ -The Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, issued the following statement today on the occasion of the 250(th) anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763:

"The Royal Proclamation of 1763((www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca»)) was a critical milestone in the relationship between First Nation people and the Crown. It established the beginnings of the treaty-making process through which historic treaties((www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca»)) were negotiated, covering much of what is now Canada, and through which

Canada and First Nations continue to negotiate land claims (or modern treaties((www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca»))) today.

In setting out a new basis for relations between the Crown and First Nation people, the Royal Proclamation influenced Canada's evolution in lasting ways, culminating in the historic constitutional recognition of First Nation rights. These rights were enshrined in the highest law of our land with the passage of the Constitution Act, 1982((laws-lois.justice.gc.ca»)).

The Government of Canada is committed to improving the conditions to create healthier, more prosperous and self-sufficient Aboriginal communities. The successful negotiation of modern treaties and self-government agreements leads to solutions that balance the rights of all concerned and promote greater certainty, accountability and transparency, which ultimately lead to greater economic opportunities for Aboriginal communities.

Treaties and treaty relationships provide the basis for forward looking partnerships. Our government recognizes that treaties are the highest expression of a respectful, living, breathing relationship that compels us to work together to find practical solutions which meet common objectives.

While the Proclamation may be 250 years old today, it remains as relevant as ever to our understanding of the evolving Crown-First Nations relationship. It is in a spirit of recognition and reconciliation that Canada continues to work with First Nation partners to build on and revitalize this historic relationship.

The Government of Canada is committed to improve living conditions and generate economic development for First Nations. I personally hope that you will join me in commemorating this anniversary, as it continues an important dialogue about the way forward for First Nation people and all Canadians based on the knowledge of our shared history."

SOURCE Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

18. SOURCE Assemblée des Premières Nations - Le Chef national de l'Assemblée des Premières Nations : profiter du 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale pour réexaminer et rétablir la relation

http://www.newswire.ca/fr/story/1237787/le-chef-national-de-l-assemblee-des-premieres-nations-profiter-du-250e-anniversaire-de-la-proclamation-royale-pour-reexaminer-et-retablir-la-relation

OTTAWA, le 7 oct. 2013 /CNW/ - Aujourd'hui, jour du 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale par le roi George III, le Chef national de l'Assemblée des Premières Nations (APN), Shawn A-in-chut Atleo, a exhorté le gouvernement fédéral à se joindre aux Premières Nations pour agir dès maintenant en vue d'instaurer le changement. Lors d'une conférence de presse à Ottawa, le Chef national Atleo a indiqué que cet anniversaire était l'occasion de réexaminer et de redéfinir la relation entre les Premières Nations et le Canada, tout en rappelant au gouvernement fédéral et à tous les Canadiens le caractère unique de la relation entre les Premières Nations et la Couronne (maintenant le Canada) qui a été établie il y a des siècles dans le but de permettre à toutes les nations de prospérer.

« Le 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale est de réfléchir tout particulièrement au travail que nous devons accomplir aujourd'hui pour respecter nos engagements mutuels et instaurer ensemble un changement », a déclaré le Chef national de l'APN, Shawn Atleo. « Aujourd'hui et chaque jour, nous devons nous remémorer l'objectif qui a réuni nos ancêtres il y a de nombreuses années, et nous devons veiller à ce que les principes de respect mutuel, de reconnaissance réciproque et de partenariat continuent de nous guider dans notre volonté d'offrir une meilleure qualité de vie à chacun d'entre nous. Un trop grand nombre d'enfants, de familles et de communautés des Premières Nations doivent relever quotidiennement des défis pour satisfaire les normes de vie les plus élémentaires, parce que les promesses des traités et d'autres accords découlant de la Proclamation royale ne sont pas respectées. »

Le 7 octobre marque le 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale qui a conduit à la conclusion du Traité du Niagara entre la Couronne britannique et les Premières Nations, dans le cadre des protocoles diplomatiques wampums, de l'échange de ceintures wampum des 24 nations et de la Chaîne d'alliance de 1764 (1er août 1764). Certaines

Premières Nations considèrent la Proclamation royale comme un acte précurseur de la colonisation, tandis que d'autres estiment qu'elle constitue le fondement du processus d'établissement des traités entre les Premières Nations et la Couronne (maintenant le Canada). Destinés à reconnaître et à affirmer le titre autochtone sur les terres des Premières Nations, ces cérémonies ont joué un rôle important car elles ont pavé la voie à d'autres traités fondés sur une relation de nation à nation reposant sur le respect mutuel, la reconnaissance réciproque et le partenariat - des principes qui demeurent encore pertinents et essentiels aujourd'hui.

« L'approche, les lois et les politiques des gouvernements fédéraux successifs ont été, au mieux, paternalistes et, au pire, assimilationnistes », a poursuivi le Chef national Atleo. « Aujourd'hui, notre travail consiste à revenir aux approches qui reconnaissent aux Premières Nations le droit d'exercer une autorité sur leur vie, leurs terres et leurs citoyens, qui favorisent la mise en place de gouvernements des Premières Nations forts, qui respectent et honorent les traités et qui nous permettent de tous prospérer par l'intermédiaire du processus d'établissement des traités. Marquons aujourd'hui le début d'une « ère de mobilisation ». Il ne fait aucun doute que l'approche paternaliste est un échec et que le statu quo dessert tout le monde. Aujourd'hui, nous devons nous engager à revenir à la relation initiale et à travailler ensemble pour instaurer le changement. »

Le Chef national Atleo se joindra à des aînés, à des dirigeants et à des membres de communautés des Premières Nations dans le cadre de plusieurs activités célébrant le 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale, dont une cérémonie du lever du soleil ce matin à Ottawa. Ce soir, de 17 h 30 à 19 h 30, le Chef national participera à une réception publique au Musée canadien des civilisations. Il se rendra ensuite à Londres, au Royaume-Uni, pour participer à une réception qui se tiendra au Haut-commissariat le 8 octobre, avant de prononcer un discours-programme le lendemain 9 octobre à l'université d'Oxford. Le Chef régional de l'APN Perry Bellegarde et des représentants de la Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations ont organisé aujourd'hui une cérémonie du lever du soleil à Londres et participent également à plusieurs activités commémoratives au Royaume-Uni.

« J'encourage fortement les Premières Nations et tous les Canadiens à participer aux activités organisées ici à Ottawa et dans l'ensemble du pays afin d'en apprendre davantage sur notre histoire commune et notre relation partagée, et de prendre conscience que nous avons pour responsabilité de tenir nos promesses les uns envers les autres. C'est ainsi que nous pourrons progresser et permettre aux Premières Nations et au Canada d'exploiter leur plein potentiel », a soutenu le Chef national Atleo.

L'Assemblée des Premières Nations est l'organisation nationale qui représente les citoyens des Premières Nations au Canada. Suivez l'APN sur Twitter : @AFN_Comms et @AFN_Updates.

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19. Globe and Mail: The Royal Proclamation and the way forward for First Nations

Monday marks the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of King George III, issued at the conclusion of the Seven Years War. It's important to mark historical milestones, as we did with the War of 1812. But the Royal Proclamation is in fact more relevant and essential to our relationship today and our shared future tomorrow.

This is not just a day to look back and reflect, it is a day to look forward and commit to resetting our relationship.

First Nations are mindful in commemorating this anniversary of both its colonial context as well as the Treaty of Niagara entered into the following year. Taken together, these events, no doubt driven by economic and military imperatives of the time, reflect Crown recognition of indigenous nations and their rights and jurisdictions as necessary

for peace and for development. They establish a clear relationship between First Nations and the Crown (now Canada) and a protocol for Treaty making between both parties where lands and resources were to be shared. This set the foundation for subsequent Treaties based on a nation-to-nation relationship grounded in mutual respect, mutual recognition and partnership.

These principles from our collective past point the way to our collective future.

But these principles have been denied for too long, usurped by federal laws and policies that are paternalistic at best and assimilationist at worst. The results are clear and completely unacceptable in a first-world country: too many First Nations children languish in poverty and poor health, surrounded by the riches of their traditional territories.

Canada suffers too. The cost of doing nothing is catastrophic: billions of dollars in social expenditures and billions more in lost opportunity. We are the youngest and fastest growing part of the population. Canada is in danger of forsaking its future.

The moral and demographic imperative is tied to an economic imperative. Canada proposes $650-billion of resource development in the coming years, all involving First Nations lands and traditional territories. From pipelines in the west to the Ring of Fire in Ontario and beyond, it's clear that none of this will proceed without First Nations consent. Had we held to our original principles, this could be a moment of convergence. Instead, we risk collision.

We need a robust agenda of change. Now is the era of action. The principles set out 250 years ago and the promises in the Treaties must be our guide. With Parliament set to begin a new session, we set out the priorities that will lift us up and carry the country forward.

First, we must resolve the longstanding issues of First Nations control over our lands and our lives. This means working together to bring life and honour to the Treaties where they exist and, where they do not, creating together a new, fair and just approach to modern Treaty making and land claims resolution. This is about completing our unfinished business, honouring the promises we made to one another and upholding our ongoing obligations as fellow travellers in this land.

Another priority is First Nations control of First Nations education. Education, once used as a weapon to sever our children from their cultures, can now be forged into the instrument that unleashes our full potential. This will not happen through unilateral imposed approaches from on high. It can and must happen by achieving three clear elements of reform: First Nation controlled systems; fair, stable funding and full respect for our languages and cultures.

And we place a priority on security for our people, especially our most vulnerable. We need safe and secure communities and action to end the tragedy of missing and murdered Indigenous women. On Oct. 4, I stood in solemn ceremony on Parliament Hill for the Sisters in Spirit Vigil standing with thousands more across the country calling for a national inquiry and immediate supports for shelters and friendship centres so that mothers and daughters in their darkest hours are able to access that most essential area: a safe place.

These are the issues that for too long have been dismissed as too difficult. But we cannot ignore hard work simply because it's not easy. Our ancestors did it. We can, and must. The stakes have never been higher. Our future is in the balance. The Royal Proclamation still matters because the principles it articulates, principles that led to the Treaties and recognition and founding of this country, are alive and must be implemented.

After 250 years, there is every reason to say: now is the time.

Shawn A-in-chut Atleo is the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations

20. SOURCE Affaires autochtones et Développement du Nord Canada

SOURCE Affaires autochtones et Développement du Nord Canada - Déclaration de l'honorable Bernard Valcourt à l'occasion du 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale de 1763

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OTTAWA, le 7 oct. 2013 /CNW/ - L'honorable Bernard Valcourt, ministre des Affaires autochtones et du développement du Nord canadien, a émis la déclaration suivante aujourd'hui à l'occasion du 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale de 1763 :

« La Proclamation royale de 1763 a marqué un tournant crucial dans la relation qui unit les Premières Nations et la Couronne. Elle a constitué les débuts du processus de conclusion des traités dans le cadre duquel les traités historiques ont été négociés, traités qui ont délimité une grande partie du territoire actuel du Canada. C'est aussi grâce à ce processus que le Canada et les Premières Nations continuent de négocier les revendications territoriales (ou les traités modernes) de nos jours.

En établissant un nouveau fondement pour les relations entre la Couronne et les Premières Nations, la Proclamation royale a influencé l'évolution du Canada de façon durable, jusqu'à la reconnaissance constitutionnelle des droits des Premières Nations. Ces droits ont été enchâssés dans la loi suprême de notre pays lors de l'adoption de la Loi constitutionnelle de 1982.

Le gouvernement du Canada est déterminé à améliorer les conditions propices à la création de collectivités autochtones saines, prospères et autosuffisantes. La négociation fructueuse de traités modernes et d'ententes sur l'autonomie gouvernementale apporte des solutions qui concilient les droits de toutes les parties concernées et favorisent une plus grande certitude, responsabilisation et transparence, créant ainsi plus de débouchés économiques pour les collectivités autochtones.

Les traités et les relations qui en découlent servent de fondement à la création de partenariats prospectifs. Notre gouvernement reconnaît que les traités sont l'expression la plus manifeste d'une relation respectueuse, dynamique et vivante qui nous appelle à travailler tous ensemble à la recherche de solutions pratiques qui satisfont à des objectifs communs.

Bien que la Proclamation royale célèbre aujourd'hui son 250e anniversaire, elle s'avère toujours pertinente pour notre compréhension de l'évolution de la relation entre la Couronne et les Premières Nations. C'est dans l'esprit de la reconnaissance et de la réconciliation que le Canada continue de travailler avec ses partenaires des Premières Nations à bâtir et à revivifier cette relation historique.

Le gouvernement du Canada est résolu à améliorer les conditions de vie des Premières Nations et à créer pour elles des possibilités de développement économique. J'espère que vous vous joindrez à moi pour célébrer cet anniversaire, puisqu'il contribue à alimenter l'important dialogue au sujet de l'avenir à tracer pour les membres des Premières Nations et tous les Canadiens en fonction de la connaissance de notre histoire partagée. »

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21. Assembly of First Nations National Chief: 250th Anniversary of Royal Proclamation Opportunity to Reflect and Reset Relationship

OTTAWA, Oct. 7, 2013 /CNW/ - Today, on the 250(th) anniversary of the Royal Proclamation by King George III, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief

Shawn A-in-chut Atleo strongly urged the federal government to join First Nations in acting now for change. At a press conference in Ottawa, National Chief Atleo cited this significant anniversary as an opportunity to reflect on and reset the relationship between First Nations and Canada, reminding the federal government and all Canadians of the unique relationship between First Nations and the Crown (now Canada) established hundreds of years ago with the intent for all nations to succeed.

"The 250(th) anniversary of the Royal Proclamation is about reflecting and focusing on the work we must do today to act on our commitments to one another to drive change together," said AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo. "Today and every day we must recall the intent that brought all our ancestors together so many years ago, and ensure that the principles of mutual respect, mutual recognition and partnership are our guides going forward to achieve a better life for all of us. Too many First Nation children, families and communities are challenged on a daily basis to meet basic standards of life because we are not living up to the promises in the Treaties and other agreements that stem from the foundation of the Royal Proclamation."

October 7 marks the 250(th) anniversary of the Royal Proclamation which led to the Treaty of Niagara between the British Crown and First Nations through wampum diplomacy and the exchange of 24 Nations Wampum Belts and the 1764 Covenant Chain August 1, 1764. Some First Nations view the Proclamation as a precursor to colonization, yet it is also seen as setting the foundation for Treaty-making between First Nations and the Crown (now Canada). Recognizing and affirming Aboriginal title to First Nation lands, these events were significant in creating a foundation

for subsequent Treaties based on a nation-to-nation relationship grounded in mutual respect, mutual recognition and partnership - principles that remain relevant and essential today.

"The approach, laws and policies of federal governments have been paternalistic at best and assimilationist at worst," said National Chief Atleo. "Our work today is about returning to approaches that recognize First Nations authority over our lives, our lands and our peoples, where First Nation governments are strong, the Treaties are alive and honoured and Treaty-making allows all of us to thrive. Let today mark an 'era of action.' It's clear to everyone that the paternalistic approach is not working and the status quo is failing everyone. We must commit today to return to the original relationship and act together for change."

National Chief Atleo will be joining First Nation Elders, leaders and community members at a number of events marking 250 years of the Royal Proclamation, including a sunrise ceremony in Ottawa earlier today. National Chief Atleo will participate in a public reception at the Museum of Civilization this evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. He will then travel to London, U.K. for a reception at the High Commission on October 8 and October 9 will deliver a keynote address at Oxford University. AFN Regional Chief Perry Bellegarde and representatives from the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations held a sunrise ceremony today in London, U.K. and are participating in a number of other commemorative events there as well.

"I strongly encourage First Nations and all Canadians to participate in events here in Ottawa and across the country, to learn more about our shared history and our shared relationship, understanding that we all have responsibilities to uphold our promises to one another. This is how we will move forward to realize the full potential of First Nations and Canada," said National Chief Atleo.

22. CBC.CA: Idle No More prepares for day of action

Activists give their take on the movement

By Daniel Schwartz

The Idle No More movement has plans for over 63 protests and actions across Canada today, with solidarity events expected in over 12 countries.

The day should indicate whether the movement still has the energy and intensity it displayed last winter.

Idle No More began a year ago with an email exchange between four women in Saskatchewan, growing very quickly into one of the biggest protest movements Canada has seen in years. Idle No More uses social media as a key organizing tool, as it has for today's events.

Oct. 7 was chosen because that's the date 250 years ago that King George III signed the Royal Proclamation, which, in its concluding paragraphs, sets out policy for the Crown's relationship with the "nations or tribes of Indians" and the lands "reserved to them."

A "purpose of Idle No More was to reinvent the relationship between indigenous peoples and Canada," movement activist Niigaan Sinclair told CBC News.

Idle No More also formed to oppose federal legislation they see as further eroding treaty and indigenous rights, and to push for emergency situations at some First Nations communities to be stabilized.

He also describes the movement as "about love and about community building and it's about education and it's about honesty."

Sinclair is also a professor of native studies at the University of Manitoba and one of the members of the Kino-nda-niimi collective that put together the forthcoming book, The Winter We Danced: Voices of the Past, the

Future, and the Idle No More Movement. (Kino-nda-niimi means "we are dancing.")

Sinclair was on the periphery of the movement until he was inspired by a huge round dance at Saskatoon's Midtown Mall on Dec. 20. "I knew this was different than anything I'd seen before."

Because of its grassroots nature -- Sinclair describes it as "based on local organizations taking ownership over localized events" -- it's difficult to gauge the size or support of Idle No More.

Alex Wilson, an Idle No More organizer, tells CBC News that the movement has about 400 regional affinity groups and, since re-launching their website in July, they have built a database of 125,000 people.

Their main Facebook page has 116,000 likes and their Facebook discussion page has 48,000 members.

In its first six months, to the end of May, there were 1,215,569 Twitter mentions by 143,172 Twitter participants, as detailed in the study, "Idle No More at Six Months," by Mark Blevis, a digital public affairs strategist.

Wilson said the rapid early growth was due to "the combination of people's frustrations with the Harper government and people's readiness for real transformation and change and it just happened to be the perfect storm and the perfect timing for all of those things to happen."

As well, Wilson notes, for a long time, those "little incremental things that are happening build up to a point where all of the sudden its creating a tipping point where people have just had enough."

Wilson is also a professor of education at the University of Saskatchewan.

Sinclair adds that growth was also fueled by a sense of urgency because of the Harper government's omnibus budget bill and the emergency situations in Attawapiskat and elsewhere. "That was the impetus to a sudden rise in resistance, and a sudden rise of interest in a movement that's based on broad-scale community building."

Wilson, Sinclair and Blevis all point to the movement's use of social media to explain that rapid growth.

Of course the government in Ottawa was taking notice.

In just two weeks in January, Aboriginal Affairs accumulated over 1200 pages of records on Idle No More, based on the disclosure of an access to information request.

By February 15, officials had documented 439 protests across Canada. "It's a really good archive," Wilson joked.

After developers created an Idle No More app for sharing information and planning actions, Maclean's magazine reports the Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Michael Wernick, ask whether his office "could surreptitiously piggyback on the app to get its own message across."

"Is it in any way feasible to get our backgrounders into the flow of this app without the appearance of [government] ringers calling into an open-line show?" Wernick asks in one document, according to Maclean's.

As winter wore on, Idle No More's visibility dropped. That's not surprising given the high level of interest, which probably peaked in January. Blevis documents this via Twitter traffic. It peaked on January 11, Idle No More's Global Day of Action, with 56,924 tweets. Between Dec. 10 and May 30, the lowest count was a still impressive 641 tweets on May 12.

In Wilson's view, "the events didn't slow down, they just changed form." Over the summer she says the movement spread to a more global level, something Blevis's data confirms.

"All over the world, people were taking local issues and using the name and main points of Idle No More and then

using that to highlight their local issues." Wilson adds that, "The media didn't really cover it but we knew they were going on."

This summer Idle No more organized actions and events they called Sovereignty Summer. Blevis also tracked Twitter traffic for that and related hashtags on Twitter and found traffic peaked around the Canada Day protests and then received very limited activity through summer's end.

Wilson describes Idle No More as an educational movement and claims success there, because of the awareness that was raised about indigenous and environmental issues. She expects more growth lies ahead because of the "wide range of entry points for people."

While some people are just joining the movement, others are engaged in nonviolent direct action. "All you have to have is the intent and the spirit and the will to want to change something," Wilson says.

Wilson says concern about environmental destruction is an important reason behind Idle No More's rapid growth. (Sean Kilpatrick/Canadian Press)

One change that Sinclair points to as a sign of the movement's success is how the Harper government is now engaging First Nations in B.C. The courts had already established a government duty to consult before approving resource development on First Nation traditional territory.

"For the most part he has completely ignored First Nation people, absolutely and completely, we saw that in the omnibus legislation and its imposition.

"Now look at the way he's dealing with First Nation leaders." He points to cabinet ministers and top bureaucrats meeting with B.C. aboriginal leaders, in an effort to win their support for pipeline proposals.

He also sees this as an effort to repair "the real harm to the relationship" that he says Harper has caused.

23. Radio-Canada - Journée d'action internationale du mouvement Idle No More

Le mouvement de contestation autochtone Idle No More organise lundi une journée d'action internationale pour souligner le 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale.

Ce document historique, signé par le roi George III le 7 octobre 1763, a jeté les bases de la reconnaissance des droits des Autochtones et a défini les relations entre les Premières Nations et la Couronne.

Idle No More veut aussi marquer l'arrivée lundi au Canada du rapporteur spécial de l'ONU sur les droits des populations autochtones. Le professeur de droit James Anaya vient dresser un constat de la situation précaire de ces communautés. Au cours de son séjour de neuf jours, il doit rencontrer des représentants autochtones et gouvernementaux.

Le mouvement a organisé une soixantaine d'activités au Canada, ainsi que des actes de solidarité dans une douzaine de pays. Parmi les événements prévus figurent un rassemblement éclair à Saskatoon, un pique-nique à Toronto et une manifestation devant le Parlement à Ottawa.

http://www.radio-canada.ca/nouvelles/societe/2013/10/07/002-autochtones-idle-no-more-actions.shtml

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1. Globe and Mail: Royal Proclamation's 250th anniversary has First Nations reflecting on their rights

Susan Levi-Peters easily rhymes off the names and dates of the many treaties her Mi'kmaq people signed with the Crowns of Europe and their emissaries, starting with Samuel de Champlain in the early 1600s.

The former chief of the Elsipogtog First Nation in New Brunswick, Ms. Levi-Peters has a medal that was presented to her ancestors by King Louis XV of France nearly 300 years ago. She brought it with her this week to Ottawa, where she took part in celebrations of the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation, the document signed by King George III of England that is regarded as a seminal declaration of the rights of indigenous peoples.

But as Ms. Levi-Peters was listening to politicians praise the relationship between the First Nations and the rest of Canada, her people back home were fighting to keep a resource company from conducting seismic testing on land near their reserve. New Brunswick Premier David Alward stepped in, and it was agreed Monday that a working group would be established to mediate the dispute. Meanwhile, the First Nations protest group Idle No More held a number of demonstrations in Canada and around the world on Monday, also timed for the proclamations anniversary.

The promises of the Royal Proclamation are absolutely pertinent to what is going on in Elsipogtog, Ms. Levi-Peters said. Under the 1763 treaty, she said in a telephone interview, it specifically states that, in order for anybody to buy or do anything to First Nation land, they would have to go through the Crown but also through the Indians in a public forum.

The battle between the Elsipogtog and SWN Resources, whose officials did not return calls Monday, has been going on for three years. SWN has been trying to test for shale gas. The Elsipogtog say the testing will ultimately lead to fracking, which, they argue, could cause the irreparable environmental degradation of their reserve and the surrounding area.

This year, they resorted to a series of roadblocks in an effort to keep SWN workers from their task. There have been multiple arrests and the situation is very volatile, said Ms. Levi-Peters, who accuses the company of failing to consult with the First Nation. My people don't want the fracking of shale gas or testing or exploration or anything of that form, she said.

But native activists say the situation is emblematic of the confrontations that have erupted between the First Nations and the resource industry. And it is why the Royal Proclamation, which states that all land in North America belongs to indigenous people until it is ceded by treaty, is held out by First Nations as a foundation of their rights.

At a symposium held Monday in Gatineau, Que., to mark the proclamation's anniversary, Governor-General David Johnston described the document as a framework of values or principles that has given us a navigational map over the course of the past two-and-a-half centuries.

And Bernard Valcourt, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, said it lays out the duty our government has to consult with and work alongside First Nation peoples but also to protect aboriginal rights across Canada.

As part of the Idle No More demonstrations on Monday, one of the group's affiliates delivered a message to SWN's head office in Houston that requested all projects near Elsipogtog come to a halt until the First Nations have been adequately consulted.

What we're saying is, Why test?' Ms. Levi-Peters said. We're not going to let you frack anyway. We have researched it and studied it and we cannot see a safe way of it being done.

2. Globe and Mail: Widening education gap leaves aboriginal Canadians further behind

The number of aboriginal people with university degrees has nearly doubled over the past decade, yet the gap in education levels between aboriginal and other Canadians has only grown wider.

Closing that gap is one of Canada's greatest public-policy challenges. New projections show that under current conditions the post-secondary attainment of aboriginal Canadians will not catch up to the rest of the population any time soon. At best, progress is stagnant; at worst, it's showing alarming signs of decline, according to research by Catherine Gordon and Jerry White of Western University.

Much of that is due to the very high rates at which non-aboriginal Canadians are furthering their schooling. Already so far behind to begin with, aboriginals are struggling to keep up, even while making tremendous strides. However, it's still true today that nearly 40 per cent of aboriginal Canadians didn't finish high school.
There's some incredible progress but it's still not enough, not nearly enough, especially with the demographic wave that's going to come, said Don Drummond, former chief economist at TD Bank and a public policy fellow at Queen's University. Mr. Drummond is one of the organizers of a conference on aboriginal education and employment in Toronto Monday that produced new research papers on the subject.

We're only seven years away from 30 per cent of the school-age children in Saskatchewan and Manitoba being aboriginal. That's just absolutely staggering. I don't think we've reckoned with that, with how that could and should shape the economy, Mr. Drummond said.

You can't pick up a newspaper without hearing this cry about the shortage of workers and we've got this huge demographic group that's not fully engaged and in many respects not getting more engaged. There's just something wrong with this model and a good part of what's wrong is on the education front.

Over the next 10 years, aboriginal young people will make up a significant portion of new entrants in the labour market. Whether they enter as skilled workers with post-secondary qualifications or as high-school dropouts will have an impact on Canada's economy, particularly in parts of Western Canada, where the labour supply is tight and aboriginal populations are concentrated.

The major issue is high school completion. As TD economists Francis Fong and Sonya Gulati put it in a research report released Monday, there is a crying need to boost high school completion rates. Those who complete high school tend to go on to post-secondary at rates not that different from the rest of the population. But how to get there?

The challenges are complex. Funding for schools on reserve lags that of other schools by roughly 30 per cent. The legacy of trauma and substance abuse wrought by the residential schools continues to cascade down the generations. Poverty is endemic in many communities. The government is expected to table a First Nations Education Act when Parliament returns, but the proposal has met with resistance from some aboriginal groups, who say it was produced with too little consultation.

In many ways, aboriginal women are leading the charge in higher education. They are twice as likely as aboriginal men to have completed a university degree. What their patterns of schooling have shown, though, is that they are much more likely to obtain new diplomas and degrees through their 30s, rather than their early 20s. It's not uncommon for aboriginal women to start their families, then go back to school later.

The research also produced new insights into the fields of work of aboriginal graduates. Aboriginal university graduates are vastly overrepresented in education, health and the public sector, according to data pulled from the National Household Survey. That may not be a bad thing those jobs tend to be stable and well-compensated but it could be an indication of barriers to employment in other industries, according to the research by TD.

3. The Prince George Citizen: P.G. centre of First Nations summit

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The ambassador of Japan will be in Prince George this week, along with former Ontario premier and interim Liberal Party of Canada leader Bob Rae, several industrial personalities and a who's who of national aboriginal leaders.

They are gathering with a wide array of local aboriginal representatives to wrestle out loud with one of the most complex issues to ever face area First Nations: what to do with the great power and great risk of immanent industrial development.

"It's to bring all our First Nations communities together to discuss how these megaprojects might affect our territories," said Terry Teegee, elected chief of the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council, the group spearheading the summit. All in attendance are invited guests for large but closed-door sessions.

The most pressing single topic, Teegee said, was liquified natural gas (LNG). "When you think of the northeast and all the concerns there around fracking [fracturing shale rock deep underground to get at sequestered gas] and the whole extraction process, all the north-central region having to consider pipelines cutting across their territories, and the west coast First Nations dealing with the shipping aspect, we all have different concerns depending on where you are, but we are linked by the overall issue."

In order to develop a unified voice where possible and also identify the points of nation-to-nation disagreement, the summit will call out all the key issues related to LNG and industrial development in general.

One general point of agreement already know, said Teegee, is the intention of all northern B.C. First Nations to assert their legal jurisdiction. Since almost no treaties exist between themselves and the federal/provincial bodies that claim to own these resources, they are preparing to make it clear that such assumptions are not their view and they are willing to take preventative actions on projects that don't meet their indigenous approval.

"The communities I represent do not think the current regulatory process has enough consultation and does not

adequately look at environmental concerns," said Teegee.

He stressed, though, that the summit was intended to be a talking circle, not a call to oppose industry. There are benefits to resource development, he said, but there had to be a better set of government-to-government discussions about sharing the wealth and the risks instead of downloading the consultation obligations to individual companies.

The North Central Local Government Association - the collective of municipalities and regional districts across the same affected region - applauded the summit.

"The First Nations LNG Summit is yet another example of how First Nations are leading the way when it comes to balancing economic growth and environmental stewardship," said association executive director Oliver Ray. "But more than that, by bringing together such a comprehensive list of First Nation representatives, the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council has clearly illustrated an irrefutable fact: there is strength in numbers."

The fact the ambassador of Japan, Norohiro Okuda, sees the benefits for his country in attending the summit is the best illustration of just how globally critical this region is, said Teegee. What used to be just forestry, then coal, making other nations look here for investment, now it is a full array of resource products, the largest of which is LNG.

Ray said there was broad consensus among northern municipalities that addressing the relationship with our region's First Nations was critical to success for all.

"In the past, aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities in northern B.C. have often acted independently when dealing with industry or senior levels of government. That's changing," he said. "Repeated recognition of aboriginal rights and title in the courts, and the heartbreaking but necessary work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission have gone a long way in setting the stage for a brighter future. The legacy of residential schools and the effects of colonialism have affected our ability to find common ground. To put things in context, 10 years ago, almost everyone attending a summit like this was alive when it was illegal for aboriginal people to vote. But there is a generational shift at play now, and we're seeing some real signs of progress. More than ever, old attitudes are being replaced with optimism and a willingness to work side by side."

When First Nations members are seen not as neighbours but as peers and partners, perhaps even part of the industrial development sector, while at the same time non-aboriginal people agree that environmental concerns are afoot as much or more than money matters, it makes the complexity of land-use management and resource developments impossible to understand without a shared approach, said Ray. He added that the association is as much a representative of First Nations governments as it is for mainstream municipalities.

The First Nations LNG Summit happens Wednesday and Thursday in Prince George.

4. CP: B.C. treaty report criticizes federal and provincial commitment to "get it done"

VICTORIA - British Columbia's chief treaty commissioner says the federal and B.C. governments are erecting barriers to negotiations in the First Nations treaty-settlement process.

Sophie Pierre says both the B.C. Liberal government and the Conservatives in Ottawa are more interested never-ending studies and short-term deals than getting the job finished. Pierre makes the claims in today's release of the B.C. Treaty Commission's annual report.

In the report's introduction, she says the federal government goes to great lengths to study treaty-related issues while avoiding sitting down to negotiate final land-claims settlements.

Pierre says the B.C. government appears to have shifted its treaty focus to reaching short-term economic deals with First Nations rather than long-term, complete treaty settlements that provide certainty for First Nations and Canadians.

She notes there hasn't been a formal meeting between the federal and provincial governments and First Nations leadership since May 2012.

The B.C. treaty commission was formed in September 1992 to oversee a treaty negotiation process that involves First Nations and the federal and B.C. governments.

5. SOURCE Parti Vert du Québec - Le Parti vert du Québec condamne l'action policière contre le rassemblement Idle No More du 7 octobre

MONTRÉAL, le 8 oct. 2013 /CNW Telbec/ - Le chef du PVQ, Alex Tyrrell, était présent sur les lieux lors de l'intervention.

Il tient à transmettre le message suivant : "Idle No More est un mouvement pacifique et la confiscation brutale d'un tipi symbolique du 250ième anniversaire de la Proclamation royale est un geste colonial, sans respect et qui n'a pas sa place au Québec en 2013 ."

Le PVQ prône une relation de nation à nation avec les peuples autochtones.

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6. Northern Journal: Premier releases departmental design for post-devolution

by Meagan Wohlberg

The GNWT is preparing to bring in over 130 federal employees.

An organizational chart has been released and a deputy minister named for the brand new Lands department, responsible for taking over federal responsibility for land use planning and administration following final devolution on Apr. 1, 2014.

The new department will be established to "support, manage, protect and administer" public lands in the NWT and will see Mark Warren at the helm for the time being, as the premier waits to appoint a minister to the portfolio.

Warren, who has 20 years' management experience in the territorial departments of Aboriginal Affairs, the NWT Housing Corp., Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) and the department of the Executive, will officially begin his job on Apr. 1 of next year.

According to Premier Bob McLeod, he was chosen for his experience leading the development of the territorial Land Use and Sustainability Framework over the last two years, along with past work on the NWT Water Stewardship Strategy, Waste Reduction Recovery Program, and Greenhouse Gas and Biomass Strategies.

His team was also responsible for negotiating five land-claim processes on behalf of the GNWT.

"Mr. Warren will be responsible for ensuring that decision-making about land management recognizes Aboriginal and treaty rights as well as third-party interests; takes ecological, spiritual, cultural, recreational and economic values into consideration; is a shared responsibility across the NWT; and is clear, transparent, consistent and communicated," McLeod said in a news release last week.

While new lands-related responsibilities will be devolved from Canada, the department will also be in charge of duties having to do with Commissioner's Lands currently handled by the NWT department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA).

Those administrative roles will include land inventories, leases, dispositions, valuations, survey applications and mapping, along with sustainability guidelines and policies, major project assessments, regional land use planning and enforcement measures, including inspections.

MACA will continue to be responsible for community governance, sports and recreation, youth and emergency management, including the office of the fire marshall.

MACA will not be the only existing department to change following devolution. Details of the new ENR and Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) organizational structures were also made public last week.

Though the high level organizational design, reported first to The Journal in January, indicated that ITI would likely be split up into two separate departments one with a focus primarily on natural resource development and the other on building local business capacity and tourism that is no longer the case.

"The changes will happen within the existing ITI," said Zoe Raemer, direction of planning and communications for devolution with the GNWT. "As planning continued on, it seemed to make sense to continue the synergies that were already established within ITI."

The new ITI will pick up programs and services related to mineral and petroleum exploration and development, like managing land tenure and resource rights, royalties and resource policy through the Mackenzie Valley Petroleum Planning Office, along with Aboriginal consultation requirements associated with resource development.

ENR will integrate new responsibilities for water regulation, forest management, protected areas, wildlife, traditional knowledge and climate change, among others, and take over responsibility for the Taiga Environmental Laboratory. It will also be responsible for the inspection and enforcement of leases, licenses and permits.

Some 113 federal employees were sent job offers from the territorial government last Tuesday in preparation for the transfer of federal responsibilities next April.

More offers are yet to go out, as the government of the Northwest Territories expects around 130 jobs currently under the purview of the federal department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANDC) to transfer to the territory.

"We recognize and value the knowledge and experience of the federal employees currently doing this work and look forward to welcoming them into the GNWT," Minister of Human Resources Glen Abernethy said in a press release. "We have built a structure that combines the strengths of both organizations, including our existing skilled and experienced staff."

Federal employees will have 60 days, or until Dec. 2, to decide whether or not to take the job, though the majority are expected to make the move.

The GNWT will also conduct a recruitment campaign to fill new positions created through devolution, and hopes to fill as many as possible from within the NWT, though the department of Human Resources noted some southern recruiting would likely occur for jobs requiring specialized technical knowledge.

Devolution officials could still not say exactly how many positions would be located in communities outside of Yellowknife.

7. Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal: Fitting the Ring

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

IN declaring that the Ring of Fire mining belt is not a "magic bullet" for surrounding First Nations poverty, Bob Rae is not pouring cold water on the prospect of prosperity. Instead, the former politician hired to negotiate involvement of nine Matawa tribal council bands is confirming what needs doing to make the most of it. Mining riches will not simply "trickle down" to reserves, he told a Toronto conference. Rather, improved education, job training tailored to mining and better governance are essential.

If this sounds familiar, it still bears repeating. Some First Nations have jumped into mutually beneficial agreements with mining companies. Others remain wary, fearing a lop-sided sharing of spoils from a deposit of chromite and other minerals worth billions. First Nations and many Canadians have environmental concerns.

Apprehension is understandable given the North's resource history of enriching companies while often ignoring First Nations.

Gradually, Canada's approach has changed with court rulings that specify the need for consultation first. As Northern Development and Mines Minister Michael Gravelle put it in an interview with Mining Weekly Online, "What we're talking about is a smart, sustainable and collaborative development" that brings "multigenerational value."

Hiring Rae was a good move by Matawa. In both provincial and federal roles Rae has taken an intense interest in aboriginal affairs. He announced early support for native Canadians' "inherent right to self-government," worked to help six bands in Northern Ontario gain reserve status and pushed for native rights in constitutional reforms. Rae brings credibility to any table, as does former Supreme Court justice Frank Iacobucci who negotiates for the province. Placing non-aboriginals in charge may seem counter-intuitive but it ensures that negotiations can proceed without the distraction of years of mistrust.

Former Assembly of First Nations national chief Phil Fontaine has said that a new era of trust must be earned both ways. Stressing the need for government and miners to understand the importance of cultivating relationships with First Nations, Fontaine advises companies to be patient with the process. "But they should be able to expect the same respect from the First Nations in return. This isn't just a one-way street; if we require companies to be respectful, trusting and open, then First Nations communities should respond in kind."

Rae said he understands why Cliffs Natural Resources, the Ring's key player, has stepped back from the complex environmental assessment process until methods of dealing with First Nations are clarified. At the same time, Cliffs and other players are anxious to get First Nations involved in training for jobs. Rae says that while there's an understanding that more opportunities for training and education need to be in place, "we also know that it will take time."

Federal job training help, smooth provincial guidance of land and mining regulations and active First Nations involvement in all of the preparations are needed. Having it all happen at once is proving to be harder than anticipated but there is enough will among key players to make it happen.

8. Winnipeg Free Press: Idle No More rally connects past, present

Royal Proclamation of 1763 linked to environmental laws

Every time the drum sounded Monday evening outside the Manitoba legislature, the crowd of aboriginal and

non-aboriginal people at the Idle No More rally closed in on it. The sound of the beat and the nearly instinctive movement from the crowd of more than 200 in response was almost visceral.

The rally was called to mark the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763, but it was the reality of 21st-century Canada many said they were reacting to in Winnipeg. The rally focused on the links between Canada's environmental laws and the historic document.

The Winnipeg event was one many held in cities across Canada to recognize the document that shaped the relationship between Canada's aboriginal people and the British Crown, resulting in protections enshrined in Canada's Constitution.

"These laws aren't just affecting First Nations and Idle No More. They're affecting everybody," said rally organizer Michael Kannon.

He referred to federal policies that dismantled environmental laws last winter. The proclamation affirms the sovereignty of Canada's aboriginal peoples.

"We are going to tell the truth about the lands, the waters and our relationship with each other," Kannon said.

The event drew mostly aboriginal people, but also a number of non-aboriginals, too.

Among the speakers were Manitoba's Grand Chief Derek Nepinak, former NDP MP Judy Wasylycia-Leis and city councillor Ross Eadie.

"As long as the sun shines and the grass grows, the proclamation must prevail," Wasylycia-Leis told the crowd.

"One of the biggest problems in this country," added Eadie, "is we as non-native people don't understand what happened, what is the history and who owns the land."

Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs leader Derek Nepinak mounted the legislature steps in a ball cap and black hoodie, his daughter, Rebecca Svens, standing at the foot of the steps as he spoke.

"In the last year since Idle No More picked up steam, it's caused a la lot of people in leadership to take inventory about what we're doing," Nepinak said.

The message of the movement is changing the way First Nations leaders are responding to government and industry, especially regarding resource extraction including mining and the debate over gas and oil pipelines, he said.

"We have the power as indigenous people to make a final determination on any energy project," Nepinak said.

Organizer Ashlyn Haglund said if it weren't for Idle No More, she wouldn't even be aware there are no consultations planned for Winnipeg under proposed plans to build the Trans-Canada East pipeline, even though it's to be built within 50 kilometres of Shoal Lake, Winnipeg's water supply.

"There's no consultation even though that pipeline is going that close to our water supply," Haglund said.

Northern Manitoba Grand Chief David Harper, meanwhile, led a delegation in London, England that toured the House of Lords and put on cultural performances, including a hoop dance outside Buckingham Palace Monday.

"We're doing some campaigning, some awareness of our issues in Canada and we're getting a lot of traction," Harper said from London.

The delegation will meet with High Commissioner Gordon Campbell in the morning to discuss opening an office in London for First Nations to pursue trade and investment, such as eco-tourism, Harper said.

9. Marketwired: First Nations "Go Undercover" to Ask World's Largest Oil Tanker Companies Who's Responsible for Spill Clean-Up Costs in Canada

Opinion from Canada's top maritime lawyer and oil pollution liability expert contradicts Harper government's claim that taxpayers would not be "on the hook."

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Oct. 8, 2013) - The President of the Canadian Maritime Law Association, John O'Connor, says the Canadian government would be responsible for any cleanup costs that exceed $1.4 billion in the event of a "huge" oil spill, directly contradicting claims by Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver that any cleanup bill would be the responsibility of vessel operators and not Canadian taxpayers.

The opinion from O'Connor, which was sent to one of the world's largest oil tanker companies, was obtained by the Coastal First Nations through an undercover investigation into oil tanker ownership, liability and insurance practices, and has been made into a new television ad, released on the same day Minister Oliver is in BC to meet with First Nations leaders:

http://youtu.be/zE4Huk9zYV4

"The federal government is lying to Canadians when it says taxpayers will not be responsible for oil spill cleanup costs," says Art Sterritt, Executive Director of the Coastal First Nations. "As it turns out, the oil tanker companies and Canada's top maritime lawyer and oil pollution liability expert, know this claim is false."

The Exxon Valdez and Deepwater Horizon incidents have cost as much as $7 billion and $40 billion respectively, and Simon Fraser University Professor, Dr. Thomas Gunton, has estimated an Exxon-size spill in BC could cost as much as $22.7 billion.

Posing as a pipeline research company, the Coastal First Nations approached six of the world's top Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) oil tanker companies with questions about insurance and liability. VLCC's are the type of oil tankers the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline would bring into BC's coastal waters.

Through a series of emails and phone calls, the group discovered the following:

1.Many public and privately owned VLCC tanker companies are unaware of plans to export diluted bitumen to Canada's west coast, raising questions as to whether Enbridge has been in conversation with the operators of VLCC's to determine operational information for marine navigation plans.

2.Several tanker companies asked for material and safety data sheets for diluted oil sands bitumen, suggesting they were unfamiliar with the product and its handling and transportation requirements.

3.Each oil tanker is owned by a limited-liability company that shields the names of its shareholders and directors. These companies are often registered in Panama, Liberia or the Marshall Islands, and are intended to protect their owners from liability in the event of a maritime incident.
The Coastal First Nations are also releasing a short web video, exposing these "flag of convenience" ships and the threat they pose to taxpayers and BC's coastal waters:

http://youtu.be/5VROwlcKTM4

"Our research shows that it would be next to impossible to recover additional oil spill cleanup costs from oil tanker companies," says Sterritt. "It's time the Conservative government came clean with Canadians about the true cost of an oil spill in BC's coastal waters, and the truth is the cost is too high."

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* Flood victim home, with friends' help
Four months after the flood, Trish Dribnenki and her son are back in their rebuilt Sunnyside condo. The homecoming last week came after seven moves, bouts of depression and bureaucratic runarounds - yet Dribnenki considers herself among the lucky ones. They're home. But it's a gratitude reserved for friends and donors, such as a local home builder that helped rebuild her two-bedroom suite at a fraction of the actual cost. Dribnenki says the happy homecoming wouldn't have been possible if she relied on her insurance coverage and the government's disaster recovery program. Calgary Herald<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013102411406133_16.htm>, A2

* Bat viruses provide clue in SARS mystery
Scientists say the discovery of two "SARS-like" bat viruses provides a missing link in the mystery around the SARS epidemic 10 years ago - but it also shows there are pandemic-prone viruses in the animal kingdom, ready to cause another serious outbreak. Toronto Star<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310413241990_25.htm>, A4

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

CSE shielding embassies: Expert

A retired Canadian intelligence operative confirms the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) provides Canadian embassies with special communications equipment, but says it's not meant to intercept foreign communications. Instead, Michel Juneau-Katsuya, CEO of security firm Northgate Group, says CSE helps diplomatic outposts do counter-intelligence work. "We do that in our private life ... just like we have the nanny camera, for example," Juneau-Katsuya said.

His comments come in response to reports in the German weekly newsmagazine Der Spiegel regarding U.S. National Security Administration

documents leaked by former government contractor Edward Snowden. The documents indicate Canadian, British and American diplomatic outposts are outfitted with secret equipment to collect communications intelligence. Juneau-Katsuya said he doesn't see that as a huge revelation because he believes the equipment is meant to frustrate others' attempts to eavesdrop on Canada's diplomats. QMI Agency<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310251875367_1938.htm> (Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun

National interests collide in shipbuilding strategy

Canada has national interests, as every other nation does. Lists may vary, but everyone puts maintaining the security of the Canadian people and their territory at the top of the list. Close behind is a strong and well-managed economy that provides goods jobs for skilled and unskilled workers. But what happens when interests collide? The massive shipbuilding program now getting underway for the navy and the coast guard may provide a clear example. The Royal Canadian Navy is a small, highly professional force that helps to protect Canada's coasts and serves Canada abroad in a multiplicity of roles. The Canadian Coast Guard, also small, patrols our waters, enforces our laws, and its icebreakers keep trade moving. Both operate vessels that are, in many cases, well beyond their best-before dates, and both need new ships. The government's National Shipbuilding Strategy aims to provide Arctic patrol ships, supply vessels and eventually replacements for the RCN's fine frigates, as well as a large icebreaker and 10 smaller ships for the Coast Guard. The cost, including the frigate replacement, is estimated at $80 billion, and the process involves re-establishing the nation's shipyards in Vancouver and Halifax, in effect re-creating a defunct industry. Up to 15,000 jobs are to be created. But this is Canada, so pork and high costs are inevitable. National Defence and Public Works are deeply involved, politicians' hands are all over the plans, and costs are skyhigh. Consider the two Joint Support Ships to be built in Vancouver for $3 billion. They will likely be fine ships when they hit the water, years late. Britain's Royal Navy, however, is buying four roughly similar ships from South Korean builders for $750 million - for all four. Should the RCN ships cost eight times those of the British? The Dutch navy is buying ships built in Romania; the Danes use ships built in Poland. Ottawa Citizen<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310121281671_9.htm>, A10

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Trade may hike drug prices

The free-trade deal with Europe will probably cost Canadians hundreds of millions of dollars more for prescription drugs, says a new analysis. Concessions by the federal government to cement the deal will delay the arrival of cheap generic drugs by about one year, on average, says the report by two York University professors. The delay will add $850 million to $1.65 billion - or up to 13 per cent - to the total drug bill paid annually by Canadians, either directly, through insurance plans or by provinces. The researchers are skeptical of claims by brand-name manufacturers that extended patent life will be an incentive to the industry to invest more in Canada... Prime Minister Stephen Harper has pledged to compensate provinces for any additional costs, which would not appear until 2023, assuming the deal is in place by Jan. 1, 2015, but there was no pledge to compensate individuals or private insurance plans. The industry, represented by R&D Canada, at the time praised the agreement known as CETA, saying the improvement to intellectual property protection "will help drive investment (and) support high-paying jobs." That's a doubtful assertion, say the authors. They note that when Ottawa extended patent protection in 1987, the brand-name industry committed to invest at least 10 per cent of sales in Canada but has not met the target since 2003. Canadian Press<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013101256192269_13.htm> (Montreal Gazette, The Telegram, Calgary Herald, The Guardian, Edmonton Journal , StarPhoenix)

Sensationalism distorts trafficking debate

An editorial states, "Last night I dreamed about human trafficking. To be more specific, last night I had a heart-palpitating, forehead-drenching nightmare involving me being hunted by a human trafficker whose sole purpose was to violently kidnap me and sell me on the human flesh market. This may come as a surprise if you know that I work for ACT Alberta - the Action Coalition against human Trafficking, and that one of the unexpected areas of work of my organization is to combat misinformed and inaccurate portrayals of human trafficking or so-called "modern slavery."... Since starting my work at the coalition, I have fielded many questions from friends and family members who stare at me, wide-eyed, asking about the youngest victims and most horrific stories, salivating for gruesome details, eager to be shocked and horrified by something that so easily shocks and horrifies. Like staring at a car accident or being unable to change the channel from heart-wrenching images of starving African children, we strain for a glimpse of what we don't want to see. But the reality of modern human trafficking, particularly as it exists in Canada, is much different. Rather than facing legions of young, tender sex slave victims, roughly 40 per cent of the trafficking cases the coalition encounters involve labour trafficking. Nannies and temporary foreign workers are brought to this country under false pretences and forced to work for little or no pay under exploitative working conditions. These victims are often trafficked from overseas. Their documents are stolen and they are kept in check through fear of deportation and lack of knowledge of Canadian laws. These victims are forced into domestic servitude, agricultural and construction labour, or are trafficked to work for gangs...The stereotypes that surround human trafficking remain deeply entrenched in our minds. Even though I work closely with the hard reality of human trafficking on a daily basis, my subconscious resurrects these stereotypes in nightmares. We can, and should, do better. The victims of human trafficking cannot afford to wait." Edmonton Journal<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013105219659391_6.htm>, A17

Paying for privilege of being tortured

Family deported to Libya can return - if it pays $6,800, Oct. 25. What kind of inhuman beings inhabit Immigration Canada? More and more often, refugees are being treated unfairly. In this unbelievable case, refugee status was wrongfully denied to a family. They were sent to Libya where the father was imprisoned and tortured. Then, after the family had lived in a shipping container (a shipping container!) in a refugee camp for a year (a year!), Ottawa kindly and compassionately agreed to let them back in on humanitarian grounds. This magnanimous gesture on the part of our family-friendly Harper government has a slight catch. The Benhmudas must pay back to the government the $6,000 it cost to send them to Libya to experience prison and torture. Ye gods! Additional costs bring the total to $6,800. After they have paid this, the generous government will let them apply for a federal loan for the transportation costs of their return. What thoughtfulness. Toronto Star<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013104149523358_25.htm>, A22

* No, others are not bringing in carbon taxes
An editorial states, "The carbon-tax lobby was practically giddy this month, as newspaper headlines touting a B.C. climate-change agreement with three U.S. states blared, "Washington and Oregon follow B.C.'s lead on carbon-tax system," and "Washington, Oregon plan to emulate B.C.'s carbon tax." Fortunately for American taxpayers, the headlines just aren't true. The non-binding, symbolic agreement calls on each jurisdiction to "account for the costs of carbon pollution," along with various transportation goals such as highspeed rail, alternative fuels and the usual promises to push federal governments to do more on carbon emissions... B.C.'s most direct economic competitor, Washington, is leaning toward cap-and-trade, not a B.C.- style carbon tax. This keeps the socalled "Blaine drain" going: using cheap gasoline as a way to continue attracting more than 15.4 million Canadians to cross-border shopping trips into Whatcom County every year." The Province<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310710354989_5.htm>, A14

* Delivering health care: Cross-border co-operation
An editorial states, "Whether it's emergency or elective surgery, Windsor and Detroit have a long relationship when it comes to delivering health care. Traditionally, we see people from this side of the border crossing the river for treatment. But why can't it be a two-way street? Why not entice our nearest neighbours to have certain procedures done at our hospitals? It's an intriguing take on international trade, and it's one that both Windsor Regional and Henry Ford hospitals are exploring. Specifically, WRH's CEO David Musyj and Henry Ford president Dr. John Popovich think there's an opportunity to turn Windsor and Detroit into a regional axis for innovation and medical device research. The first step to making it happen is taking advantage of the current red tape that prevents U.S. cardiac patients from receiving heart valve operations at home. Because Canada's rules are less restrictive when it comes to approving medical devices, trials on American patients could be done here, with both hospitals benefiting from the creation of a health care "hub."" Windsor Star<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013104156445585_10.htm>, A6

* CBSA tears apart family with deportation order
He didn't have a worry in the world, he says, and when she was offered a job as a computer analyst in Ottawa, the couple, then engaged, moved to Canada. Magill's lifestyle didn't change. "Being young and stupid, it was always about drinking and having fun." It all came crashing down one day in 1987 when the two got into a heated argument and Magill ended up pushing her against a wall. Neighbours heard the commotion and called police. By the time they arrived, he was in her car, drinking beer, he says, with the keys in the ignition to be able to listen to music on the radio. He was charged with impaired driving and assault. The couple broke up, Magill entered a detox program and then lived in a halfway house, which, he says, helped put his life back on track. When his case got to court, he was fined $300, placed on two years' probation and prohibited from driving for 12 months. "That was in 1987," says Magill, now 50. "And I haven't even had a parking ticket since." As Magill tells it, he stopped the boozing, found work and met Carol, whom he married in 1989. He became stepfather to her three children from a previous marriage, and the couple added a son to the brood in 1990. There are now nine grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. "Family's my life," he says. Magill has worked at various jobs over the years, paid taxes and suffered a cancer scare a few years ago. He is now on leave from a parttime job as he fights a toe infection related to diabetes. If his big toe doesn't get better with the current batch of antibiotics he is taking, the toe and maybe even his foot might have to be amputated. And now, after spending more than half his life in Canada, the federal government has decided to deport him to the United Kingdom because of those two, 25-year-old convictions. As well, says Immigration, a Scottish court convicted Magill of malicious mischief in 1981, when he was 18. Magill says he was told last week by a Canada Border Services Agency officer that he will soon be informed of his departure date... When the Canada Border Services Agency called him in for an interview in the fall of 2012, some 21 years after he applied for permanent resident status, Magill says he was told for the first time that his criminal record would make him inadmissible to Canada. Ottawa Citizen<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013101243504259_9.htm>, C1

* Fort McMurray airport gambles on Las Vegas
The Fort McMurray Airport expects to hit the jackpot next year with non-stop flights from the oilsands capital to Las Vegas. Fort McMurray Airport Authority president and chief executive Scott Clements said Wednesday he is negotiating with three carriers and expects in January to announce twice-weekly service to the Las Vegas strip. The former head of the Edmonton International Airport Authority said it is also likely that Fort McMurray will land service to Chicago through United Airlines, which initiated daily flights from Denver to the northern airport this summer... The fastest-growing airport in Canada with a passenger growth rate of 29 per cent this year, the airport is expected to serve more than 1.2 million passengers in 2013. The facility, opened in 1985 with a capacity to handle 250,000 passengers a year, is in the midst of a $258-million expansion. A terminal building five times the size of the existing one is scheduled to open on June 9, 2014. Clements said it will be easier for the airport to woo carriers after receiving formal designation on Oct. 7 as an official port of entry from the Canada Border Services Agency. The airport has offered daily flights to Denver and seasonal service to Mexico since late 2012 with the use of Border Services' staff temporarily assigned to Fort Mc-Murray. The agency will now assign at least seven employees to work out of the airport full-time, Clements said. Edmonton Journal<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013105221940565_6.htm>, A5

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

* Banks at risk of cyber attacks
Canada's financial regulator is warning banks and insurance companies they need to beef up their efforts to protect against sophisticated cyber attacks from a growing list of actors, from youthful hackers and low-level criminals right up to foreign government entities backed by unprecedented human and financial resources. Back in 2005 it established the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre (CCIRC) with a mandate to collaborate with the private sector in responding to the threat of cyber attack. Last year, however, a report from the country's auditor general showed that the government had made only limited progress, with gaps in protection, especially at the CCIRC which, at the time was only open during business hours, limiting its ability to provide timely information for stakeholders. OSFI suggests in its cyber security self-assessment that financial firms should work with CCIRC, which just recently had its hours extended. National Post<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013103839617664_1.htm>, FP1

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Équipe Coderre: un candidat aux amitiés embarrassantes
Tard hier soir, après plusieurs demandes d'entrevue, Denis Coderre a finalement commenté les amitiés de son candidat. Il s'est dit convaincu que

Michel Bissonnet n'avait rien fait de répréhensible en se présentant à la fête. Ce soir-là, alors que plusieurs bénéficiaires de contrats publics montréalais étaient réunis dans les Laurentides à une heure de route de la métropole, Michel Bissonnet est arrivé en compagnie de Bernard Trépanier, alias «Monsieur 3%», le grand argentier d'Union Montréal, le parti du maire de l'époque, Gérald Tremblay.Plusieurs autres organisateurs du système de collusion montréalais identifiés à la commission Charbonneau étaient présents, dont Nicolo Milioto, le PDG de Génius Michel Lalonde et l'ingénieur municipal Luc Leclerc, entre autres.Questionné par La Presse, Michel Bissonnet a d'abord affirmé ne pas se souvenir de l'événement, avant de finalement concéder avoir été présent.«J'ai toujours connu la famille Catania. Je les connais depuis 1976-1977, mais je ne suis jamais intervenu directement ou indirectement, que ce soit pour Paolo, Frank ou Tony», dit-il.«Il n'y a aucune de ces firmes qui ont un contrat ici», a-t-il ajouté au sujet de l'arrondissement de Saint-Léonard, dont il a été maire de 1978 à 1981 et de 2008 à aujourd'hui...Ce n'était pas la première fois que M. Bissonnet se retrouvait dans un événement intime de la famille Catania. Il était aussi parmi les invités à la fête de retraite de Frank Catania dans un hôtel du centre-ville de Montréal, en 2005. L'enquête Colisée de la GRC a démontré que les cinq chefs de la mafia montréalaise s'étaient alors cotisés pour offrir un cadeau à M. Catania. Selon nos sources, des membres du crime organisé étaient présents à cette occasion. Questionné par La Presse, Michel Bissonnet a spontanément reconnu sa présence à ce «pot de départ». «Je n'ai été là qu'une demi-heure», dit-il, en précisant n'avoir vu aucun chef mafieux. En 2006, alors qu'il était député libéral et président de la Chambre à Québec, M. Bissonnet avait lui-même remis la médaille de l'Assemblée nationale à Frank Catania. À l'époque, peu de gens dans le public connaissaient les liens étroits qui unissaient l'entrepreneur à la mafia montréalaise. Dans l'enquête Colisée, la GRC a filmé le chef mafieux Nicolo Rizzuto et Frank Catania ensemble au café Consenza. «Le 15 juin 2004, vers 14h02, Nicolo Rizzuto est observé entrer dans la pièce du milieu du Consenza, indique un résumé déposé en cour. Il compte une liasse d'argent, lève la jambe de son pantalon et met la liasse dans une de ses chaussettes. Rizzuto fait ceci en présence de Francesco Catania, assis à la table en conversation téléphonique sur son cellulaire. Quelques minutes plus tard, Catania et Rizzuto quittent.» Une photo saisie par la police et déposée à la commission Charbonneau montre d'ailleurs M. Rizzuto et Frank Catania assis côte à côte au siège social de Construction Frank Catania, à Brossard. La Presse<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310451484655_2004.htm>

That $90,172 question: Who knew about Duffy's cheque?
The number of Conservatives who were aware of the cheque written by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's former chief of staff to cover the improper expense claims of Senator Mike Duffy cannot be counted on one hand. Mr. Harper is steadfast in his insistence that he was unaware of the deal that saw about $90,000 transferred from the personal account of Nigel Wright for Mr. Duffy. Through Mr. Duffy's allegations in the Senate over two weeks, and with the help of RCMP documents that were filed in court during the summer, The Globe has pieced together a list of 11 players who knew - or might have known - what was going on...Mike Duffy knows how to tell a tale, especially when it is about himself. In two separate sessions, this week and last, the former broadcaster, who has been a senator from Prince Edward Island since 2009, kept the Senate riveted with his version of the story of the $90,000 cheque written by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's former chief of staff Nigel Wright to cover Mr. Duffy's questionable claims for living expenses. Mr. Duffy made it clear that, without ultimatums and threats from the Prime Minister's Office, he never would have returned to the Senate the money he had claimed for living in Ottawa, where he has made his home since 1971. "I said I didn't believe I'd broken the rules and that to repay would be an admission of guilt," he told senators last week. "Canadians know me as an honest guy. To pay back money I didn't owe would destroy my reputation." Mr. Duffy is now at the centre of an RCMP investigation into his expense claims and is fighting his suspension from the Senate - a move being orchestrated by his former Conservative colleagues.... Globe and Mail<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310585005 81_1796.htm>

Taser attack lawsuit
Seven years ago, Brian Fish was on Whyte Avenue taking photos of a police officer making an arrest. It was the 2006 Stanley Cup playoff celebrations and hundreds of people had spilled onto the street. A female Edmonton constable however -- Denise Turkawski -- told the then 66-year-old he wasn't allowed to take photographs. But he refused, noting he wasn't doing anything illegal. Before he knew it, Fish -- an Edmonton lawyer -- was thrown on the ground and stunned with a Taser in front of a number of witnesses. He was taken into custody and detained for several hours. But it doesn't end there. Fish also claims that he and his son were verbally abused by Turkawski and an unidentified officer, who threatened his son and allegedly called him a "faggot" several times. All the details about what happened that day to Fish and his son were heard in 2009 by the Law Enforcement Review Board (LERB) when it ordered police to conduct a second investigation into the complaint. The investigation, however, cleared the officers involved and then-chief Mike Boyd dismissed the complaint in its entirety without holding a hearing. Now, Fish and his lawyer are requesting the board overrule the chief's decision. "He (the chief) found there was no misconduct on the part of any police officers. Clearly in our view, that conclusion is unreasonable and unacceptable and we brought it before the LERB to hope that that is corrected and that a hearing is held with respect to these serious allegations," said Fish's lawyer Erika Norheim."I think it's pretty obvious that there's something wrong when police officers arrest and Taser a senior citizen simply because he's standing on the street and taking pictures." Edmonton Sun<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-20131049921607_15.htm>, 7

Ethnic-outreach-probe results months away
It will be several months still before the public learns the results of an ongoing RCMP probe into alleged contraventions of the provincial Election Act connected to the Liberal government's ethnic outreach program. Vancouver lawyer David Butcher, the special prosecutor appointed by B.C's justice branch in August to assist the RCMP in their probe, said Wednesday that a decision on the file won't likely be made until sometime next year. "I can tell you simply two things," said Butcher. "That the RCMP are actively investigating the matter and that I do not expect to be in a position to make any decisions with respect to the matter until sometime in 2014." The RCMP began the probe in August. The Province<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310733495434_5.htm>, A9

Series of sexual assaults have left UBC under 'climate of fear'
A series of sexual assaults at the University of B.C. has prompted an unusual "climate of fear" and unprecedented police and security measures, the university's president said Wednesday. RCMP say there have been six attacks on women at UBC's Vancouver campus since April, with the latest incident occurring on Sunday. UBC President Stephen Toope stressed on Wednesday that the current situation on campus is "extremely unusual," and that the school now has a higher police and security presence than ever. "This is one of the safest campuses in North America," he told reporters. "There is not normally a climate of fear or insecurity on the campus." The RCMP's major crimes section believes one man is responsible for three attacks this month and similar incidents in April, May and September. All the women were attacked while walking alone late at night on campus. Hours for a program called Safewalk have now been extended so students can have two people walk them home as late as 4 a.m. An outside security company has been hired to bolster the university's own resources and volunteers have also stepped in to patrol the campus, Toope said. "At the same time the RCMP has increased dramatically their patrols on campus and we're working very much in

collaboration. There is far more police presence on campus than ever in the history of the campus," he said. "We are putting the resources that are necessary to keep the campus as safe as it possibly (can be). Frankly, we are not counting our pennies at this moment." Toope said the university has already spent millions of dollars to upgrade lighting in the last two years. Canadian Press<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310517258374_14.htm> (The Guardian, Times Colonist, Edmonton Journal, Ottawa Citizen, Daily Gleaner, Vancouver Sun, Red Deer Advocate, Whitehorse Daily Star, Waterloo Region Record);

Marchers take back the night
Students at the University of B.C. are turning away from fear, as dozens gathered Wednesday to protest rape culture and to rally against an unknown perpetrator behind on-campus sexual assaults currently being investigated. Avni Garg was one of about 175 people in attendance Wednesday. The 20-year-old Kinesiology student brought along a sign that read: "My little black dress does not mean yes." "This directly relates to some of the RCMP reports on the sexual assaults. They specified that some of the victims were wearing short skirts, and it's sad because this only perpetuates rape culture by implying that these victims were attacked because of what they were wearing," Garg told the Province. "I don't think it matters what you wear. No one deserves to be assaulted." The crowd then marched across the Point Grey campus in an effort to reclaim student space against fear that has been spread following the incidents. The latest attack came Sunday morning near the centre of the campus, with five others spanning a period from April to earlier this month. RCMP investigators say they believe the same man is responsible for all six incidents. Earlier in the day, UBC president Stephen Toope had said money was no issue when it came to the safety of students and the security measures currently being ramped up in the wake of the attacks. Canadian Press<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310726839172_5.htm> (The Province)

* Ex-Olympian charged with extortion
A man identified by sources as a Hells Angels motorcycle gang member, who also competed in four Olympic Winter Games with the Canadian bobsled team, has been charged in connection with an alleged extortion plot. Kenneth Peter Laurier LeBlanc, 45, of Calgary, is accused of trying to extort a large sum of money from a victim after a business deal crumbled. The Calgary Police Service's guns and gangs unit say they launched an investigation in late July after the victim alleged he'd been threatened by an acquaintance. "There was an investment deal between LeBlanc and another individual that our victim brokered," said guns and gangs unit StaffSgt. Steve Drennan. "Obviously, one felt that the investment went bad and made some attempts to extort our victim for a sum of money." Drennan said the victim was being asked to pay more than $100,000. An undisclosed amount of money was handed over in what Drennan described as a "payment program" that the victim paid to guarantee his safety. "With extortion, there can be threats of intimidation, physical harm. In this case, the victim felt threatened enough that he contacted police," Drennan said, adding the man was not physically harmed. The victim felt compelled to take measures to protect himself, including installing and upgrading a security system at his home, Drennan added. Early Tuesday, members of the guns and gangs unit, with the help of the tactical unit and the RCMP's emergency response team, searched two properties linked to the accused and an affiliated biker club. Calgary Herald<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013102414718926_16.htm>

* Nobody is immune to negative effect of contraband tobacco
A letter to the editor, by Caroline Ferland, vice-president, corporate affairs, at Imperial Tobacco Canada, states, "As British Columbia completes its annual pre-budget consultation, the province would be wise to exercise extreme caution when it comes to tobacco taxation. While governments have been known to be quite addicted to tobacco taxes, and use taxation as an easy fix - as evidenced by the latest $2-percarton increase that took effect in B.C. on Oct. 1 - there are serious negative and unintended consequences that come with a high tax policy. It does not take a degree in economics to figure out what happens when the price of a product is increased time and again: Consumers look for cheaper alternatives. When it comes to tobacco in Canada, that alternative is readily available through an illegal, untaxed and unregulated market. While B.C. is fortunate to have not yet seen illegal tobacco levels like those found in Ontario and Quebec, which reached 48 per cent and 40 per cent respectively in 2008, the threat remains very real. In recent years, illegal tobacco shipments from Ontario and Quebec have been seized across Canada, including in B.C. In addition, B.C. faces another threat: counterfeit cigarette shipments from Asia. Since 2010, the RCMP has seized more than 145 million cigarettes illegally smuggled from Asia into the province. With the RCMP stating that they are only able to capture a fraction of the illegal cigarettes smuggled into Canada, we can only imagine the number of illegal cigarettes successfully penetrating B.C. from Asia... The RCMP has reported there are more than 50 illegal cigarette factories in Canada and more than 300 smoke shacks selling tobacco outside existing legal, regulatory and tax frameworks. Since the onset of Canada's illegal tobacco crisis in 2006, not one single illegal factory has been shut down despite operating in plain sight. Smoke shops operate with similar impunity. For a criminal looking to make some easy money, where is the risk? The risk to the rest of society is clear: billions in lost tax revenue annually, vast amounts of money funnelled to the organized crime groups behind the illegal tobacco trade, and the undermining of tobacco control measures - including prevention of sales to youth since the criminals behind the illegal trade do not ask for identification..." Vancouver Sun<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310413796949_3.htm>, A11

* Police will be able to seize alcohol
The Manitoba government will give new powers to police to seize alcohol from chronic party houses and boot gang members out of bars and restaurants -- despite no crimes being committed. The measures are part of a push to modernize liquor laws that will see more types of businesses allowed to serve alcohol and a new health strategy to encourage a "culture of moderation" when it comes to alcohol consumption. City of Winnipeg Minister Kevin Chief said it also includes a wider focus on public safety and social responsibility. The official announcement will be made today. "The difference with this is that it takes pre-emptive action," Chief said Wednesday. "Often what people did was have to wait for something to happen and then they could call police. This allows people to take responsible action to phone law enforcement and police will have tools to actually do something about it." Chief said the changes will allow police to confiscate and ban alcohol from a booze can. "The idea would be to prevent future problems in these houses," Chief said. "Nothing kills a party like removing the booze when there are drunken, out-of-control parties." He added the change won't affect average house parties -- there must be a history of repeated disturbances. Chief also said the changes will give police the authority to remove a known criminal from a licensed establishment or a social. Police would act if alerted by an owner, manager, server or patron. "If there are known gang members, if there are people that have a history of violence, if there's someone uttering threats... the police will then have a tool to remove these individuals before something starts," Chief said. Winnipeg Free Press<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310238242917_21.htm>, A5

* Elsipogtog wants Crown land control
The Elsipogtog First Nation has written a resolution to reclaim control over Crown land. The First Nation is also now actively enlisting

"protectors and stewards" to stand watch over the public lands in and around the Rexton area to enforce control. An internal letter being circulated amongst First Nations communities also states that SWN Resources has been evicted from the territory and "New Brunswick has been put on notice." The resolution, obtained by the Times & Transcript and dated Tuesday, is a call to "reclaim stewardship over all unoccupied alleged Crown land." "We, the people, have been compelled to act to save our waters, lands and animals from ruin," reads a statement with an attached consent form to enlist protectors, signed by Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock. "The resolution reclaims responsibility for stewardship of our reserved native lands. "Our lands have never been ceded which means we have never surrendered our land. For centuries the British Crown claimed to be holding the lands in trust for us, but they have been badly mismanaged by Canada, the province of New Brunswick and corporations." A ceremony has been scheduled for Saturday to "begin the reclamation." The ceremony also "honours those wishing to become protectors and stewards" of the land. A consent form is now being circulated to collect names. The resolution explicitly states that First Nations people are now resuming stewardship of the Crown land "to correct these problems and to restore our lands and waters back to good, for generations to come." "SWN and the province of New Brunswick have totally ignored our authority and right to control our lands," reads a statement. "SWN has been evicted from our territory according to our traditions and convictions that we still own the land. "The province of New Brunswick has been put on notice." The resolution follows a period of relative calm after an anti-shale gas rally along a highway near Rexton in Kent County turned violent earlier this month as angry protesters lashed out against officers trying to dismantle their blockade. Six police vehicles, including an unmarked van, were burned and the RCMP said they had Molotov cocktails tossed at them. In response, police fired non-lethal beanbag-type bullets and used pepper spray to defuse the situation. Times & Transcript<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310134180388_38.htm> (Daily Gleaner, Telegraph-Journal)

* More whistle-blower protection for cops redundant: EPA head
Creating a whistle-blower policy to protect those with who come forward with allegations of wrongdoing against their colleagues would be redundant to what police already have in place, according to the head of the Edmonton Police Association (EPA). In a letter recently addressed to the Edmonton Police Commission (EPC), Patrick Knoll, a former chair of the Law Enforcement Review Board (LERB) states that the events concerning Const. Derek Huff and Const. Jack Redlick could "very well allow for the implementation of an Edmonton Police Commission policy that would address the code of silence practice and serve to significantly reduce further events of like kind." Knoll further states the EPC could "lead the way for other commissions and police services across Western Canada and in doing so address a long standing problem in Canadian policing." An Edmonton police spokesperson was not able to comment specifically on the letter or matters regarding Huff, but said in a statement that current statute and policy already requires any and all police officers to report perceived acts of misconduct. Edmonton Sun<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310416484761_15.htm>, 10

* Serendipitous surveillance footage shows alleged killer
Accused Surrey Six killer Matt Johnston was captured on a police surveillance video outside the Stanley highrise in Surrey less than an hour before the murders of six men at the nearby Balmoral Tower. The video of Johnston wearing a black hoodie and ball cap was shown Wednesday to B.C. Supreme Court Justice Catherine Wedge at the firstdegree murder trial of Johnston, Cody Haevischer and Michael Le. In it, Johnston appears to get out of a dark Volkswagen Touareg parked in a disabled spot outside the Stanley - where his co-accused Haevischer was living at the time - at approximately 1:51 p.m. on Oct. 19, 2007. RCMP Cpl. Lori Orstad testified Wednesday about shooting the video that day as part of an RCMP drug squad team doing an unrelated investigation at the Stanley, located at 10082 148th St. in Surrey. Accompanying Johnston in the video is a man who can be only be identified as Person X due to a publication ban. Person X is wearing a grey Nike hoodie and has a man purse, or "murse," hanging across his chest. At one point he looks directly toward the police surveillance camera, his hood pulled up over his hair. Orstad did not identify Johnston or Person X by name in her testimony, but referred to them as the "male in the black hoodie" and "the male in the white hoodie." But it was clearly Johnston and Person X, who the Crown asserts drove with Haevischer over to the Balmoral minutes after the video was taken. Asked by Crown prosecutor Alex Henderson to describe the first man she saw, Orstad said he "was dressed in a black hoodie, a ball cap which seemed to have green on it and blue jeans. It was a white male. He had a very round face that could also have been a fat face." As the man walked toward the Stanley entrance, she said, he "put the black hoodie over his head." Johnston appeared at one point to return to the Touareg, Orstad said. "When the male in the black went back to the vehicle, (Person X) appeared to be watching him and waiting for him. And then they joined up and continued towards the front door of the Stanley apartment building." The short video was marked as an exhibit and the Crown asked that it not be released to the media. Postmedia News<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310416781866_3.htm> (Vancouver Sun, The Province)

* Touted crime database not widely supported
It was once billed by top city officials as a cutting-edge tool to help the Winnipeg Police Service crack down fast and hard on emerging crime problems before they took hold in neighbourhoods. But an external consultant's review of the WPS released this week shows internal commitment to the much-ballyhooed CrimeStat system appears to be fickle -- much to the stated disappointment of the man responsible for bringing it to the city as a re-election pledge, Mayor Sam Katz. Winnipeg's CrimeStat is a database by which police can map out and analyze crime statistics to ferret out crime trends in real time and respond quickly as part of a "intelligence-led" policing model much in favour across North American police agencies over the last 15 years. It's a variant of similar computer systems that have been widely trumpeted for turning around crime issues in major cities such as New York City and Minneapolis, to name just two. But an operational review of the WPS's use of CrimeStat conducted by Texas-based Matrix Consulting Services found several issues, including cancelled or shortened weekly CrimeStat meetings, non-regular attendance by the chief or his deputies and limited analysis of statistics and how they impact on the work of general patrol units. "It seems that preparation time is limited and focused on 'just' trying to understand the statistical increase 'or' decrease," the review notes. Matrix calls on the WPS to introduce "more formality" to CrimeStat meetings and increase accountability and ownership for police in supervisory roles. The lack of focus on leveraging CrimeStat to its fullest has hampered the effectiveness of specialty community-support units, Matrix found. The support units, introduced in 2008 by former police chief Keith McCaskill, are tasked with tackling ongoing area crime issues and crime-prevention efforts while at the same time helping reduce strain on general patrol units, Matrix found. Winnipeg Free Press<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310236101406_21.htm>, A6

* New RCMP base boosts municipal policing costs
B.C. municipalities and the provincial government are balking at having to potentially pay substantial increases in policing costs related to the new $1-billion RCMP E-Division headquarters in Surrey. According to preliminary estimates in the RCMP's Fiscal Plan for 2013-14, municipalities could pay $1,200 more next year per regular member and $20,000 per integrated team member - those responsible for services such as murder investigations, emergency response and police dog teams - as a result of the new Green Timbers headquarters. The proposed

increases, which are still being negotiated between the federal and provincial governments and haven't been finalized, are intended to cover the administrative costs at the new 6,162 square-metre building, Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan said. The costs would be proportionally based on the size of each municipality. For instance, Burnaby, with the second largest RCMP detachment, could see an estimated increase of $500,000, he said, while Surrey would likely see more than twice that amount. "We've got some information on the overall costs but nothing has been settled," Corrigan said. "This is a big increase for any of our police detachments. We're all really concerned." Policing is the single largest cost to municipalities in B.C., which is home to 9,500 RCMP officers and civilian employees - more than any other province. Only 11 municipalities, including Vancouver, New Westminster, West Vancouver and Port Moody, have their own police forces. The latest news comes a year after B.C. municipalities signed a controversial 20-year policing agreement, which promised elected officials would have more say on controlling policing costs. The funding formula hasn't changed, with cities sharing the costs with the federal government: those larger than 15,000 pay 90 per cent of policing costs, while smaller cities pay 70 per cent, and the federal government picks up the rest. But since the contract was signed last year, municipalities maintain the federal government has continued to slap them with more unexpected costs, including higher-than-expected pay raises and changes to pension contributions and severance pay, along with the Green Timbers headquarters. "It's not about policing on the streets," he said. "It's about the governance of it." Both Port Coquitlam and Richmond, which joined Burnaby and North Vancouver in conducting feasibility studies to determine if they should keep the RCMP, also argue that they are already paying far more than their share for integrated policing teams. Moore maintains Port Coquitlam is ranked on the lower end of the value of services it receives from the five specialized integrated teams, paying out $996,870 and receiving just $317,725 in services. In comparison, Surrey paid out $9.3 million while it received $12 million in services. Municipalities can trigger a two-year opt-out clause to start their own police department, invite another municipal force to take over, or work with other cities to create a regional force. B.C. Attorney General and Justice Minister Suzanne Anton was unavailable for an interview Wednesday but said in an email that the province is also opposed to the proposed costs. Vancouver Sun<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-20131041493111_3.htm>, A1

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Province draws ire of father of murdered boy

Larry Mills's hands shake and his eyes fill with tears as he talks about the lack of government support for the families of murder victims in the province. He's angry the government is refusing to send a victim services co-ordinator from Fredericton to Moncton to support the families of murder victims Fred Fulton and Veronica (Vera) Decarie. There will be a review hearing in Moncton on Nov. 8 for their killer, 31-year-old Gregory Allan Despres, six months after the last review. (...)White was in the middle of pretrial hearings when he pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree murder. He was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 15 years. Mills said his heart goes out to relatives of Fulton and Decarie because he understands their pain. Despres was deemed not criminally responsible in 2008 for the murders of his elderly next-door neighbours on Slope Road in Minto. He stabbed the elderly couple repeatedly with a dagger in the middle of the night on April 24, 2005, and he also decapitated Fulton with a sword he'd made. Despres is diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. He undergoes regular hearings to review his mental state by the New Brunswick review board, the body that oversees offenders who are deemed unfit to stand trial or deemed not criminal responsible for their actions. The Nov. 8 hearing in Moncton is to look at the issue of transferring Despres from the Shepody Healing Centre at the federally run Dorchester Penitentiary to the less secure Restigouche Hospital Centre, operated by the provincial government. Daily Gleaner<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310148984629_37.htm> A1

Court orders new trial in death of Winnipeg teenager in 1984

The Manitoba Court of Appeal on Wednesday ordered a new trial for a man convicted in the 1984 murder of a teenage girl. The Appeal Court ruled that the trial judge was wrong to deny Mark Edward Grant's lawyer the right to present evidence that Candace Derksen might have been killed by someone else. Another girl had been abducted in a similar fashion nine months after Derksen's death when Grant was in custody. "It seems to me that this evidence, which I view as very relevant, could provide the basis upon which a reasonable, properly instructed jury could acquit," Justice Michel Monnin wrote on behalf of the three-member Appeal Court panel. "The exclusion of the evidence denied the accused the opportunity of placing before the jury the full answer he wanted to make." Grant was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced in 2011 to life with no parole eligibility for at least 25 years. Canadian Press<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-20131051786517_14.htm> (The Guardian, Whitehorse Daily Star, National Post, Times Colonist), *Winnipeg Free Press<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310237304882_21.htm>

Website troubles continue to haunt charity

The charity offering tours of notorious Kingston Penitentiary encountered ticket-selling troubles again Wednesday. Habitat for Humanity Canada started selling tickets for the tours of the recently shuttered prison Tuesday, but the online traffic was so great that it overwhelmed the ticket-selling site, causing it to crash. In that small window in which the system worked on Tuesday, 15% of the 9,000 tickets were gobbled up. Wednesday didn't see much improvement on the technology front, as the website was hit-and- miss for ticket-buyers. Kingston Whig-Standard<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310571621451_12.htm> A1

Rapist should not be in community

An opinion piece states, "There is something very wrong with the Parole Board of Canada when an individual like Larry Takahashi is released from prison to live in our community, or any community, even under what is termed "close supervision." I was living in Edmonton in the 1980s when his actions terrorized the city. He destroyed the lives of countless women and their families, condemning them to a lifetime of fear and mental anguish. He did this while living a "normal" life - he was the lab partner of one of my relatives at the university. There is no question of his guilt, and of the horrific and repeated nature of his crimes. He is a sexual deviant psychopath, utterly incapable of being "cured or treated" and

probably incapable as well of any feelings of remorse. He was given concurrent life sentences and as such should be incarcerated until he is dead or infirm." Times Colonist<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013104137218448_4.htm> A11

* 'Put him back in jail,' says victim of balaclava rapist

The woman who miscarried twins after she was raped by Larry Takahashi says the man known as the "balaclava rapist" is manipulative, deceptive and deserves to spend the rest of his life in jail. Erica Hammermeister is angry at the parole board's decision to temporarily release Takahashi for 60 days, allowing him to live in a Victoria halfway house until Dec. 24. "They [police] believe if he wouldn't have been caught when he attacked me he could have upgraded to murder," Hammermeister said in a phone interview Wednesday. "He's a very manipulative, deceptive person." Hammermeister was Takahashi's last victim before he was caught, and the Crown's star witness at his trial. Takahashi, 61, was living a double life as a model citizen with a wife and child during the day, and a rapist by night. He started his crimes by peeping into women's windows and masturbating, which quickly escalated to breaking into women's homes and raping them while wearing a balaclava. Times Colonist<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013104141671808_4.htm>, A4

* Judge uses gritty prose to reject killer's appeal

Shane Huard, convicted of helping kill a drug dealer in 2006, has yet to impress a judge - except, perhaps, with the gritty details of his crime. The now 32-year-old Windsor man was convicted of first-degree murder and in 2010 sentenced to life with no chance of parole for 25 years. His accomplice Richard Zoldi, the one who actually pulled the trigger of the .22-calibre handgun, was convicted of seconddegree murder and can apply for parole after 13 years. The Ontario Court of Appeal - which had ruled against Huard's application in July without giving reasons - on Tuesday released its arguments. Windsor Star<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013104155679408_10.htm>, A3

* Jeffrey Baldwin inquest lays bare decades of institutional incompetence

The 45-page chapter that was given this week to the jurors at the Ontario coroner's inquest now probing the death of Jeffrey Baldwin is a searing indictment of institutional incompetence. A summary of Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto involvement with the little boy's family - it dates back to 1950 - is filled with ghastly revelations on almost every page. (...) The story of how Bottineau, who is now 62 and in prison serving a life sentence, morphed from someone who was a known convicted child abuser (she was implicated in the 1969 death of her own first baby) to a woman who was used by the CCAS as a community foster parent and endorsed as a suitable caregiver for Jeffrey and his siblings is a galling one. Canada.com<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310535953985_1547.htm>

* Appeals court orders new trial in 2007 slaying of Calgary teen

Shooting victim Adam Cavanagh's father says he will take in stride the Alberta Court of Appeal's decision on Wednesday to award a new trial to his son's accused killer. "It certainly could have been worse, but it's not a good decision," Perry Cavanagh said shortly after the province's top court quashed MM's first-degree murder conviction from last year. The defendant's full name is being withheld because he was a minor at the time of his initial arrest. (...)"The record reveals that the trial took account of bad character evidence in adjudicating these issues," wrote the three-judge panel. "We also have concerns with the manner in which the trial judge dealt with the matter of post-offence conduct. However, in light of our ruling, we need not pursue that issue." They cited comments by the judge that MM had a fascination with guns, knew how not to leave fingerprints and was comfortable doing criminal work. Lipton, calling it an "execution," had handed MM, 17 at the time of the shooting, an adult life sentence with no chance of parole for 10 years. Although the appeal court overturned the first-degree murder conviction and sentence, it said MM, now 23, will have to face the second trial on the same charge. Calgary Herald<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013102412437275_16.htm>, A2

* Attempted murder charges laid

A 19-year-old man has been charged with three counts of attempted murder in connection with a daylight shooting on Halifax's Isleville Street this summer. Police arrested Shaquille David Skinner, of Ruben Court in Dartmouth, at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility where he is an inmate on other matters. He now faces 16 new charges, including three of attempted murder, three counts of discharging a firearm with intent, nine other weapons-related offences and one of breaching a court order. Police allege in court documents that Skinner tried to kill brothers Decoda and Nathaniel White and a woman named Jaylene Downey with a Colt 1903 Pocket Hammer .32-calibre semi-automatic pistol. In Halifax provincial court Wednesday, duty defence counsel Lonny Queripel asked that the case be adjourned until at least mid-January so legal representation can be arranged for Skinner. "Mr. Skinner is serving a fed-eral sentence and he will be for some time," Queripel told the court. Judge Michael Sherar remanded Skinner to a federal institution until Jan. 27, when the charges will be back in court. Chronicle-Herald<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-20131039523898_42.htm>, A5

* Nickerson case goes to 2014

Closing arguments as to whether a man who kidnapped and sexually assaulted two women in February 2012 should be designated a dangerous offender will be heard in the new year. Crown attorney Bob Morrison and defence lawyer Ken Greer will file written briefs with the court before making their closing submissions on the fate of Gordon Frank Nickerson, 36, of Yarmouth on Jan. 9. Nickerson was in Nova Scotia provincial court in Kentville Wednesday when Morrison entered his last exhibit, a document from Correctional Service of Canada that outlines how long-term supervision orders are monitored and how that contrasts with indeterminate sentences. Details of the document were not read in court, but it will make up part of the Crown's final submission. The dangerous offender application was initiated by the Crown in the wake of Nickerson's guilty pleas last year to 12 charges, including four of sexual assault, two each of kidnapping and assault, and one each of break and enter, breach of a peace bond, dangerous driving and fleeing the scene of an accident. Chronicle-Herald<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-20131031117936_42.htm>, A10

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Honour crimes persist in Quebec, across nation

Honour crimes have been committed in Quebec in all communities and the government needs to act on the growing phenomenon, Quebec's Conseil du statut de la femme said Wednesday as it released a report careful not to stigmatize any one group. The report, sparked by the drowning murders four years ago of three sisters from the Shafia family and their father's first wife, says that such honour killings are just the tip of the iceberg. The four Montreal women of Afghan descent were found dead inside a car in the Rideau Canal in Kingston, Ont., in 2009. The girls' father, mother and brother were found guilty of first-degree murder in January 2012. More has to be done, the report says, to protect vulnerable women and girls subjected to genital mutilations, virginity testing, forced marriages and excessive control. But of the 17 incidents identified as honour crimes in Canada since 1991 and examined in the report, all involved stabbing, strangulation, shooting and beating. They affected 26 victims, five of whom died, according to the 167-page report that makes seven recommendations to the government. In its reaction to the report, the provincial government was quick to offer up its controversial charter of Quebec values - which would ban religious headgear on public servants - as a way of countering the problem. Montreal Gazette<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-201310131475550_13.htm> A6

* Overall crime down in city

Although crime dropped by 9.1 per cent, or 862 incidents, by the end of August compared to 2012, Regina police Chief Troy Hagen said there is still work that needs to be done to fight crime. "We continue to work very diligently on all crime categories because we never lose sight of the fact that behind every one of these numbers, there is a victim and that is what is important to keep in mind," Hagen said on Wednesday at the Regina Board of Police Commissioners meeting. At the meeting, the yearto-date and August crime statistics were discussed. The overall drop in crime - from 9,504 to 8,642 offences - comprises a decline in crimes against the person by nine per cent and property crime by 10.8 per cent. "It's encouraging because the vast majority of crime categories are continuing to trend downward. That's very consistent with what we've seen now for, in a lot of cases, a number of years," Hagen said. Leader-Post<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-20131013551478O7_8.htm>, A6

* Survivor on a mission

Theo Fleury is on a mission to tackle what he believes is the biggest epidemic on the planet. The former NHL star and survivor of sexual abuse while playing in Moose Jaw as a junior in the 1980s is coming to Winnipeg next month to spread his message of healing and help victims on the road to recovery. The Russell native will be the star attraction at the Breaking Free through Healing Conversation: Moving Beyond Sexual Abuse and Trauma event at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre Nov. 28. Since his bestselling book, Playing With Fire, in which he documented the abuse by former coach Graham James was published four years ago, Fleury claims to have had a half-million "reveals" -- people coming out with their stories of abuse -- from survivors, either in person, in emails or via social media on Twitter and Facebook. Winnipeg Free Press<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/ps-2013102313945310_21.htm>

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ASHLEY SMITH / ENQUÊTE SUR LA MORT D'ASHLEY SMITH

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Ottawa's budget tight, but spending up

Ottawa has kept a tight squeeze on departmental spending as it tries to erase the deficit at the same time as it absorbs billions in added costs for health care and seniors. Year-end numbers released on Wednesday in the Public Accounts show departments under-spent - or "lapsed" - their approved budgets by a combined $10-billion, of which only $2.2-billion can carry forward into the next year. However, overall spending is still up considerably when compared to the period before it introduced stimulus measures worth billions of dollars to promote economic growth during the recession that hit in late 2008. Total expenses for the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2013, were $275.6-billion, up 0.1 per cent from the year before. That means federal spending has been above $270-billion for four years in a row. In contrast, the total before the recession was $239-billion in 2008-09, and $209-billion in 2005-06, when Prime Minister Stephen Harper first came to office. In addition to stimulus spending and inflation, a large part of the increase over the years is due to the federal pledge to increase health transfers to the provinces by six per cent a year until 2016-17. The Health and Social transfer was $27.2-billion in 2006 and is now $40.7-billion, an increase of nearly 50 per cent. Benefits for seniors are also becoming more expensive for Ottawa as a larger percentage of Canadians enter retirement. When the Conservatives first came to office, these expenses were were $29-billion. Now the annual cost is $40-billion, up six per cent from a year ago and 38 per cent from 2006. Treasury Board President Tony Clement said a growing economy and population and locked-in costs have increased total spending over time, but Wednesday's numbers show Ottawa is tightening the spending that is under its direct control. Globe and Mail<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/tbs-sct/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/tbs201310315461146_68.htm>, A3

Ad budget down slightly

The federal government spent tens of millions of dollars in advertising in the last fiscal year, led by major multimillion-dollar marketing offensives from the Finance Department, and others touting their own policies, say new accounting records tabled Wednesday in the House of

Commons. The Public Accounts of Canada documents, tabled by Treasury Board President Tony Clement, show that the Finance Department, which has been running a long standing advertising blitz touting the government's economic policies, spent $15.25 million on advertising initiatives for the fiscal year, which ended on March 31, 2013.

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada spent about $9.62 million on advertising. Natural Resources Canada, which has been running its own advertising blitz alleging that the government is promoting "responsible development" of oil, gas and other resources, spent about $8.9 million on advertising in the year. Overall, the figures suggest that various federal departments spent slightly less than their collective advertising budget which topped $55 million in 2012, according to previously tabled spending estimates. The total doesn't include a recently announced $24 million international marketing campaign for the government to promote the oilsands industry abroad over the next two years. Ottawa Citizen<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/tbs-sct/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/tbs2013101224895923_9.htm>, A6

Cabinet, PMO spending rises as departments tighten belts

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his cabinet spent millions of dollars more in 2012-13 on their offices than in the previous year, even as government departments were tightening their belts. However, the government found some major cost savings in other areas, spending millions less than the previous year on international conferences and hospitality. In the upper chamber, embattled Sen. Pamela Wallin, who has returned almost $150,000 in improper travel expenses, had one of the largest travel bills. According to the Public Accounts of Canada, tabled Wednesday, the Prime Minister's Office spent $8.2 million in 2012-13 on staff, communications and other costs, a seven-per-cent increase over roughly $7.6 million the previous year. Combined, federal ministers' offices spent about $56.1 million in the last fiscal year (not including ministers' salaries) on personnel, communications, transportation, services and other items, almost $3 million more than the previous year. The Conservative government spent approximately $7.5 million in 2012-13 on expenditures such as "hospitality and conference fees" at international conferences and meetings for the prime minister, Governor General and senior ministers - a substantial reduction from more than $10 million the previous year. The government forked out approximately $1.7 million on travel expenses for the prime minister's trips to international conferences and meetings, including for Harper, some ministers and department staff, according to the documents. The total was millions of dollars less than the previous year, as Harper travelled less overseas for meetings and officials visits. Vancouver Sun<http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/tbs-sct/articles/unrestricted/2013/10/tbs201310418578665_3.htm>, B3

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>>> Meghan-Tia Robertson 10/17/13 15:03 >>>

Thanks, Bill. After further discussion, we have decided not to notify on this at this time since it does not involve an emergency on reserve and is not really impacting business continuity on reserve. Also, since you and your Communications colleagues are already keeping senior management in the loop on the subject, there is no need for EMD to report on it further.

Please let us know if this changes in anyway and becomes a situation which EMD should report on. Thanks for this information.

Meghan

>>> William Nye 10/17/2013 2:26 PM >>>

FYI

>>> Dougal MacDonald 10/17/2013 2:25:11 PM >>>

Last week, a New Brunswick judge granted an injunction in response to a complaint from SWN Resources. The company is doing seismic testing to determine if land near Highway 134, north of Moncton, near the community of Rexton is suitable for the extraction of shale gas. SWN was granted the right to do testing on provincial crown land by the Government of New Brunswick.

The testing ceased in the summer, and was due to restart in the fall, when a group from the Elsipogtog First Nation set up a blockade to prevent SWN from accessing its equipment on the test site. The First Nation council made a declaration that they were taking back their traditional rights to the land in question and let SWN know they were no longer welcome. Protestors are both aboriginal and non-aboriginal.

The judge issued the injunction and the RCMP were placed into a position where they needed to follow the judge, s direction. This morning, the RCMP took action beginning on Highway 11 in the area and then onto 134. This is the official position stated by the RCMP to the media.

Julie Rogers-Marsh, an RCMP spokeswoman, could not confirm how many officers were on the scene. "What I can confirm for you is that police are enforcing a court injunction and in order to ensure public safety we have closed the road until the situation is resolved," said Constable Rogers-Marsh. RCMP in Fredericton have confirmed as of 1:30 pm to Public Safety Canada that no one has been shot.

Some protestors were arrested including Chief Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation and some council members, (confirmed through CBC interview

with TJ Burke, the First Nation, s legal representative) . Some police vehicles have been lit on fire that can be confirmed in pictures coming from the scene near Rexton.

Four AANDC employees were in the area on business unrelated to the protest. They have consulted departmental security and are making their way around the trouble zone and back to the regional office. School Board officials have elected to close three schools near the protest area as a precaution as well.

Some other First Nations have indicated that they may blockade other highways in New Brunswick in solidarity with Elsipogtog including the Trans Canada near Perth-Andover and have ended or cancelled interactions with at least one federal government department. Additional protestors are bound for Rexton from various First Nations throughout the Maritimes. Some additional First Nations in other regions are planning events as well.

Below is a RCMP press release issued this pm

We have been in contact with provincial aboriginal affairs and are continuing to monitor press reports and social media and will advise of any changes as the situation evolves
Dougal

RCMP PM Release

At least 40 people arrested for firearms offences, threats, intimidation and violating a court injunction, Rexton, N.B. 2013/10/17

The New Brunswick RCMP has arrested at least 40 people for various offences including firearms offences, uttering threats, intimidation, mischief, and for refusing to abide by a court injunction on Route 134, in Rexton, N.B.

The arrests were made on October 17, 2013, at the site of an ongoing protest. The court injunction was enforced and police were met with resistance by some of those at the site.

At least one shot was fired by someone other than police, Molotov cocktails were thrown at police, and at least five RCMP vehicles were destroyed by fire. The RCMP is also investigating suspected explosive devices at the scene.

"The RCMP has worked diligently with all parties involved in hopes for a peaceful resolution. Those efforts have not been successful. Tensions were rising, and serious criminal acts are being committed," says Cst. Jullie Rogers-Marsh of the New Brunswick RCMP. "There have been threats made to employees who were working with a private security firm at the site, as well as firearms offences, incidents of intimidation, mischief and other criminal behavior. For those reasons, and to ensure public safety, police action was required."

Police remain at the scene to deal with a large gathering of protesters, and continue to monitor the situation. A wide perimeter was set up around the area, in order to ensure public safety.

Route 134 at Rexton and Route 11 between Richibucto and Sainte-Anne-de-Kent remain closed to all traffic. Motorists are asked to use Route 126 instead of Route 11.

The public is reminded that a court injunction remains in effect and anyone who violates the conditions of that injunction could be arrested and face charges. The RCMP respects and protects the right to peaceful demonstration, however it must be done in a safe, peaceful and lawful manner.

Cst. Jullie Rogers-Marsh

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>>> Nicholas Wozniewski 10/18/13 14:55 >>>

Please add this event to the list of locations for events over the period of 17-19 Oct 2013.
It may also be worth mentioning all the events nationwide scheduled as part of Global Frackdown, October 19th".
http://www.globalfrackdown.org/events/

Yukon Region - Whitehorse
IDLENOMORE - A GATHERING IN SOLIDARITY WITH ELSIPOGTOG, OCTOBER 17, 2013

WHEN:
October 18, 2013 at 5pm - 6pm

WHERE:
Healing Pole (1st and Main Street)
Whitehorse , YT Y1A
Canada

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Executive Summary

A number of First Nations protests or demonstrations in response to the 17 Oct 2013 incident in Rexton, NB, are planned for 17-19 Oct 2013 across Canada. Organizers have called for peaceful actions.

Please find attached **ST232-13B – Shale Gas, NB.** Information valid as of 18 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT. For your convenience, new information has been bolded.

Situation report provided to: F/P/T Contacts.

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>>> Maxime Laliberte 10/18/13 14:56 >>>

Please can you add Melanie Book to this list?

Thanks!

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Résumé

Un certain nombre de protestations et de manifestations sont prévues du 17 au 19 octobre 2013, partout au Canada, en réaction à l'incident survenu le 17 octobre 2013 à Rexton (Nouveau-Brunswick). Les organisateurs ont demandé que les actions demeurent pacifiques.

Vous trouverez en pièce jointe le document ST232-13B – Manifestation contre les gaz de schiste - Rexton, Nouveau-Brunswick. Les renseignements ont été mis à jour le 18 octobre 2013, à 12h00 (HNE).

Rapport de situation distribué à : Personnes-ressources FPT

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Rapport de situation

Numéro de l'incident : ST232-13B

Incident : Manifestation contre le gaz de schiste – Rexton, N.-B.

Date : Renseignements valides en date du 18 octobre 2013, à 12 h (HAE)

Description de l'incident : Le matin du 17 octobre 2013, la GRC a émis une injonction à l'intention de manifestants contre le gaz de schiste bloquant une autoroute de liaison près de Rexton (N.-B.). En raison de la violence survenue tard dans l'après-midi du 17 octobre 2013, la GRC a arrêté au moins 40 personnes pour diverses infractions. Au moins un coup de feu a été tiré par une personne autre qu'un policier. Des cocktails Molotov ont été lancés vers les policiers, et au moins cinq véhicules de la GRC ont été détruits par les flammes. De plus, la GRC mène une enquête concernant la présence présumée de dispositifs explosifs sur les lieux.

Les médias indiquent que la majorité des policiers ont quitté les lieux de la manifestation vers 18 h (HAE). Pendant la nuit, le matériel a été retiré, et les routes ont été débloquées. Les 40 personnes arrêtées hier se présenteront en cour le 18 octobre, à trois endroits différents (Moncton, Shediac et une troisième ville à confirmer). On prévoit la présence de manifestants aux trois endroits.

Le 18 octobre, environ 12 personnes sont retournées sur le site de Rexton. Selon les médias, un conseiller de la Première Nation d'Elsipogtog, qui fait partie des personnes arrêtées le 17 octobre, a indiqué que les manifestants tenteront de rester sur le site en dépit de l'injonction.

Les médias ont rapporté que le chef Aaron Sock de la Première Nation d'Elsipogtog rencontrera le premier ministre du Nouveau-Brunswick, David Alward, le 18 octobre en après-midi, à Fredericton.

Après les événements, différents partisans de la manifestation ont demandé à leurs pairs de poser des gestes pacifiques de solidarité envers les manifestants de Rexton dans les médias sociaux tels que Twitter et Facebook.

Voici une liste des lieux où se tiendront des activités du 17 au 19 octobre 2013.

18 octobre 2013 :
- Autoroute 104, Nouvelle- Écosse (N.- É.), heure non précisée
- Autoroute 102 (endroit exact inconnu), N.- É., 12 h (HAE)
- Auld's Cove (près de la levée de Canso), N.- É., 12 h (HAE)
- Sydney, N.- É., 12 h (HAE)
- Halifax (au coin des rues Robie et Charles), N.- É., 14 h (HAE)
- Autoroute 134, N.- B., heure non précisée
- Autoroute 105 près de Kingsclear, N.- B., heure non précisée
- Fredericton, N.- B., heure non précisée
- Palais de justice de Moncton, N.- B., heure non précisée
- Montréal, Québec (Qué.), 17 h (HAE), Square Cabot
- Montréal, Qué., voie barricadée sur l'autoroute 132, près de la voie d'accès du Pont Honoré-Mercier, et distribution de feuillets
- Route 132 (près de Gaspapegiag), Qué., en cours
- Pointe-à-la-Croix (Pont J.C. Van Horne), Qué., en cours
- Première Nation d'Eagle Lake, Ontario (Ont.), 19 h (HAE), 1220, promenade Ojibway
- Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., 12 h (HAE), au pavillon d'enseignement de Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig
- Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., 18 h (HAE)
- Première Nation d'Alderville, Ont., 10 h (HAE), à l'autoroute 45, à Alderville, Ont.
- Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 10 h 30 (HAE), au coin de la promenade College et de l'avenue Wiggins
- Fort McMurray, Alberta (Alb.), de 16 h à 19 h (HAE), au poste de la GRC
- Edmonton, Alb., 16 h (HAE)
- Vancouver, Colombie- Britannique (B.- C.), 18 h 30 (HAE), à la Galerie d'art de Vancouver
- Victoria, C.- B., 14 h (HAE), du Centennial Square aux bureaux du Parlement provincial

19 octobre 2013 :
- Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., 17 h (HAE)
- Nanaimo, C.- B., 17 h (HAE)

Source(s) des renseignements : Médias et information de sources ouvertes, bureaux régionaux (BR) de Sécurité publique Canada (SP) du Québec, du N.- B., de la N.- É. et de l'Île- du- Prince- Édouard, GRC, Affaires autochtones et Développement du Nord Canada.

Mesures en cours :

Le COG continue de surveiller la situation de près; il a communiqué avec les partenaires et les bureaux régionaux de SP en vue d'assurer un échange d'information homogène. Le COG a tenu une téléconférence avec les partenaires, le vendredi 18 octobre 2013.

La gestion des manifestations relève des autorités et des organismes d'application de la loi locaux, le cas échéant.

Mesures à venir : Le COG tiendra une téléconférence avec les partenaires en matinée, le 19 octobre 2013, afin de coordonner les interventions et d'évaluer les répercussions.

Évaluation/analyse : Bien que l'incident en cours découle d'une manifestation pour l'environnement, il est lié à l'insatisfaction actuelle des Premières Nations en ce qui a trait au développement et à l'extraction de ressources au Canada, et à leur insatisfaction généralisée, incarnée dans le mouvement Idle No More. Jusqu'à maintenant, la majorité des manifestations organisées dans le cadre des activités d'Idle No More ou concernant des questions environnementales ou touchant les Premières Nations se sont déroulées de façon pacifique.

Les ministères et organismes ayant d'autres renseignements au sujet de cet événement sont priés de les signaler au COG.

Autres rapports de situation : D'autres rapports de situation seront diffusés à mesure que d'autres renseignements deviennent disponibles.

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>>> Michelle Ring 10/18/13 11:46 >>>
Nic, the following was received in our daily media clippings - I did not hear directly about the event.

Michelle Ring

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Regina protesters decry violence
The Leader-Post (Regina)

Horrified and outraged by the violence that ensued Thursday in New Brunswick between demonstrators and the RCMP, a group about 80-strong held an evening gathering in Regina to call for peace.

Earlier in the day, dozens of people were arrested near the Elsipogtog First Nation north of Moncton, N.B., after RCMP members moved in to stop a protest against shale gas exploration.

According to the RCMP, at least five police vehicles were set on fire and destroyed.

Carrying signs that read "Frack You! In Solidarity with Elsigpogtog" and "Standing Up For What's Right", the Regina demonstration was held outside the RCMP Heritage Centre. Pointing to the building and raising his voice, one speaker decried the ongoing unrest between indigenous people and the authorities.

While Sue Deranger said the day's events did not surprise her, they nevertheless upset her.

"We must stand up for our Mother Earth and we must stand up for each other," she told the crowd during the 40-minute event. "And it's so ironic - the RCMP were created in theory to protect indigenous people. What the heck are they doing attacking us? There is something upside-down in this world."

The protest in Regina was one of numerous rallies that occurred in cities across the country such as Ottawa, Winnipeg, Montreal and Toronto. Each stood in solidarity with those from the Elsipogtog First Nation.

>>> OPSCentre - NOB 10/18/2013 7:22 AM >>>
Greetings Everyone,
If anyone has information regarding protests in support of the New Brunswick protest against shale gas fracking, please email the OPSCentreNOB in order to let us know.
Thank you,
Nic Basque
EMD

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>>> Sylvia Tassé 10/17/13 13:39 >>>

Good afternoon,

Please find attached below the Bi-Weekly Issues Management Report, Week Ending October 18, 2013.

Have a nice day,

Sylvia

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Good morning,

Please find attached the Regional Bi-Weekly Issues Report for week ending November 1, 2013.

thanks
Sylvia

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Vous trouverez en pièce jointe le document ST232-13B - Manifestation contre les gaz de schiste - Rexton, Nouveau-Brunswick. Les renseignements ont été mis à jour le 18 octobre 2013, à 12h00 (HNE).

Rapport de situation distribué à : Personnes-ressources FPT

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Centre des opérations du gouvernement (COG)

Rapport de situation

Numéro de l'incident : ST232-13B

Incident : Manifestation contre le gaz de schiste – Rexton, N.-B.

Date : Renseignements valides en date du 18 octobre 2013, à 12 h (HAE)

Description de l'incident : Le matin du 17 octobre 2013, la GRC a émis une injonction à l'intention de manifestants contre le gaz de schiste bloquant une autoroute de liaison près de Rexton (N.-B.). En raison de la violence survenue tard dans l'après-midi du 17 octobre 2013, la GRC a arrêté au moins 40 personnes pour diverses infractions. Au moins un coup de feu a été tiré par une personne autre qu'un policier. Des cocktails Molotov ont été lancés vers les policiers, et au moins cinq véhicules de la GRC ont été détruits par les flammes. De plus, la GRC mène une enquête concernant la présence présumée de dispositifs explosifs sur les lieux.

Les médias indiquent que la majorité des policiers ont quitté les lieux de la manifestation vers 18 h (HAE). Pendant la nuit, le matériel a été retiré, et les routes ont été débloquées. Les 40 personnes arrêtées hier se présenteront en cour le 18 octobre, à trois endroits différents (Moncton, Shediac et une troisième ville à confirmer). On prévoit la présence de manifestants aux trois endroits.

Le 18 octobre, environ 12 personnes sont retournées sur le site de Rexton. Selon les médias, un conseiller de la Première Nation d'Elsipogtog, qui fait partie des personnes arrêtées le 17 octobre, a indiqué que les manifestants tenteront de rester sur le site en dépit de l'injonction.

Les médias ont rapporté que le chef Aaron Sock de la Première Nation d'Elsipogtog rencontrera le premier ministre du Nouveau-Brunswick, David Alward, le 18 octobre en après-midi, à Fredericton.

Après les événements, différents partisans de la manifestation ont demandé à leurs pairs de poser des gestes pacifiques de solidarité envers les manifestants de Rexton dans les médias sociaux tels que Twitter et Facebook.

Voici une liste des lieux où se tiendront des activités du 17 au 19 octobre 2013.

18 octobre 2013 :
- Autoroute 104, Nouvelle-Écosse (N.-É.), heure non précisée
- Autoroute 102 (endroit exact inconnu), N.-É., 12 h (HAE)
- Auld's Cove (près de la levée de Canso), N.-É., 12 h (HAE)
- Sydney, N.-É., 12 h (HAE)
- Halifax (au coin des rues Robie et Charles), N.-É., 14 h (HAE)
- Autoroute 134, N.-B., heure non précisée
- Autoroute 105 près de Kingsclear, N.-B., heure non précisée
- Fredericton, N.-B., heure non précisée
- Palais de justice de Moncton, N.-B., heure non précisée
- Montréal, Québec (Qué.), 17 h (HAE), Square Cabot
- Montréal, Qué., voie barricadée sur l'autoroute 132, près de la voie d'accès du Pont Honoré-Mercier, et distribution de feuillets
- Route 132 (près de Gaspapegiag), Qué., en cours
- Pointe-à-la-Croix (Pont J.C. Van Horne), Qué., en cours
- Première Nation d'Eagle Lake, Ontario (Ont.), 19 h (HAE), 1220, promenade Ojibway
- Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., 12 h (HAE), au pavillon d'enseignement de Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig
- Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., 18 h (HAE)
- Première Nation d'Alderville, Ont., 10 h (HAE), à l'autoroute 45, à Alderville, Ont.
- Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 10 h 30 (HAE), au coin de la promenade College et de l'avenue Wiggins
- Fort McMurray, Alberta (Alb.), de 16 h à 19 h (HAE), au poste de la GRC
- Edmonton, Alb., 16 h (HAE)
- Vancouver, Colombie-Britannique (B.-C.), 18 h 30 (HAE), à la Galerie d'art de Vancouver
- Victoria, C.-B., 14 h (HAE), du Centennial Square aux bureaux du Parlement provincial

19 octobre 2013 :
- Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., 17 h (HAE)
- Nanaimo, C.-B., 17 h (HAE)

Source(s) des renseignements : Médias et information de sources ouvertes, bureaux régionaux (BR) de Sécurité publique Canada (SP) du Québec, du N.-B., de la N.-É. et de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard, GRC, Affaires autochtones et Développement du Nord Canada.

Mesures en cours :

Le COG continue de surveiller la situation de près; il a communiqué avec les partenaires et les bureaux régionaux de SP en vue d'assurer un échange d'information homogène. Le COG a tenu une téléconférence avec les partenaires, le vendredi 18 octobre 2013.

La gestion des manifestations relève des autorités et des organismes d'application de la loi locaux, le cas échéant.

Mesures à venir : Le COG tiendra une téléconférence avec les partenaires en matinée, le 19 octobre 2013, afin de coordonner les interventions et d'évaluer les répercussions.

Évaluation/analyse : Bien que l'incident en cours découle d'une manifestation pour l'environnement, il est lié à l'insatisfaction actuelle des Premières Nations en ce qui a trait au développement et à l'extraction de ressources au Canada, et à leur insatisfaction généralisée, incarnée dans le mouvement Idle No More. Jusqu'à maintenant, la majorité des manifestations organisées dans le cadre des activités d'Idle No More ou concernant des questions environnementales ou touchant les Premières Nations se sont déroulées de façon pacifique.

Les ministères et organismes ayant d'autres renseignements au sujet de cet événement sont priés de les signaler au COG.

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Executive Summary

A number of First Nations protests or demonstrations in response to the 17 Oct 2013 incident in Rexton, NB, have occurred since 17 Oct. A number of activities are planned for 19 and 21 Oct 2013 across Canada and possibly in the United States. Organizers have called for peaceful actions.

Please find attached ST232-13C - Events Related to Shale Gas Protest, NB. Information valid as of 19 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT. For your convenience, new information has been bolded.

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Executive Summary

A number of First Nations protests or demonstrations in response to the 17 Oct 2013 incident in Rexton, NB, have occurred since 17 Oct. Activities to date have been generally peaceful. Organizers and a number of First Nations leaders have called for peaceful actions.

Please find attached ST232-13D - Events Related to Shale Gas Protest, NB. Information valid as of 20 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT. For your convenience, new information has been bolded.

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Times & Transcript: SWN gets injunction against protesters

SWN Resources Canada Inc. obtained a court injunction yesterday, ordering protesters not to interfere with the company in Kent County.

The company is exploring for natural gas in this province and has equipment at a compound in Rexton, off Route 134. Many aboriginal and some non-aboriginal protesters have been at the site since last weekend, blocking access to the facility.

Trees have been cut down and are blocking some of the road, and a camp has been set up with tarps and tents. The RCMP have closed that section of Route 134 to traffic, saying they want to ensure the safety of the protesters and the motoring public.

The protest has gone on all week, but a lawyer for the company, Matthew Hayes, was in Moncton's Court of Queen's Bench yesterday, arguing for an injunction, which Justice George Rideout granted.

The respondents named in the order are people involved in the protest, including Lorraine Clair, Jim Pictou, Seven Bernard, Jason Okay, Greg Cook, Wilhelmina "Willi" Nolan, Melanie Elward, Ann Pohl, Rachel Daigle, Suzanne Patles, Jane Doe and John Doe. The order also includes the respondents' members, servants, agents, representatives, substitutes and any other person acting under their instruction or on their behalf and anyone having knowledge of the order.

The order bars them from interfering or attempting to interfere by force, threat of force, intimidation, coercion, blocking, standing or any unlawful means, the applicant and anyone affiliated with the applicant who are seeking peaceful and lawful passage to and from SWN's staging area and storage facility on Route 134 and the surrounding area for one kilometre.

They can't interfere with any SWN-affiliated individuals on Route 134, Route 11 or any public roadway and they can't interfere with any seismic testing activities including vehicles, equipment, or people engaged in those activities.

Vehicles going into the storage facility can't be hindered and the protesters are not allowed to station any vehicle, person or object in the vicinity of the staging area and storage facility to obstruct or impede traffic.

They are banned from causing a nuisance in that area and doing anything that would deter people with a peaceful objective from entering and leaving the site. They also must not molest, threaten, assault or intimidate anyone connected with the applicant.

Any peace officer is authorized to arrest, remove and remand any person who violates the order and the applicant shall take all steps necessary to enforce the order.

The order remains in place until midnight on Oct. 12 and the applicant will commence proceedings against the

respondent within 10 days.

"The respondents are still to be permitted to voice their objections to the operations," wrote Rideout. "They should be permitted limited signage. However, they cannot block the highways, roadways and entrances to the applicant's operations."

While a couple of arrests were made earlier in the week and there were some tense moments between police and the protesters, all was quiet yesterday afternoon, before it was known SWN had obtained the injunction. There were several police officers stationed on either end of Route 134, surrounding the protest site, but they were only monitoring the situation and diverting traffic.

At the protest site, trees were still partially blocking the road and signs were hung with anti-fracking and anti-shale gas slogans. Between 20 to 30 people were at the site, calmly maintaining the protest.

Some of the protesters were asked what they would do if SWN obtained an injunction that prevented them from blocking the site, including Patles, who's specifically named in the court document. The woman, who like many present was dressed in green fatigues, didn't say anything when asked what she thought of a possible injunction. She merely raised her two hands in the air and mimicked tearing a piece of paper in two.

"Our treaty rights would supersede any injunction," said Patles.

She said the protesters have maintained good communication with the RCMP all week.

"As long as that communication goes on, things will remain peaceful," she said.

Clair, who's also named in the court order, said Chief Arren Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation was supposed to meet with Premier David Alward earlier in the day and it was hoped he would bring back some ideas being put forward by the government to resolve the protesters' concerns. But she said the only way the protest will end is if SWN agrees to take all its equipment and go back to the U.S.

Clair said they don't just want them out of New Brunswick, they want them out of Canada.

"We want to personally escort them to the border," she said.

Clair said this is a peaceful protest and those taking part are set on protecting the land and the environment from shale gas exploration.

"No one has weapons here, there are no bows and arrows and hatchets," she said. "We are just letting them know we will fight for our province."

Clair's sister, Mona Lisa Saulnier, is also taking part in the protest and she was asked yesterday what the reaction will be if SWN got an injunction limiting protesters.

"If they try to get us to leave? We're not going anywhere, for as long as it takes," she said. "My feet will be planted here. They're going to have to fight all these people. We're here to protect the land and that's what we're going to do."

Nicolas Latourelle

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CBC News: Transcript of Shawn Atleo's Speech at Rally to honour Missing, Murdered Aboriginal Women and Girls

Host: Live on parliament hill, now, the Assembly of First Nation Chief, Shawn Atleo speaking at this rally honoring the lives of missing and murdered aboriginal women, let's listen in.

Shawn Atleo: When Canada was attempting to put a railroad across the country. Forced starvation of indigenous peoples, this is not a new story. What are these families looking for? Nothing less than justice for what they are facing right now. Native women's association of Canada, and others are looking for support for shelters, for an action plan to support the most vulnerable. Is that not the measure of any society? Is that not the question to be asking Canada right now? This story, Canada, is your story. The story of these families. In working with the Native Women's Association of Canada I know that my fellow executive members to a person has stories in their own families, in their own communities, amongst their own nations. I stand here, in support of the Native Women's Association of Canada and all organizations and I want to send a message to Gladys as well, who walked across the country. She made sure, she says Shawn, I want to make sure you have on your desk the story of one of the missing. Don't you ever forget that perhaps there needs to be these pictures and meetings with families, by every single member of parliament, and every senator so that you understand deeply in your hearts and minds that you have inherited this story. You have inherited this legacy that goes onto this very day. So, to be absolutely clear what it is we are calling for, to shine a light into the deepest, darkest corners of this country's consciousness and the actions that are happening to this very day, and we stand in solidarity calling for a full national public commission of inquiry into the issue of murdered and missing indigenous women in this country. As we are on the eve of the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Proclamation coming up on the 7th, the promise was much different than the reality today and we will make sure the world knows when the special rapporteur on indigenous peoples comes to this country, James and I, we'll hold a mirror up for all Canadians and for in fact the entire world to know that a country that is often heralded as being in the top ten of U.N. human development index, like was said here today on these steps, faces a grave human rights crisis. Canada, this is your -- this is our grave human rights crisis and we're calling for action right now. I'll ask on behalf of our executive, for our National Women's Chair to please come and share some remarks and in doing so, I send messages of care and love to the families that I have spent time with across the country. Moms walking in to identify barely recognizable bodies of dear loved ones. No more, Canada. This is the moment we have the opportunity to put a stop to it. Please join me in expressing your love and appreciation to all the families gathered here, and to the families gathered in over 200 vigils from coast-to-coast-to-coast. Our national women's council chair.

Host: The assembly of First Nations Chief Shawn Atleo calling for a national public commission of inquiry looking into the missing and aboriginal women in the country, Native Women's Association saying they've counted 582 women missing and murdered and Shawn Atleo saying this is a grave human rights crisis in this country and, they are calling for action, and for the inquiry. The provinces support the call, the opposition leaders support the call but the federal government is saying no, that there are emergency services for aboriginal women. NDP leader Tom Mulcair will also be speaking shortly at the event and we'll bring you that

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CBC News: Updated Rallies honour missing, murdered aboriginal women and girls

Canadians are rallying in over 200 locations today to honour and remember the lives of missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls as they have annually for the past eight years on Oct. 4.

Dozens of families gathered on Parliament Hill recounted the stories of the missing or murdered women in their lives, often breaking down into tears as they plea for the federal government to take action and call a national public inquiry.

Politicians and aboriginal leaders also took part in the Sisters In Spirit Vigil in Ottawa, an event organized by the Native Women's Association of Canada.

National Chief for the Assembly of First Nations Shawn Atleo called on Canadians to take notice.

Canada faces "a grave human rights crisis," Atleo said.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair also spoke at the rally, accompanied by NDP aboriginal affairs critic Jean Crowder and NDP foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar.

A young woman named Caitlin Tolley spoke in honour of her grandmother, Gladys Tolley, who she said was killed by a Quebec provincial police officer over 10 years ago.

"My family is still hurt by the loss of my grandmother that was taken from me at a young age. We are still demanding an inquiry and a followup into her case."

"Today I would like to ask Mr. Harper, how many times must we come and stand out here, and call and demand for an inquiry for our women," Tolley told a crowd gathered on Parliament Hill.

Tolley called on all political parties to "do the right thing."

Dawn Lavell-Harvard, the interim president of NWAC, also spoke at the rally.

She said the case of missing or murdered aboriginal women is not a women's issue or an aboriginal issue but rather "a human tragedy" and "a national disgrace."

The interim president said, "The time has come for us to put aside the wrangling over jurisdiction, our concerns about political stripes, to stand shoulder-to-shoulder, to raise our voices and to make sure the memory of those women carry on."

National public inquiry

The NWAC has said it has documented over 600 cases where aboriginal women have been murdered or gone missing between 2005 and 2010 a number the RCMP has told CBC News it can't confirm.

The association has been calling on the federal government to launch a national public inquiry into the case of missing or murdered aboriginal women.

Canada's premiers agreed, this summer, to support aboriginal leaders in their call for a national public inquiry during a two-day summit of the Council of the Federation in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. in July.

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While the federal government has yet to agree to call a national public inquiry, in a written statement sent to CBC News, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt said: "The Government of Canada is deeply concerned about the high number of missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls, and we are taking firm action to achieve lasting change."

"This includes the 2010 introduction by our government of a seven-point strategy that improves the response of the law enforcement and justice systems to better meet the needs of aboriginal women, girls and their families."

Liberal aboriginal affairs critic Carolyn Bennett and Liberal Senator Lillian Dyck, who is a member of the Gordon First Nation in Saskatchewan, are also expected to speak at the rally. Green Party member Lorraine Rekmans had also confirmed her attendance.

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Vancouver Sun: B.C. day students seek class action for suffering at native residential schools

KAMLOOPS - Students who attended native residential schools in B.C., but did not live in residence, are seeking redress for their experiences.

Lawyers representing groups of former day scholars from the Tk'emlups and Sechelt bands say an application to certify a class action lawsuit will be filed in federal court sometime this month.

Chief Shane Gottfriedson of the Tk'emlups Band near Kamloops, says if the suit is approved, he's hoping it will be joined by thousands of day students who were sent to residential schools operating across Canada for more than 120 years.

Once approved, any class action suit would not be heard until the fall of 2014, at the earliest.

Day scholars attended the same residential schools where many aboriginal students suffered physical, emotional and sexual abuse, but the day scholars have been exempted from the federal apology and

are not eligible for compensation packages.

Gottfriedson says Canada is seeking reconciliation with First Nations but he wants senior governments to offer support to everyone affected by the residential school system.

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CTV News: N.B. energy minister says he's monitoring shale gas protest in province

SAINT JOHN, N.B. -- New Brunswick's energy minister says he won't give the RCMP any instructions on how to proceed with a court injunction issued against shale gas protesters blocking a highway near Rexton.

Craig Leonard says he is getting updates from police on the situation where protesters have blocked Highway 134 and the entrance to an equipment compound used by SWN Resources since Monday.

The protesters want a meeting with Premier David Alward and for SWN Resources to stop seismic testing for shale gas and leave the province.

The protesters say the shale gas industry threatens groundwater supplies and native treaty rights.

On Thursday, Alward said he would not meet with any protesters while they are breaking the law, but today issued a statement saying he is always willing to meet with the chief and council of the Elsipogtog First Nation.

Leonard says there will be consultations with First Nations groups if the exploration suggests that a shale gas industry should proceed in the province.

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CBC News: Shale gas protesters defy order to remove Rexton barriers

Barricades remain in place on Route 134 near Rexton despite a court order to remove them that was issued on Thursday.

Protesters opposed to shale gas development blocked the highway and a staging area used by SWN Resources Canada on Monday.

Many of the protesters are members of nearby Elsipogtog First Nation. On Tuesday, Elsibogtog Chief Arren Sock issued an eviction notice to SWN Resources. The company ignored the notice. Instead, it went to court seeking an injunction to end the protest. It was granted Thursday by Court of Queen's Bench Justice George Rideout.

Shale gas protesters are defying a court order issued Thursday to remove barricades on Route 134 (Jen Choi/CBC)

Despite the order, protester Suzanne Patles had no plans Thursday to leave the site.

"I think that our rights supersede that injunction because we are asserting our rights," said Patles. "We are asserting our treaty rights. We are asserting our aboriginal rights. And we are asserting our title rights over the land and the water."

Tensions were high at the protest site on Thursday night. RCMP blocked all highway access to the area. At one point, the protesters formed a human chain across the road.

On Friday morning, the barricades remained in place.

Police are present and there are many ambulances standing by in the area, according to Radio-Canada producer Paul Ward.

Between 50 and 100 protesters remain at the protest site Friday. Their camp remains in place and there is no indication the protesters intend to leave the idea.

The protesters have been demanding to meet with officials from SWN Resources and the provincial government.

Premier David Alward stated Wednesday that he will not meet with anyone while they are breaking the law. On Friday, Alward's office issued a statement saying the premier is prepared to meet with the leadership of Elsipogtog First Nation.

"I wish to reiterate my willingness to meet with the chief and council of the Elsipogtog First Nation," said Alward in his statement. "I have always been available to meet the leadership of the First Nations community, and I will continue to make myself available to meet with them at any time."

The order instructs any peace officer to arrest, remove and remand anyone in contravention of the order not to impede traffic and to allow SWN to carry out its exploration activities without harassment.

Protesters said Thursday night the RCMP told them they would not be taking action for 24 hours. They plan a meeting at the protest site on Friday evening to discuss the situation.

The protesters are concerned about the potential impact of the hydraulic fracturing used to release shale gas on groundwater. The gas is released by injecting a mixture of air, water and chemicals into the earth to break apart shale

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rock formations to release the gas.

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Huffington Post: Turn on the Tap to Clean Water for First Nations

Turn on the Tap to Clean Water for First Nations

Safe tap water is one of the most important services a government can provide to its citizens. Without it, sustaining good public health, a strong economy and overall productivity is incredibly difficult. However, it is only during the rare events when our public water supplies fail us on a large scale, or when contaminated water claims lives, that we realize just how valuable clean tap water truly is and how much we depend on our government to provide these services.

It is often assumed that the lack of safe tap water only seriously impacts developing countries and regions like South Asia or Sub Saharan Africa, but this assumption is false.

Canada is a country with countless pristine rivers and lakes and an incredible seven per cent of the world's renewable freshwater supply. It might seem odd that any Canadian could be living without clean drinking water, but some are. No matter how clean a river or lake may seem, any source of surface water in any part of the world is vulnerable to contamination and should be treated before it is used for drinking or bathing. Given this fact, and the sometimes complex causes of water contamination, it is not actually surprising that drinking water advisories come into effect in some communities from time to time across Canada. Water advisories require people to either boil water before drinking or avoid drinking tap water altogether.

What is shocking, however, is the wildly disproportionate degree to which water advisories affect Canada's First Nations communities -- virtually all of which are located near abundant water supplies. While less than one per cent of communities in Canada are currently living under a drinking water advisory, for First Nations communities that number jumps to a whopping 20 per cent. One in five First Nations communities are living under a drinking water advisory. And compared to other Canadians, First Nations' homes are also 90 times more likely to be without any running water, which means that these homes are not even counted when drinking water advisories are issued by Health Canada.

And it is not only the ratio of First Nations communities affected, it is also astounding how long some of these drinking water advisories have been in place. When my brother, Tyler, and I visited Neskantaga First Nation in Northwestern Ontario just last year, we were shocked to learn that they have been living under a boil-water advisory since 1995. Despite multiple requests to have their water plant fixed by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), the people of Neskantaga have had no choice but to boil their drinking water for the past 18 years.

Of course, building and maintaining water treatment plants in remote areas like Neskantaga is a very expensive and challenging process. And even when functioning water treatment plants are built, it can be very difficult for small communities with limited financial resources to pay and retain qualified water plant operators.

However, remote communities are not the only ones struggling through this crisis. Even the most populous First Nations community in Canada -- only a one-hour drive from Toronto -- is not able to provide clean drinking water for most of its residents.

One key problem is jurisdiction: while drinking water across Canada is regulated by the provinces, First Nations communities, created by treaties, are under federal jurisdiction. Amazingly enough, it was not until this past summer that a federal law was put in place governing the safety of drinking water in these communities.

While this new legislation is an important first step, there is no plan for how the federal government and First Nations

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would finance and manage the infrastructure needed to finally bring clean water to the communities that have been waiting for so long.

We know how critical clean tap water is for any modern developed nation. How can First Nations overcome a wide range of social and economic challenges and ongoing troubles with access to education, health care and employment if they do not even have equal access to clean drinking water? There is no doubt in my mind that Canada can do better, and the first step in resolving Canada's troubled relationship with First Nations begins with clean water.

Alex Mifflin and brother Tyler Mifflin host the award-winning eco-adventure series, The Water Brothers, exploring the world's most important water

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Times & Transcript: SWN gets injunction against protesters

SWN Resources Canada Inc. obtained a court injunction yesterday, ordering protesters not to interfere with the company in Kent County.

The company is exploring for natural gas in this province and has equipment at a compound in Rexton, off Route 134. Many aboriginal and some non-aboriginal protesters have been at the site since last weekend, blocking access to the facility.

Trees have been cut down and are blocking some of the road, and a camp has been set up with tarps and tents. The RCMP have closed that section of Route 134 to traffic, saying they want to ensure the safety of the protesters and the motoring public.

The protest has gone on all week, but a lawyer for the company, Matthew Hayes, was in Moncton's Court of Queen's Bench yesterday, arguing for an injunction, which Justice George Rideout granted.

The respondents named in the order are people involved in the protest, including Lorraine Clair, Jim Pictou, Seven Bernard, Jason Okay, Greg Cook, Wilhelmina "Willi" Nolan, Melanie Elward, Ann Pohl, Rachel Daigle, Suzanne Patles, Jane Doe and John Doe. The order also includes the respondents' members, servants, agents, representatives, substitutes and any other person acting under their instruction or on their behalf and anyone having knowledge of the order.

The order bars them from interfering or attempting to interfere by force, threat of force, intimidation, coercion, blocking, standing or any unlawful means, the applicant and anyone affiliated with the applicant who are seeking peaceful and lawful passage to and from SWN's staging area and storage facility on Route 134 and the surrounding area for one kilometre.

They can't interfere with any SWN-affiliated individuals on Route 134, Route 11 or any public roadway and they can't interfere with any seismic testing activities including vehicles, equipment, or people engaged in those activities.

Vehicles going into the storage facility can't be hindered and the protesters are not allowed to station any vehicle, person or object in the vicinity of the staging area and storage facility to obstruct or impede traffic.

They are banned from causing a nuisance in that area and doing anything that would deter people with a peaceful objective from entering and leaving the site. They also must not molest, threaten, assault or intimidate anyone connected with the applicant.

Any peace officer is authorized to arrest, remove and remand any person who violates the order and the applicant shall take all steps necessary to enforce the order.

The order remains in place until midnight on Oct. 12 and the applicant will commence proceedings against the respondent within 10 days.

"The respondents are still to be permitted to voice their objections to the operations," wrote Rideout. "They should be permitted limited signage. However, they cannot block the highways, roadways and entrances to the applicant's operations."

While a couple of arrests were made earlier in the week and there were some tense moments between police and the protesters, all was quiet yesterday afternoon, before it was known SWN had obtained the injunction. There were several police officers stationed on either end of Route 134, surrounding the protest site, but they were only monitoring the situation and diverting traffic.

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At the protest site, trees were still partially blocking the road and signs were hung with anti-fracking and anti-shale gas slogans. Between 20 to 30 people were at the site, calmly maintaining the protest.

Some of the protesters were asked what they would do if SWN obtained an injunction that prevented them from blocking the site, including Patles, who's specifically named in the court document. The woman, who like many present was dressed in green fatigues, didn't say anything when asked what she thought of a possible injunction. She merely raised her two hands in the air and mimicked tearing a piece of paper in two.

"Our treaty rights would supersede any injunction," said Patles.

She said the protesters have maintained good communication with the RCMP all week.

"As long as that communication goes on, things will remain peaceful," she said.

Clair, who's also named in the court order, said Chief Arren Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation was supposed to meet with Premier David Alward earlier in the day and it was hoped he would bring back some ideas being put forward by the government to resolve the protesters' concerns. But she said the only way the protest will end is if SWN agrees to take all its equipment and go back to the U.S.

Clair said they don't just want them out of New Brunswick, they want them out of Canada.

"We want to personally escort them to the border," she said.

Clair said this is a peaceful protest and those taking part are set on protecting the land and the environment from shale gas exploration.

"No one has weapons here, there are no bows and arrows and hatchets," she said. "We are just letting them know we will fight for our province."

Clair's sister, Mona Lisa Saulnier, is also taking part in the protest and she was asked yesterday what the reaction will be if SWN got an injunction limiting protesters.

"If they try to get us to leave? We're not going anywhere, for as long as it takes," she said. "My feet will be planted here. They're going to have to fight all these people. We're here to protect the land and that's what we're going to do."

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CBC News: UN special rapporteur, James Anaya, to gauge aboriginal peoples' progress

Visit comes at delicate time for federal government's relationship with First Nations

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is about to put Canada under a microscope.

James Anaya is arriving this weekend, before embarking on a nine-day tour of the country, starting Monday.

He will meet with aboriginal people, as well as government officials and even natural resource industry representatives.

Anaya's predecessor visited in 2003 and his final report was not flattering to Canada. It highlighted the continuing inequalities that aboriginal people face in Canada, in terms of economic and social rights, education, housing and health.

"The purpose of my visit is to take stock of what progress has been made," Anaya told CBC News in an interview from his office at the law faculty of the University of Arizona. "That past report does serve as a benchmark of sorts for my visit."

In February of 2012, Anaya asked the Canadian government if he could come visit.

He didn't hear back until more than a year later, just this past spring.

"Of course I would have liked to have earlier acceptance of the visit, but I'm more pleased that it was eventually accepted," he said.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo. (Canadian Press)

Anaya's visit comes at a critical time for indigenous peoples. In an interview with CBC News, Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo outlined why.

"Deep impoverishment, over 600 murdered, missing indigenous women and girls, underfunding in education, challenging Canada at the Canadian Human Rights Commission," he listed, adding that Anaya's visit will be "the holding up of a mirror, reflecting back to Canada, about its relationship with First Nations."

But the UN Special Rapporteur's visit also comes at a critical time for the federal government.

Resource development

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has staked the future prosperity of the country on natural resource development, much of which would take place on or near indigenous lands.

Anaya said it is clear what those industries need to do.

"If the extractive activities go forward, it (must) be done so with the consent of the indigenous people concerned and consistent with their own aspirations for development," Anaya said.

Without proper consultation, Anaya warned what will happen.

"There's going to be social conflict and typically the projects aren't going to be sustainable, not just because of the social

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conflict but because of the inability of the project to go forward without the active support of the people most affected by the activity."

'It is about, right now, collaboration or collision.'- *Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo*

In fact, Anaya said he has seen all over the world that the more indigenous peoples are consulted over development, the more open they are to negotiating with industries about development on their land.

Atleo agreed. He said First Nations can either stand in the way of development or be partners in it, depending on how the government approaches them.

"It is about, right now, collaboration or collision."

Atleo added that along with legal and moral reasons, there is also an economic imperative for the government and industry to consult them.

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development was not available for comment.

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golbeandmail.com: Native groups press for public inquiry on missing women with day of demonstrations; Candlelight vigils, marches to be held Friday to highlight more than 600 cases of missing women

Canadians are preparing to join candlelight vigils, march through the streets, pause at their desks, or spend a moment of silence at home to register their anger at the disproportionate number of aboriginal women who have become victims of violence in this country.

At the eighth annual Sisters in Spirit vigils on Friday, native organizations will continue their call for a national public inquiry into the large number of native women and girls who have been murdered or gone missing over the past 50 years. For the first time, the number of related events will top 200.

"It's a Canadian issue now," said Jennifer Lord, the strategic policy liaison with the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC). "For years we have been saying this is not a women's issue, this is not a native problem. This is a Canadian human-rights issue that impacts all of us and we are seeing that support now."

NWAC has documented nearly 600 cases of aboriginal women who have been murdered or gone missing since the 1960s but it is widely believed that the actual number is much larger. While aboriginal women make up 3 per cent of the female population of Canada, they account for 10 per cent of all female homicides. Meanwhile, the rate of resolved cases for the murders of aboriginal women lags well below the average for the rest of the population.

Canada's provincial and territorial premiers have called for a national public inquiry and NWAC has created a petition it will present to Parliament on Oct. 18 demanding that the Conservative government launch such an inquest. It has gathered more than 10,000 signatures and Ms. Lord said she is hoping many more names will be added over the next two weeks.

"This message is coming from the families - the hundreds of families out there in Canada who are saying their voices still aren't being heard," she said.

"This is racialized, sexualized violence. This is about hate crimes in this country, aboriginal women being targeted for extreme sexual violence because they are aboriginal women. And we need that changed."

Shawn Atleo, the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said Thursday that his group will be unrelenting in its call for a public inquiry.

Mr. Atleo said he also wants assurances that the work of a parliamentary committee that had planned to study the issue will not be disrupted by prorogation.

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Marketwired: Change is Achievable, but Parties to BC Treaty Negotiations Process Need to Refocus Efforts

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Oct. 7, 2013) - Is BC committed to long-term solutions? Is Canada committed to negotiating in good faith? Are First Nations committed to solving territorial disputes? The BC Treaty Commission has no choice but to ask these questions due to constant delays that affect the momentum of the treaty negotiations process.

"These delays have gone on long enough," said Chief Commissioner Sophie Pierre. "It's well past time for all the parties to show they are serious by engaging in meaningful negotiations. Let's just get it done."

The Treaty Commission will release their 2013 annual report, *Pathways to Change,* at a news conference this Tuesday, they emphasize that all Parties hold some degree of responsibility for this situation, and the Treaty Commission is calling on them to refocus their efforts.

As the independent facilitator for treaty negotiations in BC, the Treaty Commission has seen great strides made toward settling the land question. However, there remain significant challenges to moving that process forward. The federal government is causing delays by undertaking various studies and reviews, the province has made economic development instead of long-term treaties their priority, and many First Nations are engaged in prolonged disputes because of overlapping and shared territory.

Members of media invited to attend news Conference in Victoria BC:
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Marketwired: BC First Nations Education Organizations Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Proclamation, 1763

COAST SALISH TERRITORIES, BRITISH COLUMBIA and VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Oct. 7, 2013) - The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC), First Nations Schools Association (FNSA), Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association (IAHLA), and First Nations Early Childhood Development Council (FNECDC) commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the *Royal Proclamation, 1763*.

The Royal Proclamation was issued October 7, 1763, by King George III to, among other things, bring greater peace in relations with the Indigenous peoples of North America. It regulated settlement, trade and land purchases on the western frontier, forbidding settlers to take Indigenous lands.

The Royal Proclamation continues to be of great legal importance and political significance to First Nations in Canada given its recognition of the pre-existing First Nations' sovereignty. A founding constitutional document, it represents the first legal recognition by the British Crown of Aboriginal rights, based on First Nations' prior occupation of the lands. It also serves as an origin for the Crown's duty to act honourably in its relations with First Nations. As affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada: "The obligation of honourable dealing was recognized from the outset by the Crown itself in the Royal Proclamation of 1763 ... in which the British Crown pledged its honour to the protection of Aboriginal peoples from exploitation by non-Aboriginal peoples. The honour of the Crown has since become an important anchor in this area of the law." The Royal Proclamation is enshrined in Section 25 of the *Constitution Act*, in the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms,* which guarantees that nothing can terminate or diminish the Aboriginal rights outlined in the Proclamation.

On its 250th anniversary, it is important to reflect on the spirit, intent and significance of the Royal Proclamation when examining the Crown's relationship with First Nations in Canada today.

"In BC, First Nations have spent the past two decades building the First Nations Education System - a First Nation-driven system that represents a manifestation of the fundamental tenet of *First Nations control of First Nations education*," stated Tyrone McNeil, FNESC President. "Following on the heels of the tragic Indian residential school initiative and destructive colonial education policy, the whole purpose of this important endeavour is to assist First Nations communities to regain control of and fully exercise their inherent authority over the education of our children. No one can ignore the dark past that came after the Royal Proclamation, but we can each commit to ensuring that mistakes will not repeated."

"The BC First Nations Education System is supported by tripartite agreements with the Governments of Canada and BC, and supporting legislation," commented Greg Louie, FNSA President. "Consistent with the recognition afforded to First Nations' self-governing authority in the Royal Proclamation, First Nations in BC seek a continued government-to-government commitment to build collaboratively on successes to date, in a responsive manner that fully and genuinely supports and achieves First Nations control of First Nations education." He continued, "This would uphold the minimum standards of Indigenous peoples right of self-determination affirmed in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. Unilateral initiatives unsupported by First Nations, such as the federal development of national First Nations education legislation, are a practice of days gone by - such practice has no place in honourable reconciliation today."

We remind the governments of the promises of the Crown that were made many years ago and remain relevant today. The expectation is always that the Crown will honour such promises, which form a part of the constitutional fabric of this country.

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iPolitics: Working group to end shale gas dispute

FREDERICTON - New Brunswick Premier David Alward and members of the Elsipogtog (ELS-ih-pook-took) First Nation have agreed to form a working group to help end a dispute over shale gas.

Alward and Chief Arren Sock left a three-hour meeting at a Fredericton hotel today to say they will continue talking in an effort to end a protest that began more than a week ago over shale gas exploration.

The working group will include members of the government, First Nations and industry, but further details have not been worked out.

The RCMP blocked Highway 134 near Rexton on Sept. 29 after a protest against shale gas exploration began spilling onto the road.

Protesters subsequently cut down trees across another part of the highway and have blocked an entrance to a compound used by energy company SWN Resources to store exploration equipment.

The protesters want SWN Resources to stop seismic testing and leave the province.

Last Thursday, SWN was granted an injunction to end the blockade of their compound but the RCMP has not enforced it.

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Nanaimo Daily News: Massive investment so far suggests B.C.'s LNG industry no pipe dream: minister

VANCOUVER - British Columbia's minister of natural gas development says a commitment by a Malaysian national company to build a liquefied natural gas plant in B.C. and investment by other countries suggests the province isn't chasing an LNG pipe dream.

Rich Coleman will leave Friday for Malaysia, South Korea and China to promote what he calls B.C.'s competitive advantage when it comes to the LNG industry.

Coleman says B.C.'s abundant natural gas supply could provide Asia's needs for 84 years through several proposed plants in a province where the temperate climate means making LNG takes less energy.

He says the province has signed pipeline agreements with many First Nations to create a stable environment for the proposed industry, which Premier Christy Clark has said will be the cleanest in the world despite criticism about pollution from LNG operations.

Coleman says that while the government is pushing the development of three LNG plants in northern B.C. by 2020 as a massive economic opportunity, the province is also opening eight new mines and expanding nine mines by 2015.

On Sunday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper received news in Malayasia that the country's state-owned oil and gas company Petronas will invest $36 million in B.C. on an LNG plant and the pipeline to transport the gas.

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Courier-Islander: New Brunswick and First Nations leaders resume talks to end shale gas protest

FREDERICTON - New Brunswick Premier David Alward and members of the Elsipogtog (ELS-ih-pook-took) First Nation resumed talks today to resolve a dispute over shale gas exploration.

They met at a hotel in Fredericton to try to end a protest that has blocked a highway near Rexton in eastern New Brunswick for more than a week.

Both Alward and Chief Arren Sock say they hope to build on a three-hour meeting they held Sunday in Moncton.

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Huffington Post: We Need Justice for Missing and Murdered Women and their Families

For seven years now, Indigenous women, men and children have gathered on Parliament Hill to ask the Government of Canada to acknowledge and act upon the murders and disappearances of hundreds of their family members. Their vigil is a powerful symbol of the strength that is born in grief and loss.

The October 4th vigils have grown in size and scale, and can now be found in all regions of the country. The growing numbers of missing and murdered Indigenous women have become well known throughout Canada, and in recent years the international community has issued call after call for the Canadian government to take action.

This year, families have been dealt a specific blow by the Conservative government. On September 13th, in their response to the UN Universal Period Review, the Government of Canada rejected recommendations calling for immediate action to address violence afflicting Indigenous women. Canada formally stated that it would not be conducting any kind of review or inquiry into the deaths and disappearances of more than 600 women. Instead, they again transferred responsibility onto local and provincial governments.

Indigenous organizations, and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit women and families have long asked for justice to be served, demanding a National Inquiry and a coordinated National Action Plan to end violence against women. In the summer of 2012, I -- along with my NDP caucus -- joined with the Manitoba Chiefs in calling for an inquiry. This year, all of Canada's premiers have followed suit, supporting calls for national action. In the face of such overwhelming consensus, I believe it is the Conservative government's duty to assume the task they are being told to perform. And yet, they refuse.

Indigenous women face violence at a rate 5 times higher than non-Indigenous women, and are seven times more likely to be murdered. Mothers, daughters, wives, cousins and aunts continue to be kidnapped, trafficked and killed. Why, in the face of a crisis such as this, is Stephen Harper not responding? I cannot help but wonder if his response would be the same if it were not First Nations, Métis and Inuit women who are at risk.

New Democrats have been steadfast in their support of First Nations, Métis and Inuit families.

My Private Member's Motion, M-444, calls for a comprehensive and a coordinated National Action Plan to Address Violence against Women -- of which a national public inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls is a key component. Alongside the call for an inquiry, I am calling for benchmarks for measuring progress based on the collection of data on levels of violence against women over time.

Today, and every day, I stand in solidarity with families of murdered and missing Indigenous women. From my home in Northern Manitoba, where families have lost loved ones, to my seat in the House of Commons, I will not stop acting in solidarity until there are no more stolen sisters.

Niki Ashton

NDP MP, Churchill-Manitoba

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CP: Canada marks 250th anniversary of landmark document for aboriginals

Canada marks 250th anniversary of landmark document for aboriginals

By Steve Rennie

THE CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA - Groups affiliated with the Idle No More movement held protests across Canada and in parts of the United States on Monday as an important document for aboriginal land claims and self-government marked its 250th anniversary.

``We have chosen this day, the 250-year anniversary of the British Royal Proclamation," Clayton Thomas-Muller, one of the leaders of the Idle No More movement, said in a statement. ``We are using this founding document of this country and its anniversary to usher in a new era of reconciliation of Canada's shameful colonial history, to turn around centuries of neglect and abuse of our sacred and diverse nations."

The Royal Proclamation of 1763 set out rules for European settlement in North America, recognized First Nations' land rights and set out the treaty process.

Idle No More organizers said more than 50 events were scheduled to take place in Canada, the U.S. and in other countries. One of the planned protests was at the B.C. legislature over planned pipeline projects and oil tanker ports.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and Gov. Gen. David Johnston all released statements about significance of the Royal Proclamation.

In Ottawa, the head of Canada's largest aboriginal group said the anniversary should be the catalyst for action on a number of fronts.

"Two-hundred and fifty years, we still, with every government - including this one - are saying that the time for First Nations to help drive a future must be led by them," said Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations. ``Not just on land. On education, in child welfare, in all aspects of our lives. So it is an important moment. What's even more important than the words that we're hearing, including the words that go back to the 2008 apology, (is) it's time for action."

Among other issues that need to be addressed, Atleo said an inquiry needs to be called into the hundreds of aboriginal women who have been murdered or who have gone missing.

The governing Conservatives have so far not heeded calls for such an inquiry. Atleo said Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt has not given him any indication that the Conservatives would commit to a public hearing.

``He's not mentioned it, but I remain hopeful," Atleo said. ``Our people remain resolute."

Atleo added that he hopes the visit to Canada of a special United Nations fact-finder will draw worldwide attention to these and other issues. The UN has dispatched law professor James Anaya to speak to First Nations representatives and government officials as he drafts a report for the world body. He arrived in Canada on Sunday evening and will travel the country before leaving next week.

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CP: First Nations Anniversary

First Nations Anniversary

OTTAWA - Canada's Aboriginal Peoples are marking the 250th anniversary of a landmark document in their history.

The Royal Proclamation of 1763 set out rules for European settlement in North America, recognized First Nations' land rights and set out the treaty process.

The Prime Minister's Office issued a statement on Stephen Harper's behalf calling the Royal Proclamation a seminal document in Canada's history. Gov. Gen. David Johnston says the document is part of Canada's legal foundation and continues to be relevant today.

A statement issued for NDP Leader Tom Mulcair says Canadians must still be guided by the Royal Proclamation's recognition of title and the authority of treaties.

And Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, says Aboriginal Peoples are marking the occasion by calling on the government for action on their rights.

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CBC News: Royal Proclamation of 1763, Canada's 'Indian Magna Carta,' turns 250

A symposium of academics and aboriginal leaders is being held near Ottawa to commemorate one of the most important documents in Canadian history.

The Royal Proclamation of 1763, issued by King George III, essentially defined the relationship between the Crown and the native peoples in the new territories in North America acquired by the British land that would become Canada.

The document became a guide to all treaty-making since, and its presence is felt in the legal underpinnings of Confederation in 1867 and in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in 1982. Some refer to it as the Indian Magna Carta.

> 'The treaty relationships and aspirations that were expressed in the Royal Proclamation are about us sharing the land, wealth and resources of this country. That has not happened'- *Shawn Atleo, AFN national chief*

The Creating Canada symposium marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the document was organized by the Land Claims Agreements Coalition, a group of modern treaty governments and organizations in Canada.

In a press release, the coalition's co-chair, Mitchell Stevens, president of Nisqa'a Nation, said, "The Royal Proclamation of 1763 is a foundational document in Canadian history because it affirms the government-to-government relationship between First Nations and the Crown."

The proclamation put in writing the inherent right of aboriginals to their land, and it acknowledged the "the great frauds and abuses have been committed in the purchasing lands of the Indians, to the great prejudice of our interests, and to the great dissatisfaction of the said Indians."

Modern-day treaties

But Chief Danny Cresswell of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation in Yukon said in an interview the Royal Proclamation of 1763 has never been implemented, nor have modern-day treaties. He said Carcross/Tagish signed a treaty with Ottawa seven years ago, but the guaranteed law-making authority for education and child welfare that was promised in the treaty has not happened.

The Royal Proclamation of 1763. (Julie Van Dusen/CBC)

The Royal Proclamation of 1763

Issued by King George III at the end of the Seven Years' War between Britain and France, the Royal Proclamation of 1763 set out how the inhabitants of the former colony of New France, now part of Quebec, would be governed under the British.

It also recognized that indigenous peoples in British North America had rights to the lands they occupied, and promised to protect and not "molest them."

Because of that promise, which lives on in Article 35 of Canada's Constitution Act of 1982 and a series of Supreme Court rulings, natives have long viewed the proclamation as a bill of rights for indigenous peoples in this part of North America.

"[It] says [the Crown] can't go in and invade their lands without some kind of a consultation or, more than that, it says they

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have to be compensated, dealt with, treated fairly ... It wasn't lived up to or enforced. It was nice to say ..." Cresswell said.

However, Cresswell said he was pleased both Gov. Gen. David Johnston and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Bernard Valcourt will be present at the symposium Monday.

"That's a big step. That shows there's some meaning to this," he said.

Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said in an interview with Evan Solomon of CBC Radio's *The House*, "The treaty relationships and aspirations that were expressed in the Royal Proclamation are about us sharing the land, wealth and resources of this country. That has not happened."

This is a critical time for a government which is pitting a lot of its economic policy on resource development, Atleo said, speaking of the more than $600 billion in natural resources that Canada wishes to develop.

"First Nations are absolutely four-square right in front of and adjacent to and in the middle of these proposed development areas, and have the right to free, prior informed consent and will have a say over natural resources development in Canada.

"Direct nation-to-nation discussions is the only way forward," he said.

Atleo added he intends to accompany the Governor General to London at a future date to commemorate the signing of the Royal Proclamation of 1763.

Grand Chief David Harper of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak is already in London and has attended a reception at the High Commission for Canada and a pipe ceremony at Green Park. On Monday, a meeting with a member of the House of Lords is scheduled.

'250th anniversary of broken promises'

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, speaking to reporters Sunday during a meeting of the NDP's federal council in Ottawa, called the event "the 250th anniversary of broken promises."

He noted the proclamation was "the first time the word nation was used to describe the original inhabitants of Canada. The NDP will become the first government in Canadian history to respect that nation-to-nation approach."

The Creating Canada symposium is taking place at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Que.

The protest group Idle No More plans to hold a rally at the museum along with what an article on its website says is "an international day of action " on Oct. 7, with rallies planned across Canada and in the U.S. and U.K.

The federal government has contributed $30,000 to the symposium which is otherwise funded by the Land Claims Agreement Coalition and the registration fees of participants.

Although the government spent $28 million on celebrations for the War of 1812, and has plans for the 200th birthday of Sir John A. MacDonald and the 25th anniversary of the signing of NAFTA, it did not make similar preparations for the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763.

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De Beers responds to First Nations opposition to proposed mining project

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De Beers Canada Inc. responded late last month to opposition to its Gahcho Kue Diamond Mine Project, as expressed by four First Nations this summer.

On Aug. 20, the Tlicho Government, Lutsel K'e Dene Band, Deninu Kue First Nation and Yellowknives Dene issued a joint letter to Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt,requesting the project be returned to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board for further study. The aboriginal groups argued that recommendations made by the review board did not address all their environmental and cultural concerns surrounding the project's potential impacts.

The review board ordered an environmental impact review in the summer of 2006, which it passed conditionally in its July 19 report.

The proposed development would consist of a large open-pit diamond mine located at Kennady Lake, approximately 280 kilometres northeast of Yellowknife and 80 kilometres southeast of the De Beers' Snap Lake Mine.

In a seven-page letter addressed to the director general of the Northern Projects Management Office of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency on Sept. 23, De Beers chief operating officer Glen Koropchuk defended his company's history of consultation with the aboriginal groups.

The First Nations' position "completely disregards the fact that through the thorough multi-year environmental impact review process, a number of comprehensive commitments were made," he stated, referencing 19 pages of the review board's 207-page report. "Many of these were made as a result of consultation with the four First Nations and Metis groups, and the commitments made apply to every aspect of the project, including engineering, environmental and socio-economic."

With respect to environmental issues raised by the First Nations, such as questions about water quality at Kennady Lake and sediment and erosion management, Koropchuk suggested the matters should be dealt with by the Mackenzie Land and Water Board during the water licence and land use permitting application process, not as part of the present regulatory review.

In terms of cultural impacts, he added De Beers has committed to incorporate traditional knowledge into all phases of the project and, because the First Nations advanced no further recommendations for measures or mitigations relating to cultural impacts in their latest correspondence, "there is nothing to be gained by referring this back to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board."

In their letter to the minister, the First Nations highlighted a worry that a winter road connecting the proposed mine site

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with the Tibbit-to-Contwoyto Winter Road and other development would slow caribou herd recovery, resulting in more harvesting restrictions.

In De Beers' response, Koropchuk countered that the opportunity to provide input to the Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program and Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan has been extended to all aboriginal parties and regulators. The monitoring program is also being updated to include the review board's recommendation that De Beers' follow-up program must monitor and assess the impact of the road on caribou movement and behaviour.

Metis Alliance president Bill Enge sent an e-mail to Minister Valcourt on Aug. 22 encouraging him to adopt the review board's recommendations as they currently stand. The Metis alliance is the only aboriginal group to have signed an impact benefit agreement with De Beers.

Gahcho Kue is 51 per cent owned by De Beers in a joint venture partnership with 49 per cent owner Mountain Province Diamonds.

In an Aug. 28 letter to the Northern Projects Management Office of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, NWT Metis Nation president Garry Bailey criticized the Aug. 20 deadline as too short for his organization to comment on the review board's report.

Representatives from the Tlicho Government, Lutsel K'e Dene Band, Deninu Kue First Nation and Yellowknives Dene were on duty travel and not available for comment late last week.

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Northern News Services - Devolution - 'Not much of a bone to scrap over'

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Devolution expected to add 259 positions to the GNWT, 25 of which will go to new recruits in communities outside Yellowknife

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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
Community leaders are underwhelmed by the number of regional jobs being added to the territorial government once devolution takes effect.

"It's not much of a bone to scrap over, is it?" said Hay River Metis Council president Wally Schumann while mulling over the newly-released numbers of positions to be located in the regional centres.

Sixty-seven of the 259 new GNWT jobs expected to result from the transfer of land and resource management from Ottawa to the territory will be regional positions. However, 15 of those will be located in Yellowknife. Subtract the 27 non-Yellowknife positions being offered to employees at the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and that leaves 25 new positions expected to be split among the regional centres.

Inuvik Mayor Floyd Roland said he plans to contact the GNWT to request a more detailed breakdown of just how many positions are expected to go to which community.

"The devil's in the details," he said. "I want to see just what's in those details because if it's not much more than existing federal employees moving over, well, I would say that's a real loss. Not only to the GNWT but to this region."

Among the community positions, several are expected to be senior management jobs within the lands department.

Hay River North MLA Robert Bouchard said the jobs will be divided among six communities, a fact he is not impressed with.

"There are 33 communities in the territory and we are only dealing with seven of them," he said.

Bouchard added the GNWT has done a poor job preparing communities for the new positions, citing Hay River as an example where office space and housing could have been built.

"I understand it's complicated, but we should have had the foresight to know ... we are a bit disappointed in Hay River," he said. "I am happy with the authority and control that will come with devolution, but everything depends on how it rolls out and right now I am not pleased with the way it's happening."

Under the devolution agreement, the GNWT is required to offer AANDC employees, whose jobs will be affected by the change, with reasonable offers in the same community where they currently work, explained Shaleen Woodward, assistant deputy minister of devolution implementation planning shortly after the new organizational structure was released on Oct. 1.

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"In the devolution agreement, it identifies that when we're making reasonable job offers to staff that we will try to, as best as possible, replicate their current functions, roles, duties and also their community of residence," she said.

To that end, 113 job offers were sent to AANDC employees on Oct. 1, and more offers are expected. Those employees now have 60 days to decide whether or not they will accept the offers.

This is a tiered process, said Woodward. After the federal employees are positioned, the devolution implementation team will focus on filling the remaining positions.

The 17th legislative assembly made decentralization one of its priorities.

Decentralization means moving jobs out of headquarters in Yellowknife and into other communities.

"The idea is to bring programs and services closer to the people they serve," said Olin Lovely, director of the management board secretariat with the Department of Finance - the department tasked with co-ordinating decentralization efforts.

Those efforts essentially began last year, during this assembly's second year in office, said Lovely. In 2013-14, 18 positions were decentralized; 10 were new positions and eight were moved out of headquarters.

The next phase of decentralization will be decided during the 2014-15 budget process.

For Schumann, government positions are not coming fast enough for the South Slave.

"This 17th assembly promised decentralization and 18 jobs just doesn't cut it," he said.

This sentiment was echoed by Roland. In a time when the Beaufort Delta's economy is struggling, stable government jobs would go a long way.

"There is a lot of government in the NWT," he said. "They should look at where the big economic drivers in the future are and situate people there.

"It's always harder to move after they've been settled in," he said.

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Aljazeera America: Activist group Idle No More gets busy again in Canada

Activist group Idle No More gets busy again in Canada

by Benjamin Shingler

Indigenous tribes of Canada plan day of protest for Monday, vow they're just getting started

In the past few weeks, First Nations groups in Canada have set up a blockade to stop shale-gas exploration in New Brunswick, marched outside the Ontario premier's house to protest high mercury levels and forced a coal-mining company in British Columbia to delay exploratory drilling.

The protests are part of a growing First Nations activism that took root in Canada last winter with the powerful movement known as Idle No More. The mass protests, which drew thousands to snow-lined streets across the country, have gone quiet in recent months, but activists insist the fight is far from over.

On Monday they will try to take that message to the wider public, with 50 events planned across Canada and the United States, along with an estimated 10 other countires, including England and India. That day marks the 250th anniversary of the British Royal Proclamation, which led to the founding of Canada.

"We must collectively send a clear message that our movement will not stop intervening in Canada's attempts to conduct business as usual," says a statement from the group declaring Oct. 7 a Day of Action.

Activists are now hoping for a reset on the relationship between aboriginal and nonaboriginal people. Monday coincides with the arrival of the United Nation's special Rapporteur on Indigenous Rights, who will begin a week-and-a-half-long tour investigating the plight of the country's aboriginal peoples.

Planned events for the day range from a flash-mob round dance in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to a picnic in Toronto to a protest on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

Idle No More began, the story goes, with a flurry of emails among four women in Saskatchewan.

They worried a new piece of federal legislation Bill C-45 would erode indigenous rights and strip environmental safeguards that protect water, land and air quality. The hefty piece of legislation, known as an omnibus budget bill, meant changes to the Indian Act, the Navigation Protection Act and the Environmental Assessment Act.

In November 2012 they held a meeting with local activists. Soon after that, one of the women, Jessica Gordon, sent out a tweet with the hashtag #IdleNoMore. It would remain a trending topic in Canada for much of the winter.

After the first nationwide Day of Action last December, flash mobs, railway blockades and street demonstrations began to pop up across the country.

Activists developed a set of demands as the protests continued to grow. Idle No More called for the federal government to honor historic treaties between Canada and First Nations and move toward peaceful coexistence.

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Meanwhile, Theresa Spence, chief of the troubled Attawapiskat First Nation in Ontario, went on a hunger strike over the housing crisis in her community. The result was a cross-country aboriginal protest movement that many described as unprecedented.

Chelsea Vowel, a well-known First Nations blogger, attributes the unrest to a "perfect storm" of outrage.

"There was a lot of anger about the stereotypes and prejudices being displayed, and then on top of it there were these very intrusive pieces of legislation," says Vowel, a 35-year-old Métis woman who lives in Montreal.

After a winter of frenzied protest, however, Idle No More started to fizzle out.

"The energy that came out of that, fundamentally, is not sustainable," said Clayton Thomas-Muller, national campaigner for Idle No More, explaining the slowdown.

Spence agreed to end her strike in January after Prime Minister Stephen Harper met with a group of First Nations leaders. Most of Idle No More's demands weren't met, and the legislation passed anyway.

Planned actions through the summer months, coined Sovereignty Summer on a slick website, drew far smaller crowds and rarely made the headlines.

Vowel, though, believes a foundation was laid for further activism.

She explains that online tools like Twitter and Facebook have helped bring together aboriginal activists scattered across Canada. She adds that there are encouraging signs the terms of debate have shifted at least a little since Idle No More began.

"Over the past year, there has been more of a representation in the media of our voices," says Vowel, who works as an educator in Montreal. "I think it's become less common for people speaking on our behalf, and that was the norm before for a really long time. People weren't willing to listen to our issues unless a white person said them."

If Idle No More appears to have slowed, there's still plenty of action behind the scenes.

One evening late last month, Melissa Mollen Dupuis gathered with a dozen First Nations women in a Montreal university classroom to lay out their plans for a day of protests.

Dupuis, a 35-year-old Innu woman who lives near Montreal, started the Quebec chapter of Idle No More last winter. She wants to focus more on educating the public.

Her group is pushing for changes to the province's high school history curriculum to better explain the devastating impact of government policies like the residential school system. Thousands of aboriginal children were forced into church-run institutions, where many suffered mistreatment and abuse.

Across the country, pockets of First Nations activists like Dupuis are working toward the same goal. Many of them, observers have noted, are young, educated aboriginal women a fast-growing segment of Canada's population.

In Canada, there are more than 1.4 million aboriginal people, making up 4 percent of Canada's population. Poverty, however, is an issue. A study released this summer found that half of Canada's First Nations children are living below the poverty line triple the national average.

There is also a disproportionately high number of missing and murdered native women in Canada. The apparent lack of

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action by law enforcement to take on the issue is a major concern among protesters.

Despite those grim numbers, Thomas-Muller sees cause for optimism. He's encouraged by events like a reconciliation march in Vancouver last month, which drew an estimated 70,000 people despite rain. He contends that Idle No More will one day be looked upon as a "turning point" in Canadian history.

"We have been forced into a situation where a line has been drawn to stop harmful projects threatening our air and our water and our clean earth," he says.

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CBC Newsworld report on Royal Proclamation and U.N. Rapporteur

>>Host: Canada's First Nations are using a key date in history to raise important issues affecting their communities. Today is the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation from 1763. The document really set the framework for treaties between First Nations and the government. We have got Rosemary Barton following the story and she joins me live from our bureau in Ottawa. Why is this Royal Proclamation, rosemary, so important?

>>Reporter: It is viewed by some, Suhana, as really the indigenous bill of rights for First Nations in this country. So it is being celebrated and marked today by rallies across the country. A lot of those Idle No More rallies and protests actually happening as well, not only to mark the occasion, but to point out what has not been done and what still needs to be done, following in line with the proclamation. It was signed in 1773 by King George the Third, and it was the move that really set the terms between the relationship between the Crown and First Nations. It said primarily that First Nations have the right to stay on the land they occupied, and the Crown's job was to protect that right. Basically, it was the early stages of how to settle and negotiate treaties with First Nations. But, as I point out, a lot of First Nations believe that while it was there as the blueprint, it has not really come to fruition and has not borne fruit. Shawn Atleo, the head of the Assembly of First Nations, was asked about that today and hear is what he had to say in terms of where things need to go.

>>Atleo: We know that our rights are real. We know that treaty rights are real and courts affirmed it, we have a declaration and now we need to -- the federal government, particularly through the Prime Minister, that gives expression to the relationship with the Crown. But we will also take care of the important business to go back and to remind the Crown itself, who forged the Royal Proclamation in the beginning, there was a promise that the Crown would support and protect indigenous nations from the behavior of colonial governments.

>>Reporter: Actually Shawn Atleo is headed off to London, England, tomorrow, to put some of that message forward as well, to remind people of these past agreements, their importance and then how they can move forward with them.

>> Suhana: While he heads out of the country there is a U.N. representative heading into the country who is going to study the relationship between Aboriginal Canadians and the government. What is the story there?

>> Reporter: This is interesting, in terms of time. This is James Anaya, the Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous people. There will be the first worldwide summit held by the U.N. on indigenous rights in the world. So this is sort of part of that preparation, if you will. He is here to measure the progress in terms of how Canada is treating its' First Nations. In 2003 there was another Rapporteur who visited the country and came back with some criticism, harsh criticism in fact, about education, housing, water, all these things that need to be addressed in First Nations communities. He is traveling the country, nine different stops, where he'll meet with First Nations and meet with the Minister responsible, and talk about things that still need to be done. But there is obviously concern on the part of the government the criticism will come forward and the things the government is trying to correct in terms of education, for instance, that seems to be their number one priority, that that stuff will not be discussed enough and will not be highlighted enough. So the fact that Minister Valcourt is meeting with him is an attempt to try to shape the message and focus on the positives they think they have accomplished in the past number of years.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Help us bring these missing Aboriginal women and girls home!

Ottawa, October 7, 2013 Today the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), in collaboration with various police partners, launched a week-long social media campaign as part of its efforts to help solve outstanding cases of missing aboriginal women. The campaign will highlight specific cases from across Canada that are featured on the Canada's Missing website (www.canadasmissing.ca) and encourages the public to help in solving these cases.

From October 7th until October 11th, the RCMP will share information on these cases on its Facebook and Twitter accounts and call on policing partners and the public to take part in this campaign. Each case on the Canada's Missing website is profiled with a poster that provides information about the missing individual and the circumstances of the case and can be printed for distribution.

How the public can help:

- Visit the canadasmissing.ca to review the cases learn how to submit a tip
- Like the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on Facebook to see information about the cases and share them
- Follow @rcmpgrcpolice on Twitter to read about and retweet information on the cases

RCMP officers and investigators from our partner police agencies work tirelessly to solve cases of missing persons. The RCMP is leading task forces across the country dedicated to actively reviewing files of missing women, including Aboriginal women. Project DEVOTE in Manitoba, Project E-PANA in Northern and Central British Columbia and Project EVEN-HANDED in Vancouver are great examples of RCMP-led multi-agency taskforces diligently investigating cases of homicides and missing persons in Canada. The RCMP also works in consultation with the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) in order to raise awareness of the issue of Missing Aboriginal women in Canada.

This initiative is an opportunity for communities across the country to be involved by sharing information that may generate tips for the investigating officers. With the public's help we hope to bring these women home.

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Canada Newswire: Idle No More Global Day of Action, #Oct7Proclaim

55 Actions in Canada, United States, United Kingdom, and across the Planet

OTTAWA, Oct. 7, 2013 /CNW/ - Today marks the global day of action of Idle No More, the Indigenous Peoples social movement. On October 7, 1763, King George III of England signed the British Royal Proclamation, an historic document that legally mandated Canada to recognize Indigenous land rights.

Today, two hundred and fifty years later, at over 53 actions and events taking place across Canada, the United States, and in countries across the planet, thousands of Indigenous Peoples and our supporters are taking direct action to assert sovereignty and self-determination over Our Land -- Our Water -- Our Bodies -- Our Stories -- Our Future -- and to proclaim our Indigenous Sovereignty!

Today also marks the day that the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Professor James Anaya, begins his official UN visit to Canada to examine the human rights situation of the Indigenous Peoples of this country.

Actions on the front lines today include the anti-fracking fight in Elsipogtog Mi'kmaq Nation in New Brunswick, Canada, where Mi'kmaq warriors have been blockading roads to protect their collective rights, lands, and water from the Houston-based, SWN Resources.

"The time has come for us to emancipate our Nations; it is time for us to assert our sovereignty. We must protect our water, and we must unite together to sever the chains of colonialism. Our fight is for the water, for our Treaties, for our Rights, and for our People. Let's unite and proclaim our right to our voices, and speak out against corporate greed and environmental genocide. We are stronger when we stand together," said Suzanne Patles of the Mi'kmaq Warriors, who are blockading in Elsipogtog First Nation.

In Victoria, British Columbia, in solidarity with Idle No More, thousands of youth participating in Powershift BC, one of Canada's largest climate conferences, will descend on the BC Legislature to confront Premier Christy Clark and her government's ongoing attempts to allow controversial tar sands pipelines and oil tanker ports to cross this ecologically sensitive region against the will of hundreds of thousands of First Nations and BC citizens who have unequivocally said no.

"There has been no bill of sale and Indigenous people have not ceded our lands, territories, and rights to Canada. By trampling and blatantly ignoring our Indigenous rights and culture, Canada is breaking international law established in the Royal Proclamation of 1763," said Powershift BC presenter and Sliammon First Nation youth activist, 12-year-old Ta'Kaiya Blaney. She went on to say, "The current 'leaders' and decision makers of Canada are denying and nonchalantly attacking our rights and therefore our future without a second thought. Being the children of a land and culture, of which we have sustained ourselves from for thousands of years, we are paying the price of industrial and human annihilation, we are suffering the consequences: We will say no more, we will be Idle No More."

Kahnawake Mohawk, Russell Diabo of Defenders of the Land said, "Canada has a long standing plan to terminate the collective Inherent, Aboriginal, and Treaty rights of First Nations. By taking advantage of First Nations poverty and maintaining the colonial Indian Act as an instrument of control, Canada seeks sign-on from First Nations to final agreements that compromise and terminate their constitutionally protected and internationally recognized land rights, Treaties, and the right to self-determination as Peoples."

Idle No More has joined forces with Defenders of the Land and together they have developed a joint campaign with six

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high-level political demands of the Harper conservative government of Canada. Today's actions taking place across the globe represent the galvanizing of our political base towards manifesting traction on our political goals here in Canada and in other colonial countries across Mother Earth.

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Shawn Atleo Q's and A's at Royal Proclamation event

>>Question: Chief Atleo, you're meeting with Minister Valcourt in two schools. Do you have the impression the government is taking this anniversary seriously enough, mentioning it enough in your view?

>>Atleo: Well, as you've heard me relate, the royal proclamation perhaps is even more important than moments that we've seen recognized, and perhaps rightfully so, like the war of 1812. In fact, one of the four major elements of the proclamation is about alliances, absolutely military. That's what led directly to the royal proclamation being initiated. I have just received a note that both the Prime Minister and the Governor-General have issued statements. I think those are very welcome. We also have an important moment with the Governor-General today. As you mentioned, I will be attending to some schools today because as I read the words of the Governor-General, who represents the Crown, and we've got representatives who are in London, this is an international moment as well. To be very clear the United Nations declaration on the rights of the indigenous peoples reminds Canada that it is a successor state, that it has, along with all Canadians, inherited the responsibility to implement treaties in the spirit and intent with which First Nations understand them. So, for example, it means just not looking at the words that are on the document of the royal proclamation. You heard me use the terms wampum belt, covenant chain. It's the way in which First Nations view the engagement of both the royal proclamation, the recognition of our rights. Of course we were coming at it through different perspectives back then. 250 years, we still, with every government including this one, are saying that the time for First Nations to help drive a future must be led by them. Not just on land, in education, in child welfare, in all aspects of our lives. So it is an important moment. What's even more important than the words we're hearing, including the words that go back to the 2008 apology, it's time for action, action on education. action on building our economies, action on supporting First Nations to develop and deliver a vision for sustainability with the living environment. It's important to support and recognize that we have the fastest growing segment of the Canadian population. That was reflected in statements made this morning, indigenous young people. They're going to be, I think, out helping Canada to understand this in major activities of action all across the country. More must be done. We have a long ways to go.

>> Question: Concerning education, because you've mentioned it, does the First Nation have to be in the driver's seat? We know there's probably going to be a bill presented soon. How is it going? I know that there's a document to be -- that consultation is ongoing right now, but how is it going? How is the climate on this consultation?

>>Atleo: Well, on the one hand, after over 30 years of focus and effort by First Nations to achieve education as being an important priority, we have a sense in this country, because of the growing momentum and awareness amongst Canadians, education experts, the general community, that something must be done. Everyone agrees that education for First Nations does not belong in the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs office. So on this we seem to have achieved a sense of shared priority and of shared consensus. The challenge is how to implement. We have been under a 2% cap since 1996 on funding. Our children receive $2,000 to $7,000 less per child for education than others in the rest of Canadian society. Completely unacceptable, and in fact unfounded in most of the top ten developed in the world even. So this is a major issue. The focus is to make sure that First Nations are designing those systems, that they receive fair, sustainable predictable funding for the education for their children. So this is an important moment that the government went, as we've experienced, as has been our experience, I referenced it as paternalistic at best, assimilationist at worse, unilateral in nature. The unilateral launching of a blueprint, the unilateral indication of the development of legislation, being quite contrary to what the United Nations declaration reflects, and that is that we have the right to design and to develop education systems and lead them and have them be led by First Nations. So we are at a very critical moment. On the one hand we have a shared sense of what must happen, that education doesn't belong in the Minister of Indian Affairs. It belongs to be led by First Nations. I will stand firmly on those principles. First Nations are standing firmly on those principles, that First Nations design, control, deliver and that there be fair funding that is predictable, sustainable, and at minimum equitable with the rest of Canadian society.

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>> Question: The government is pushing ahead, looking at $650 billion in resource projects over the next decade. I'm wondering how you view that as a way out of Aboriginal poverty?

>>Atleo: Well, the recognition that the First Nations will be implicated, will have a say over, that our rights and treaties are implicated in over $650 billion, is a reflection of growing awareness. It was only in 2005 that Natural Resource Canada pinned that number at between $6 billion and $8 billion. In 2005 I could have pointed out one community where there was an $8 billion proposed natural resource project. So the over 150 court cases, the biggest winning legal streak really, perhaps some say globally, for sure in this country, is First Nations rights being even acknowledged within the domestic court system. The U.N. declaration of rights creates the new minimum recognized standard of the right to free prior and informed consent. So as it pertains to the proposed natural resource activity going forward in the next 10 to 20 years, this is the moment of collaboration or collision. The recognition and implementation of treaty rights and entitlement rights means that governments must directly deal with First Nations as the rights holders. You've heard me say in this and other rooms that the Assembly of First Nations and my role is not that of a titleholder or a treaty rights holder. It's not my responsibility to do that. That's up to First Nations. Our job is to support and advocate for that recognition to be there. So the way forward is twofold: to recognize that First Nations are not opposed to development, just not supportive of development at any cost. That engagement must happen early and it must happen often and it must be based on respect for our rights and title. Secondly it's absolute recognition that Canada is facing a growing retiring mainstream population and there's a need for a skilled labour force. There's every reason to recognize, to match the fastest growing youthful demographic, First Nations young people, who, in many parts of country unfortunately, experience a higher incarceration rate than they do a graduation rate. So it's incumbent on business and industry sectors to step forward and support that. Absolutely governments have an important leadership role to play. So as such, the importance of supporting k-to-12 success, maintaing post-secondary and continuing to grow that. The third element is that the vision for natural resources is one that indigenous peoples will shape. That means recognizing our link between ecosystems, between our relationship to water, to the air, to the environment, to the medicines, and to the foods that have sustained us for millennia. So indigenous peoples, not just in this country but around the globe, are stepping forward and are really bringing forward really a refreshed vision that's based on a sense of inter-connectedness with the living world around us. Those are the three major points.

>>Question: Even through the "Idle No More" movement, the few polls that came out showed that, or suggested that, Canadians perhaps are skeptical or aren't ready to embrace major changes in the relationship. Why do you think Canadians, who often see themselves as compassionate or generous, have those reservations about the claims you're talking about?

>>Atleo: I think there's been greater support perhaps for many in Canada to understand the human rights plights of people in other parts of the world. I never thought that I would be saying, did you see the article that Allan Gregg wrote that was just published. I saw a youtube video about him stepping forward and saying I'm a PHD in Canadian history, and I did not know the story of Tecumseh. 200 years ago approximately, around now, is the time of Tecumseh's death. Or the book written called "Clearing the Plains". It's a PHD student out of the University of Manitoba, talking about forced starvation on the story of the expansion of the CN rail to the west. We have PHD experts right now in the halls of learning across the country, or those who graduated, who go on to form policy at all levels of government or to run large multinationals or large domestic corporations who admittedly say, we did not know this history. So the Governor-General's statement this morning I welcome. He is encouraging all Canadians, and we're seeing young people and we're seeing school districts and regions and jurisdictions now saying this must be an absolute necessity that children leave institutions of learning knowing what treaties are, knowing what the royal proclamation is, knowing why those military aalliances were so important, and to recognize that these rights are real and that the treaties that were created 200 years ago, they're as valid today as the day they were forged. That's a large component of the misunderstanding that has emerged. The young people across this country, just a quick anecdote to pick up on this particular piece. In the 60's we had about a dozen indigenous students in post-secondary learning. We have over 30,000 post-secondary graduates now amongst indigenous peoples. Of course we didn't have social media not that many years ago, so the information between and

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amongst our people moves lightning-fast. The analysis of a bill, the comments made by a legislative body or a court or of course the media for that matter. So the exchange of information, the awareness, the level of consciousness both amongst our indigenous young people but amongst Canadians as well, NGO's that will build clean water projects in Africa or build schools and put libraries in South America, they're now doing that here. We only have about 20 libraries amongst the over 600 First Nations communities. We need 60 schools to be built right 60 schools to be built right now. So we are looking for a major transformation in the effort placed especially on indigenous young people.

>> Question: You were with the Aboriginal Affairs Minister this morning and earlier you were speaking about murdered and missing Aboriginal women. Do you get any sense from him that there's going to be anything in the Throne Speech about murdered and missing Aboriginal women in terms of a public inquiry?

>>Atleo: I'm not sure. He's not mentioned it but I remain hopeful, our people remain resolute. We do believe that the Special Rapporteur's visit is a critical moment. Governments need to take decisions on how to receive that. We're reaching out to all Canadians to help recognize that in the Fall of 2014 the United Nations are going to host the first ever World Indigenous Summit. Canada can look in the mirror and take some serious choices right now about how it's going to respond to a grave human rights crisis like the fact that we have over 600 murdered and missing indigenous women across this country.

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Canada Newswire: Statement by the Honourable Bernard Valcourt on the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763

OTTAWA, Oct. 7, 2013 /CNW/ -The Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, issued the following statement today on the occasion of the 250(th) anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763:

"The Royal Proclamation of 1763((www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca»)) was a critical milestone in the relationship between First Nation people and the Crown. It established the beginnings of the treaty-making process through which historic treaties((www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca»)) were negotiated, covering much of what is now Canada, and through which Canada and First Nations continue to negotiate land claims (or modern treaties((www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca»))) today.

In setting out a new basis for relations between the Crown and First Nation people, the Royal Proclamation influenced Canada's evolution in lasting ways, culminating in the historic constitutional recognition of First Nation rights. These rights were enshrined in the highest law of our land with the passage of the Constitution Act, 1982((laws-lois.justice.gc.ca»)).

The Government of Canada is committed to improving the conditions to create healthier, more prosperous and self-sufficient Aboriginal communities. The successful negotiation of modern treaties and self-government agreements leads to solutions that balance the rights of all concerned and promote greater certainty, accountability and transparency, which ultimately lead to greater economic opportunities for Aboriginal communities.

Treaties and treaty relationships provide the basis for forward looking partnerships. Our government recognizes that treaties are the highest expression of a respectful, living, breathing relationship that compels us to work together to find practical solutions which meet common objectives.

While the Proclamation may be 250 years old today, it remains as relevant as ever to our understanding of the evolving Crown-First Nations relationship. It is in a spirit of recognition and reconciliation that Canada continues to work with First Nation partners to build on and revitalize this historic relationship.

The Government of Canada is committed to improve living conditions and generate economic development for First Nations. I personally hope that you will join me in commemorating this anniversary, as it continues an important dialogue about the way forward for First Nation people and all Canadians based on the knowledge of our shared history."

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OTTAWA, le 7 oct. 2013 /CNW/ - Aujourd'hui, jour du 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale par le roi George III, le Chef national de l'Assemblée des Premières Nations (APN), Shawn A-in-chut Atleo, a exhorté le gouvernement fédéral à se joindre aux Premières Nations pour agir dès maintenant en vue d'instaurer le changement. Lors d'une conférence de presse à Ottawa, le Chef national Atleo a indiqué que cet anniversaire était l'occasion de réexaminer et de redéfinir la relation entre les Premières Nations et le Canada, tout en rappelant au gouvernement fédéral et à tous les Canadiens le caractère unique de la relation entre les Premières Nations et la Couronne (maintenant le Canada) qui a été établie il y a des siècles dans le but de permettre à toutes les nations de prospérer.

« Le 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale est de réfléchir tout particulièrement au travail que nous devons accomplir aujourd'hui pour respecter nos engagements mutuels et instaurer ensemble un changement », a déclaré le Chef national de l'APN, Shawn Atleo. « Aujourd'hui et chaque jour, nous devons nous remémorer l'objectif qui a réuni nos ancêtres il y a de nombreuses années, et nous devons veiller à ce que les principes de respect mutuel, de reconnaissance réciproque et de partenariat continuent de nous guider dans notre volonté d'offrir une meilleure qualité de vie à chacun d'entre nous. Un trop grand nombre d'enfants, de familles et de communautés des Premières Nations doivent relever quotidiennement des défis pour satisfaire les normes de vie les plus élémentaires, parce que les promesses des traités et d'autres accords découlant de la Proclamation royale ne sont pas respectées. »

Le 7 octobre marque le 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale qui a conduit à la conclusion du Traité du Niagara entre la Couronne britannique et les Premières Nations, dans le cadre des protocoles diplomatiques wampums, de l'échange de ceintures wampum des 24 nations et de la Chaîne d'alliance de 1764 (1er août 1764). Certaines Premières Nations considèrent la Proclamation royale comme un acte précurseur de la colonisation, tandis que d'autres estiment qu'elle constitue le fondement du processus d'établissement des traités entre les Premières Nations et la Couronne (maintenant le Canada). Destinés à reconnaître et à affirmer le titre autochtone sur les terres des Premières Nations, ces cérémonies ont joué un rôle important car elles ont pavé la voie à d'autres traités fondés sur une relation de nation à nation reposant sur le respect mutuel, la reconnaissance réciproque et le partenariat - des principes qui demeurent encore pertinents et essentiels aujourd'hui.

« L'approche, les lois et les politiques des gouvernements fédéraux successifs ont été, au mieux, paternalistes et, au pire, assimilationnistes », a poursuivi le Chef national Atleo. « Aujourd'hui, notre travail consiste à revenir aux approches qui reconnaissent aux Premières Nations le droit d'exercer une autorité sur leur vie, leurs terres et leurs citoyens, qui favorisent la mise en place de gouvernements des Premières Nations forts, qui respectent et honorent les traités et qui nous permettent de tous prospérer par l'intermédiaire du processus d'établissement des traités. Marquons aujourd'hui le début d'une « ère de mobilisation ». Il ne fait aucun doute que l'approche paternaliste est un échec et que le statu quo dessert tout le monde. Aujourd'hui, nous devons nous engager à revenir à la relation initiale et à travailler ensemble pour instaurer le changement. »

Le Chef national Atleo se joindra à des aînés, à des dirigeants et à des membres de communautés des Premières Nations dans le cadre de plusieurs activités célébrant le 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale, dont une cérémonie du lever du soleil ce matin à Ottawa. Ce soir, de 17 h 30 à 19 h 30, le Chef national participera à une réception publique au Musée canadien des civilisations. Il se rendra ensuite à Londres, au Royaume-Uni, pour participer à une réception qui se tiendra au Haut-commissariat le 8 octobre, avant de prononcer un discours-programme le lendemain 9 octobre à l'université d'Oxford. Le Chef régional de l'APN Perry Bellegarde et des représentants de la Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations ont organisé aujourd'hui une cérémonie du lever du soleil à Londres et participent également à plusieurs activités commémoratives au Royaume-Uni.

« J'encourage fortement les Premières Nations et tous les Canadiens à participer aux activités organisées ici à Ottawa et dans l'ensemble du pays afin d'en apprendre davantage sur notre histoire commune et notre relation partagée, et de prendre conscience que nous avons pour responsabilité de tenir nos promesses les uns envers les autres. C'est ainsi que nous pourrons progresser et permettre aux Premières

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Nations et au Canada d'exploiter leur plein potentiel », a soutenu le Chef national Atleo.

L'Assemblée des Premières Nations est l'organisation nationale qui représente les citoyens des Premières Nations au Canada. Suivez l'APN sur Twitter : @AFN_Comms et @AFN_Updates.

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Globe and Mail: The Royal Proclamation and the way forward for First Nations

Monday marks the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of King George III, issued at the conclusion of the Seven Years War. It's important to mark historical milestones, as we did with the War of 1812. But the Royal Proclamation is in fact more relevant and essential to our relationship today and our shared future tomorrow.

This is not just a day to look back and reflect, it is a day to look forward and commit to resetting our relationship.

First Nations are mindful in commemorating this anniversary of both its colonial context as well as the Treaty of Niagara entered into the following year. Taken together, these events, no doubt driven by economic and military imperatives of the time, reflect Crown recognition of indigenous nations and their rights and jurisdictions as necessary for peace and for development. They establish a clear relationship between First Nations and the Crown (now Canada) and a protocol for Treaty making between both parties where lands and resources were to be shared. This set the foundation for subsequent Treaties based on a nation-to-nation relationship grounded in mutual respect, mutual recognition and partnership.

These principles from our collective past point the way to our collective future.

But these principles have been denied for too long, usurped by federal laws and policies that are paternalistic at best and assimilationist at worst. The results are clear and completely unacceptable in a first-world country: too many First Nations children languish in poverty and poor health, surrounded by the riches of their traditional territories.

Canada suffers too. The cost of doing nothing is catastrophic: billions of dollars in social expenditures and billions more in lost opportunity. We are the youngest and fastest growing part of the population. Canada is in danger of forsaking its future.

The moral and demographic imperative is tied to an economic imperative. Canada proposes $650-billion of resource development in the coming years, all involving First Nations lands and traditional territories. From pipelines in the west to the Ring of Fire in Ontario and beyond, it's clear that none of this will proceed without First Nations consent. Had we held to our original principles, this could be a moment of convergence. Instead, we risk collision.

We need a robust agenda of change. Now is the era of action. The principles set out 250 years ago and the promises in the Treaties must be our guide. With Parliament set to begin a new session, we set out the priorities that will lift us up and carry the country forward.

First, we must resolve the longstanding issues of First Nations control over our lands and our lives. This means working together to bring life and honour to the Treaties where they exist and, where they do not, creating together a new, fair and just approach to modern Treaty making and land claims resolution. This is about completing our unfinished business, honouring the promises we made to one another and upholding our ongoing obligations as fellow travellers in this land.

Another priority is First Nations control of First Nations education. Education, once used as a weapon to sever our children from their cultures, can now be forged into the instrument that unleashes our full potential. This will not happen through unilateral imposed approaches from on high. It can and must happen by achieving three clear elements of reform: First Nation controlled systems; fair, stable funding and full respect for our languages and cultures.

And we place a priority on security for our people, especially our most vulnerable. We need safe and secure communities and action to end the tragedy of missing and murdered Indigenous women. On Oct. 4, I stood in solemn ceremony on

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Parliament Hill for the Sisters in Spirit Vigil standing with thousands more across the country calling for a national inquiry and immediate supports for shelters and friendship centres so that mothers and daughters in their darkest hours are able to access that most essential area: a safe place.

These are the issues that for too long have been dismissed as too difficult. But we cannot ignore hard work simply because it's not easy. Our ancestors did it. We can, and must. The stakes have never been higher. Our future is in the balance. The Royal Proclamation still matters because the principles it articulates, principles that led to the Treaties and recognition and founding of this country, are alive and must be implemented.

After 250 years, there is every reason to say: now is the time.

Shawn A-in-chut Atleo is the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations

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OTTAWA, le 7 oct. 2013 /CNW/ - L'honorable Bernard Valcourt, ministre des Affaires autochtones et du développement du Nord canadien, a émis la déclaration suivante aujourd'hui à l'occasion du 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale de 1763 :

« La Proclamation royale de 1763 a marqué un tournant crucial dans la relation qui unit les Premières Nations et la Couronne. Elle a constitué les débuts du processus de conclusion des traités dans le cadre duquel les traités historiques ont été négociés, traités qui ont délimité une grande partie du territoire actuel du Canada. C'est aussi grâce à ce processus que le Canada et les Premières Nations continuent de négocier les revendications territoriales (ou les traités modernes) de nos jours.

En établissant un nouveau fondement pour les relations entre la Couronne et les Premières Nations, la Proclamation royale a influencé l'évolution du Canada de façon durable, jusqu'à la reconnaissance constitutionnelle des droits des Premières Nations. Ces droits ont été enchâssés dans la loi suprême de notre pays lors de l'adoption de la Loi constitutionnelle de 1982.

Le gouvernement du Canada est déterminé à améliorer les conditions propices à la création de collectivités autochtones saines, prospères et autosuffisantes. La négociation fructueuse de traités modernes et d'ententes sur l'autonomie gouvernementale apporte des solutions qui concilient les droits de toutes les parties concernées et favorisent une plus grande certitude, responsabilisation et transparence, créant ainsi plus de débouchés économiques pour les collectivités autochtones.

Les traités et les relations qui en découlent servent de fondement à la création de partenariats prospectifs. Notre gouvernement reconnaît que les traités sont l'expression la plus manifeste d'une relation respectueuse, dynamique et vivante qui nous appelle à travailler tous ensemble à la recherche de solutions pratiques qui satisfont à des objectifs communs.

Bien que la Proclamation royale célèbre aujourd'hui son 250e anniversaire, elle s'avère toujours pertinente pour notre compréhension de l'évolution de la relation entre la Couronne et les Premières Nations. C'est dans l'esprit de la reconnaissance et de la réconciliation que le Canada continue de travailler avec ses partenaires des Premières Nations à bâtir et à revivifier cette relation historique.

Le gouvernement du Canada est résolu à améliorer les conditions de vie des Premières Nations et à créer pour elles des possibilités de développement économique. J'espère que vous vous joindrez à moi pour célébrer cet anniversaire, puisqu'il contribue à alimenter l'important dialogue au sujet de l'avenir à tracer pour les membres des Premières Nations et tous les Canadiens en fonction de la connaissance de notre histoire partagée. »

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Assembly of First Nations National Chief: 250th Anniversary of Royal Proclamation Opportunity to Reflect and Reset Relationship

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OTTAWA, Oct. 7, 2013 /CNW/ - Today, on the 250(th) anniversary of the Royal Proclamation by King George III, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief

Shawn A-in-chut Atleo strongly urged the federal government to join First Nations in acting now for change. At a press conference in Ottawa, National Chief Atleo cited this significant anniversary as an opportunity to reflect on and reset the relationship between First Nations and Canada, reminding the federal government and all Canadians of the unique relationship between First Nations and the Crown (now Canada) established hundreds of years ago with the intent for all nations to succeed.

"The 250(th) anniversary of the Royal Proclamation is about reflecting and focusing on the work we must do today to act on our commitments to one another to drive change together," said AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo. "Today and every day we must recall the intent that brought all our ancestors together so many years ago, and ensure that the principles of mutual respect, mutual recognition and partnership are our guides going forward to achieve a better life for all of us. Too many First Nation children, families and communities are challenged on a daily basis to meet basic standards of life because we are not living up to the promises in the Treaties and other agreements that stem from the foundation of the Royal Proclamation."

October 7 marks the 250(th) anniversary of the Royal Proclamation which led to the Treaty of Niagara between the British Crown and First Nations through wampum diplomacy and the exchange of 24 Nations Wampum Belts and the 1764 Covenant Chain August 1, 1764. Some First Nations view the Proclamation as a precursor to colonization, yet it is also seen as setting the foundation for Treaty-making between First Nations and the Crown (now Canada). Recognizing and affirming Aboriginal title to First Nation lands, these events were significant in creating a foundation for subsequent Treaties based on a nation-to-nation relationship grounded in mutual respect, mutual recognition and partnership - principles that remain relevant and essential today.

"The approach, laws and policies of federal governments have been paternalistic at best and assimilationist at worst," said National Chief Atleo. "Our work today is about returning to approaches that recognize First Nations authority over our lives, our lands and our peoples, where First Nation governments are strong, the Treaties are alive and honoured and Treaty-making allows all of us to thrive. Let today mark an 'era of action.' It's clear to everyone that the paternalistic approach is not working and the status quo is failing everyone. We must commit today to return to the original relationship and act together for change."

National Chief Atleo will be joining First Nation Elders, leaders and community members at a number of events marking 250 years of the Royal Proclamation, including a sunrise ceremony in Ottawa earlier today. National Chief Atleo will participate in a public reception at the Museum of Civilization this evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. He will then travel to London, U.K. for a reception at the High Commission on October 8 and October 9 will deliver a keynote address at Oxford University. AFN Regional Chief Perry Bellegarde and representatives from the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations held a sunrise ceremony today in London, U.K. and are participating in a number of other commemorative events there as well.

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"I strongly encourage First Nations and all Canadians to participate in events here in Ottawa and across the country, to learn more about our shared history and our shared relationship, understanding that we all have responsibilities to uphold our promises to one another. This is how we will move forward to realize the full potential of First Nations and Canada," said National Chief Atleo.

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CBC.CA: Idle No More prepares for day of action

Idle No More prepares for day of action

Activists give their take on the movement

By Daniel Schwartz

The Idle No More movement has plans for over 63 protests and actions across Canada today, with solidarity events expected in over 12 countries.

The day should indicate whether the movement still has the energy and intensity it displayed last winter.

Idle No More began a year ago with an email exchange between four women in Saskatchewan, growing very quickly into one of the biggest protest movements Canada has seen in years. Idle No More uses social media as a key organizing tool, as it has for today's events.

Oct. 7 was chosen because that's the date 250 years ago that King George III signed the Royal Proclamation, which, in its concluding paragraphs, sets out policy for the Crown's relationship with the "nations or tribes of Indians" and the lands "reserved to them."

A "purpose of Idle No More was to reinvent the relationship between indigenous peoples and Canada," movement activist Niigaan Sinclair told CBC News.

Idle No More also formed to oppose federal legislation they see as further eroding treaty and indigenous rights, and to push for emergency situations at some First Nations communities to be stabilized.

He also describes the movement as "about love and about community building and it's about education and it's about honesty."

Sinclair is also a professor of native studies at the University of Manitoba and one of the members of the Kino-nda-niimi collective that put together the forthcoming book, The Winter We Danced: Voices of the Past, the Future, and the Idle No More Movement. (Kino-nda-niimi means "we are dancing.")

Sinclair was on the periphery of the movement until he was inspired by a huge round dance at Saskatoon's Midtown Mall on Dec. 20. "I knew this was different than anything I'd seen before."

Because of its grassroots nature -- Sinclair describes it as "based on local organizations taking ownership over localized events" -- it's difficult to gauge the size or support of Idle No More.

Alex Wilson, an Idle No More organizer, tells CBC News that the movement has about 400 regional affinity groups and, since re-launching their website in July, they have built a database of 125,000 people.

Their main Facebook page has 116,000 likes and their Facebook discussion page has 48,000 members.

In its first six months, to the end of May, there were 1,215,569 Twitter mentions by 143,172 Twitter participants, as detailed in the study, "Idle No More at Six Months," by Mark Blevis, a digital public affairs strategist.

Wilson said the rapid early growth was due to "the combination of people's frustrations with the Harper government and

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people's readiness for real transformation and change and it just happened to be the perfect storm and the perfect timing for all of those things to happen."

As well, Wilson notes, for a long time, those "little incremental things that are happening build up to a point where all of the sudden its creating a tipping point where people have just had enough."

Wilson is also a professor of education at the University of Saskatchewan.

Sinclair adds that growth was also fueled by a sense of urgency because of the Harper government's omnibus budget bill and the emergency situations in Attawapiskat and elsewhere. "That was the impetus to a sudden rise in resistance, and a sudden rise of interest in a movement that's based on broad-scale community building."

Wilson, Sinclair and Blevis all point to the movement's use of social media to explain that rapid growth.

Of course the government in Ottawa was taking notice.

In just two weeks in January, Aboriginal Affairs accumulated over 1200 pages of records on Idle No More, based on the disclosure of an access to information request.

By February 15, officials had documented 439 protests across Canada. "It's a really good archive," Wilson joked.

After developers created an Idle No More app for sharing information and planning actions, Maclean's magazine reports the Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Michael Wernick, ask whether his office "could surreptitiously piggyback on the app to get its own message across."

"Is it in any way feasible to get our backgrounders into the flow of this app without the appearance of [government] ringers calling into an open-line show?" Wernick asks in one document, according to Maclean's.

As winter wore on, Idle No More's visibility dropped. That's not surprising given the high level of interest, which probably peaked in January. Blevis documents this via Twitter traffic. It peaked on January 11, Idle No More's Global Day of Action, with 56,924 tweets. Between Dec. 10 and May 30, the lowest count was a still impressive 641 tweets on May 12.

In Wilson's view, "the events didn't slow down, they just changed form." Over the summer she says the movement spread to a more global level, something Blevis's data confirms.

"All over the world, people were taking local issues and using the name and main points of Idle No More and then using that to highlight their local issues." Wilson adds that, "The media didn't really cover it but we knew they were going on."

This summer Idle No more organized actions and events they called Sovereignty Summer. Blevis also tracked Twitter traffic for that and related hashtags on Twitter and found traffic peaked around the Canada Day protests and then received very limited activity through summer's end.

Wilson describes Idle No More as an educational movement and claims success there, because of the awareness that was raised about indigenous and environmental issues. She expects more growth lies ahead because of the "wide range of entry points for people."

While some people are just joining the movement, others are engaged in nonviolent direct action. "All you have to have is the intent and the spirit and the will to want to change something," Wilson says.

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Wilson says concern about environmental destruction is an important reason behind Idle No More's rapid growth. (Sean Kilpatrick/Canadian Press)

One change that Sinclair points to as a sign of the movement's success is how the Harper government is now engaging First Nations in B.C. The courts had already established a government duty to consult before approving resource development on First Nation traditional territory.

"For the most part he has completely ignored First Nation people, absolutely and completely, we saw that in the omnibus legislation and its imposition.

"Now look at the way he's dealing with First Nation leaders." He points to cabinet ministers and top bureaucrats meeting with B.C. aboriginal leaders, in an effort to win their support for pipeline proposals.

He also sees this as an effort to repair "the real harm to the relationship" that he says Harper has caused.

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Radio-Canada - Journée d'action internationale du mouvement Idle No More

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Le mouvement de contestation autochtone Idle No More organise lundi une journée d'action internationale pour souligner le 250e anniversaire de la Proclamation royale.

Ce document historique, signé par le roi George III le 7 octobre 1763, a jeté les bases de la reconnaissance des droits des Autochtones et a défini les relations entre les Premières Nations et la Couronne.

Idle No More veut aussi marquer l'arrivée lundi au Canada du rapporteur spécial de l'ONU sur les droits des populations autochtones. Le professeur de droit James Anaya vient dresser un constat de la situation précaire de ces communautés. Au cours de son séjour de neuf jours, il doit rencontrer des représentants autochtones et gouvernementaux.

Le mouvement a organisé une soixantaine d'activités au Canada, ainsi que des actes de solidarité dans une douzaine de pays. Parmi les événements prévus figurent un rassemblement éclair à Saskatoon, un pique-nique à Toronto et une manifestation devant le Parlement à Ottawa.

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Globe and Mail: Royal Proclamation's 250th anniversary has First Nations reflecting on their rights

Susan Levi-Peters easily rhymes off the names and dates of the many treaties her Mi'kmaq people signed with the Crowns of Europe and their emissaries, starting with Samuel de Champlain in the early 1600s.

The former chief of the Elsipogtog First Nation in New Brunswick, Ms. Levi-Peters has a medal that was presented to her ancestors by King Louis XV of France nearly 300 years ago. She brought it with her this week to Ottawa, where she took part in celebrations of the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation, the document signed by King George III of England that is regarded as a seminal declaration of the rights of indigenous peoples.

But as Ms. Levi-Peters was listening to politicians praise the relationship between the First Nations and the rest of Canada, her people back home were fighting to keep a resource company from conducting seismic testing on land near their reserve. New Brunswick Premier David Alward stepped in, and it was agreed Monday that a working group would be established to mediate the dispute. Meanwhile, the First Nations protest group Idle No More held a number of demonstrations in Canada and around the world on Monday, also timed for the proclamations anniversary.

The promises of the Royal Proclamation are absolutely pertinent to what is going on in Elsipogtog, Ms. Levi-Peters said. Under the 1763 treaty, she said in a telephone interview, it specifically states that, in order for anybody to buy or do anything to First Nation land, they would have to go through the Crown but also through the Indians in a public forum.

The battle between the Elsipogtog and SWN Resources, whose officials did not return calls Monday, has been going on for three years. SWN has been trying to test for shale gas. The Elsipogtog say the testing will ultimately lead to fracking, which, they argue, could cause the irreparable environmental degradation of their reserve and the surrounding area.

This year, they resorted to a series of roadblocks in an effort to keep SWN workers from their task. There have been multiple arrests and the situation is very volatile, said Ms. Levi-Peters, who accuses the company of failing to consult with the First Nation. My people don't want the fracking of shale gas or testing or exploration or anything of that form, she said.

But native activists say the situation is emblematic of the confrontations that have erupted between the First Nations and the resource industry. And it is why the Royal Proclamation, which states that all land in North America belongs to indigenous people until it is ceded by treaty, is held out by First Nations as a foundation of their rights.

At a symposium held Monday in Gatineau, Que., to mark the proclamation's anniversary, Governor-General David Johnston described the document as a framework of values or principles that has given us a navigational map over the course of the past two-and-a-half centuries.

And Bernard Valcourt, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, said it lays out the duty our government has to consult with and work alongside First Nation peoples but also to protect aboriginal rights across Canada.

As part of the Idle No More demonstrations on Monday, one of the group's affiliates delivered a message to SWN's head office in Houston that requested all projects near Elsipogtog come to a halt until the First Nations have been adequately consulted.

What we're saying is, Why test?' Ms. Levi-Peters said. We're not going to let you frack anyway. We have researched it and studied it and we cannot see a safe way of it being done.

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Globe and Mail: Widening education gap leaves aboriginal Canadians further behind

The number of aboriginal people with university degrees has nearly doubled over the past decade, yet the gap in education levels between aboriginal and other Canadians has only grown wider.

Closing that gap is one of Canada's greatest public-policy challenges. New projections show that under current conditions the post-secondary attainment of aboriginal Canadians will not catch up to the rest of the population any time soon. At best, progress is stagnant; at worst, it's showing alarming signs of decline, according to research by Catherine Gordon and Jerry White of Western University.

Much of that is due to the very high rates at which non-aboriginal Canadians are furthering their schooling. Already so far behind to begin with, aboriginals are struggling to keep up, even while making tremendous strides. However, it's still true today that nearly 40 per cent of aboriginal Canadians didn't finish high school.

There's some incredible progress but it's still not enough, not nearly enough, especially with the demographic wave that's going to come, said Don Drummond, former chief economist at TD Bank and a public policy fellow at Queen's University. Mr. Drummond is one of the organizers of a conference on aboriginal education and employment in Toronto Monday that produced new research papers on the subject.

We're only seven years away from 30 per cent of the school-age children in Saskatchewan and Manitoba being aboriginal. That's just absolutely staggering. I don't think we've reckoned with that, with how that could and should shape the economy, Mr. Drummond said.

You can't pick up a newspaper without hearing this cry about the shortage of workers and we've got this huge demographic group that's not fully engaged and in many respects not getting more engaged. There's just something wrong with this model and a good part of what's wrong is on the education front.

Over the next 10 years, aboriginal young people will make up a significant portion of new entrants in the labour market. Whether they enter as skilled workers with post-secondary qualifications or as high-school dropouts will have an impact on Canada's economy, particularly in parts of Western Canada, where the labour supply is tight and aboriginal populations are concentrated.

The major issue is high school completion. As TD economists Francis Fong and Sonya Gulati put it in a research report released Monday, there is a crying need to boost high school completion rates. Those who complete high school tend to go on to post-secondary at rates not that different from the rest of the population. But how to get there?

The challenges are complex. Funding for schools on reserve lags that of other schools by roughly 30 per cent. The legacy of trauma and substance abuse wrought by the residential schools continues to cascade down the generations. Poverty is endemic in many communities. The government is expected to table a First Nations Education Act when Parliament returns, but the proposal has met with resistance from some aboriginal groups, who say it was produced with too little consultation.

In many ways, aboriginal women are leading the charge in higher education. They are twice as likely as aboriginal men to have completed a university degree. What their patterns of schooling have shown, though, is that they are much more likely to obtain new diplomas and degrees through their 30s, rather than their early 20s. It's not uncommon for aboriginal women to start their families, then go back to school later.

The research also produced new insights into the fields of work of aboriginal graduates. Aboriginal university graduates

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are vastly overrepresented in education, health and the public sector, according to data pulled from the National Household Survey. That may not be a bad thing those jobs tend to be stable and well-compensated but it could be an indication of barriers to employment in other industries, according to the research by TD.

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The Prince George Citizen: P.G. centre of First Nations summit

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The ambassador of Japan will be in Prince George this week, along with former Ontario premier and interim Liberal Party of Canada leader Bob Rae, several industrial personalities and a who's who of national aboriginal leaders.

They are gathering with a wide array of local aboriginal representatives to wrestle out loud with one of the most complex issues to ever face area First Nations: what to do with the great power and great risk of immanent industrial development.

"It's to bring all our First Nations communities together to discuss how these megaprojects might affect our territories," said Terry Teegee, elected chief of the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council, the group spearheading the summit. All in attendance are invited guests for large but closed-door sessions.

The most pressing single topic, Teegee said, was liquified natural gas (LNG). "When you think of the northeast and all the concerns there around fracking [fracturing shale rock deep underground to get at sequestered gas] and the whole extraction process, all the north-central region having to consider pipelines cutting across their territories, and the west coast First Nations dealing with the shipping aspect, we all have different concerns depending on where you are, but we are linked by the overall issue."

In order to develop a unified voice where possible and also identify the points of nation-to-nation disagreement, the summit will call out all the key issues related to LNG and industrial development in general.

One general point of agreement already know, said Teegee, is the intention of all northern B.C. First Nations to assert their legal jurisdiction. Since almost no treaties exist between themselves and the federal/provincial bodies that claim to own these resources, they are preparing to make it clear that such assumptions are not their view and they are willing to take preventative actions on projects that don't meet their indigenous approval.

"The communities I represent do not think the current regulatory process has enough consultation and does not adequately look at environmental concerns," said Teegee.

He stressed, though, that the summit was intended to be a talking circle, not a call to oppose industry. There are benefits to resource development, he said, but there had to be a better set of government-to-government discussions about sharing the wealth and the risks instead of downloading the consultation obligations to individual companies.

The North Central Local Government Association - the collective of municipalities and regional districts across the same affected region - applauded the summit.

"The First Nations LNG Summit is yet another example of how First Nations are leading the way when it comes to balancing economic growth and environmental stewardship," said association executive director Oliver Ray. "But more than that, by bringing together such a comprehensive list of First Nation representatives, the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council has clearly illustrated an irrefutable fact: there is strength in numbers."

The fact the ambassador of Japan, Norohiro Okuda, sees the benefits for his country in attending the summit is the best illustration of just how globally critical this region is, said Teegee. What used to be just forestry, then coal, making other nations look here for investment, now it is a full array of resource products, the largest of which is LNG.

Ray said there was broad consensus among northern municipalities that addressing the relationship with our region's

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First Nations was critical to success for all.

"In the past, aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities in northern B.C. have often acted independently when dealing with industry or senior levels of government. That's changing," he said. "Repeated recognition of aboriginal rights and title in the courts, and the heartbreaking but necessary work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission have gone a long way in setting the stage for a brighter future. The legacy of residential schools and the effects of colonialism have affected our ability to find common ground. To put things in context, 10 years ago, almost everyone attending a summit like this was alive when it was illegal for aboriginal people to vote. But there is a generational shift at play now, and we're seeing some real signs of progress. More than ever, old attitudes are being replaced with optimism and a willingness to work side by side."

When First Nations members are seen not as neighbours but as peers and partners, perhaps even part of the industrial development sector, while at the same time non-aboriginal people agree that environmental concerns are afoot as much or more than money matters, it makes the complexity of land-use management and resource developments impossible to understand without a shared approach, said Ray. He added that the association is as much a representative of First Nations governments as it is for mainstream municipalities.

The First Nations LNG Summit happens Wednesday and Thursday in Prince George.

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CP: B.C. treaty report criticizes federal and provincial commitment to "get it done"

B.C. treaty report criticizes federal and provincial commitment to "get it done"

VICTORIA - British Columbia's chief treaty commissioner says the federal and B.C. governments are erecting barriers to negotiations in the First Nations treaty-settlement process.

Sophie Pierre says both the B.C. Liberal government and the Conservatives in Ottawa are more interested never-ending studies and short-term deals than getting the job finished. Pierre makes the claims in today's release of the B.C. Treaty Commission's annual report.

In the report's introduction, she says the federal government goes to great lengths to study treaty-related issues while avoiding sitting down to negotiate final land-claims settlements.

Pierre says the B.C. government appears to have shifted its treaty focus to reaching short-term economic deals with First Nations rather than long-term, complete treaty settlements that provide certainty for First Nations and Canadians.

She notes there hasn't been a formal meeting between the federal and provincial governments and First Nations leadership since May 2012.

The B.C. treaty commission was formed in September 1992 to oversee a treaty negotiation process that involves First Nations and the federal and B.C. governments.

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MONTRÉAL, le 8 oct. 2013 /CNW Telbec/ - Le chef du PVQ, Alex Tyrrell, était présent sur les lieux lors de l'intervention.

Il tient à transmettre le message suivant : "Idle No More est un mouvement pacifique et la confiscation brutale d'un tipi symbolique du 250ième anniversaire de la Proclamation royale est un geste colonial, sans respect et qui n'a pas sa place au Québec en 2013 ."

Le PVQ prône une relation de nation à nation avec les peuples autochtones.

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Northern Journal: Premier releases departmental design for post-devolution

Premier releases departmental design for post-devolution

by Meagan Wohlberg

The GNWT is preparing to bring in over 130 federal employees.

An organizational chart has been released and a deputy minister named for the brand new Lands department, responsible for taking over federal responsibility for land use planning and administration following final devolution on Apr. 1, 2014.

The new department will be established to "support, manage, protect and administer" public lands in the NWT and will see Mark Warren at the helm for the time being, as the premier waits to appoint a minister to the portfolio.

Warren, who has 20 years' management experience in the territorial departments of Aboriginal Affairs, the NWT Housing Corp., Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) and the department of the Executive, will officially begin his job on Apr. 1 of next year.

According to Premier Bob McLeod, he was chosen for his experience leading the development of the territorial Land Use and Sustainability Framework over the last two years, along with past work on the NWT Water Stewardship Strategy, Waste Reduction Recovery Program, and Greenhouse Gas and Biomass Strategies.

His team was also responsible for negotiating five land-claim processes on behalf of the GNWT.

"Mr. Warren will be responsible for ensuring that decision-making about land management recognizes Aboriginal and treaty rights as well as third-party interests; takes ecological, spiritual, cultural, recreational and economic values into consideration; is a shared responsibility across the NWT; and is clear, transparent, consistent and communicated," McLeod said in a news release last week.

While new lands-related responsibilities will be devolved from Canada, the department will also be in charge of duties having to do with Commissioner's Lands currently handled by the NWT department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA).

Those administrative roles will include land inventories, leases, dispositions, valuations, survey applications and mapping, along with sustainability guidelines and policies, major project assessments, regional land use planning and enforcement measures, including inspections.

MACA will continue to be responsible for community governance, sports and recreation, youth and emergency management, including the office of the fire marshall.

MACA will not be the only existing department to change following devolution. Details of the new ENR and Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) organizational structures were also made public last week.

Though the high level organizational design, reported first to The Journal in January, indicated that ITI would likely be split up into two separate departments one with a focus primarily on natural resource development and the other on building local business capacity and tourism that is no longer the case.

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"The changes will happen within the existing ITI," said Zoe Raemer, direction of planning and communications for devolution with the GNWT. "As planning continued on, it seemed to make sense to continue the synergies that were already established within ITI."

The new ITI will pick up programs and services related to mineral and petroleum exploration and development, like managing land tenure and resource rights, royalties and resource policy through the Mackenzie Valley Petroleum Planning Office, along with Aboriginal consultation requirements associated with resource development.

ENR will integrate new responsibilities for water regulation, forest management, protected areas, wildlife, traditional knowledge and climate change, among others, and take over responsibility for the Taiga Environmental Laboratory. It will also be responsible for the inspection and enforcement of leases, licenses and permits.

Some 113 federal employees were sent job offers from the territorial government last Tuesday in preparation for the transfer of federal responsibilities next April.

More offers are yet to go out, as the government of the Northwest Territories expects around 130 jobs currently under the purview of the federal department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANDC) to transfer to the territory.

"We recognize and value the knowledge and experience of the federal employees currently doing this work and look forward to welcoming them into the GNWT," Minister of Human Resources Glen Abernethy said in a press release. "We have built a structure that combines the strengths of both organizations, including our existing skilled and experienced staff."

Federal employees will have 60 days, or until Dec. 2, to decide whether or not to take the job, though the majority are expected to make the move.

The GNWT will also conduct a recruitment campaign to fill new positions created through devolution, and hopes to fill as many as possible from within the NWT, though the department of Human Resources noted some southern recruiting would likely occur for jobs requiring specialized technical knowledge.

Devolution officials could still not say exactly how many positions would be located in communities outside of Yellowknife.

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Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal: Fitting the Ring

Fitting the Ring

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

IN declaring that the Ring of Fire mining belt is not a "magic bullet" for surrounding First Nations poverty, Bob Rae is not pouring cold water on the prospect of prosperity. Instead, the former politician hired to negotiate involvement of nine Matawa tribal council bands is confirming what needs doing to make the most of it. Mining riches will not simply "trickle down" to reserves, he told a Toronto conference. Rather, improved education, job training tailored to mining and better governance are essential.

If this sounds familiar, it still bears repeating. Some First Nations have jumped into mutually beneficial agreements with mining companies. Others remain wary, fearing a lop-sided sharing of spoils from a deposit of chromite and other minerals worth billions. First Nations and many Canadians have environmental concerns.

Apprehension is understandable given the North's resource history of enriching companies while often ignoring First Nations.

Gradually, Canada's approach has changed with court rulings that specify the need for consultation first. As Northern Development and Mines Minister Michael Gravelle put it in an interview with Mining Weekly Online, "What we're talking about is a smart, sustainable and collaborative development" that brings "multigenerational value."

Hiring Rae was a good move by Matawa. In both provincial and federal roles Rae has taken an intense interest in aboriginal affairs. He announced early support for native Canadians' "inherent right to self-government," worked to help six bands in Northern Ontario gain reserve status and pushed for native rights in constitutional reforms. Rae brings credibility to any table, as does former Supreme Court justice Frank Iacobucci who negotiates for the province. Placing non-aboriginals in charge may seem counter-intuitive but it ensures that negotiations can proceed without the distraction of years of mistrust.

Former Assembly of First Nations national chief Phil Fontaine has said that a new era of trust must be earned both ways. Stressing the need for government and miners to understand the importance of cultivating relationships with First Nations, Fontaine advises companies to be patient with the process. "But they should be able to expect the same respect from the First Nations in return. This isn't just a one-way street; if we require companies to be respectful, trusting and open, then First Nations communities should respond in kind."

Rae said he understands why Cliffs Natural Resources, the Ring's key player, has stepped back from the complex environmental assessment process until methods of dealing with First Nations are clarified. At the same time, Cliffs and other players are anxious to get First Nations involved in training for jobs. Rae says that while there's an understanding that more opportunities for training and education need to be in place, "we also know that it will take time."

Federal job training help, smooth provincial guidance of land and mining regulations and active First Nations involvement in all of the preparations are needed. Having it all happen at once is proving to be harder than anticipated but there is enough will among key players to make it happen.

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Winnipeg Free Press: Idle No More rally connects past, present

Royal Proclamation of 1763 linked to environmental laws

Every time the drum sounded Monday evening outside the Manitoba legislature, the crowd of aboriginal and non-aboriginal people at the Idle No More rally closed in on it. The sound of the beat and the nearly instinctive movement from the crowd of more than 200 in response was almost visceral.

The rally was called to mark the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763, but it was the reality of 21st-century Canada many said they were reacting to in Winnipeg. The rally focused on the links between Canada's environmental laws and the historic document.

The Winnipeg event was one many held in cities across Canada to recognize the document that shaped the relationship between Canada's aboriginal people and the British Crown, resulting in protections enshrined in Canada's Constitution.

"These laws aren't just affecting First Nations and Idle No More. They're affecting everybody," said rally organizer Michael Kannon.

He referred to federal policies that dismantled environmental laws last winter. The proclamation affirms the sovereignty of Canada's aboriginal peoples.

"We are going to tell the truth about the lands, the waters and our relationship with each other," Kannon said.

The event drew mostly aboriginal people, but also a number of non-aboriginals, too.

Among the speakers were Manitoba's Grand Chief Derek Nepinak, former NDP MP Judy Wasylycia-Leis and city councillor Ross Eadie.

"As long as the sun shines and the grass grows, the proclamation must prevail," Wasylycia-Leis told the crowd.

"One of the biggest problems in this country," added Eadie, "is we as non-native people don't understand what happened, what is the history and who owns the land."

Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs leader Derek Nepinak mounted the legislature steps in a ball cap and black hoodie, his daughter, Rebecca Svens, standing at the foot of the steps as he spoke.

"In the last year since Idle No More picked up steam, it's caused a la lot of people in leadership to take inventory about what we're doing," Nepinak said.

The message of the movement is changing the way First Nations leaders are responding to government and industry, especially regarding resource extraction including mining and the debate over gas and oil pipelines, he said.

"We have the power as indigenous people to make a final determination on any energy project," Nepinak said.

Organizer Ashlyn Haglund said if it weren't for Idle No More, she wouldn't even be aware there are no consultations planned for Winnipeg under proposed plans to build the Trans-Canada East pipeline, even though it's to be built within 50 kilometres of Shoal Lake, Winnipeg's water supply.

"There's no consultation even though that pipeline is going that close to our water supply," Haglund said.

Northern Manitoba Grand Chief David Harper, meanwhile, led a delegation in London, England that toured the House of

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Lords and put on cultural performances, including a hoop dance outside Buckingham Palace Monday.

"We're doing some campaigning, some awareness of our issues in Canada and we're getting a lot of traction," Harper said from London.

The delegation will meet with High Commissioner Gordon Campbell in the morning to discuss opening an office in London for First Nations to pursue trade and investment, such as eco-tourism, Harper said.

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Marketwired: First Nations "Go Undercover" to Ask World's Largest Oil Tanker Companies Who's Responsible for Spill Clean-Up Costs in Canada

Opinion from Canada's top maritime lawyer and oil pollution liability expert contradicts Harper government's claim that taxpayers would not be "on the hook."

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Oct. 8, 2013) - The President of the Canadian Maritime Law Association, John O'Connor, says the Canadian government would be responsible for any cleanup costs that exceed $1.4 billion in the event of a "huge" oil spill, directly contradicting claims by Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver that any cleanup bill would be the responsibility of vessel operators and not Canadian taxpayers.

The opinion from O'Connor, which was sent to one of the world's largest oil tanker companies, was obtained by the Coastal First Nations through an undercover investigation into oil tanker ownership, liability and insurance practices, and has been made into a new television ad, released on the same day Minister Oliver is in BC to meet with First Nations leaders:

http://youtu.be/zE4Huk9zYV4

"The federal government is lying to Canadians when it says taxpayers will not be responsible for oil spill cleanup costs," says Art Sterritt, Executive Director of the Coastal First Nations. "As it turns out, the oil tanker companies and Canada's top maritime lawyer and oil pollution liability expert, know this claim is false."

The Exxon Valdez and Deepwater Horizon incidents have cost as much as $7 billion and $40 billion respectively, and Simon Fraser University Professor, Dr. Thomas Gunton, has estimated an Exxon-size spill in BC could cost as much as $22.7 billion.

Posing as a pipeline research company, the Coastal First Nations approached six of the world's top Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) oil tanker companies with questions about insurance and liability. VLCC's are the type of oil tankers the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline would bring into BC's coastal waters.

Through a series of emails and phone calls, the group discovered the following:

1. Many public and privately owned VLCC tanker companies are unaware of plans to export diluted bitumen to Canada's west coast, raising questions as to whether Enbridge has been in conversation with the operators of VLCC's to determine operational information for marine navigation plans.

2. Several tanker companies asked for material and safety data sheets for diluted oil sands bitumen, suggesting they were unfamiliar with the product and its handling and transportation requirements.

3. Each oil tanker is owned by a limited-liability company that shields the names of its shareholders and directors. These companies are often registered in Panama, Liberia or the Marshall Islands, and are intended to protect their owners from liability in the event of a maritime incident.

The Coastal First Nations are also releasing a short web video, exposing these "flag of convenience" ships and the threat they pose to taxpayers and BC's coastal waters:

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http://youtu.be/5VROwlcKTM4

"Our research shows that it would be next to impossible to recover additional oil spill cleanup costs from oil tanker companies," says Sterritt. "It's time the Conservative government came clean with Canadians about the true cost of an oil spill in BC's coastal waters, and the truth is the cost is too high."

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La grève derrière les barreaux
Simon est en dedans depuis deux ans pour avoir commis plusieurs vols, il en a encore pour trois ans. Il a fini son secondaire à distance, aimerait bien faire son cégep. «Il y avait le collège Marie-Victorin qui offrait le cours par correspondance, mais on ne peut plus le faire maintenant. J'ai même proposé que mes parents payent pour l'inscription et les livres, ça a été refusé.» Pour passer le temps, il fait des cours au secondaire qui ne l'intéressent pas vraiment, mais qui lui permettent de maintenir le «grade de paye». Il y a cinq grades, de A à E, ceux qui sont occupés à temps plein sont A, les inactifs, E. Simon est au grade A, il travaille à temps partiel en plus de ses cours. Il est au sommet de l'échelle salariale, qui n'a pas bougé depuis 30 ans, à 6,90 $ par jour. La moyenne est de 3 $. Il a suivi d'autres cours, dont «le programme de violence» pour apprendre à respirer par le nez. Il y a deux niveaux, modéré et élevé, deux à six mois en petits groupes. Simon a fait six mois, il a attendu un an sur une liste d'attente. Le cours est très couru, «c'est rendu des fois deux ans d'attente». Sauf que, «maintenant, quand tu es sur la liste d'attente, tu n'es plus considéré comme impliqué dans ta réhabilitation. Ce n'est quand même pas de notre faute s'il n'y a pas de place dans le programme». Et, quand un détenu n'est pas impliqué dans sa réhabilitation, il est rétrogradé. Jusqu'en septembre, il restait à Simon 52 $ par deux semaines après les retenues à la source pour le câble et un loyer symbolique. Le 1er octobre, le loyer symbolique a été augmenté et, bientôt, un montant sera prélevé pour l'entretien du système téléphonique. Il restera à Simon entre 35 $ et 40 $ par deux semaines. La mesure dégagera des économies de 4 millions sur un

budget de 2,6 milliards $. [...] Dans plusieurs pénitenciers du pays, la réduction du salaire a été la goutte qui a fait déborder le vase. «Nos représentants [choisis par l'administration] sont allés leur dire qu'on faisait la grève.» Depuis, les détenus de Donnacona sont dans leur cellule 23 heures sur 24. Le **porte-parole du ministre Steven Blaney** a dit que la grève était «***un affront à ceux qui travaillent fort, qui ne violent pas les lois***». La Presse (Le Soleil)

Sex offender registry plan raises privacy concerns
Thanks to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice, we know an awful lot about gas station attendant Anthony (Tony) Gladle. We know that he's 29 years old, white, six feet tall and weighs a lean 150 pounds. We know his eyes are hazel, his hair brown. He has tattoos on his arms, hands and knees and, from his mug shot, we can see he wears glasses and has a goatee. We know he drives a blue 1999 Chevy Silverado pickup truck to his job at Sharlow's Gas Station on Highway 37, just across the St. Lawrence from Morrisburg. And we also know Gladle resides at 53 Franklin St. in Waddington, N.Y., making him the closest convicted U.S. sex offender to Ottawa - 72.5 kilometres from the police station on Elgin Street, to be precise. The astounding level of personal detail about a private citizen comes via New York's online sex offender registry and is available to anyone with an Internet connection and a bit of curiosity. Gladle is one of 275 registered New York state sex offenders who, a Citizen analysis found, are living within a 100-kilometre radius of Ottawa, not including those in the prison or the psychiatric hospital near the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge. That figure does not include an unknown number of Canadian sex offenders who live in Ottawa or somewhere between here and the U.S. border, as we have no idea who they are or where they're located - at least not yet. Those criminals are listed in the National Sex Offender Registry, maintained by the RCMP, but the data are private, for police eyes only, and certainly not searchable online. Last month, however, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said his government plans to strengthen penalties for sex offences against children and also create a public registry of Canadian sex offenders. Details of Harper's registry plan were not provided, but it is expected to figure in the throne speech Wednesday. [...] The database would be administered by the RCMP, Harper said. He didn't identify who and what would be included in the registry, or whether it would apply to offenders convicted in the past. A spokesman for **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said those details will come when the legislation is introduced after the throne speech. Ottawa Citizen, A3

Canadian-born man seeks answers from federal court
A Canadian-born criminal who served his sentence claims the Conservative government has trampled his constitutional rights by trying to render him stateless and force him out of the country. Deepan Budlakoti was born in Ontario and once issued a Canadian passport, but is now deemed a non-citizen by the government, which is trying to expel him to India. In the latest bizarre twist, Mr. Budlakoti wants a federal judge to rule that he is "a Canadian citizen" and stop the efforts of federal ministers to render him "stateless, contrary to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms." "It's insane that the Harper government is taking this position against a Canadian-born man who has lived his entire life here," said Yavar Hameed, the attorney representing Mr. Budlakoti, 23. The government must respond to the suit by next week. "They're picking on me because I'm not white," said Mr. Budlakoti. "Since I'm brown, they made the assumption that 'this guy might not be a citizen.'" Mr. Budlakoti spent two years in prison after convictions for weapons and drug offences. His sentence ended in December, 2012. While he was in prison, citizenship officials began an attempt to remove him permanently to India and kept him in detention for months after his sentence was completed. "They're treating me like a second-class citizen, they've taken everything from me, my passport, my ability to work. I had to go to federal court just to get a work permit," said Mr. Budlakoti, in an interview. He's still awaiting a new social insurance number after Ottawa voided his original. [...] The government has "intentionally and in bad faith concealed information from [Mr. Budlakoti] regarding his case and has misled the Canadian public about [his] status in Canada while conspiring with the **Minister of Public Safety** to remove [Mr. Budlakoti] from Canada," claims the federal court filing which seeks a declaration that Mr. Budlakoti "is a Canadian citizen." The government has yet to respond. Globe and Mail, A19

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*** Les nouveaux vaccins sont prêts**

La campagne annuelle de vaccination contre la grippe débutera le 1 er novembre, confirme l'infirmière-conseil responsable de la campagne à l'Agence de la santé et des services sociaux du Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean, Linda Gagnon. La formulation de ce nouveau vaccin reprend en grande partie les mêmes souches que l'an dernier, à l'exception de l'une d'entre elles. «La souche A H1N1 est la California, la même qu'on avait dans le vaccin de l'an dernier et c'est la même chose pour la A H3N2 Victoria. La souche B, par contre, est une nouvelle souche appelée. Massachusetts», souligne-telle. Elle rappelle qu'il est nécessaire d'ajuster le vaccin chaque année étant donné que le virus de l'Influenza est reconnu pour son évolution constante. «Il y a, chaque année, des petites différences qui peuvent apparaître et modifier le virus en circulation, c'est pourquoi le vaccin doit changer aussi.» Agence QMI (Journal de Quéebec), S3

*** Three years after U.S. oil spill, Enbridge is still cleaning up**
Rick Frey keeps a watchful eye on the metal cross his friends are fixing to the front of the village's Baptist church with the help of a crane truck. Behind the old wooden temple, grass slopes gently down to the banks of the Kalamazoo River. The idling truck mixes with the groan of heavy equipment on the water as workers dredge the river for oil. Enbridge is still cleaning up here, more than three years after its Marshall, Mich.-area pipeline ruptured, spewing 843,000 gallons (3,200,000 litres) of heavy Alberta diluted bitumen over 60 kilometres of water. The Canadian company's plan to reverse flow and increase capacity in a pipeline that runs through rural Hamilton has shone a renewed spotlight on the Michigan disaster of 2010. Opponents of the Line 9 project argue the Kalamazoo spill could easily happen in southern Ontario. Enbridge, however, says it has learned its lessons and rejects comparisons between the two pipelines. Enbridge is seeking the National Energy Board's green light for its Line 9 plan with hearings under way in Toronto this week. Hamilton Spectator, A1

*** Line 9 - The project, the debate and the hearings**
Enbridge wants to reverse the flow and increase the capacity of Line 9, which runs from Sarnia to Montreal via a pumping station hub in Westover. Instead of transporting oil from east to west, the Canadian company plans to flow product from west to east through 830 kilometres of pipe. Enbridge already has National Energy Board approval to reverse flow in the leg of pipe from Sarnia to Westover. However, it needs approval to do the same for the section of Line 9 that runs from Westover to Montreal. That span of the 30-inch-diameter pipe is called Line 9B. Additionally, Enbridge wants to increase capacity to 300,000 barrels a day from 240,000. With the increased capacity and reversal, Line 9, which has operated since 1976, will be able to move western Canadian crude from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta, including the heavier, more viscous oilsands product, which is called diluted bitumen or dilbit, to refineries in Eastern Canada. Enbridge plans to increase capacity by using a drag reducing agent, which it says is a "tested and safe polymer compound." The agent will be injected into the oil, allowing it to move with less friction. The company intends to modify or replace some existing equipment and install pumps and piping at its facilities. Hamilton Spectator, A6

*** Protection from rising waters**
The threat of fire tops the list of potential worries for many homeowners. However, it is the increasing prevalence of overland flooding across Canada that has sounded an alarm for the insurance industry. "Ask the typical homeowner if they have flood insurance and most will say they think so, but few will know the details," Ken Myers, the newly minted president of the Insurance Brokers Association of Canada, said Tuesday. "The reality is there is no specific option for overland flooding protection for homeowners insurance in Canada," Myers, with Gateway Insurance Brokers Ltd., in Halifax, said in an interview. The insurance industry is keen to generate a national debate on the costs of flood damage, and how homeowners can be fairly and adequately protected in the future. Overland flood damage is caused by water that pours in the basement windows of homes, from overflowing rivers and lakes and, sometimes, from the ocean. Chronicle Herald, B1

*** Unprepared businesses at risk of failing after an earthquake**
A Canadian insurance executive is warning B.C. businesses to prepare, in the event of an earthquake, "for the worst-case scenario. "Then consider something worse, and plan for that." While much of the concern about a West coast earthquake has centred on school safety and whether families have prepared household emergency kits, less discussed are the business disruptions that are likely. And so,

the Board of Trade on Thursday is hosting Steve Yendall, western region VP for RSA Insurance, to address this topic at a luncheon gathering... The report by the 15-year old institute notes natural disasters are occurring these days with more frequency and severity. Vancouver is at risk of a major earthquake. Companies in this city that prepare for a Big One will have a much better chance of reopening and surviving financially. So planners recommend business owners engage in emergency planning and designate specific employees to assume responsibilities in a crisis. Vancouver Sun, C3

*** Quake knowledge sadly lacking**
An opinion piece states, "In my line of work, we discuss earthquake preparedness with British Columbians every day and we are worried that many people living in the highest earthquake risk areas in Canada seem to have some dangerous knowledge gaps around preparedness. We recently tested our theory through independent research among more than 1,000 people living in southwestern B.C. The results were concerning. Three quarters of people expect their home could be damaged by an earthquake, yet 78 per cent don't know how to prepare their home. Most know the likelihood of a significant earthquake hitting, yet 65 per cent don't know the best way to stay safe. You can take the quiz yourself at bcaa.com/earthquake. Overall, British Columbians scored a disheartening D grade for their preparedness knowledge and that's something we want to help improve. We'd expected to find people weren't prepared but what alarmed us was that people didn't know how to prepare. We seem to have uncovered a large threat to our province's ability to recover from a significant earthquake: complacency. According to Natural Resources Canada (2010), there's at least a 30 per cent chance of an earthquake large enough to cause significant property damage striking southwestern B.C. in the next 50 years. Just one year ago, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit off Haida Gwaii; the same area saw a 6.1 quake just last month..." Vancouver Sun, A17

*** Alberta flood victims to start paying rent**
Flood victims in temporary accommodations in southern Alberta will begin paying rent next month. Municipal Affairs Minister Doug Griffiths says the province only promised rent-free living for three months to allow residents to get back on their feet following the June disaster. Payments kick in Nov. 15 and will vary depending on the number of people in a household. They will be $627 a month for one adult up to just more than $1,200 for a family of four. Canadian Press (Postmedia News), A8

*** Chatham reviewing service outsourcing**
Outsourcing some emergency communications needs more study to get a better grip on cost comparisons, the local police board heard Tuesday. Sheri Oliphant, manager of the emergency communications centre, presented a report on the history of the service, call volumes and a private provider. Oliphant said a company that started in Sudbury in 1954 as a messaging and alarm monitoring service for public and private clients has now evolved to include fire dispatch and emergency 911 call answering and routing services. The emergency communications centre costs about $800,000 a year to operate, Chatham-Kent police Chief Dennis Poole said. QMI Agency (London Free Press, A4)

*** Alberta leads in buying power**
The Prairie provinces led consumer spending growth during the third quarter, with Alberta at the top. Moneris Solutions Corp. said yearover-year spending in Alberta increased 7.2 per cent, despite the June floods. Manitoba and Saskatchewan followed, with spending increases of 6.6 per cent and 6.5 per cent, respectively. "While, in general, Alberta tends to be a strong-performing province when it comes to consumer spending, increased purchasing activities among Albertans shopping for items lost or damaged as a result of the floods could have contributed to the overall third quarter spending increase in the province," said Moneris, Canada's largest credit and debit card processor. Calgary Herald, F5

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Blind man's bluff with would-be foreign investors
One day we will have a full reckoning of the damage done to Canada's economy as this government wanders about in search of a mandate, a philosophy or a clue. In the meantime, investors in this country should be on notice. Their assets are protected by neither law nor policy, but are vulnerable to whatever

whim or grudge crosses the government's mind. They may be confiscated, in whole or in part, at any time and for any reason. Or, indeed, for no reason. The latest example of the Harper government's arbitrary, not to say capricious approach to foreign investment, is last week's sudden decision vetoing the $520-million sale of Allstream, Manitoba Telecom Services' struggling network subsidiary, to Accelero Capital, controlled by the Egyptian billionaire Naguib Sawiris. The official explanation, such as it was, was contained in a brief statement issued late last Monday - that's how this government operates, it seems: in the dead of night - by the industry minister, James Moore. The deal was nixed, it said, under the "national security provisions of the Investment Canada Act." Just what threat it posed to national security was left unsaid, aside from the bland observation that "MTS Allstream operates a national fibre-optic network that provides critical telecommunications services to businesses and governments, including the Government of Canada." National security is a legitimate issue, especially when it comes to telecom networks. A rash of recent incidents of cyber-hacking by foreign powers - well, also by Canada, if the complaints of the Brazilian government are to be believed - make that clear. Calgary Herald

Ottawa to consider national security in a BlackBerry sale

The federal government will be watching for any national security implications in the event that BlackBerry Ltd. is sold, says Treasury Board President Tony Clement. Speaking on the sidelines of the Government Technology Exhibition and Conference – where technology companies present their products to government officials – Mr. Clement said Ottawa's position for now is to let events play out. "What we want is obviously a stable environment," he said, when asked if the government wants BlackBerry to remain Canadian-owned. "I think that we'll let the marketplace respond. We have a role to play obviously, which involves national security and making sure that what occurs is in the public interest and we take that responsibility seriously. It's not my place here to speculate on what would or would not be inside or offside that. So we'll let it play out in the marketplace and if and when the government has to respond, we certainly will." Earlier this week, Ottawa rejected a proposed foreign takeover of a division of Manitoba Telecom Services Inc. by Egypt's Accelero Capital Holdings on national security grounds. Federal Industry Minister James Moore issued a statement that said his decision was based on a review of the national security provisions of the Investment Canada Act, which governs foreign takeovers. The federal Industry Minister is the senior minister responsible for such decisions. Mr. Clement is a former industry minister. As President of the Treasury Board, he is responsible for government-wide information technology projects. Mr. Clement said the government remains hopeful that BlackBerry will "get through" its restructuring process. "They've got a lot of customers, tens of millions of customers around the world," he said. "They've had success in the past and we're all very hopeful that they will get through to the other side of what is going to be obviously a restructuring of their mission and of their product, whatever happens." Globe and Mail

Spurned Egyptian mad at us

Last week's decision by Industry Canada to spike the $520-million sale of MTS's Allstream division to the Paris- and Cairo-based private equity firm Accelero Capital has put MTS on its heels, but the real damage may come to Canada's reputation in the global investment community. MTS, the provincial telco, continues to maintain a dominant market position in Manitoba's wireless, television distribution and legacy home-phone business. But the corporation's ability to continue to maintain the financial flexibility to do all that and continue to pay a handsome stock dividend -- as well as finance its pension-solvency deficiencies -- is going to take a little more finesse now it still has Allstream on the books. Neither company executives nor equity analysts believe the company can go right back into the market to sell Allstream, a national fibre-optics network that provides voice and data services to large businesses across the country. MTS chief executive officer Pierre Blouin is putting on a brave face about the company's intent to forge ahead with growing Allstream's fibre-optics network and continuing to sign up more customers to its profitable Internet-protocol business. The Canadian government was one of Allstream's customers, and Accelero officials confirmed that even a pledge to pass that business to a competitor was not enough to assuage the government's "national security" concerns with the deal. There's been lots of heavy lifting by MTS in the past few years to shed parts of Allstream's business that were not so profitable, but there's plenty more work left to do. Regardless of the challenging position in which the federal decision has left MTS, the real consequence might be the aftershocks in terms of Canada's credibility as an attractive destination for foreign capital. After all, Naguib Sawiris, the chairman of Accelero, is a billionaire investor who has interests all over the world and is probably listened to by

other well-heeled foreign investors. And right now, Sawiris has nothing good to say about Canada. Winnipeg Free Press, B3

*** We need Brazil more than it needs us**
An opinion piece states, "Canada's spying saga against our Brazilian friends seems to have taken on a life of its own. And it could actually get a lot worse before it gets any better. The government's relations with Brasilia have had their fair share of ups and downs over the years. They were mostly frosty during the 1990s and 2000s as the bilateral relationship dealt with a series of major setbacks. There were stresses and strains over two Canadians doing hard time in a Brazilian prison for kidnapping and extortion, a long and bitter trade war over governmental aerospace/aircraft subsidies, and sharp differences of opinion over the extent of mad cow disease. This latest disruption hearkens back to these dark days in Canada-Brazil relations. Clearly, the stakes are far higher today. And Canada has more to lose. If Canadians don't already know it, Brazil is a player internationally. And they are a superpower among their Latin American neighbours. Economically, it has technological, manufacturing and resource development heft, 200 million people and a growing middle class, and tremendous upside and future potential. A strong and growing relationship with Brazil has much to offer Canada. It gives us an important linkage in the hemisphere and a critical anchor for an expanded Americas policy. Brazil, it should be said, would also serve as a key counterweight (and not just in multilateral institutions like the UN and the Organization of American States) in our relations with the United States." Ottawa Citizen

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Increasing Data Collection and Surveillance in the North American Homeland**
Some of the corporate interests that are steering the U.S.-Canada Beyond the Border integration agenda are not quite satisfied with its progress so far and they would like the implementation process to be accelerated. The bilateral initiative which was launched almost two years ago promotes a shared vision for perimeter security. It seeks to improve information sharing between security agencies. Under the agreement, both countries are moving towards a coordinated entry/exit system and are developing a harmonized cargo security strategy. In addition, the U.S. and Canada are strengthening integrated cross-border intelligence sharing and law enforcement operations. Canada's own electronic eavesdropping agency is also working hand and hand with the NSA. They are both increasing data collection and surveillance in the North American Homeland. (…) A controversial U.S.-Canada cross-border law enforcement initiative which is essentially a land based version of the Shiprider program has been delayed due to legal ramifications. Under the Beyond the Border perimeter security plan, the Next Generation pilot project which would create integrated teams in areas such as intelligence and criminal investigations was scheduled to be launched in the summer of 2012. According to an RCMP memo, the U.S. is demanding that its agents taking part in the bilateral undertaking be exempt from Canadian law. This has raised serious concerns about transparency, accountability and responsibility. It is yet another attempt by the U.S. to chip away at Canadian sovereignty. An article by Michael Harris warned that, "Once you give the U.S a platform to carry weapons and perform investigative duties inside our country, how far will they push the next envelope?" The pilot project is part of the process of further acclimating U.S. policing activities in Canada. As part of a North American security perimeter, both countries continue to expand the nature and scope of joint law enforcement operations, along with intelligence collection and sharing. Dissent Voice

*** Trois Granbyens arrêtés**
Trois Granbyens sont soupçonnés d'être impliqués dans une affaire de complot pour importer de la cocaïne en provenance du Panama en faisant entrer la drogue par l'aéroport Pierre-Élliott-Trudeau. La Gendarmerie Royale du Canada et l'Agence des services frontaliers ont toutefois contrecarré leur plan. Cette affaire a débuté en novembre 2012 lorsque les policiers des Services d'enquêtes fédérales aéroportuaires de la Gendarmerie Royale du Canada (GRC) ont intercepté Victor Manuel Patino Lucero, 32 ans, de Granby. Il a été arrêté à l'aéroport Pierre-Élliott-Trudeau avec plus de trois kilos de cocaïne dissimulée dans une valise à double fond. La drogue provenait du Panama. L'enquête a également permis d'arrêter un autre Granbyen, Yhonny Andres Estrada Restrepo, 26 ans, soupçonné d'être mêlé à

cette histoire. Les deux hommes ont été remis en liberté pour la suite des procédures. La GRC, en collaboration avec l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada, a poursuivi son investigation, ce qui a mené à l'arrestation de deux autres individus soupçonnés d'avoir comploté pour importer de la cocaïne au pays. Il s'agit du Granbyen Jorge Alberto Castrillon de Jésus, 21 ans, et Diego Fernando Contreras, 36 ans, de Saint-Hyacinthe. La Voix de l'Est, 13

Quebec men charged with importing cocaine from Peru in false-bottom suitcases
Two Quebec residents appeared for a bail hearing Tuesday in the St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., courthouse on charges of conspiracy to import cocaine into Canada from Peru. Diego Contreras, 36, of Saint-Hyacinthe, Que., and Jorge Castrillon de Jesus, 21, of Granby, Que., were arrested separately in the Calgary area last week and returned to Montreal under RCMP escort Thursday, an RCMP spokesman said. It is alleged that the two men, along with two other Quebecers, conspired to import cocaine into Canada through Trudeau International Airport in Montreal, Cpl. Luc Thibault said Tuesday. The conspiracy investigation was launched last November when Canada Border Services Agency officers discovered just over three kilograms of cocaine concealed in a suitcase with a false bottom compartment at the Montreal airport. National Post, A6 (Montreal Gazette)

*** Saskatoon man charged after child abducted from Ukraine**
An international investigation has led to the rescue of a two-year old girl from the Philippines after her Saskatoon father allegedly abducted her. Saskatoon police have charged 47-year-old Alexander Fiodor Levine with international parental abduction. Saskatoon police have said the child was left in the Philippines. He made a brief appearance via video link in Saskatoon provincial court on Tuesday. Levine was remanded until his next appearance Wednesday. (...)The investigation was a joint effort between the Saskatoon Police Service Sex Crimes and Child Abuse, Targeted Enforcement, Major Crime, Forensic Identification Unit and Tech Crimes Units, along with the RCMP National Missing Children Operations, the Canada Border Services Agency, Saskatchewan Justice and officials in the Philippines and Brazil. StarPhoenix; Leader-Post

*** Motorist helps collar border jumper**
RCMP officers have arrested a border runner with the help of an alert truck driver and a fortuitous traffic collision. At around 3 a.m. last Thursday, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officers at the Beaver Creek crossing refused entry to an American man because of his lengthy criminal record. The 40-year-old seemed to comply, and started driving back toward the U.S. border. He then made an abrupt U-turn and careened down the opposite side of the road, past the CBSA building and southbound on the Alaska Highway through the town of Beaver Creek, the RCMP said today. Const. Scott Guthrie began to patrol south from Beaver Creek along the highway after receiving the CBSA alert. He was later joined by Mounties from Haines Junction and Whitehorse. Whitehorse Daily Star, 2

*** Amende de 1500 $ pour ne pas avoir déclaré un fusil dans ses bagages**
Un individu du Texas, qui n'a pas déclaré être en possession d'une arme à feu en traversant la frontière néo-brunswickoise au poste douanier de Saint-Léonard en septembre, a écopé d'une amende de 1500 $, mardi, en Cour provinciale à Grand-Sault. John Stanley Wyckoff, 62 ans, faisait partie d'un groupe de motocyclistes qui est entré au Nouveau-Brunswick par la douane de Saint-Léonard il y a quelques semaines. Ses bagages se trouvaient dans une miniremorque tirée par son engin. Après inspection, les douaniers ont trouvé un fusil de calibre .38 dans ses bagages. Il n'était toutefois pas chargé et était entreposé dans un boîtier. L'Américain a expliqué que l'arme était une mesure de protection où il habite au Texas et a dit ne pas être au courant que les fusils de ce calibre sont prohibés au Canada. Pour cette «négligence», l'homme, qui était absent du tribunal, a été condamné à une amende de 1500 $ par le juge Paul Duffie. L'avocate qui le représentait avait en main un chèque de sa part pour acquitter la note. L'Acadie Nouvelle, 5

*** Dozens of travellers denied entry into Canada for variety of reasons**
With nearly 12,000 vehicles passing through the Canadian port of entry at North Portal in August, there were several incidents involving travellers and Canada Border Services Agency personnel that ended in

refusal of entry into Canada or fines and other penalties.There were other events reported at several other border points, as noted by CBSA officials in a recent media release.Some of the highlighted events at North Portal in August included a male traveller from Kentucky who attempted to enter Canada on Aug. 1 in an attempt to deliver goods to northern Alberta. Background checks on the driver revealed two convictions for manslaughter and murder. He was refused entry into Canada and was returned to the United States. On Aug. 2, a woman importing six puppies provided false receipts to CBSA officers, who learned the dogs were sold for $800 each, and they found the original receipts hidden in the vehicle. Estevan Mercury

The dangers of sanctuary

Hours before he was to be deported for spying on Chinese dissidents, Gankhuyag Bumuutseren walked into St. James Humber bay Anglican church in Toronto and claimed sanctuary. Canada border Services Agency officers knew where he was but would not enter the church to make the arrest, so he moved into the basement meeting room and turned it into an apartment. He had a TV, bed and sofa, an exercise bike and barbells. He also had the support of the parish, which wrote letters on his behalf, appealing to the government to let his family stay in Canada on humanitarian grounds. But four years later, Bumuutseren has finally been removed from Canada and the pastor says the parish will be more careful the next time someone asks for sanctuary because it turned out that spying wasn't Bumuutseren's only crime. The case was one of several across Canada in which deportees had frustrated immigration authorities by holing up in churches. While there is no legal barrier to making arrests inside a church, there is a long tradition of not doing so. The CBSA enforcement manual says officers should generally only enter places of worship to make arrests in cases involving "security threats (e.g. security, espionage), serious criminality (e.g. murders) and exceptional circumstances." (...) Recalled Rev. Henderson, "They came into the church; they asked me to go down with them. This was prearranged and they had security outside in case he made a run for it. And I came down and said, 'The police are here and they're going to take you away,' and he went peaceably with them," he said. Law enforcement had respected sanctuary when Bumuutseren was wanted for deportation, "but I think when there's the allegation of a crime of this nature I would welcome the fact that such an accusation could trump sanctuary," he said. "I mean if all you're dealing with is a person who wants to stay in Canada, and thinks he has some grounds for doing that, then it seems to me sanctuary should be and is respected by the police. But if this person has done something very wrong then I don't think sanctuary should be an extenuating condition." Bumuutseren pleaded guilty to sexual interference. Once he had served his prison sentence, the CBSA took him into custody and he was deported on March 26,2013. He initially told the National Post he had been "caught" outside the church. National Post, A3

Elle quitte le pays puis revient illégalement

Une femme de 31 ans d'origine roumaine se retrouve derrière les barreaux après avoir franchi illégalement la frontière canado-américaine cette fin de semaine à Stanstead. Les six enfants qu'elle amenait avec elle ont été confiés à la DPJ. En attente d'une décision de Citoyenneté et Immigration Canada pour sa demande de réfugié politique, Simona Ciuciu doit maintenant se défendre d'une accusation pénale d'être entré au Canada sans se rapporter à un poste de douane. La femme de 31 ans avait demandé le statut de réfugié politique en 2011 en compagnie de ses enfants et de son mari après être entrée illégalement au Canada par la rue Church à Stanstead. Ils avaient bénéficié d'une immunité étant donné qu'ils revendiquaient le statut de réfugié politique. Des conditions lui avaient été émises dont celle de ne pas quitter le pays en attendant que les autorités prennent une décision concernant son avenir au Canada. Au début septembre, la femme a quitté le Canada vers les États-Unis. Son mari a été arrêté le 16 septembre dernier à Montréal. Il est détenu dans une affaire où il est soupçonné d'être à la tête d'un réseau de passeurs illégal d'immigrants. Il reviendra devant le tribunal le 4 novembre prochain au palais de justice de Montréal. Sa femme a tenté de revenir au Canada en compagnie de six enfants cette fin de semaine en passant par la rue Church qui est non gardée. Elle a tenté de déplacer les pots de fleurs qui ont été mis au travers de la voie pour empêcher les véhicules de circuler d'un pays à l'autre. Elle a été arrêtée par les patrouilleurs de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) qui avaient repéré son stratagème pour entrer illégalement au Canada. La Tribune, 11; * Journal de Montréal (Journal de Québec)

Cops raising money to support Special Olympics N.B
Later this month, law enforcement officers from RCMP, Fredericton Police Force, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Fisheries, Military Police, and Canada Border Services Agency will be collecting tips for pumping gas and washing windshields at the Lincoln Circle K Big Stop. The effort will take place on Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Lincoln Circle K Big Stop has also agreed to donate three cents per litre of gasoline pumped on that day to Special Olympics. The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is the world's largest third-party fundraising organization for Special Olympics, raising millions of dollars worldwide to support individuals with an intellectual disability who participate in Special Olympics Programs worldwide. "In the past year, this group of dedicated and community-driven law enforcement officers have raised over $40,000 to support Special Olympics New Brunswick's provincial and national games teams," noted a news release. On July 8-12, Special Olympics N.B. will be sending a record number of athletes to Vancouver, B.C. to the Special Olympics Canada Summer Games. Daily Gleaner, A3

Mexican man to be booted
A Mexican man in Canada illegally and hoping to stay for fear of being tortured by police in his native country has lost his bid to do so. Omar Quevedo Cruz, 26, is to be deported Wednesday afternoon after a Federal court judge decided Tuesday night there was insufficient evidence he'd be harmed in Mexico, that his relatives still living in that country hadn't been harmed, and that he already faced a criminal record in Canada that included impaired driving and failure to show up for past court appearances. Lawyers for Cruz made a last-ditch attempt to keep him here; this was Cruz's fourth motion to stay in Canada. Cruz is the brother of Brenda Quevedo Cruz, who for the past four years has sat in a Mexican jail as one of a handful of people charged and awaiting trial in that country for the alleged 2005 kidnapping and murder in Mexico City of entrepreneur Hugo de Wallace. "If Omar is deported, he'll be grabbed as soon as he lands," Eastman said late last week. "They're just going to grab him and torture him because (his sister) has yet to confess to the crime, (and) they are going to use Omar to get that confession from her." Brenda has been tortured by Mexican police in an attempt to obtain a confession to a crime that may have never really occurred, Eastman has said. Cruz fled Mexico for Canada after he and his mother were harassed by police looking for information on Brenda, he said. Toronto Sun, 14

Nanny trafficker gets 18-months
A man convicted of human trafficking his family's nanny was sentenced to 18 months in prison Tuesday. In June, Franco Orr was convicted of illegally employing a foreign national and misrepresenting the situation to authorities for bringing his family's nanny, Leticia Sarmiento, from Hong Kong when they relocated to Vancouver. Sarmiento alleged Orr had overworked and underpaid her, as well as isolated her from society. The judge, however, said at Orr's sentencing hearing he didn't believe the extent of those allegations. Orr's wife, Nicole Huen, was also charged in the case, but was acquitted. QMI Agency (Edmonton Sun; * Canadian Press (The Province, Times Colonist, Vancouver Sun, National Post, StarPhoenix, Montreal Gazette, Chronicle Herald, Red Deer Advocate); * Globe and Mail

Retour du Parlement fédéral - Les Communes rendront d'abord hommage... au bébé royal
Protocole oblige, la nouvelle session parlementaire s'ouvrira à Ottawa ce mercredi par un discours du Trône annonçant les grandes lignes du programme de Stephen Harper pour les deux prochaines années. Mais le premier élément à l'ordre du jour dès jeudi aux Communes sera... la royauté. (...) Le premier ministre risque également de revenir avec le pain et le beurre des conservateurs : la loi et l'ordre. Le discours confirmera sans doute des projets de loi promis cet été qui prévoyaient la création d'une base de données - accessible au public - fichant les agresseurs sexuels d'enfants à risque élevé et l'obligation faite aux délinquants sexuels déjà inscrits au Registre national des délinquants sexuels (non public celui-là, créé en 2004) d'avertir les services frontaliers canadiens et de leur fournir un itinéraire de leur voyage lorsqu'ils sortent du pays. Les conservateurs devraient enfin revenir avec leur engagement de créer une Charte des victimes. Le Devoir, A2

Prosecute Offender at home: Wildrose
The Opposition Wildrose party says the Alberta government should do everything it can to bring a convicted sex offender back to Canada to face charges he removed his electronic monitoring bracelet.

Wildrose justice critic Shayne Saskiw says it is "morally reprehensible" that Justice Minister Jonathan Denis is not pursuing the extradition of Michael Stanley. Edmonton police believe Stanley fled to the United States after cutting off his locator device earlier this month in Lloydminster on the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary. U.S. officials have told The Associated Press that Stanley was allowed across the border in to Washington state because he is an American citizen and wasn't wanted on any charges in the U.S. Over the weekend, Alberta Justice announced it would not seek Stanley's extradition back to Canada because the breach of recognizance, mischief and driving charges he faces north of the border don't involve violence. (…) At least one extradition expert has sided with leaving Stanley in theU.S. Gary Botting of Coquitlam, B.C., said last week the extradition process would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and Stanley would face little, if any, jail time if he were convicted of the charges he is currently wanted on in Canada. Canadian Press (National Post, Calgary Herald)

Canadian teens caught after 'mini Bonnie and Clyde' run
On Sunday night, a 16-year old boy in the Ottawa-area town of Eganville allegedly stole a 2002 Chevy Avalanche to go pick up his 13-year-old girlfriend in Pembroke, a 30-minute drive to the north. Two stolen cars, three police chases, a hail of gunfire and one international border later, the couple's alleged 24-hour crime spree was brought to an end in a river outside Kingfield, Maine, more than 500 kilometres from where they started. "It was a mini Bonnie and Clyde thing," Franklin County Sheriff Scott Nichols told Waterville, Maine's Morning Sentinel on Tuesday. As of Tuesday night, none of the dozens of U.S. and Canadian officers who spent the holiday Monday chasing down the minors had any idea "what their intentions were, or where they were headed," according to a statement by Maine law enforcement. It was on the western edge of Ottawa early Monday morning that the pair first caught the attention of law enforcement when they were seen driving the Chevy Avalanche down a rural stretch of Carling Avenue, repeatedly swerving the vehicle into the opposing lane. (…)At 9 p.m., this second stolen car screamed through the small border crossing station at Coburn Gore, Maine, just 30 minutes from the disaster stricken community of Lac-Mégantic, Que. The speeding car slammed into a Border Patrol car before leading agents on a 160 km/h chase along Maine Route 27, a scenic two-lane blacktop running directly through the main streets of small-town Maine. Outside the village of Stratton, the fugitives briefly got the upper hand when they immobilized a second Border Patrol vehicle before disappearing into the night as Border Patrol officers drew their weapons and fired repeatedly in its direction. Postmedia News (National Post); Canadian Press; Associated Press (Times&Transcript, Montreal Gazette, Calgary Herald); * Agency QMI (Journal de Montréal); * Globe and Mail

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

*** S'assurer contre les cyberattaques**
Les entreprises québécoises n'échappent pas au phénomène grandissant de la cybercriminalité. A défaut d'y échapper, elles feraient bien de considérer l'option d'assurer ce risque du XXIe siècle pour éviter de se retrouver avec d'éventuelles poursuites ruineuses. "C'est une réalité, et il faudra en tenir compte au cours des prochaines années", affirme Lyne Benoît, vice-présidente spécialisée en responsabilité des administrateurs et dirigeants chez BFL Canada. Les assureurs semblent avoir prévu le coup. Au cours des trois dernières années, une dizaine de compagnies d'assurance partout au pays ont ainsi "raffiné" ce type de protection, constate la vice-présidente. … Elle ne dispose pas de statistiques pour mesurer avec exactitude l'ampleur de cette nouvelle menace. Toutefois, en Belgique, où la cybercriminalité explose littéralement, plus de 2000 cyberincidents ont été rapportés par 350 entreprises ou organisations depuis 6 mois, d'après les données de la Cyber Emergency Response Team (CERT). Cette organisation soutenue par le gouvernement fédéral pourchasse les pirates informatiques jusque dans leurs derniers retranchements. La Presse, S10

*** Police warning after drug traffickers' cyber-attack**
The head of Europe's crime fighting agency has warned of the growing risk of organised crime groups using cyber-attacks to allow them to traffic drugs. The director of Europol, Rob Wainwright, says the internet is being used to facilitate the international drug trafficking business. His comments follow a cyber-attack on the Belgian port of Antwerp. Drug traffickers recruited hackers to breach IT systems that controlled the movement and location of containers. Police carried out a series of raids in Belgium and

Holland earlier this year, seizing computer-hacking equipment as well as large quantities of cocaine and heroin, guns and a suitcase full of cash. BBC News

*** Aaron Swartz's legacy lives on: SecureDrop is a WikiLeaks for any journalist**
In May, The New Yorker revealed what hacktivist Aaron Swartz was building before his untimely death: an encrypted dead drop system that would let whistleblowers leak documents to journalists without fear of exposing their identity. The New Yorker launched its own implementation, Strongbox, and other media outlets were free to do the same — but in August, noted security researchers at the University of Washington reported that DeadDrop wasn't quite ready for primetime, citing issues installing and using the software among many other things.That's where Aaron Swartz's legacy stood — until today. Today, the Freedom of the Press Foundation has announced that it has taken over the project, specifically hiring computer security expert James Dolan full-time to maintain the code, help media organizations install the software, and teach them how to use it well. The Verge

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Police watchdog launches probe after motorcyclist hurt
The province's Serious Incident Response Team is investigating a motorcycle crash in Glace Bay Sunday that left the 23-year-old Gardiner Mines man with serious injuries. At about 4 p.m., an officer with the joint RCMP-Cape Breton Regional Police Service traffic services unit, driving an RCMP vehicle, activated his lights and siren to stop a motorcyclist who allegedly committed a traffic violation near the intersection of Reserve Street and MacAdam Street. A short time later, the driver of the motorcycle collided with a car. He was first taken to Cape Breton Regional Hospital for treatment of serious injuries and then transferred to hospital in Halifax. No one else was hurt. As a result of the man's serious injuries, Cape Breton Regional Police contacted the response team Sunday afternoon to look into the pursuit and subsequent crash. The Police Act requires Ron MacDonald, the team's director, to file a public report summarizing the result of the investigation within 90 days after it is finished. Chronicle Herald

Blurred photos released of police in fatal shooting
Photos were released Tuesday of RCMP emergency response team members who surrounded a former peacekeeper before he was fatally shot. The photos show the officers, their faces blurred, dressed the way they were the night Greg Matters was killed, in head-to-toe combat gear, wearing flak vests and armed with M16 rifles. The lawyer for the RCMP asked the judge to ban publication of the photos showing constables Hipkin, Reddeman and Merriman and corporals Arnold and Warwick, who fired the fatal bullets. The officers' first names weren't released. The lawyer for the Matters family said the photos depicting the officers the way they looked to Matters, a veteran in treatment for post-traumatic stress, are central to the inquest and should be available to the public. Coroner Chico Newell ruled that the photos could be released, but only with the faces of the men obscured so that individual members could not be identified. Matters was shot in September 2012 by a member of the emergency response team sent to arrest him on a charge of assaulting his brother. Canadian Press (Times Colonist, The Province)

Stunned to death? Unlikely
While it's possible a person could die after being zapped with a stun gun, the likelihood is "extremely rare," a new Canadian report says. But the report from the Council of Canadian Academies and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences says there's a lack of "high-quality evidence" into health problems that can occur when conducted energy weapons (CEWs) are used. "Sudden, in-custody death resulting from a use-of-force event typically involves a complicated scenario that includes multiple factors," the 14-member expert panel said in the report released Tuesday. "Although the electrical characteristics of CEWs can potentially contribute to sudden in-custody death, given the limited evidence, CEW exposure cannot be confirmed or excluded as the primary cause of a fatality in most real-world settings." The report, entitled The Health Effects of Conducted Energy Weapons, suggests there's a need for more research into possible health effects, as well as a standardized system for documenting stun gun use. QMI Agency (Edmonton Sun)

Gunshot ruled as teen's cause of death
More details are starting to emerge about the death of a 15-year-old boy found lying in an open area on the Samson Cree town site at Hobbema Saturday morning. Following an autopsy on Tuesday, the medical examiner confirmed Teagan Johnson died as a result of a gunshot wound. RCMP recovered two firearms over the weekend, but are still treating the death as suspicious as they continue to investigate. Teagan was found around 8:45 a.m. Saturday morning in between two houses. His grandmother, Delores Johnson, was one of a few hundred people who attended a candlelight vigil Monday evening to remember the teen. Delores remembers Teagan as a happy, but quiet boy who was passionate about hockey. She was surprised to see such a large turnout for the vigil, expecting only family to attend. QMI Agency (Calgary Sun , Edmonton Sun);* Edmonton Journal

RCMP arrest, ticket 77-year-old in 'abuse of power'
A Mayerthrope man says his political sign got the wrong kind of attention from Mounties. Ed Ens, 77, displayed a four-by- eight sign in his truck that read, "Where are your tax dollars going?" He says a member of the RCMP was not amused and issued him a handful of tickets and threw him in handcuffs. He said tax money should be spent on sewers and streets. "Tax dollars are spent unwisely," he said. When Ens was told to take is sign down, he told the officer he had to turn the truck around to safely take it down. He says at the point he was put under arrest. Ens notes that he had a knee operation four days prior. "It's just plain abuse of power," he said. The Mountie told him the sign would obscure his vision while driving, and gave him a ticket for stunting. The total tickets set him back $1,250. In addition, the officer confiscated the truck overnight. Mayerthorpe RCMP Cpl. Scott Potrebenko said Ens came in to speak with police about the incident, but he was referred to the public complaints commission. As a result, Potrebenko said he was unable to comment about the allegations. QMI Agency (Calgary Sun)

T.O. soft on solving crime?
Far fewer violent crimes are solved each year in Toronto than in several other cities included in a just-released report that compares a slew of taxpayer-funded services. While the Ontario Municipal Benchmarking Initiative study offers comparisons, but no context, for each city's results, it shows 59% of violent crime was "cleared" in Toronto in 2012 -- far below the midway point of 15 other communities involved in the study. The median among the cities--14 of which are in Ontario, plus Winnipeg and Calgary--is 72%. Performing well above the median are Sudbury (85%), Thunder Bay (78%) and Durham Region (77%). At the lower end near Toronto is Hamilton (60%). Noting a correlation between cities with large numbers of police officers and civilian staff and higher spending, Toronto also registers well above the median of 15 other communities in terms of total per-capita police costs. The median is $290, while Toronto checks in at $376. QMI Agency (Toronto Sun)

*** 'I was begging for my son's life,' B.C. inquest hears**
Just before he was shot and killed by police, Greg Matters made some phone calls. One was to his mother, Lorraine, but she couldn't pick up; the 66-year old was sitting in an RCMP detention cell, nursing her bruised chest. Another bruise was forming under her chin, she recalled Tuesday, at a coroner's inquest examining circumstances around her son's death. The small, circular mark, she alleged, was the result of an RCMP rifle muzzle having been pushed in her face. Greg left a message on her answering device. It was played Tuesday at the inquest. "Hey mom, can you call me? I'm a little worried about what's going on and where you are. Can you call me? OK." Then he hung up. His voice was calm; it was as if his mother was late to return from a grocery shopping trip. But Lorraine was in police custody, and she was hurt. She was also worried as heck. A storm was brewing at the Matters' place, a large acreage southeast of Prince George. The previous day, Sept. 9, 2012, Greg and his older brother Trevor had physically clashed just outside the property. Blows were exchanged. An off-duty RCMP officer happened by and broke up the fight. The Matters brothers went their separate ways. But Greg worried about repercussions, the inquest has heard. He called RCMP in Prince George several times later, asking if Trevor had been arrested. The National Post has obtained recordings of his calls to police; they are plaintive but polite. During one, Greg claimed that Trevor had guns. In another, a police dispatcher admonished him for dialling 9-1-1.He apologized... Lorraine Matters had already attempted that morning to get to her son. He was still in the old cabin,making cellphone calls and sending emails, asking people-including at least one local newspaper reporter -for help. His mother called the RCMP in Prince George and spoke to an officer who "made it clear that he just wanted Greg to come [to the detachment] without

incident." She told the officer she was going to go see her son, and he seemed fine with that, she testified. She was in her car and had turned up the lane toward the old cabin when police stopped her. An officer emerged from a black SUV. Ms. Matters got out of her car and a confrontation ensued, the inquest heard. The officer, identified at the inquest as RCMP Cpl. Collin Warwick, grabbed the keys from her hand, Ms. Matters testified. Cpl. Warwick "grabbed me by the scruff of my neck, drug me about 50 feet on the ground and kneed me so hard that I thought my bones were broke," she testified. "I was begging for my son's life." National Post, A1

*** Report urges more stun gun research**

They've been in use by Canadian police agencies since the late 1990s, yet considerable "knowledge gaps" remain about the potential cardiac and respiratory effects of being zapped by a conducted energy weapon, or stun gun, concludes an expert-panel report released on Tuesday. While fatal complications from CEWs are rare, the panel concluded there remains a dearth of highquality research about their use and possible health repercussions. "Given the limitations and scarcity of the evidence, a clear causal relationship between CEW use and sudden in-custody death cannot be confirmed or excluded at this time," said the report, released jointly by the Council of Canadian Academies and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and billed as "one of the most comprehensive" assessments of the health effects of conducted energy weapons. Part of the problem is that a host of factors, such as pre-existing health conditions and drug use, can contribute to those adverse effects, making it difficult to isolate one contributing factor, the report said. Further, much of the lab testing has involved the use of animals or healthy human volunteers - not representative of realworld scenarios. The report's release comes just weeks after Ontario announced it would allow all front-line officers to use stun guns after previously limiting their use to only supervisors and tactical officers. Postmedia News (The Province, Vancouver Sun, StarPhoenix, Leader-Post, Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal, Ottawa Citizen, Montreal Gazette, Canada.com)

*** Report calls for national registry of police taser use**

A national registry of police use-of-force incidents would shed light on the risks associated with tasers - controversial weapons believed to cause death only rarely, but the real-world implications of which remain largely unknown, according to a new study. The 112-page report on the health effects of stun guns, which was sponsored by a federal agency, says its conclusions about respiratory and cardiac risks are limited due to a lack of high-quality evidence. Still, the study states that "while fatal complications are biologically plausible, they would be extremely rare." With more than 9,000 stun guns in use in Canada - and at time when tasers are under heightened public scrutiny - the panel suggests creating a national registry to cull standardized taser data from police and medical personnel. The study, released on Tuesday, says at least 33 people have died in Canada after the use of a stun gun since 1998, although tasers were not necessarily the direct cause. "Whether policy-makers choose to [create a national registry] or not is their business," said Justice Stephen Goudge, an Ontario appeal court judge who chaired the panel struck by the Council of Canadian Academies and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. "But the difficulty now is . . . there are different criteria for when use-of-force reports are filed, what they say and what they track." The suggestion - one of several, including "furthering ethical laboratory-based" animal and human research - comes three years after an inquest into the death of Aron Firman, a mentally ill man who was tasered. The jury recommended Ontario collect stun-gun statistics from its police forces and suggested a national database for all in-custody deaths. Globe and Mail, A5

*** Officers lobby over police dog's death**

Two Edmonton police officers are in Ottawa, lobbying for an amendment to the Criminal Code to include a charge for killing a police service animal after Quanto, one of their dogs, was killed last week. Troy Carriere, acting staff sergeant of the Edmonton police canine unit, and Const. Matt Williamson, the dog's handler, were invited to the country's capital by the Prime Minister's Office and may attend the throne speech on Wednesday, Edmonton Police Service spokeswoman Patrycia Thenu said. The invitation comes after Quanto was stabbed repeatedly with a knife by a suspect he was pursuing. The German shepherd with four years of decorated service and more than 100 arrests to his name died shortly after. Under the Criminal Code, cruelty to an animal is the strongest charge that can be laid and a five-year prison sentence is the harshest penalty. "It's been our intent to have that changed," Carriere said last week. "We need to adjust the Criminal Code at some point ... and this is obviously a good time to do that."

Federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay told The Canadian Press in an email that he is "personally very supportive" of a private member's bill that already proposes such an amendment. Ontario Conservative MP Costas Menegakis introduced the bill this year. It says anyone "who knowingly or recklessly poisons, injures or kills a law enforcement animal," including a horse or dog, could be subject to the same fiveyear maximum sentence. But changing the Criminal Code can take time. Edmonton Journal

*** 'We can ask whether the police had the appropriate training.'**

The deaths of three mentally ill people at the hands of police are separate tragedies, but may lead to new recommendations for police training and resources, coroner's counsel Michael Blaine told the jury Tuesday morning at the inquest into the fatal police shootings. "We can ask ourselves whether the police officers had the appropriate training and ... access to the right tools and resources to address the situation," he said. "Is there room for improvement in dealing with the mentally ill?" Michael Eligon, 29, Sylvia Klibingaitis, 52, and Reyal Jardine-Douglas, 25, all had mental health issues and were thought to be in crisis. All three were carrying sharp weapons when they were shot and killed by Toronto police officers. The coroner's inquest began Tuesday and will last eight weeks, with more than 50 witnesses set to be called. It is expected to raise questions about police use of force and how front-line officers deal with the mentally ill. Toronto Star, 1

*** Murder scene was 'horrific,' trail told**

Even for a seasoned homicide investigator, the scene of the Surrey Six murders was disturbing for RCMP St. Sgt. David Teboul. When he arrived at the Balmoral Towers apartment highrise, there was a lot of police vehicles and personnel set up at the police perimeter, he said Tuesday. Teboul, who is currently in the anticorruption unit, testified that he made his way into the building through a foyer. "It was a very chaotic scene. A lot of police officers there, a lot of people gathered around." Teboul took a brief look into the suite where the bodies were found and early the next day entered the suite to help make an assessment of the crime scene. He told B.C. Supreme Court Justice Catherine Wedge that he walked through the entire suite. "What I saw immediately was a scene that was, it was safe to say, nothing short of horrific, even for a seasoned investigator." Teboul said he immediately observed the bodies of six males laying on the floor, in two groups of three, one near the entrance and one near the south side of the apartment near a fireplace. "There was a fair amount of blood on the floor and the surroundings of each of the victims. There was a lot of objects on the ground, including shell cases. There was a firearm specifically, almost in front of us, near the bodies."... Also Tuesday, the Crown played a graphic video of the crime scene. The 25-minute video, filmed by RCMP Cpl. Graeme Matthews, was shown after Crown counsel Matthew Stacey warned people in the public gallery about the graphic nature of the video. Eileen Mohan, the mother of murder victim Chris Mohan, sat in court in the front row of the gallery and watched the opening part of the video but soon left the courtroom. A number of students also sat watching the video from the gallery, some of them taking notes. The playing of the video follows the showing on Friday of photos taken of the crime scene by forensics investigators the day following the murders. The video showed many of the scenes that were showed in the photos Friday. The Province, Vancouver Sun

*** Minister supports RCMP on protests**

The province's attorney general says he backs the RCMP's approach that has seen police wait to enforce an injunction on shale gas protesters in hopes for a peaceful resolution. Ted Flemming, who was appointed New Brunswick's attorney general late last month, made the comments yesterday. They come following criticism from SWN Resources Canada that police have been complicit in the illegal actions of locals that continue to protest on Route 134 near Rexton. "In any situation like that, it's best if people can negotiate and come to a solution through discussion and through collaboration," Flemming said. "That's the process that is going on now. That's always the process that is preferred: reasonable people coming together to do what needs to be done. "The government's primary preferential role is one of collaboration, discussion and negotiation, which the premier is dealing with at this time." The protesters, which include members of the Elsipogtog First Nation, want SWN Resources to stop seismic testing and leave the province. Premier David Alward and Chief Aaron Sock met last week and agreed to set up a working group to work towards a resolution. But that resolution has appeared to remain elusive. Times & Transcript

*** Plus de 220 armes retirées de la circulation**
Le programme "Pixels pour pistolets" de la police d'Ottawa a permis de retirer de la circulation 226 armes de toutes sortes, entre le 7 et 13 octobre. En échange, les participants à cette amnistie ont reçu un appareil photo. Les autorités ont reçu 46 armes de poing, 165 carabines et fusils de chasse, et 15 armes à air comprimé. "Nous espérons que ces chiffres vont encourager d'autres résidents, ayant des armes inutilisées ou dont ils n'ont plus besoin, de nous appeler pour que nous puissions détruire ces armes avant qu'elles ne tombent entre de mauvaises mains", explique le sergent d'état-major Mark Patterson. Le Droit

*** One dirty, rotten scam**
He calls his beloved monster truck "Bad to the Bone," but if police are right, Devin Gillingham should change that slogan to "Rotten to the Core." It's certainly hard to fathom a crime more maggoty than stealing from flood victims, but that's what RCMP say the 24-year-old Okotoks man did, ripping off food intended for refugees of the High River disaster. You know it's bad when even seasoned police officers are disgusted. "We were even offended, and we're used to bad behaviour," said Sgt. Donna Rorison, of the Okotoks RCMP detachment. "Everybody in the office is saying the same thing, and it's 'are you kidding me?' We've been giving from the bottom of our pockets for so long, hoping every little bit will make some poor person's life better, and someone does this? "We're used to people behaving badly, but still..." On Sept. 30, Mounties say they got a tip someone was stealing supplies from the High River Relief Community of Saddlebrook, where more than a thousand refugees from the June flood are living in temporary trailers. Food stored there is meant for families left homeless and often strapped for cash following the soggy disaster, who are now forced to live in a trailer town after the flood destroyed their homes... Gillingham was arrested on Oct. 12 after Mounties raided his Okotoks home where they say they found a "significant" amount of stolen food and food supplies, all designated for the people and families at Saddlebrook. The monster truck racer was charged with theft under $5,000, as well as unsafe storage of a firearm, and was hauled off to the Calgary Remand Centre to await a court appearance on Oct. 18, 2013 in Okotoks, where he'll also answer to outstanding traffic warrants. QMI Agency (Calgary Sun)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

*** Top prison official slated to testify at Ashley Smith inquest**
Canada's top prisons official is slated to take the stand Wednesday at the inquest into the in-custody death of Ashley Smith. Don Head, commissioner of Correctional Services of Canada, had secretly tried to have his subpoena set aside. He tried to argue he had no connection to the teen's death. However, the presiding coroner, Dr. John Carlisle, was having none of that. As a result, Head is expected to answer questions about what he knew about Smith's circumstances and what he did about them. At the time Smith, 19, strangled herself in her segregation cell in Kitchener, Ont., in October 2007, Head was deputy commissioner. Canadian Press (City News)

*** Chat Back**
B.C.'s federal prisoners are going on strike over a 30-per-cent cut to their $5-a-day wage. Prisoners say they can no longer afford to send money to families, call loved ones or buy supplies. Most readers weren't very sympathetic: Why should we pay? It's not the taxpayers' job to pay criminals' wages... Guess they should have thought of that before committing the crime that put them there in the first place... These people are in jail; it's not a country club. They get three solid meals a day, a roof over their heads and a job. Our seniors and some people on the outside don't even get that. The Province, A23

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

*** Une véritable "crise", estime un émissaire de l'ONU**

La situation des peuples autochtones au Canada n'est rien de moins qu'une "crise", selon un émissaire des Nations unies qui a terminé hier une tournée de neuf jours au pays. Un bilan qui a été accueilli par un silence radio de la part du gouvernement Harper. James Anaya, le rapporteur de l'ONU sur les droits des peuples autochtones, a affirmé hier que les conditions de vie des Premières Nations canadiennes contrastent de manière saisissante avec celles de la majorité blanche. "Ce qui me frappe ici, c'est que le Canada est un pays hautement développé, qui se classe en tête du peloton mondial en matière de développement humain, et les personnes autochtones sont loin derrière le reste de la population selon ces indicateurs, note James Anaya. Il y a un fossé significatif, et ce fossé ne se rétrécit pas, selon le propre aveu du gouvernement."... During his stay in the country, Mr. Anaya echoed a longstanding demand of the leaders of the First Nations is holding a public inquiry into the missing and murdered Aboriginal women. He also proposed to extend the mandate of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which focuses on the abuse suffered by former students of Indian Residential Schools . A la fin 2011, au plus fort de la crise humanitaire dans la communauté d'Attawapiskat, en Ontario, le rapporteur de l'ONU s'était rendu dans la réserve et avait dénoncé les conditions de vie "désastreuses" qu'il y avait observées. Le gouvernement Harper avait répliqué en mettant en cause sa crédibilité. Cette fois, M. Anaya dit avoir obtenu la pleine collaboration du gouvernement fédéral. Il a pris soin de noter que plusieurs initiatives d'Ottawa, notamment le mécanisme de résolution des revendications territoriales, sont des pas dans la bonne direction. Ces mesures sont toutefois "insuffisantes". La Presse; Canadian Press (Globe and Mail, National Post, Chronicle Herald, The Telegram, Whitehorse Daily, Times Colonist, Leader-Post, Toronto Star, Waterloo Region Record); Postmedia News (Ottawa Citizen, The Province, Windsor Star, Montreal Gazette, Vancouver Sun, Windsor Star, Edmonton Journal, Calgary Herald); QMI Agency (London Free Press); Le Devoir; Presse Canadienne (La Tribune); Agence QMI (Journal de Montreal, Journal de Quebec); Toronto Sun (Kingston Whig-Standard, Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun)

*** First Nation puts faith in UN**

The federal government won't be able to ignore the United Nations' visit to Buffalo River Dene Nation, Chief Lance Byhette says. The UN special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, James Anaya, visited the reserve Sunday morning as part of his eight-day fact-finding trip to Canada. Anaya took a short tour of the community with his entourage and a local elder, and the band hosted a grand entry in his honour at the school. Representatives from Alberta and Saskatchewan bands and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations also attended. "It was a special visit. It was a great honour to have an individual like him come to Buffalo River Dene Nation to hear us out on the issues we have that haven't been dealt with to date," Byhette said... During an impassioned news conference near Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Tuesday, Anaya said Canada is facing a "crisis" over its treatment of aboriginals and the Harper government needs to take urgent steps to build trust with its indigenous peoples. In a sharply worded statement, he called on the Conservative government to grant an extension to a commission studying the residential schools saga, to move more slowly on plans for a bill to reform aboriginal education, and to establish a public inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women. Postmedia News (StasrPhoenix)

*** Ottawa urged to be more flexible in B.C. treaty talks**

The United Nations representative on aboriginal rights took the side of B.C. First Nations Tuesday, supporting the call for greater government flexibility on treaty talks and declaring that government consultation on pipeline projects has been insufficient. James Anaya, the UN special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, called for a more "generous and flexible" approach to the treaty negotiations that have led to only two B.C. treaties after more than two decades of negotiations. And Anaya, an American law professor and expert on international aboriginal rights, said the federal government is not meeting its duty to consult on resource projects as spelled out in a 2007 UN declaration. That declaration, which the Harper government endorsed reluctantly and with several caveats in 2010, calls for "free, prior and informed consent" from affected First Nations before projects proceed. While Anaya insists this right shouldn't be read as a "veto" by First Nations, he said the commitment does require governments and sometimes companies to engage in "consensus-based decision-making with genuine dialogue among all concerned." Vancouver Sun, B2

*** 'Promoting equality is a way to reduce violence,' official says**

Law-abiding men shouldn't be silent when they see a potential for gender-based violence domestically, in the community or workplace, says an advocate against sexual violence against women. Todd Minerson is the executive director of the White Ribbon Campaign, the world's largest initiative of men and boys in ending male sexual violence against women. Minerson will be speaking at panel discussion on the subject Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Ellis Hall Auditorium at Queen's University. Mi n e r s o n has been the executive director of the White Ribbon Campaign for more than seven years. The c a mpaign was initiated in Canada in 1991 and now has a presence in 60 countries. The white ribbon symbolizes a man's pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women. Kingston Whig-Standard

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ASHLEY SMITH / ENQUÊTE SUR LA MORT D'ASHLEY SMITH

Vigil for Ashley Smith planned for Friday
The Elizabeth Fry Society of Saint John will hold its annual candlelight vigil in memory of Ashley Smith on Oct. 18, close to the six-year anniversary of her death. The 19-year-old from Moncton committed suicide in October 2007 while staying in an isolated prison cell at the Grand Valley Institution for Women in Kitchener, Ont. At the time, Smith was on suicide watch and serving a sentence for crimes committed when she was a minor. Before entering the adult prison system, she spent time in a youth detention centre in Miramichi. The Office of the Chief Coroner in Ontario is in the midst of an inquest into Smith's death. In the meantime, Elizabeth Fry Society of Saint John president Marianna Stack said it's important New Brunswick never forgets Smith and never allows another case like it to happen... The local Elizabeth Fry Society works with women and girls involved in the correctional system...Stack thinks Smith's problems began at the New Brunswick Youth Facility, though the current inquest into her death doesn't examine that part of her life. She's not convinced the inquest will change much in the way of New Brunswick policy but believes Smith's case has drawn public attention to the plight of women with mental health problems who are behind bars. Her death, Stack said, was a wake-up call about how the criminal justice system deals with mentally ill offenders. Telegraph Journal

*** Isolation for Ashley Smith illegal, inquest hears**
A teenaged inmate appeared desolate and in deep distress about a month before she choked herself to death in her segregation cell, a prisoners advocate testified on Tuesday. Kim Pate, executive director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, said she visited with Ashley Smith through her cell door on Sept. 24, 2007. "I would describe her as looking pretty hopeless and dejected," Pate said. "I was concerned she might be at risk to herself." At that point, Smith had been deprived of all cell effects with the exception of a security gown for three or four days, ostensibly because staff believed she had a piece of glass she was refusing to give up... The inquest has heard how Smith, who was prone to self-injury and acting out, was shunted from segregation in one institution to another, something Pate said was illegal. Pate noted the Arbour inquiry recommended in 1996 an end to long-term isolation, and either judicial or external oversight for any continued segregation. Canadian prison authorities have not heeded those recommendations, the inquest heard. She also testified that a UN special rapporteur has recommended solitary confinement be capped at 15 days for adults and zero days for young people or the mentally ill or it would be considered torture... Pate said the use of segregation and punitive measures such as restraints and routine strip searches are often counter-productive, especially for mentally ill inmates. Canadian Press (Telegraph-Journal, Waterloo Region Record, Times&Transcript)

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

*** Sickening use of time off**
It's enough to make you sick.
According to data provided by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, Ontario government employees--both unionized and those who are not--called in sick 81% more often in 2012 than their private-sector counterparts. The average government employee took 10.5 days off last year, while workers in the private sector called in sick an average of 5.8 days (the latter figure coming from Statistics Canada). It appears employees on staff at services-related ministries were particularly sick (of their jobs perchance?) in 2012, with those working for correctional services taking on average 15.5 days last year. Community and social services employees were a close second, with 14 sick days in 2012.Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care employees were off sick an average of 12.3 days. CTF Ontario director Candice Malcolm believes the figures show provincial employees are abusing their sick leave by taking days when they're not actually sick. Considering those employees were making on average 13.9% more per year in 2011 compared to similar employees in the private sector and 76%of them were covered by a registered pension plan as opposed to 26% of private-sector workers--according to a recent Fraser Institute report -- I'd venture to suggest their entitlement is sickening."There's definitely a culture that's pervasive in these government offices that they use these sick days as an extra holiday leave," Malcolm said. Toronto Sun, 6

OTHER / AUTRE

Malala to be given honorary citizenship
A 16-year-old Pakistani girl who was shot by the Taliban for her campaign for girls' education will receive honorary Canadian citizenship, according to a news report. On Wednesday, the throne speech will announce that the federal government will extend honorary citizenship to Malala Yousafzai, one of only a handful of such honours that have been bestowed, the CBC reported. "Our government will bestow honorary citizenship on Malala Yousafzai who courageously advocates for human rights and freedom against the backdrop of Taliban extremism and oppression," a government source told CBC News. Malala was badly wounded in October 2012 in a shooting as she rode home on a school bus in Mingora, Pakistan. The assassination attempt on Malala, who addressed the United Nations this year on her 16th birthday, drew worldwide attention to the struggle for women's rights in Pakistan. Windsor Star, A7 (Calgary Herald, StarPhoenix, Leader-Post)

INTERNATIONAL

Canadian citizen who was Afghan governor killed
A suicide bomber attacked a mosque in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing the provincial governor as he prepared to give a speech commemorating the start of a major Muslim holiday, officials said. Early reports suggested that the attack at the Pul-e-Alam mosque in Logar had killed only the provincial governor, Arsala Jamal, a Canadian citizen who was highly thought of by the coalition leaders here. But the attack injured at least 15 others, Afghan officials said, at least eight of whom are in critical condition. It was one of the few insurgent attacks this year that took the life of a senior official. "This was an act carried out by the enemies of Islam and Afghanistan," said Haji Abdul Wali Wakil, a member of the Logar provincial council. "Those who carried out this inhumane act do not want Afghans to live in peace." The fact that the attack was committed on Eid al-Adha, one of the holiest days of the Muslim calendar, and that it took place in a mosque, underscored the determination of the insurgency to target officials by any means necessary. With the holidays in full swing, most Afghan army soldiers were on leave, leaving the Afghan police to handle the aftermath of the attack and shuttle the injured to the provincial hospital. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. The Taliban denied involvement, saying they were still trying to determine who the perpetrators were. Mosque attacks have been a bewildering, and frequent, strategy of the insurgents in Afghanistan, who proclaim Islamic law as the only just system. Montreal Gazette, A16; Toronto Star (Leader-Post, Ottawa Citizen, Vancouver Sun, Calgary Sun, The Province)

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SPEECH FROM THE THRONE / DISCOURS DU TRÔNE

Throne speech failed to address concerns of B.C. consumers
An editorial states, "The Harper government's throne speech put a strong focus on consumers - but not necessarily British Columbia consumers. The broad outline of Conservative government intentions for the coming session of Parliament, read Wednesday by Governor General David Johnson, had a special section entitled Defending Canadian Consumers. But it lacked initiatives that would address several key consumer problems plaguing Canada's west coast province. With a Canadian dollar near par, cross-border shopping has become a serious challenge for B.C. retailers. (…)Across Canada, this trend is costing about $1 billion in lost revenue for Canadian airlines, airports and governments, and resulting in less tourist activity. This problem has been exhaustively detailed by the Conference Board of Canada, a Senate standing committee on Transport and the Canadian Airports Council. Yet Conservatives overlooked the issue in their throne speech. All these cross-border losses arguably are more pressing than the matter of bundled cable channels which the speech pledged to address." Vancouver Sun, A12

Time to 'seize moment' on pipelines
Of all the specific Conservative government promises and priorities cited in this week's speech from the throne, there was only one - building pipelines - that merited an urgent call to "seize the moment." "A lack of key infrastructure threatens to strand these resources at a time when global demand for Canadian

energy is soaring," Gov. Gen. David Johnston recited as he laid out the Harper government's mid-mandate policy blueprint. (…) Proposed balanced-budget legislation didn't get a "seize the moment" boost in the document. Nor did promised consumer protections, new toughon-crime measures, immigration reforms, a federal spending freeze, or even free trade negotiations - notwithstanding an imminent deal with the European Union. But "Seizing Canada's Moment" just happens to be the title of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's governing blueprint for the second half of his majority mandate. Canadian Press (Times Colonist); Kingston Whig-Standard; Globe and Mail

MINISTER / MINISTRE

*** AIDS prevention groups want prison needle programs to protect inmates, public**
A consortium of AIDS prevention and harm reduction groups are launching a renewed call for needle and syringe programs in Canadian prisons. They argue such programs – which give inmates who use drugs access to clean needles – would not only protect prisoners from infection but would also safeguard against the spread of diseases once inmates are released. Canadian prisons do not currently permit the distribution of sterile injection equipment and the federal government has repeatedly said it has no plans to implement such programs, despite their success in some countries. The Harper government says it has a "zero tolerance" policy for illegal drugs in correctional institutions. But experts say HIV and Hepatitis C rates in the prison system are "astronomically higher" than they are in the public community, with injection drug use appearing to be a driving factor. A group of advocates, experts and at least one former prisoner hope to further debate of the issue with an open panel discussion being held in Toronto today. "Closing our eyes to the problem isn't going to help. People are going to continue to get infected and these are fatal illnesses," said Sandra Ka Hon Chu, a policy analyst with the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network. "We think it's really pressing to discuss it and share with the public a lot of the evidence to support these programs". Chu's group, along with three other AIDS prevention organizations and a former federal inmate launched a lawsuit against the federal government last year over the lack of needle and syringe exchange programs in Canadian prisons, saying that was a failure to protect prisoners' right to health. "I think this is a really hard sell for the public because they think people stay in prison forever. But over 95 per cent of people in prison are eventually released," said Chu. "So they're part of our community and we should care about their health and well-being." Federal prisons provide inmates with bleach that can be used to clean shared syringes, something AIDS prevention groups say is an acknowledgment of the drug use that takes place in prison. When asked about the issue, a spokesman for **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said the government would "***never consider putting weapons, such as needles, in the hands of potentially violent offenders***." Lethbridge Herald (Hamilton Spectator)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Thousands roll with quake drill**
You just don't know when a big earthquake is going to happen, but thousands of B.C. residents rehearsed what could be a life-saving manoeuvre Thursday. More than 690,000 people took part in the Great B.C. ShakeOut, a provincewide earthquake drill, up from 100,000 from 2012. The result has heartened emergency organizers who say that how people act during and after a big earthquake is crucial to their survival. "You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake - this is why it is critical to practise the life-saving response of 'drop, cover and hold on,' " said Miranda Myles, co-chairwoman of the Great B.C. ShakeOut organizing committee. Victoria Times-Colonist, A4

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Lenovo interest in BlackBerry raises national security fears
Lenovo Group Ltd. is joining the list of suitors considering a bid for BlackBerry Ltd., raising concerns that the Canadian company's ultra-secure communications network for the global elite might end up owned by a firm based in China. BlackBerry provides mobile phones and an encrypted wireless network to many of

the world's largest corporations and most Western governments, including top officials in the United States and the country's military - and would likely draw scrutiny in Washington and Ottawa. If Lenovo's reported interest resulted in a deal, the takeover attempt would be subject to a tough regulatory review in Canada. The federal government has killed several foreign takeovers under the Investment Canada Act. That act permits reviews of deals worth more than $344-million. The government has also granted itself broader powers to halt takeovers of Canadian firms by foreign state-owned companies, particularly those from China. And Ottawa recently barred a bid for Winnipeg-based telecom company MTS Allstream by an Egyptian-led group on national security grounds. "If the Egyptian company raised some red flags for the Canadian government, we should have red fireworks going off if a Chinese company wants to buy BlackBerry," said Michel Juneau-Katsuya, the former head of Asia-Pacific at the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and chief executive of the Northgate Group, an Ottawa-based cyber-security firm. "BlackBerry is the prime phone used by all government officials and top officials. . . For that reason alone, it shall not and could not be sold to a foreign entity that is not within the realm of [our] close network of friends." Globe and Mail, A1; National Post (Ottawa Citizen, Montreal Gazette, Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal)

Homegrown terrorism here to stay, local expert tells club

More murderous plots are likely in Canada even as strong police work and watchful residents foil homegrown terrorism, a leading scholar warns. "Homegrown terrorism is here to stay," said Lorne Dawson, a professor who studies terrorism at the University of Waterloo. "The conditions that give rise to it are not going away." Dawson has a security clearance, meets with international security officials and helps direct a national network for terrorism research. He spoke to the Confederation Club Thursday about Canadians who become terrorists after subscribing to an extreme version of Islam. Canada has not suffered a terror attack but has seen four foiled plots since the 9/11 terror attack in the U.S. in 2001, Dawson said. Radicalized Canadian Muslims are also being linked to terrorism abroad, including some from nearby London. UW has seen Tamil students convicted in the U.S. of supporting terrorism abroad. Their cause is ethnic nationalism, which differs from Islamic terrorism. Dawson is researching factors to help explain why a few aggrieved Canadian Muslims turn to violence. Terrorists typically believe that Muslim culture and civilization is under U.S.-led attack, he said. However, that grievance does not explain terrorism, because it is shared by others who do not plot violence. Homegrown terrorists typically do not have a history of mental illness, are not poor and do not have backgrounds linked to criminal behaviour, he said. For example, most do not come from broken homes or from troubled neighbourhoods. Other factors are more typical. Homegrown terrorists tend to be male, young and immigrants or children of immigrants, . Waterloo Region Record, B1

Experts to tell Khadr's story

Who is Omar Khadr? That's a topic an Edmonton English professor at the King's University College (KUC) is anxious for Canadians and Edmontonians to learn. RENOWNED AUTHORITIES In the next month, the University of Alberta and KUC will be bringing two renowned authorities to Edmonton to share their knowledge and answer quest ions about Khadr, who is currently serving time at Edmonton Institution (the Max) after pleading guilty in 2010 to charges of murder, spying and terrorism. The speakers include Brigadier General (ret) Stephen Xenakis and attorney Samuel Morison with the U.S. Department of Defence. Dr. Xenakis, a psychiatrist who's spent hundreds of hours with Khadr over the past five years, will speak about his experiences with him at Guantanamo Bay. "Certainly the issues that touch Omar and his particular case have the potential to touch all of Canadians," said Arlette Zinck, associate professor of English at KUC. "When we allow fear to motivate our approach to the structural legal parameters we put in place to protect one another, it's a dangerous thing. A lot of that has gone on with this case and I think it's really important that we can get a good opportunity to learn about the issues." Khadr struck a plea deal that led to a sentencing of eight years in prison for five war crimes, including the murder of U.S. special forces medic Christopher Speer in a fire-fight in Afghanistan. Edmonton Sun, 7

Fight still on for man hoping to reunite with Toronto family

The federal government has acted in bad faith and refuses to provide information that it claims links former Toronto librarian's assistant Douglas Gary Freeman to the Black Panther party, Freeman's lawyer argued in federal court Wednesday. Barbara Jackman said Ottawa has repeatedly refused to provide disclosure in the case to support its allegations that Freeman, 64, has any terrorist links or that he was

once connected to the now-defunct radical group. "There has been a clear withholding of relevant evidence," Jackman said. She made her comments before Justice Anne Mactavish, who is conducting a judicial review of Ottawa's blocking of Freeman's application to re-enter Canada. Freeman fled to Canada four decades ago after wounding Chicago police officer Terrence Knox with three gunshots in 1969, in what he said was a case of self-defence. The shooting caused permanent injuries to Knox, who died in 2011 at age 63 after a prolonged illness. After the shooting, some media outlets made passing references that linked Freeman to the militant Black Panthers. But Freeman has repeatedly denied he was ever a member of the group. For 34 years, he stayed out of trouble with the law while working as a librarian's assistant at the downtown Toronto Reference Library and raising a family of four with his librarian wife. Some two dozen family members and former library co-workers attended his hearing Wednesday. Toronto Star, GT4

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Sikh priest gets 90 days for sex assault**
A visiting Sikh priest from India has been sentenced to prison after being convicted of sexual assault and sexual interference stemming from an incident involving a 13-year-old Abbotsford girl. Ajai Singh, the son of a former prominent Sikh figure, will now serve 90 days in jail, followed by 18 months probation. He had been visiting Canada earlier this year when the incident was first reported to police on Feb. 9. The 38-year-old was charged in February this year on two counts; sexual assault and sexual interference with a person under the age of 16. Singh's father is the former head of the Akal Takht, the highest temporal seat of the Sikhs, during the late 1990s. Singh was also a hymn singer with the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), the highest religious body of the Sikhs. After news of the charges surfaced, the SGPC suspended Singh. Thursday, an Abbotsford judge sentenced Singh to jail. After serving his sentence in Canada, he will be deported. The Province A10

*** Mom headed to Philippines to retrieve child**
A Brazilian mother is excited but anxious as she prepares to travel to the Philippines Friday to be reunited with her daughter, who was allegedly abducted three months ago by the child's Saskatoon father. Oziene Vieira Barbosa is also happy that Alexander Fiodor Levin, 47, was arrested last week and is still in jail in Saskatoon awaiting a bail hearing. Levin is charged with parental abduction after an international investigation that had authorities on four continents acting on an Interpol Amber Alert. It's alleged that Levin, a Canadian citizen who immigrated from Ukraine in his youth, travelled this summer from Brazil to Ukraine with Barbosa and their two-year old daughter, and that he then fled with the child to the Philippines and left her there before returning to Saskatoon in July. (...) The Canada Border Services Agency found that Levin had spent three or four days in the Philippines before returning to Canada without the child, Chiavini said. Interpol's Amber Alert was vital to obtaining co-operation from the Philippine authorities, he said. Barbosa said Levin told her he had four children but that he had been divorced for three years. StarPhoenix, A1

*** The Dogg Pound Get Sweated At Canadian Border**
Rappers getting sweated while trying to enter Canada seem standard, as several well-known hip-hop artists have made headlines for not being able to enter the country. The Dogg Pound (Kurupt and Daz) were recently featured in an episode of the National Geographic's TV series, *Border Security - Canada's Frontline*, where they were shown going through an interrogation with border security. DJ's Nik Bean and Salam Wreck are also featured. Baller Status (17-10-2013)

*** Report calls for cap on temporary foreign workers**
The federal government should implement an annual cap on the number of temporary workers entering Canada to prevent employers' "excessive reliance" on the controversial foreign workers program, a new economic study says. "The growth in the number of temporary foreign workers is a cause for concern," said Carleton University economics professor Christopher Worswick, author of the report for the Institute for Research on Public Policy. "Its timing, which coincides with a period of weakness in the Canadian economy, is especially troubling." An increasing number of companies are looking outside the country

when hiring, he said, and observers fear this comes at the expense of younger and less skilled Canadians. Last year, 213,573 temporary foreign workers were admitted to Canada - almost two and a half times as many as in 1995, the report says. In response to public backlash, Ottawa overhauled the much-criticized Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) in an attempt to keep Canadian companies from abusing the plan. Toronto Star, B2

*** Dissing dairy**
An opinion piece states "There is an economic term for what Margaret Wente described in her column as 0.04 per cent of Canadians (12,500 dairy farmers) benefiting at the expense of 35 million Canadian consumers. It is called "rent seeking." The federal and provincial bureaucracies that keep this scam going almost outnumber dairy farmers themselves. The dairy farmers are screaming about the bit more cheese-import quota the Canada/EU trade agreement will permit, but they get to keep the 300-per-cent tariff wall on milk and all other milk products." Globe and Mail A12

*** Tired of high prices**
An opinion piece states, "I recently decided to purchase a new set of whitewall tires for my vintage Mustang.At Discount Tire, I was quoted a price of $52 US each with a total installed cost of $291.80 US (or $301 Cdn) including tax plus, $39.10 in GST paid at the border when coming back to Ontario. That's a price difference of almost $250.00. Even accounting for gas used to travel to Port Huron and back and buying lunch there, I still saved well over $200. When I mentioned to the U.S. border agent my reason for visiting, he asked why tires were so expensive in Canada. I'm not entirely sure, but with price differences like this, there must be a long line of vehicles headed south of the border. Waterloo Region Record, A8

Gun-smuggling U.S. woman fined $8,000
An Arizona woman who tried to cross the border into Canada in May with two guns stashed in her car has been fined $8,000. Wilma Jean Allen pleaded guilty in B.C. Provincial Court in Surrey on Thursday to two charges each of smuggling goods into Canada and possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition. Allen was arrested on May 26 after border services officers searched her car at the Douglas border crossing and found two undeclared firearms. She was released four days later on $10,000 bail. According to court records, Allen was fined $2,000 for each count to which she pleaded guilty, for a total of $8,000. She has one month to pay the fines. Allen was also given a 10-year firearms prohibition. The Province, A8

Portuguese man who tried to illegally enter Canada to be sentenced next month
He paid $25,000 for a fake passport to get into Canada. But all it bought Jose Paulo Arruda Fernandes was another trip to prison. The 52-year-old Portuguese man - who tried to illegally enter the country from a cruise ship in St. John's last month - will find out next month how long he will spend in jail this time. His sentencing hearing was held Thursday in provincial court in St. John's. The Crown has suggested a jail term of three years, while the defence said 12-18 months. (…) His most recent conviction happened April 26, 2012, when he was give a year-long jail term. He had been deported only six months before he tried again. (…) Fernandes had lived in Canada between 1970 and 1996, when he had landed immigrant status. He was deported after he got involved in criminal activity. His criminal record includes convictions for such charges as assault and mischief, but Simmonds pointed out that outside the charges of trying to enter Canada, Fernandes hasn't been in trouble with the law since 1992. The Telegram, A4

Charles McVety, free speech hypocrite
An editorial states, "There are legitimate reasons why Canada might deny entry to a particular individual. The website of Citizenship and Immigration conveniently lists some of what those reasons are. Yet nowhere on the list does it say anything about having controversial views, because one's views should have nothing to do with your admissibility to Canada. Unfortunately, though, there are many who feel otherwise. On Oct. 19, a symposium called "Sexuality, Childhood, and Classroom Life" is scheduled to take place at University College in Toronto. The keynote speaker for this symposium is a U.S. academic by the name of James Kincaid. Dr. Kincaid is a professor at the University of Southern California (USC), and the author of several books on the sexualization of children. (…) Some Canadians want to keep him out. Led by religious conservative activist Dr. Charles McVety, the Institute for Canadian Values and

Canada Family Action have written a letter to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration urging him to ensure that Kincaid is ruled inadmissible to Canada. The letter doesn't offer much by way of convincing arguments, and mainly serves to demonstrate the extent of McVety's hypocrisy." National Post, A10

Canada's widening skills gap
The shortage of skilled employees in Canada is deepening, and government policies that tightened the rules governing foreign workers have made the situation worse. That's the message of a new study from global recruiting firm Hays PLC, which surveyed the skills gap in 30 developed countries around the world. Canada ranks ninth among those countries for the severity of its skills shortage, and its score deteriorated in the past year. Still, skills shortages are worse in Japan, the United States, Germany, Sweden, and several other countries, the report said. More than half the countries surveyed have some kind of talent mismatch. (...) In Canada, the jobs and immigration issue came to a head earlier this year when the federal government tightened the rules to make it more difficult for companies to bring in temporary foreign workers. The move was made after a B.C. company tried to bring in 200 Chinese workers for a mine project, and Royal Bank of Canada employees complained that they were being asked to train foreign workers who were to take their jobs. Mr. Cox said the countries that are most successful in filling empty spots for professional employees have flexible immigration systems that target particular skills. Immigration needs to differentiate between highly skilled workers, and "lower- and middle-level skills that should be in great abundance in the domestic economy," he said. Globe and Mail, B14; * Calgary Herald

Fugitive sex offender turns up in Seattle
Authorities in Seattle have located a high-risk sex offender who recently fled Canada. The Seattle Police Department said Michael Sean Stanley was found in downtown Seattle on Thursday and was ordered to register as a sex offender. He wasn't arrested because Canadian authorities have declined to try to extradite him. But Seattle police say the 48-year-old could be arrested if he fails to register as a sex offender. Stanley has a long history of sexual offences against women and children and had been missing since Oct. 1, when he left Edmonton and cut off his electronic-monitoring bracelet in Lloydminster, on the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary. Edmonton police said they warned U.S. counterparts that he might try to cross the border, but U.S. officials allowed him in after determining he was an American citizen and not the subject of an extraditable arrest warrant. (...) Last weekend, the Alberta Justice Department announced it would not seek Stanley's extradition to Canada because the breach of recognizance, mischief and driving charges he faces north of the border don't involve violence. Associated Press (Times Colonist, Calgary Herald, National Post, Windsor Star, Ottawa Citizen, CTV News)

EU gives beef producers a win as feds prepare to unveil pact
Canadian beef producers have been assured they will have the ability to export close to 70,000 tonnes of beef to the European Union under a new free-trade deal being unveiled today in Brussels. The quota is almost twice the 40,000-tonne number former EU ambassador Matthias Brinkmann said in May the Europeans were willing to concede to Canada in return for Canada opening up its market to more imports of cheese. Sources close to the industry say Canadian pork producers will be given an even bigger quota, but did not give a specific number. The Canadian Agri-food Trade Alliance is hailing the deal, predicting it will boost exports of beef and pork by $1 billion once farmers gear up supply in hormone-free livestock. (...)Reporters in Ottawa will receive an early-morning briefing before Prime Minister Stephen Harper and European Commission president Jose Manuel Barroso take part in a signing ceremony in Brussels at about 10:30 PT. Government officials say the deal with the 28-member EU, known as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, is the most ambitious Canada has ever attempted, encompassing every sector of the economy from automobiles to financial services, intellectual property to government procurement. Times Colonist, B2; Associated Press (Telegraph-Journal); * Postmedia (Province, StarPhoenix, Herald, Gazette, Citizen); * QMI Agency (Free Press, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun); * Toronto Star

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

Dealing with Uncle Sam
Whoever handles government relations at CGI Federal must be due a hefty bonus this year. The company won prime position on a new Blanket Purchase Agreement to provide cyber security diagnostic tools to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). But it wasn't just a win for CGI Federal, a Fairfax, Va.-based information technology and business services provider – it was a win for business north of the border. The company's parent, CGI, is based in Montréal. It isn't often that you hear about Canadian companies winning large federal government contracts in the U.S. for cyber security products and services. Why not, and is this something that can be rectified? (…)In spite of the geographical divide, at least one company in Canada finds it easier to sell into the U.S. market. Route1, based in Toronto, sells identity management and service delivery products for mobile enterprise users. The vast majority of its sales come from federal government contracts in the U.S., says CEO Tony Busseri. "Our federal and provincial governments, along with a lot of corporate Canada, are at least five years behind what is going on with the U.S. federal government," he complains. He criticizes the Canadian government for being slow on the uptake with security technology, citing a contract that he won with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, which is now using his company's technology. However, even though Canada and the U.S. signed an agreement in February 2011, the Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness, the Canadian Border Services Agency is still not using the technology, he says. SC Magazine (17-10-2013)

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

*** 'Vile' anti-sex trafficking website meant to upset Edmontonians**
A group that has launched an anti-child exploitation campaign says it meant to make people uncomfortable with what some are calling a "vile" stunt and "disgusting advocacy." On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Chrysalis Anti-Human Trafficking Network launched the legitimate-looking website sexwork4u.com that purported to recruit underage children to work in the sex trade. "Whether you're 17 or 12, as long as there are johns willing to pay for sex with youth, there's a place for you in this career," the website read. "Alberta is a hotbed for the sex trade. Especially here in Edmonton. Get involved today." By Thursday, the site had a new look, identifying itself as a provocative campaign against human trafficking of children and teens. But the changes weren't made until some people on the Internet attacked it as inappropriate, saying the organizers had "apparently lost their dictionary when it comes to words like parody, satire or human decency." The executive director of Chrysalis, an Edmonton-based federal not-for-profit corporation launched in 2010, says the new campaign was meant to upset people. Jacqueline Linder, a clinical psychologist and professor at Edmonton's satellite campus for Seattle-based City University, said there is no line she won't cross to protect children… She said RCMP and police were notified beforehand, and the Winnipeg-based cybercrime unit was on it within hours. Edmonton Journal

Protest ends in violence, arrests
The RCMP say dozens of people were arrested after Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers and police vehicles torched Thursday when they began enforcing an injunction to end an ongoing demonstration against shale gas exploration in eastern New Brunswick. "I'm just happy nobody got killed today," said 36-year-old Lori Simon of the Elsipogtog First Nation. Simon went to survey the damage of burnt police cruisers after the protest in Rexton calmed down. "My heart was aching. I just wanted to cry." Donald Sanipass, 34, hopped up on the hood of one of the police cars, saying he wasn't surprised the situation escalated. "I knew it was going to come to this because the government doesn't want to listen to the people," Sanipass said, who attended the scene with Simon. "They didn't handle this right at all." Const. Jullie Rogers-Marsh said at least five RCMP vehicles were destroyed after they were set ablaze and at least one shot was fired by someone other than a police officer at the site of the protest. "The RCMP has worked diligently with all parties involved in hopes for a peaceful resolution. Those efforts have not been successful," Rogers-Marsh said. "Tensions were rising." The Mounties said at least 40 people were

arrested for firearms offences, threats, intimidation, mischief and violating the court-ordered injunction. The RCMP began enforcing the injunction at around 7: 30 a.m. to end the blockade of a compound where energy company SWN Resources stores exploration equipment. Route 134 at Rexton and Route 11 between Richibucto and Sainte-Anne-de-Kent were closed to traffic for about 12 hours and schools in the area were closed early for the day after they were locked down as a precaution. Rogers-Marsh said police decided to enforce the injunction because threats had been made against private security guards at the site the night before. She wouldn't reveal what tactics police were using to contain the crowd and refused to comment on reports that officers had fired rubber bullets. Robert Levi, a councillor with the Elsipogtog First Nation, said he went to the protest site early Thursday after hearing the RCMP had moved in to begin enforcing the injunction. Levi said police pepper-sprayed dozens of people after 9: 30 a.m. when he arrived with the chief and council. "They sprayed the crowd that was there," he said in an interview. "The chief was manhandled a little bit and all hell broke loose." Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate, The Guardian, Hamilton Spectator, Times Colonist); Canadian Press (Toronto Star); Daily Gleaner (Times & Transcript); * Times & Transcript (Telegraph Journal, Daily Gleaner) ; * Chronicle Herald ; * QMI Agency (London Free Press, Ottawa Sun, Toronto Sun, Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard) ; * Canadian Press (The Province, Vancouver Sun, Edmonton Journal, StarPhoenix, Leader-Post, Windsor Star, Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen); * Presse Canadienne (La Tribune, Le Nouvelliste, Le Devoir, La Voix de L'Est); * Agence QMI (Journal de Quebec, Journal de Montreal); * Acadie Nouvelle; * Globe and Mail

*** First Nation blocks Route 102 at Kingsclear**

Rush-hour traffic along Route 102 was stalled on Thursday afternoon as members of the Kingsclear First Nation blocked traffic in both directions at the Chapel Road. About 50 people were involved in blockade, which started around 4 p.m. Although trees were placed across the road to stop drivers from going on toward Mactaquac, protesters took down portions of the blockade to allow school buses to travel through. They also advised motorists that they could take an alternative route through Kingsclear First Nation, where one lane of traffic was left open. Members of the RCMP and Fredericton Police Force were stationed along Route 102 during the evening, directing traffic near the Prospect Inn during rush hour and near Island View, advising motorists travelling beyond Mactaquac to seek alternative routes. The blockade on Route 102 follows a day of mayhem, arrests, and Molotov cocktails thrown at police and at least five RCMP vehicles destroyed by fire on Route 134 near Rexton as shale gas protesters were removed by police. At least 40 people were arrested on various charges including firearms offences, uttering threats, intimidation, mischief and refusing to abide by a court injunction on Thursday in Rexton. Chief Gabiel Atwin said the blockade organized by the Kingsclear First Nation was designed to show support for Elsipogtog First Nation members protesting in Rexton. "All over the province, First Nation people are showing their support," he said. "We're not happy with what the government is doing. They closed down negotiations. There's supposed to be negotiations with leadership in New Brunswick, and they shut it down. "Shale gas is not a good thing. If it's not properly regulated, we're all in trouble. Proper consultation with First Nations is supposed to take place. The government knows that. Daily Gleaner (Times & Transcript)

*** Highway blocked near Perth-Andover**

A long line of tractor-trailers and other vehicles was stopped on the Trans-Canada Highway west of Perth-Andover yesterday afternoon as protesters from Tobique First Nation and their supporters blocked the four-lane highway for several hours. After the anti-shale gas protests in Rexton turned violent on Thursday, Tobique residents took to the highway. By 4 p.m., the line of stopped vehicles extended kilometres, with only a few RCMP officers visible. Allan Tremblay of Tobique First Nation was on the Trans-Canada Highway, showing his support for the Kent County protesters. "This has been brewing for quite a while," he said. "What I attribute that to is just that the (political) leaders don't take our leaders seriously and won't sit down and talk to them." "What's wrong with talking?" said Tremblay. "It's all our leaders have been asking for all this time - sit down and talk to us - but they don't respect our leaders." Dozens of people were arrested in Rexton after Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers and police vehicles torched when they began enforcing an injunction to end an ongoing demonstration against shale gas exploration. Const. Jullie Rogers-Marsh said at least five RCMP vehicles were destroyed after they were set ablaze and at least one shot was fired by someone other than a police officer at the site of the

protest in Rexton. Tremblay predicted more violence. "This is the tip of the iceberg. Remember what happened at Oka?" Times & Transcript (Telegraph Journal, Daily Gleaner)

Regina protesters decry violence

Horrified and outraged by the violence that ensued Thursday in New Brunswick between demonstrators and the RCMP, a group about 80-strong held an evening gathering in Regina to call for peace. Earlier in the day, dozens of people were arrested near the Elsipogtog First Nation north of Moncton, N.B., after RCMP members moved in to stop a protest against shale gas exploration. According to the RCMP, at least five police vehicles were set on fire and destroyed. Carrying signs that read "Frack You! In Solidarity with Elsigpogtog" and "Standing Up For What's Right", the Regina demonstration was held outside the RCMP Heritage Centre. Pointing to the building and raising his voice, one speaker decried the ongoing unrest between indigenous people and the authorities. While Sue Deranger said the day's events did not surprise her, they nevertheless upset her. "We must stand up for our Mother Earth and we must stand up for each other," she told the crowd during the 40-minute event. "And it's so ironic - the RCMP were created in theory to protect indigenous people. What the heck are they doing attacking us? There is something upside-down in this world." The protest in Regina was one of numerous rallies that occurred in cities across the country such as Ottawa, Winnipeg, Montreal and Toronto. Each stood in solidarity with those from the Elsipogtog First Nation. Leader-Post

Ontario highway blocked in support of N.B. protest

Ontario Provincial Police say First Nations protesters shut down Highway 6 in southern Ontario Thursday between the communities of Hagersville and Caledonia. Const. Mark Foster said the the protest blockade involved 30 to 40 people. A local native newspaper, Turtle Island News, said people from the Six Nations First Nation shut down the road in solidarity with First Nations protesters arrested Thursday during a demonstration against shale gas exploration in eastern New Brunswick. Foster said a liaison team was talking with the protesters in an effort to get the road reopened. First Nations communities elsewhere in the country also held protests in solidarity with Elsipogtog. Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, wrote a letter to New Brunswick Premier David Alward, expressing his support for Elsipogtog First Nation protesters in that province. "The images and actions we have seen and that have been reported are deeply disturbing and completely unacceptable," Atleo wrote."I call upon you to take all actions to immediately cease this intervention and restore dialogue." Canadian Press (Times Colonist)

Tories target spending-scandal senators

The Harper government moved yesterday to cauterize the open wound that is the Senate expenses scandal, coming down hard on three free-spending senators and promising to disclose how its MPs spend taxpayer dollars. But none of it was likely to make the controversy go away anytime soon, given fresh procedural tactics by the opposition, ongoing RCMP probes and a forthcoming Senate expense review by the auditor general. The Conservatives announced motions to suspend Mike Duffy, Pamela Wallin and Patrick Brazeau, three former Tories appointed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper who were found to have made inappropriate expense claims. The motions, to be debated next week, would strip the trio of their pay, benefits and Senate resources for the remainder of the parliamentary session - potentially as long as two years. A fourth senator with improper expenses, former Liberal Mac Harb, resigned last month. A handful of Liberal senators suggested the motions were patently unfair, given that Duffy, Wallin and Brazeau have not been charged with anything directly related to their expenses. Government Senate leader Claude Carignan said the upper chamber was well within its rights to take disciplinary action against the senators for their "gross negligence." "When we occupy such privileged positions, we should respect citizens and we need to behave with dignity," Carignan said outside the Senate chamber after the motions were introduced. "I think the behaviour of these three colleagues were an affront to that dignity." An hour before Carignan's announcement, Duffy issued a statement saying he was going on medical leave on his doctor's orders because of a heart condition. Carignan said that would not have an impact on the suspension, should it pass. Duffy, Brazeau and Harb are the subject of an RCMP investigation into fraud and breach of trust allegations, but no charges have been laid. onservative Sen. David Tkachuk said the Mounties had interviewed him this week about Wallin, but it is unclear whether that was part of a full-blown investigation. Canadian Press (Times & Transcript, Red Deer Advocate, Hamilton Spectator, Times Colonist);* Presse Canadienne (Le Nouvelliste); *Globe and Mail; * National Post; * Postmedia News (The Province, Vancouver Sun, Edmonton Journal, Windsor Star,

Leader Post, Calgary Herald, Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen, National Post); * QMI Agency (Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun)

Audio of fatal confrontation with RCMP officers recorded
An audio recording has been released recounting some of the final moments of Greg Matters's life, as an RCMP officer tried to negotiate the surrender of the distraught former peacekeeper just before he was shot by the force's emergency response team. Matters was fatally shot last September on the rural property he shared with his mother near Prince George. Only the voice of now-Insp. Brad Anderson can be heard on the half-hour recording entered as evidence at a coroner's inquest into Matters's death and released to media. The interactions, heard on the recording suggest Anderson was building rapport with Matters and, at one point, had coaxed the 40-year-old to within steps of surrender. "I just really want to keep this peaceful. I just want to get your side of the story, you know that," Anderson says, then pauses to listen. "Well, let's come in, you talk to us. Let's see where you are." But the inquest heard that Matters, who suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, suddenly retreated to a cabin on the property. The recording suggests he grew increasingly anxious on the other end of the telephone line. It is clear from the recording that Matters asked for a helicopter that had been deployed to circle overhead be removed… The inquest has already heard that Matters was shot in the back during the confrontation with the emergency response team. Police had gone to Matters's home to arrest him for an assault during a dispute with his brother in the early-morning hours the day before. The coroner's jury has heard that Matters was in treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder, and that his psychiatrist linked to both his time on a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia and to two assaults he suffered at the hands of his military comrades. Matters also had several run-ins with RCMP, and made a complaint to the RCMP public complaints commission. That complaint was not substantiated, and Matters felt he was being harassed by police. Canadian Press (Times Colonist, The Province, Vancouver Sun)

B.C. case sent back to appeal judges
The Supreme Court of Canada is sending the case of a B.C. man who appears to have been wrongly convicted in a 2004 sexual assault back to the provincial court of appeal. The high court says the appeal judges will have to consider fresh evidence and decide if there was a miscarriage of justice in the case of Gurdev Singh Dhillon. He was convicted of sexual assault in 2005, but prosecutors discovered this year that DNA evidence in the case wasn't disclosed to either the Crown or the defendant. What the lawyers didn't know was that swabs taken from the victim at the hospital and an article of her clothing were sent for DNA testing and the profile that came back did not match Dhillon. Crown prosecutors called it a miscarriage of justice and the RCMP apologized. The lawyer who defended Dhillon at trial said his client served four years in prison and was deported in 2008. Canadian Press (Times Colonist, Vancouver Sun)

Mountie used excessive force, prosecutor says
A Mountie in Prince George charged with assault with a weapon used excessive force when he arrested an elderly care home resident three years ago, a Crown prosecutor told the officer's trial. Crown counsel Jennifer Johnston said Const. Chad Fitzpatrick was one of a contingent of Mounties called to the Spruce Capital Seniors Housing Complex on the night of Nov. 17, 2010. The Mounties were called to the facility by staff after a heated argument with one of the residents, the court heard. The trial heard there was some kind of outburst, the senior uttered threatening statements, and then he went to his room. Staff followed him into the room, and an ensuing argument then escalated into more threats from the elderly man. He even pulled out a knife, the court heard. The staff members then retreated, closed and guarded the door, and called the police. RCMP attended and took the resident into custody, but during that arrest, Johnston said that Fitzpatrick jolted the man with a Taser to incapacitate him. The Mountie's actions amounted to excessive force, Johnston said. Canadian Press (Times Colonist)

Nine from Ontario, Quebec charged in crime dragnet
Five Ontario residents and four from Quebec face numerous charges following an 11-month investigation into drugs and organized crime in eastern Ontario. Ontario Provincial Police say Project Adelaide began in response to complaints from people in small eastern Ontario communities and also involved Quebec's provincial police. The OPP says its Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau began last November to gather evidence against a ring they say was involved in distributing cocaine, as well as intimidation, extortion and loan sharking. Police say the drug ring used a "just in time" delivery model similar to many modern

manufacturers and big box retailers. Investigators explain that cocaine was sent from Montreal to Mont-Tremblant, Que., to be re-packaged for distribution to local traffickers in several eastern Ontario communities, including Ottawa, Carleton Place, Perth, Stittsville, Lombardy and Smiths Falls. Police executed 25 search warrants Wednesday in Ontario and Quebec, seizing 2.5 kilograms of cocaine, 1.5 kilograms of hashish, seven vehicles, one handgun and more than $400,000 in cash. Investigators say they will also be seizing a Robinson R44 helicopter... Provincial police say they are continuing to investigate these offences, as well as a $1.2-million mortgage fraud and high level money laundering through shell companies of approximately $10 million. OPP Deputy Commissioner Scott Tod says the illegal drug trade can seriously affect community safety and lead to a wide variety of violent acts and property crimes. "Project Adelaide sends a clear and strong message that police - working together - will do everything in their power to safeguard communities," he said. Canadian Press (Windsor Star, Montreal Gazette); * Ottawa Citizen

*** Merivale Road reopens after 'hoax pipe bomb' scare**
Merivale Road has reopened after police determined a package found by hydro workers Thursday was a "hoax pipe bomb." The road was closed between Slack and West Hunt Club roads after police were called around 9:20 a.m. about a suspicious-looking pipe. A Tim Hortons under construction and three other buildings were evacuated. The Ottawa police and RCMP joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives unit (CBRNE) was called in to investigate. Ottawa Citizen

*** Charge laid in PMO bomb threat**
A Toronto man has been charged with uttering threats after the building that houses the office of Prime Minister Stephen Harper was evacuated hours before Wednesday's throne speech. Mohamoud Hirsi Jimale, 45, allegedly arrived at the Langevin Building in Ottawa on Wednesday and claimed he had a bomb inside his briefcase, according to the charge sheet. The charges gave his home address as 2100 Weston Rd., Toronto, the site of the Humberview Housing Co-op. A woman there, who did not want to be identified, said Mr. Jimale lived in a three-bedroom unit with his wife. Together they collect $3,000 a month in welfare for themselves and their seven children, she said. She said on Tuesday he had become angry when the co-op asked him to provide proof that his children still lived in Canada. The next day, a man wearing a white robe and cap was arrested following an alleged confrontation with security at the Langevin Building. A police explosives disposal unit was brought in to examine the briefcase, but it contained no explosives. "We're not going to get into the details of the package for multiple reasons," RCMP Cpl. Lucy Shorey said. "But I can tell you that our (explosives) team deemed the package did not contain a threat at just before 3 p.m." Mr. Jimale appeared in an Ottawa courtroom Thursday to face one charge of uttering threats. He is also charged with mischief for allegedly interfering with the lawful use of the Prime Minister's Office. National Post, Ottawa Citizen; Le Droit

*** Mental health trainer says more instruction may not be the answer**
There is no way of knowing how well police training in communicating with the mentally ill is actually working, an Ontario Police College instructor testified Thursday. Ron Hoffman, who trains new recruits on mental health issues, spoke at a coroner's inquest into the fatal police shootings of three people suffering from psychological disorders. "There are not a lot of studies ... on determining how much transfers from the classroom to the street. We don't know," he testified. "We can say, 'Add more training.' Sure, training's good, but I can't tell you whether or not it's ultimately going to have an effect on changing behaviour in the field." Sylvia Klibingaitis, 52, Michael Eligon, 29, and Reyal Jardine-Douglas, 25, all had mental health issues and were in crisis. All three were carrying sharp objects - scissors or knives - when they were shot and killed by Toronto police officers. New police recruits in Ontario receive 12 hours of training on mental health issues, including identifying various psychological disorders and how to respond to them. They are taught to speak softly, to offer to help and to treat the person with dignity. Toronto Star;

*** Inquest pulls back curtain on officers' reality**
The vast knowledge gap between police and public was underscored Thursday at an Ontario coroner's inquest into the Toronto police shooting deaths of three armed but mentally ill citizens. The inquest is examining the deaths in one fell swoop, its major focus on the training given to police in their dealings with the seriously mentally ill. The cases - the Aug. 29, 2010, death of Reyal Jardine-Douglas; the Oct. 7, 2011, death of Sylvia Klibingaitis; and the Feb. 3, 2012, death of Michael Eligon - are purportedly linked

because the three victims were experiencing a mental health crisis and all were armed with what's called a an edged weapon: a knife or scissors. Earlier this week, Ontario Police College trainer John Zeyen testified a Taser would not be suitable for use in most incidents involving sharp weapons because its punch or zap lasts as long as five seconds, making it too slow in such dynamic situations. That was a revelation for Anita Wasowicz, one of Klibingaitis's three sisters who are together representing their family. "Until I heard you yesterday," Wasowicz told Zeyen as she began her questions, "I was confused whether a Taser would have made a difference in the case I know the best." A bit later, she said, "I can't stress enough how this is a huge and shocking piece of information to me." With the province having announced this summer Ontario police forces can choose to issue all front-line officers with the conducted energy weapons, Tasers have become a real issue in the inquest's first week even though none were deployed. And, if Wasowicz's questions are any indication, a wider swath of the public may also be labouring under the mistaken belief Tasers are useful in dealing with knife-wielding people, mentally ill or not. But Zeyen, who now teaches firearms at the police college but was also a team leader in its officer safety section for the previous five years, testified Tasers are not appropriate for 80 per cent to 90 per cent of incidents involving sharp weapons. Postmedia News (StarPhoenix, Montreal Gazette, Leader-Post, Vancouver Sun, Edmonton Journal, Windsor Star, Ottawa Citizen, National Post, Calgary Herald)

*** More evidence from bloody crime scene revealed**

The Surrey Six trial on Thursday heard more grisly details of the crime scene from an RCMP officer involved in the forensic investigation. Retired RCMP Sgt. Jerome Ouellet was present when the six bodies were removed from the top floor of the highrise suite in the Balmoral Towers. Court has heard there were numerous shell casings and several bullets visible in the living room where the bodies were found. Ouellet told B.C. Supreme Court Justice Catherine Wedge that when the scene had been processed and the bodies were being taken out, more shell casings were found underneath the bodies, as well as a bullet. After the bodies had been removed and the blood pools around the bodies had been cleaned up, investigators found a number of nicks and marks on the laminate flooring, said Ouellet, who worked in the RCMP's forensic identification section. When he cut through the flooring around one of the nicks, he found a spent bullet in congealed blood, he said. The Crown has said that 19 shots were fired during the October 2007 fatal shooting. Investigators took care when removing bodies to place body bags at a different location and then lift the bodies to the bags, he said. The former Mountie earlier showed close-up photos of the injuries suffered by the six victims when they were shot to death. The photos revealed what appeared to be bullet holes in several pieces of clothing that were draped over the heads of several of the victims. They also revealed tattoos on the bodies of three of the victims - Corey Lal and his brother Michael Lal and Edward Narong. The Province

*** Un «collectionneur» de porno juvénile dans les filets du SPVQ**

Les policiers du SPVQ ont effectué une frappe importante, hier matin, dans un appartement de la 7eRue à Québec, mettant ainsi au jour un important «collectionneur» de pornographie juvénile qui agissait en solo. Jean-Marc Allard s'est retrouvé dans la mire des enquêteurs aux délits familiaux et agressions sexuelles (DFAS) de la section des crimes majeurs du SPVQ (Service de police de la Ville de Québec) après que le fournisseur du service «Windows live Skydrive» eut envoyé deux dénonciations au Centre national de coordination contre l'exploitation des enfants. Selon nos informations, l'homme aurait en sa possession, enregistrées sur des clés USB, des disques durs externes et des DVD, des dizaines de milliers de photographies de pornographie juvénile dont au moins 25 000 en fichier unique. Agence QMI (Journal de Quebec, Journal de Montreal)

*** Police board wise to welcome transparency**

An editorial states, “There is encouraging news about transparency and accountability at Hamilton's police services board. At a meeting this week, board members seemed kindly disposed toward the idea of releasing secret police records on 11 police shootings over the past decade. The reports in question were filed by Hamilton police chiefs over the years, a requirement after any Special Investigations Unit probe into interactions between police and citizens that result in serious injury or death. They contain the results of the chief's internal investigation into the incident, actions and recommendations. They should never have been confidential in the first place. It would have been preferable for the board to grant the release, as requested by journalist Bill Dunphy who was acting on behalf of The Spectator. But it's understandable

that the board wanted to get a legal opinion on the matter, which new chair Councillor Bernie Morelli promises for the next board meeting. Fair enough, but further delays aren't justifiable. These reports were discussed behind closed doors, but never made available to the public. Provincial law allows the board to decide to release them, or not, and various jurisdictions have different policies. But in this jurisdiction, concerning this police service, there is great potential value in releasing the records, and much potential harm in refusing to do so… This is not a witch hunt in any way. It is simply a matter of citizens and taxpayers having access to information that should have been public from the outset. Release of these reports will be a concrete demonstration of the police board's commitment to greater transparency and accountability. Without knowing what they say it's impossible to predict public reaction, but it's more important to show police governance in Hamilton is open to public scrutiny. Conversely, failure to release the reports will suggest they contain information the board and police management don't want in the public realm, and that will create more tension and doubt at a time when some already exists in the wake of the Steve Mesic tragedy. That's not what the police board or service needs right now." Hamilton Spectator

Tasers can spare lives with a little help from Ontario
An opinion piece by Colin Kenny, former chair of the Senate Committee on National Security and Defence states, "The negative reaction among liberal-minded citizens to the news that the Ontario government will allow more front-line cops to use electroshock weapons was predictable - they didn't like it. But if the government would take a few steps to improve the odds that these weapons will be properly used, even the most liberal-minded among us should welcome their expanded role as an alternative to the use of guns. There is no doubt that electroshock weapons - we're mostly talking about the Tasers manufactured by Taser International - have been improperly used by some trigger-happy cops, most notably in the death of Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver airport. Electroshock weapons aren't toys. They're classified as prohibited weapons in Canada and can only be used by police forces. There is evidence they can play a significant part in fatal outcomes. But they can also save lives. And it would be foolish for the government of Ontario not to do everything in its power to make sure Tasers do just that… If the Ontario government really wants to improve policing, it should cough up the money to buy Tasers that - coupled with good training and the use of audio-visual recorders - will reduce fatalities and lead to fairer outcomes in court. Without that kind of investment, the doubters will have a good point. The government would be rolling the dice every time things get hot on the front lines." Toronto Star

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

More KP tours in offing
There will be more tours of Kingston Penitentiary starting next month. Correctional Service of Canada, which is a national partner of Habitat for Humanity, has offered up a three-week block of prison tours to Habitat for Humanity Canada, starting Nov. 6 and finishing up Nov. 24. Information about the tours and ticket availability has yet to be released. An initial three weeks of tours of 178-year-old Kingston Penitentiary, which closed on Sept. 30, started only mere days later and drew national attention and proved wildly popular. The first block of $20 tickets, 7,000 in total and offered only online, sold out within two days despite the event, benefiting the local United Way, not even being advertised. A second block of the 2,400 tickets sold out in under a half hour. QMI Agency (Kingston Whig-Standard)

Where's daughter's killer?
Anybody know the whereabouts of sex-killer David Wayne Snowdon? The mother of the little girl he sexually assaulted and murdered would like to know. "With Kingston Pen closing last month, I have lost track of him," said Keri-Lee Deon. "And nobody will tell me where he is."… Calls to Correctional Services of Canada have not offered much insight. "It's a privacy issue," spokesman Melissa Hart explained. How nice for Snowdon. Amazing that the guy in a public institution for stealing a little girl from her family has more rights than her parents. But, says Corrections Canada, there is a National Victim Services Program a victim's family member can apply to and if "they qualify" they can perhaps gain such information. "The program seeks to provide victims of federal offenders with timely information about the offender who harmed them," states an e-mail sent by Hart. "Our dedicated Victim Services Officers are responsible for

registering victims, providing victim notification, receiving victim statements, providing referrals and answering questions about CSC," including whether a person is in custody and at what penitentiary. Keri-Lee is not interested in applying for a program. She wants a phone call that requires no red tape. Canadian Press (Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun)

Message de Harper aux juges
Jamais le système de justice n'aura pris autant de place dans un programme politique au Canada que sous Stephen Harper. Le gouvernement Harper a déjà adopté un train de mesures de répression de la criminalité (pas moins de 13 lois) et le premier ministre a annoncé, mercredi, qu'il entendait bien continuer dans la même voie. M. Harper a dit vouloir faire du Canada «un pays où les contrevenants sont punis, où les sanctions reflètent la gravité des crimes commis et où les droits des victimes passent avant ceux des criminels». Les conservateurs ont bien saisi que la population en avait ras le bol des sentences bonbons et des remises en liberté de criminels parmi les plus dangereux après n'avoir purgé qu'une petite fraction de leur peine. Les choses sont en train de changer à la satisfaction de la majorité silencieuse... Stephen Harper s'est adressé à cellesci dans le discours du Trône de mercredi. Il n'a que faire des critiques des partis d'opposition, plus à gauche sur l'échiquier politique, et des intellectuels bien pensants ou des représentants des médias, qui répercutent le discours soi-disant progressiste sur la réhabilitation et la réinsertion sociale, en remplacement de longues peines de prison... La litanie de lois déjà adoptées et les intentions annoncées dans le discours de mercredi envoient un message clair aux juges, aux procureurs de la Couronne et aux responsables des services correctionnels. Journal de Quebec (Journal de Montreal)

*** Appropriate use of Kingston Penitentiary**
A letter to the editor states, “During the past year considerable discussion has been made on the future use of Kingston Penitentiary after its closing. I remembered another walled institution that was near my family house. British Columbia Penitentiary was opened in 1898 and closed in May 1980. This institution that was located on the banks of the Fraser River in New Westminister was demolished and replaced with hundreds of new residential houses on the former prison lands. As for KP I believe that the decision to close this institution was premature. In 1998 KP was deployed as the Regional Assessment Centre for Ontario. All new federal inmates entering the Federal Correctional System and parole violators were sent to KP. These inmates were assessed by professional staff and after three to five months were transferred to a appropriate institution given the inmates program needs and security classification concerns. Parole violators were assessed by the National Parole Board and either released to the community or returned to a federal institution... I agree with the regional prison guard union and prison advocates that have stated the closure of KP will result in serious population increases requiring many inmates having to be double bunked. Since new inmates entering federal custody and parole violators require a secure facility with appropriates space for complete assessment it makes good sense to review the decision to close KP. One could speculate that double bunking of troubled inmates will result in serious management issues for prison administrators. Kingston Whig-Standard, A5

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*** Beeper's slayer given third shot at freedom**
Will the third time be the charm? Federal parole officials are once again rolling the dice on a dangerous killer who has already blown two chances. Conrad Johnson, 35, was granted unescorted temporary absences from prison earlier this month, documents show. Johnson is able to return to the community under certain conditions for what the parole board calls "personal development." But officials admit there is still considerable risk, given Johnson's history... While back behind bars, Johnson admitted his mistakes and blamed them on being given too much, too fast. The parole board agreed to give him a second shot at freedom in 2008.... But documents obtained by the Free Press this week show that was a disaster. Johnson fled from a halfway house in July 2009 and spent 15 months on the run. Winnipeg Free Press, A3

*** Wife - killer in custody for parole violations**
Convicted killer Bruce Stewner is back in custody less than a year after the Winnipeg man walked out of prison despite lingering concerns about his threat to the public. The Free Press has learned Stewner, 48, was arrested earlier this month in British Columbia for allegedly violating terms of his day parole. No other details about the allegations are known and federal officials refuse to comment. A parole officer must decide whether to give Stewner another chance or cancel his release and refer the file back to the parole board. If so, details of what put him back behind bars would become part of the public record...Stewner was granted day parole in November 2012 in a decision that was criticized by his victim's family, who called him a master manipulator. The parole board said Stewner had made several positive steps while in prison and noted he'd met a woman and married her in April 2011. Winnipeg Free Press, A3

*** Attacker's upcoming jail release raises flags**
The Parole Board of Canada has serious concerns about the upcoming release of a high-profile violent sex offender who continues to have a bad attitude toward women and harbours violent sexual fantasies, according to a recent decision. Ernest Meigs, 38, was sentenced in 2004 to 14½ years in prison for kidnapping his ex-girlfriend, terrorizing her family and attacking a tenant. He is scheduled to get out of prison on statutory release on Nov. 4. Statutory release is automatically granted to most offenders after they have served two-thirds of their sentence. A prisoner cannot be detained past that date unless there is a recommendation by the Correctional Service of Canada for detention... In a decision from Oct. 7, the Parole Board of Canada states Meigs continues to blame the victim for the ordeal and is indifferent to the harm he caused. "You do not accept full responsibility for your offending," the board wrote. Meigs has a criminal history that begins in 2001. The Province, A11

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Information watchdog says Canadian democracy threatened by deterioration of federal transparency

Canada's information commissioner has put Prime Minister Stephen Harper"s point man for transparency issues on notice that he must answer for significant failures within government in respecting Canada's freedom-of-information law. Releasing her annual report to Parliament, Suzanne Legault slammed the government for a deteriorating record in providing information to the general public, explaining that it was now the responsibility of Treasury Board President Tony Clement to clean up the mess. Without a quick fix, she said the situation was threatening the health of Canada's democracy. "I think it's really time to actually (attribute) accountability where it lies," Legault said at a news conference. Legault said she spoke to Clement in recent days to warn him about her report's findings. She also dismissed his previous claims that the government could tout its record on transparency, simply because it was dealing with an increasing number of requests for information. Her report registered a nine per cent increase in the number of new complaints for 2012-2013, adding up to a total of 1,596 cases for the year, including a 42 per cent jump in complaints related to basic requirements such as meeting deadlines or following the proper procedure for an extension. "The minister (Clement) cannot say that this is the most transparent government simply based on the fact that we have more access requests if we're simply not responding to them or not responding to them before a year has elapsed," Legault told reporters. "That's not transparency. That's simply breaching the law and I think that's what the minister has to respond to." But speaking outside of the House of Commons, Clement repeated his previous arguments about an increase in the volume of documents that are released, noting that he was also encouraged to see more requests for information from the general public. Canada.com (Ottawa Citizen, StarPhoenix); Edmonton Sun

Federal info commissioner says integrity of access to information system at risk

The federal information commissioner says poor leadership and scant resources have left departments and agencies struggling to answer access-to-information requests from Canadians. In her annual report tabled today, Suzanne Legault says the integrity of the system is at risk and the weaknesses must be urgently addressed. The Access to Information Act, which came into force in 1983, allows people who pay $5 to request a variety of records from federal agencies - from correspondence and briefing notes to expense reports and audits. The government is supposed to respond within 30 days or provide good reasons why a delay is necessary. But Legault say says staff shortages meant one institution - the RCMP - routinely went six months without even acknowledging receipt of requests. In other cases, the response time can vary from 18 months to more than three years. "It is imperative that the access problems be fixed promptly and significantly. There is truly a need for leadership on the part of the government and the individual institutions,' Legault told a news conference. "Unfortunately, yesterday's speech from the throne is silent on matters of transparency and accountability.' Canadian Press (Whitehorse Daily Star, Hamilton Spectator, Chronicle Herald, Chronicle Herald)

*** Cri d'alarme de la commissaire à l'information**

La commissaire à l'information du Canada pousse un cri d'alarme sans précédent: le système d'accès à l'information se détériore de manière dramatique au gouvernement fédéral et des solutions doivent être apportées de toute urgence. La commissaire Suzanne Legault a déposé un rapport annuel lapidaire au Parlement hier. Elle note que le nombre de plaintes déposées à son bureau a augmenté de près de 9% l'année dernière, et de 38% dans les six premiers mois de cette année. Mme Legault a directement évoqué la responsabilité du ministre responsable de l'application de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information, le président du Conseil du Trésor Tony Clement, qu'elle a rencontré la semaine dernière pour le prévenir de sa déclaration publique. "Ce que j'ai vu au cours de la dernière année, je ne l'avais jamais vu auparavant. La défaillance du système est plutôt dramatique. Et ça ne s'améliore pas. C'est ce qui me préoccupe. C'est ce que j'ai dit au ministre", a dit Mme Legault en point de presse hier. "J'ai dit au ministre que je le tiendrais responsable publiquement." Peu d'appétit du gouvernement Le ministre Clement a adopté un point de vue totalement différent et s'est montré peu enclin à apporter les changements réclamés. "Je suis très fier de notre bilan", a-t-il dit. A l'appui de sa thèse, il a cité certaines statistiques sur le nombre de documents divulgués en vertu de la loi l'an dernier, faisant état d'une augmentation de 27%. "S'il y a des problèmes de ressources humaines qu'on peut régler, nous le ferons. Mais compte tenu du fait que le caractère inquisiteur des médias et des citoyens ordinaires augmente de manière exponentielle, nous en faisons plus que prévu", a-t-il ajouté. La Presse, A14; Le Devoir; Le Droit

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She's Canadian now
The bestowing of honorary Canadian citizenship on Malala Yousafzai is an incredibly lovely and apt gesture on the part of the federal government. Malala, a teenage advocate for girls' education, who was shot by the Taliban a year ago in her native Pakistan, was largely expected to win the Nobel Peace Prize. However, the Peace Prize is more appropriately awarded to honour someone's lifetime work or achievements. Malala's life and work have just begun. An honorary Canadian citizenship is a rare privilege, and with its bestowal on her, Malala at the tender age of 16 joins the ranks of such luminaries as Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama and Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who was responsible for rescuing hundreds of thousands of Jews during the Holocaust after the Nazis occupied Hungary.
In an address to the World Bank, Malala said that spending money to fight terrorism by buying more weapons is the wrong approach - that money should be spent on pens, books and schools so that all children can be educated. Malala is a brilliant girl and an extraordinarily brave child. She is the public face and voice of thousands of girls just like her who struggle against tremendous odds for their educations and their futures in Third World countries. She has not let her fame and all the prizes heaped on her turn her head or distract her from her cause. Calgary Herald, A10

INTERNATIONAL

Canadian lawyer held in Syria for eight months escapes after captor leaves door unlocked
A Canadian lawyer abducted while serving with the UN observer force in the Golan Heights told Syrian state television he escaped his captors when the gunmen neglected to lock the room where he was being held. "I was held prisoner for eight months, and I managed to escape," Carl Campeau says in English in the interview broadcast Thursday. "They forgot to lock the door to my room." Mr. Campeau, who was abducted in February, said he left the villa in Syria and ran into the fields, eventually making his way to freedom, the Syrian news agency SANA reported Thursday. They forgot to lock the door to my room UN spokesman Martin Nesirky said Mr. Campeau is now with the United Nations and "initial indications are that he is in good health." AFP PHOTO / HO / SANAA handout picture released by the official Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) on October 17, 2013, shows Canadian Carl Campeau, an employee of the UN Disengagement Force (UNDOF) who went missing in February in Syria, speaking to the press in Damascus after the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs turned him over to the UN representative in Syria. Mr. Campeau, who was working as a legal advisor for the UN Disengagement Observer Force, called his kidnapping "a nightmare and a terrifying experience," SANA said. He added that there were Iraqis, Saudis, Jordanians and Chechens among his captors, the news agency said. Earlier, SANA said he was kidnapped by "terrorists" - the government's term for opposition supporters - in the Damascus suburb of Khan Al-Sheik. National Post (Toronto Star, Ottawa Citizen, Montreal Gazette, Whitehorse Daily Star, Chronicle Herald)

*** Lawyer to head U.S. Homeland Security**
President Barack Obama is calling back a trusted counterterrorism adviser from his first term by nominating former top Pentagon lawyer Jeh Johnson as secretary of homeland security. Obama plans to announce Johnson's nomination today. He must be confirmed by the Senate before taking over the post most recently held by Janet Napolitano, who stepped down in August to become president of the University of California system. As general counsel at the Defence Department during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Johnson was an aggressive advocate on a number of complex and contentious legal issues. He oversaw the escalation of the use of unmanned drone strikes, the revamping of military commissions to try terrorism suspects rather than using civilian courts and the repeal of the military's ban on openly gay service members. He also mapped out the legal defence for the American cross-border raid into Pakistan that killed Osama bin Laden. A senior Obama administration official on Thursday confirmed Johnson's selection, first reported by The Daily Beast. The official was not authorized to speak about the nomination on the record and spoke on condition of anonymity. The official said Obama chose

Johnson because of his experience as a national security leader. The official noted that Johnson oversaw the work of more than 10,000 lawyers and was responsible for reviewing every military operation approved by the president and defence secretary. Montreal Gazette, B5

*** Canada aiding storm-swept Philippines' disaster response - No part of the world gets more lethal typhoons than the northwestern Pacific basin**

Today, Manila has little capacity to deal with the high winds and flash floods; typhoons have become more destructive of late. Five of the 10 deadliest typhoons ever here have occurred in this young century, as have the five costliest typhoons. Canada has responded by providing $1 million to a little-known, United Nations project completed three months ago designed to "strengthen community resilience to the effects of natural calamities and disasters."... The UN initiative that Canada is part of may help the Philippines cope better with storms such as typhoon Bopha. The storm caused more than $1 billion Cdn in damages last December, according to the Manila-based National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council. That $1 billion costs the Philippine economy far more, in relative terms, than it would in Canada. Vancouver Sun, B5 (Edmonton Journal; Windsor Star; Regina Leader-Post; Calgary Herald; Montreal Gazette; Ottawa Citizen; National Post)

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Campaign ramping up to get 'Prince of Pot' back to Canada from jail in Mississippi
Supporters of B.C.'s "Prince of Pot" are taking their campaign to bring Marc Emery home to Parliament Hill. Jodie Emery will hold a news conference Tuesday in Ottawa with members of opposition parties to appeal for her husband's return to Canada. "We are going to be asking the Canadian government to transfer Marc home," said Jodie, a pot activist in her own right. "The U.S. government has already said he is able to return home ... This is a question of the value of Canadian citizenship, and whether (the Canadian government) would recognize that." Lending their support to the campaign are NDP deputy leader Libby Davies, Green MP Elizabeth May and Liberal public safety critic Wayne Easter, who are all expected to attend the news conference. Emery is serving a five-year prison term for selling marijuana seeds to U.S. customers from his downtown Vancouver hemp shop. The U.S. denied Emery's request for a transfer to a Canadian prison in 2011, but gave the green light in July. Ottawa has given no indication whether it will allow Emery back into the country to serve the remainder of his jail term. Jodie said her husband will be eligible for early release in July 2014. "Either way, the U.S. will be kicking him out," she said. Emery's supporters have already mounted a phone and letter-writing campaign directed at federal **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney**, but plan to ramp up the blitz on Tuesday. Pot advocates in B.C. are in the middle of a 90-day campaign to collect signatures for a petition that ultimately could lead to decriminalization of marijuana in the province. Jodie believes Emery's exile in the U.S. has been working in favour of the provincial government. The Province

App helps kin of missing kids
Safety A new mobile app is on the market that helps parents report missing children. The free app, called FindMeID, has been launched in Winnipeg by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. The app stores photos and information about children that can be quickly sent to police agencies. It also gives parents instructions on what to do if their children are missing. A news release says the app is endorsed by the RCMP Foundation. **Steven Blaney, the federal minister of public safety**, says in the release that the government supports all innovative technologies that improve children's safety. Calgary Herald, D3

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*** Pipeline safety incident rate doubled in past decade**
Pipelines regulated by the federal government — which include some of the longest lines in the country — have experienced a swell in the number of safety-related incidents over the past decade, documents obtained by CBC News suggest. In recent months, a spate of oil and gas spills both from train derailments and pipelines have raised questions about what mode of transport is the safest. The pipeline industry has touted its record as it seeks support for numerous controversial projects across the continent, including TransCanada's Keystone XL to the U.S. Gulf Coast and Enbridge's Northern Gateway to the B.C. coast. However, according to figures from a National Energy Board (NEB) data set obtained under access-to-information by CBC, the rate of overall pipeline incidents has doubled since 2000. By 2011, safety-related incidents — covering everything from unintentional fires to spills — rose from one to two for every 1,000 kilometres of federally-regulated pipeline. That reflects an increase from 45 total incidents in 2000 to 142 in 2011. CBC News; 1; 2

*** 7.7 Quake shakes folks into action - Haida Gwaii: Muster stations and emergency shelters in works for worried population**
The quake was 7.7 on the Richter scale - not the Big One, but big enough to spark tsunami fears. It was a year ago Sunday that a big quake off Haida Gwaii gave the islands' residents one heck of a wake-up call. The tremor rattled things off walls and shelves, and sent the islanders scurrying for high ground… There has been a lot done in the 12 months since the quake. New roads, muster stations and emergency shelters are in the works. There's a Facebook site and ham-radio operators in touch with provincial and Alaskan officials (an hour passed last time before the province issued a tsunami warning, which prompted the mayor of Queen Charlotte Village, Carol Kulesha, to say: "Basically, if the ground shakes, don't wait for someone to tell you to move to higher ground"). The biggest visible effect of the quake has been the virtual drying up of four hot-spring pools on Gwaii Haanas (Hot Springs Island) National Park Reserve. Vancouver Province, A3

*** Flood-mitigation plans take shape**
Flood-mitigation plans take shape as the Alberta legislature resumes today for a fall sitting, a main focus will be rebuilding from the destructive floods in June. Alberta's flood-mitigation plan is shaping up as a series of bold building projects, including a grand diversion proposal that would see future floodwaters directed away from inner-city Calgary neighbourhoods via a five-kilometre-long tunnel. The Alberta government says consulting engineers are determining which proposals from the Advisory Panel on Community Flood Mitigation will have the most impact, are feasible and have accurate cost estimates. "On first blush, some of the flood-mitigation ideas sounded like science fiction to me. But as the expert panels are doing their work and engaging international experts, more things seem possible," says Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi. Detailed plans from the engineering firms are expected by the end of December, and decisions about which projects move forward will follow. Key to the decision-making process, says Kim Capstick, spokeswoman for the government's flood-recovery task force, is "determining that projects that help one community don't cause harm downstream." Globe and Mail, A5

*** Province's proposed bill calls for designated lanes to ease transportation ills**
The Alberta government says it will introduce new legislation this fall that would give the province the power to designate lanes for specific use in an effort to reduce commute times. Redford is expected to provide more details about the new bill during her speech Monday. The government also plans to

introduce new legislation on flood mitigation and flood recovery, after southern Alberta was devastated this summer by severe flooding that caused billions of dollars in damages. Edmonton Journal, A4

*** Avalanche beacon phone apps risk lives, experts say - The Canadian Avalanche Centre is warning against 3 apps sold by European companies**
The Canadian Avalanche Centre is warning backcountry enthusiasts about new smartphone apps that claim to help save lives in an avalanche. According to the centre, three European companies have begun advertising different apps you can download onto a phone or other handheld device, which they say can help find people buried in an avalanche. But Gilles Valade, executive director of the CAC, says there are a number of problems with the companies' apps, and compatibility with other avalanche transceivers and the frequency ranges used top the list. CBC News

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Too much info going in. . .
An opinion piece states, "A court is probably not the ideal forum in which to try to clarify the purposes and activities of an intelligence agency. But the Communications Security Establishment Canada is so murky and perplexing that a constitutional challenge by the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association is a welcome opportunity. The BCCLA is suing for a declaration that CSEC is unjustifiably infringing the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. If the association were to win on every issue, CSEC would probably have to close down. That extreme result may not be desirable, but closer oversight of the agency is. The lawsuit may help articulate what the agency is, what it should be - and what it shouldn't be doing. The sections of the National Defence Act that govern CSEC are badly drafted. The definition of "foreign intelligence" is too broad, and doesn't limit the agency's scope to actual or potential threats to Canada. That may go some distance to explaining the puzzling surveillance of the Brazilian Ministry of Mines and Energy. CSEC is also not supposed to engage in surveillance of Canadians except when it gets a special authorization to do so. Is that how it works in practice? The Edward Snowden revelations suggest widespread abuse of the spirit of the law by U.S. intelligence agencies. What's the story here? Who is overseeing the governments gatherers of secrets, and who is protecting us from them? The United States has a special court, not open to the public, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, to consider applications for surveillance warrants. A similar court, so long as it acted more like a watchdog and less like a rubber stamp, could be an option for Canada." Globe and Mail, A10

Seems there's life in the old chamber yet
The Senate, many Canadians seem to believe, is entitled, corrupt and well past its 'best before date.' And given the roiling expense scandals now underway, who can really blame them? "One could say it's a great soap opera," Marilyn Trenholm Counsell, a former senator, herself, told CBC Radio's New Brunswick rolling home show last week. "Of course, it isn't a soap opera. It's real and it's hurtful."
She's right, of course. Deriding the Upper Chamber has become everyone's favorite parlour game. "On a daily basis evidence piles up that reveals our upper house to be neither useful nor necessary. An incessant string of scandals and disgraceful behaviour by senators has turned the red chamber into a national embarrassment," Macleans magazine opined earlier this year. "Its functionality has been eroded to nothing with little prospect for change, despite claims from the Harper government to champion Senate reform." To others, however, this conclusion seems rash. Most of the Senate's business is in committee. It's here where, in the words of Senator Muriel McQueen Fergusson, the chamber's "heart and soul" rests. According to an information circular posted to the CBC's website a couple of years ago, "committees discuss important social, economic and political issues and this forum is where senators hear from interested citizens." [...] Still, some signs are encouraging. As the Globe and Mail reported last week, "Senators pressed the government about why a federal spy agency has been probing telecommunications in Brazil, seeking clear answers about the activities of Communications Security Establishment Canada. Asking whether the spy agency has sufficient oversight, both Liberals and Conservatives in the Red Chamber demanded more information on Thursday about CSEC and its interest in Brazil's Ministry of Mines and Energy." Conservative Senator Hugh Segal, untroubled by his party affiliations pointedly commented, "Canada is the only country not to have any legislative oversight of

any kind for its national-security services." Times&Transcript, D4

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Canada, Europe wrestle with stalled side deal to agreement**
Canada and the European Union are hoping the momentum of last week's free-trade announcement will carry over into a troublesome side agreement. Sources close to the talks say the separate Strategic Partnership Agreement - which covers non-trade matters such as human rights - may get a shot in the arm from the recent signing in Brussels of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement. Prime Minister Stephen Harper flew to the European capital Oct. 18 to sign an agreement-in-principle with European Commission president Jose Manuel Barroso. The far-ranging deal improves the exchange of goods, services, investment and labour… The other piece of unfinished - and related - business is the Strategic Partnership Agreement, which Canada and Europe began negotiating in 2011 and has been linked to the broader trade and investment pact. Canada is balking at the inclusion of language in a final text that would refer to the importance of affirming human rights and non-proliferation efforts. The EU insists that all major agreements it negotiates contain language that promotes human rights and fights the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction - and it doesn't want to make an exception for Canada. Canadian Press (The Telegram, The Guardian, StarPhoenix, Montreal Gazette, Toronto Star, Ottawa Citizen)

*** Building a stairway to job heaven**
Calgary's leading technology training institute, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) Polytechnic, has just been named the top research college in Canada. The ranking comes a year after Alberta Premier Alison Redford opened the new Trades and Technology Complex at the campus, an addition that came with $300-million in support from her government. In Alberta, the words "prestigious" and "trades training" are compatible. In B.C., where the government is now looking to overhaul education from kindergarten to postsecondary in pursuit of a new skills-training agenda, there is still a wide gap.… In November, an independent review of the Industry Training Authority, which handles credentials and standards for apprenticeship programs, is due. The B.C. Liberal government has even reached out to the labour movement, for the first time, for solutions to what it warns is a looming jobs crisis. It is innovation driven by anxiety - some research suggests the province is just a few years away from the point where the number of jobs will exceed the number of qualified workers. How do you entice billions of dollars in new investment if there are not enough workers to build the projects? If the new jobs in construction, mining and a liquefied natural gas industry are not to be filled by temporary foreign workers, B.C. needs to ramp up its trades training quickly. The province is expected to see more than a million job openings in this decade, and roughly three-quarters of those jobs will require a trade certificate or postsecondary education. Globe and Mail, S1

*** CETA's nice. NAFTA is essential**
An editorial states, “Brian Mulroney will never be accused of underestimating his own accomplishments, but the former prime minister was spot on when he was asked to comment on the new Canada-Europe free-trade agreement, a deal Stephen Harper calls the "biggest" our country's ever done. "This one is significant," Mr. Mulroney told CTV's Question Period, "but it's not in the same league" as the Canada-U.S. free-trade deal, which went into effect in 1989 and was expanded in 1994 to include Mexico. The North American free-trade agreement turns 20 on Jan. 1, making it a "senior citizen" among the dozens of bilateral and regional trade deals negotiated since. With age has come neglect. As a forum for trilateralism, NAFTA has practically slid off the radar, with proposals to modernize or expand the agreement on no government's formal agenda. That is a serious mistake. Trade among the NAFTA partners reached a historic high of nearly $1.1-trillion last year, compared to about $90-billion in business between Canada and the European Union. Canada's future remains far more dependent on further North American economic integration than on trade expansion with any other region. As Mr. Mulroney would say: "Ya dance with the one that brung ya." The "excitement" in trade circles over the Canada-EU deal, known as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, stems not from its transformational potential, but from the fact that it tentatively tackles previously taboo topics such as subnational

government procure-ment, intellectual property and services. It signals an orientation toward open markets that helps foster investor confidence. And CETA protects Canada's interests in case of a free-trade deal between the U.S. and Europe. Globe and Mail, A11

*** City to get peek at new temporary port of entry plan at Cornwall council Monday**
City council will get a peek at the proposed temporary port-of-entry that be operational once the new low-level bridge crossing is complete. The temporary POE will be located to the east of the new bridge on land that has been used as a dumping ground for snow cleared off city streets and sidewalks...Council members have criticized the Canada Border Service Agency for the substandard appearance of the interim POE near the Brookdale Avenue traffic circle. Several tasks remain outstanding council will be told by Canada Border Service Agency representatives Shawn Hibbard, Sylvain Cyr and Steve MacNaughton at Monday's council meeting. They will tell council the POE should be ready for next summer, four years after the CBSA left the Cornwall Island POE due to safety worries. So far, a modular structure is finished...CBSA proprietary systems will be installed from mid-November to mid-December. Design work for the main POE building will wrap up next month, allowing erection of the building's shell in January. The main building is expected to open next summer, along with relocation of a modular building from the interim POE. Once operational, CBSA will dismantle and clean up the interim POE. Standard-Freeholder (10/27/2013)

MacKay touts advantages of EU trade deal
Canada's pending trade deal with the European Union could mean big things for the country's economy, and Nova Scotia businesses are well positioned to capitalize, says Justice Minister Peter MacKay. Speaking in Truro Saturday, where he met with about a dozen municipal leaders and business people, MacKay said the location of Halifax's port and airport give area producers and manufacturers excellent access to markets that will open with the deal's ratification. Our geographic location here on the East Coast and proximity to that Europ ean market gives us a head start." Jon Stanfield of Stanfield's Ltd. said he attended the meeting to learn what opportunities could be available to his company. Exporting to new markets isn't always easy, he said. When the North American Free Trade Agreement was signed, Stanfield's strategy was to acquire companies versus exporting, and that might be what they try again, he said. The deal is expected to be a major boost for the seafood and beef industries, in particular, as tariffs are removed that perhaps limit exporting opportunities... (With) any trade negotiations, there's give and take," Armstrong said. What we are giving the dairy farmers is total access to that European market, tariff free." That's a market, MacKay pointed out, that includes 28 countries and 500 million p eople hungry for Canadian products. The advantage is very much in Canada's favour," MacKay said. McCurdy said there are benefits to op ening up new markets, but they are markets that operate in multiple languages and will take time to access and learn. Chronicle-Herald; Waterloo Region Record

Libre opinion - Accord Canada-UE
Une éditorial déclare « Les élections fédérales de 1988 semblent tellement loin aujourd'hui que nous avons oublié qu'elles avaient porté essentiellement sur l'Accord de libre-échange Canada -États-Unis (ALE). Est-il révolu ce temps où la signature d'un accord international de cette ampleur constituait un enjeu de société majeur ? C'est ce que les gouvernements Harper et Marois voudraient nous faire croire, alors que l'Accord économique et commercial global (AECG) entre le Canada et l'Union européenne (UE) est l'accord ayant la plus grande portée politique et économique que nous ayons envisagé depuis ce fameux ALE. Même si la population n'en sait pas grand-chose, le gouvernement Harper parle des négociations les plus transparentes jamais vues. Or, n'eussent été certains textes qui ont été " coulés ", nous n'en saurions à peu près rien. Et c'est une autre fuite, cette fois ébruitée de façon stratégique par le négociateur Pierre Marc Johnson lui-même, qui nous a permis d'apprendre que les producteurs fromagers du Québec seraient les premières victimes des tractations de dernière minute et que, par ricochet, l'un des piliers du système de gestion de l'offre serait ébranlé par une importation massive de fromages européens. Les avantages de l'accord pour le Canada et le Québec sont loin d'être évidents. D'une part, depuis 1994, les entreprises canadiennes, grâce à l'Accord plurilatéral sur les marchés publics (AMP) de l'OMC, ont déjà accès aux marchés publics sous-nationaux européens " dans les mêmes conditions que les entreprises européennes ", précisait le commissaire européen au commerce, Karel De Gucht, en 2012. D'autre part, après pondération selon les échanges, les produits canadiens faisaient l'objet en 2007 d'un tarif moyen de 2,2 % à l'accès au marché de l'UE. En se vantant de

l'élimination de 98 % des tarifs douaniers, nos gouvernements déforment la réalité et cachent des gains bien minces. » Le Devoir; The Guardian

That border guard story? It was a joke, people
Pat Kelly fears that his picture is now on display at border crossings throughout Canada. On the phone from his home in Vancouver, the comedian and co-host of the CBC Radio's This is That is talking about a bit he and fellow Loose Moose alumni Peter Oldring did a few weeks ago involving a fictitious Canadian border guard named Murray Swift. Swift was introduced as a senior training officer and spokesperson for a new program where guards were to be given sensitivity training to counter impressions that they are "abrupt" or "unfriendly." But, after a few questions, Swift becomes abrupt and unfriendly with the hapless Oldring, leading to a wonderfully awkward exchange between the two. "I'm terrified next time I come back there's going to be these huge pictures of Pete and I," Kelly says. "When they find out what I do for a living, they'll start digging around." As with most of their satirical news, Oldring and Kelly assumed they had laced the situation with enough absurdity that no one could possibly take it seriously. But, yet again, the two former Calgarians seemed to have overestimated North America's ability to understand satire. Presented on the show's website with the "cheeky" headline, "Canadian border guard bullies CBC Radio host," the piece went viral. The comments on the CBC's site are filled with earnest Canucks who are either outraged about how Oldring was treated or sympathize with the fictitious "Officer Swift." Postmedia News (Edmonton Journal)

Waive these fees
An editorial states, “Talk about adding insult to injury. For five years, the Canadian government has jerked Adel Benhmuda and his family around. It refused them refugee status in Canada; it deported them back to Libya, where he was jailed and tortured; then it dithered on whether to allow them back into this country in a way condemned as unfair by a Federal Court judge. Finally, in January, federal immigration officials decided the family could return to Canada after all from their place of exile in Malta. But now, in a cruel twist, they have imposed a condition. As reported by the Star's Sandro Contenta, the family has been told it must pay $6,000 - the cost to the government of deporting them to Libya in 2008. This saga has gone on far too long. Immigration Minister Chris Alexander should tell his officials immediately to waive this ridiculous and insulting fee.” Toronto Star, A14

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LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

*** Kiss frackers - and economy - goodbye**
A letter to the editor states, “By way of its transfer payment practices, Canada's First Nations policy encourages racial tension. The government references First Nations' peoples as sovereign. In contrast, unlike actual sovereign nations, which are responsible for establishing sustainable economies within the world marketplace, First Nations' peoples are not self-sufficient and are beholden to government vis-à-vis taxpayer's handouts. On the politically left, this method of remuneration is "social justice." In contrast, from a politically incorrect perspective these practices are racist, enabling bad behavior by defaulting to the racism of low expectations. Regarding their "save the planet" rants I recall the late comedian George Carlin's disdain for what he described as "white bourgeois liberals;" Mr, Carlin would remind his audience of the earth's resiliency and that it will be here much longer than any of us. Hence, the First Nations' scorched earth approach to negotiations is similarly light on sound environmental management merit. In effect "environmentalism" without objective environmental economics has displaced religious spiritualism. The dogma plus actions demonstrated by several of these environmental radicals is no less zealous than radical Islam or other sources of international terrorism - for example, burning RCMP vehicles and threatening violence against others who dare to dissent. After these past weeks' events I'd encourage the investors of extracting natural gas from rock to put New Brunswick in their rear-view. Following this, it is

respectfully recommended that the mothers and fathers of New Brunswick's best and brightest begin preparing their goodbyes as their children will eventually "Go West." Telegraph-Journal, A6

*** Inquire about anti-frackers**

A letter to the editor states, “On Oct. 22, Jim Emberger of the N.B. Anti-Shale Gas Alliance said at a news conference he wants answers about the Mounties use of force at the Rexton riot. He wants answers about authorization, timing, necessity and execution of the action, as well as the "shocking escalation in use of force." He also threatens the possibility of a recurrence if questions are not answered. However, the protesters were committing a criminal offence by ignoring a court injunction. You and other leaders knew it was in effect and should have shut down the unlawful protest. Instead you allowed it to continue. The RCMP acted professionally in carrying out their duties. Thankfully no one was killed or seriously injured. Your people, meanwhile, resisted the police by throwing fire bombs, rocks and punches. However, these officers showed courage and restraint. The RCMP entered into a situation with intelligence regarding a small group within the protesters who call themselves warriors, who had access to firearms, IEDs "with shrapnel designed to kill or maim," Molotov cocktails "with soap chunks designed to burn through clothing and skin," knives and bear spray. The RCMP were entering a very high-risk situation and knew the potential danger. They had little choice but to ove in, and in all likelihood prevented something very serious. We cannot ignore acts of terrorism and allow them to grow while people like you fuel the fire. Maybe you and other leaders should be investigated for allowing this event to escalate and placing lives at risk. Telegraph-Journal, A6

*** Mountie brings expertise to bloody war zone**

A senior Mountie has been thrust into one of the least known and most intractable conflicts in the world. Assistant RCMP commissioner Randy Beck arrived in the Philippines last week to oversee the establishment of the Independent Commission on Policing in war-weary Mindanao where many of the country's seven million Muslims live and where more than 120,000 people have died over the past half-century in fighting between Islamic insurgents and government forces. Beck's commission is to make recommendations next April on what kind of police force Mindanao will need if separation talks succeed. The ICP will be looking for a model that will reflect the southern region's ethnic and cultural differences. Just before the police commission work got underway - and at the same time as comprehensive peace talks between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front seemed to be making progress - the MILF's longtime rival, the Moro National Liberation Front, launched a spectacular attack seizing scores of civilians and holding them hostage for several weeks in the heart of predominately Christian Zamboanga City. Postmedia News (Star Phoenix, Leader-Post, Edmonton Journal, Vancouver Sun, Ottawa Citizen. Calgary Herald)

Sign of the times: How the 21st century put Block Parent into decline

The iconic red and white Block Parent sign of a boy holding a woman's hand - not his mom's, but a helpful neighbour's - was a ubiquitous feature of neighbourhoods across Canada only a decade ago. But the children's-help program, founded after the abduction and murder of a boy in London, Ont., 45 years ago this month, is now in trouble itself. Its decline has tracked with a fundamental change in the nature of childhood...Today, some groups across the country that help children in need downplay Block Parent as an important tool. One of them is Street Smart Kidz, a non-profit organization based just outside Victoria, B.C. It offers advice to children who might find themselves in trouble, whether it's a suspicious stranger or a potential encounter with a bully. Heading toward a house with a Block Parent sign in the window - a safe haven for their parents' generation - is not high on the list... But the decline in participation is dramatic: There were 253,000 homes in 1995, compared with about 25,000 today. "We're in dire distress," says Linda Patterson, president of Block Parent Canada, from her home in Oromocto, N.B. Furthering the program's woes was an RCMP risk assessment in 2007 that required Block Parent to collect every sign across the country and reissue them with serial numbers. It is also much more difficult to attract volunteers when, in a post-9/11 world, police background checks require every member of the household over the age of 12 to visit a police station and wait weeks if not months for the process to be completed...The program is still doing relatively well in several pockets of the country, particularly Alberta and Quebec, Ms. Patterson says. But it has been extinguished in many regions of Canada, including Ottawa, Toronto, Prince Edward Island and large swaths of British Columbia due to a lack of volunteers

and concern over security. Toronto Police Service pulled their support of Block Parent in 2003. "The service believed the program was no longer sustainable in our community," police spokeswoman Sarah Diamond says. The RCMP in B.C. doesn't support the program anymore, either. This is no longer a world where neighbours can rely on neighbours to keep a watch over every kid on the street, says Mr. Baird of Street Smart Kidz. "I'm nostalgic for that way of life, but I realize that it's gone," he says. The first thing on Street Smart Kidz's list of what kids should do when they feel they're in trouble? "Use your phone," Mr. Baird says. Globe and Mail

Shale gas protesters demonstrate outside SWN office

New Brunswick Premier David Alward told reporters last week that shale gas exploration in this province will continue. "We have been clear from square one as a government when we ran on a platform that we were committed to the development of our natural resources, including the responsible development of shale gas in our province," Alward said in Fredericton. "There was no secret in terms of our position. "We continue to be committed to the development of our natural resources, including shale gas." The premier added that before any development takes place, more public consultations will be held, along with environmental impact assessments. But while Alward speaks of responsible development, those who oppose fracking will hear none of it. They continue to insist that any shale gas under the ground in New Brunswick should stay underground. That was the message put forward by a group of demonstrators who gathered in front of Moncton city hall yesterday afternoon, carrying signs and handing out pamphlets. While they were in front of city hall, the actual target of the protest was the SWN Resources Canada office at 633 Main St., which overlooks that same courtyard. By 3 p.m., a crowd of roughly 40 people had gathered to spread the anti-fracking message. Aaron Googoo was holding one end of a sign that called for renewable energy in New Brunswick, not shale gas. He said he travelled from his home in Cape Breton two weeks ago to join the Rexton anti-shale gas protesters on Route 134 who blocked a compound full of SWN trucks and equipment for nearly three weeks. He said he was present on Oct. 17 when the RCMP arrested 40 protesters during a violent confrontation. Times & Transcript

Elsipogtog's RCMP detachment set on fire

For the second time in a week, someone has set fire to the RCMP's Elsipogtog detachment.
With an assist from members of the Elsipogtog First Nation, the building is still standing. "The RCMP responded to reports of a fire at the detachment at 8 p.m. Friday night," says Sgt. Andre Pepin. "The fire was quickly contained and the damage to the detachment was minor." Pepin says police are grateful for the help of people from that community, who sprang into action when they saw the flames. "They were already working to put out the fire when firefighters got there and we thank them for that," says the sergeant. The fire was started on the outside of the building and the New Brunswick Fire Marshal's office and the RCMP are investigating the cause. "It's still under investigation, but we believe the fire was intentionally set," says Pepin. Police arrested two males, ages 14 and 15, shortly after the fire and took them into custody. They were released later and no charges have been laid at this time. Times & Transcript, A2

Police stop driver with 29 kilograms of cocaine

Ontario Provincial Police stopped a car on Highway 401 Saturday morning and seized more than 29 kilograms of cocaine. OPP say a 27-year-old Montreal man was headed eastbound on the highway, west of Brockville, when the police force's Highway Enforcement Team stopped his Chrysler 300 at 8:50 a.m. Police say the man was arrested and held in custody to appear by video in Brockville court on Sunday. The investigation is continuing with the assistance of the OPP's Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau. QMI Agency (Kingston Whig-Standard, Ottawa Citizen)

Sex assault suspect arrested in N.B

A New Brunswick man was arrested Friday in relation to allegations of sex offences committed in Ontario. Members of the Niagara Regional Police Sexual Assault Unit with the assistance of the RCMP arrested a former District School Board of Niagara teacher for sexual assault, sexual interference and invitation to sexual touching. Robert St. Louis, 51, is alleged to have committed the sex offences on a former female student between 2008 and 2010. St. Louis is currently residing in New Brunswick where he was arrested and brought back to the Niagara Region by members of the Niagara Regional Police Sexual Assault Unit.

Police could not confirm where St. Louis was living at the time of his arrest. St. Louis appeared at a bail hearing Saturday, but it was set over until today. A publication ban was put in place during Saturday's court appearance. Times and Transcript, A3

Province announces free background checks for some B.C. volunteers
Volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults will no longer have to pay to have criminal record checks. Some non-profit agencies pay to have their local police or RCMP conduct criminal record checks, but many coaches and other volunteers have to pay up to $50. Under B.C. law people who work with children and vulnerable adults must be screened to determine whether they pose a risk of sexual or physical abuse, including volunteers at schools, teachers, hospital employees and daycare workers. Not-for-profit agencies and volunteers can still opt to have the RCMP or local police conduct a criminal record check, but the fees will not be covered by the province. Vancouver Sun, A4

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

'It is even hard to live each day without Jacoub'
Oct. 13 was supposed to be Jacoub Favila's 8th birthday. Instead, his brother Joshua celebrated it without his twin. And just two weeks later, his mother read an emotional victim impact statement in front of the hit-and-run driver who killed her son. "It is even hard to live each day without Jacoub," says the statement, read by Bloomy Favila in a Brampton courthouse Friday. "I do not want to sleep early now because I do not want to wake up in the middle of the night longing for him." Jose Renteria was sentenced to three years and four months for the hit-and-run that claimed the life of the Ajax boy, according to media reports. The Ecuadorian rap artist had pleaded guilty to dangerous driving causing death and failing to remain at the scene. CBC News reported Renteria will be transferred to a federal prison. It is not known whether he will be allowed to remain in Canada after he serves his sentence. His lawyer told reporters that he knew his poor driving had claimed Jacoub's life and he was sorry. Toronto Star, GT3

'Life' Doesn't Mean Life
"Hatchet killer jailed for life," read our headline on Sunday, June 28, 1992. What a joke that is. What a misleading fantasy. John Terrance Porter is an axe murderer who is supposed to be locked away from society to do penance for the cold-blooded bludgeoning of Oshawa caretaker Roland Slingerland. Locked away--at least for a quarter century. Or so one would believe. Yet his victim's daughter has just received a letter from Correctional Service of Canada informing her that Porter has been approved for 40 hours a month of escorted temporary absences from prison so he can perform "community service" in the Kingston or Ganonoque area. "During these absences, an offender is escorted by a Correctional Services of Canada (CSC) staff member or a trained non-security escort," reads the CSC letter of Oct. 17 to Lisa Freeman. The temporary absences, the letter continues, are to allow offenders "to avail themselves of rehabilitative, employment, personal and cultural activities with the goal of reintegrating them into the community and enhancing public safety." And what makes it even more infuriating is that Freeman is not entitled to know anything more. Corrections authorities refuse to disclose what kind of community service her dad's killer is performing or where it's being done. Nor will anyone working alongside him be told who he is or what he's done. That would violate his privacy. "They said,'What do you want us to do, take out an ad in the local newspaper?' " Freeman recounts after getting off the phone with Correctional Service Canada. "I think the general public has a right to know who's out in society working beside them. I think it's a no-brainer. Toronto Sun 6

Without remorse
If all goes well, he'll never leave the medium-security prison 100 km north of Calgary. But even though John Horace Oughton is a dangerous offender, who's admitted he's likely to rape again if released, the system ensures he gets to try. And try. Every two years, one of the cruellest, most calculating rapists to ever terrorize Canadian society is allowed to sit before a parole board and ask to be released, even though the 63-year-old himself has admitted to a past board that he'd probably do it again. "I never worry about him getting out -- he doesn't show any remorse to his victims, so they won't let him go," said

Carmen Aguirre. Aguirre, one of an estimated 150 victims of the so-called "paper bag rapist," was there last week when a hearing at Bowden Institution denied parole to Oughton -- again. Canadian law, as farcical as it may be, says indefinitely jailed dangerous offenders like Oughton are allowed a parole hearing every two years -- forcing victims to relive the crime, over and over. At a parole hearing in 2007, the National Parole Board declared Oughton beyond hope for curing the urges which led to his reign of terror in the Lower Mainland in the 1970s and 1980s. "No intervention exists to reduce your very high risk to reoffend to a manageable level in the community," said the parole board report. That hearing also stated that the former hot-tub salesman had been given repeated chances to complete sex offender treatment programs while in prison, but he failed every time. Calgary Sun, 7

Criminalizing marijuana wastes potential billions to treasury
An opinion piece states, “Public policy is about trade-offs. There are few instances where a policy has no disadvantages, even if it is extremely beneficial on balance. A failure to recognize this makes us prey to simplistic and symbolic policy measures that seem sensible at first glance, but have terrible consequences. Perhaps the most egregious example of this is the prohibition of marijuana. The cost of prosecuting the war on marijuana is immense, as are the forgone tax revenues. A recent arrest in Winnipeg provides a typical example. Police arrested two men for trafficking 196 pounds of marijuana. The men could serve two-year prison sentences. While it's easy to cheer when the cops get the bad guys, the reality is this arrest, like most marijuana-related arrests, will do more harm than good…In addition to the forgone revenue, there are staggering costs to the penal system. Based on University of Ottawa figures, the cost of each marijuana-related arrest works out to about $7,000 for courts and police. The costs are obviously much higher for large drug busts than for simple possession arrests. The cost of incarcerating a prisoner per year in Canada is $113,880. Assuming each offender gets a two-year sentence, the total cost should be $455,520…” Winnipeg Free Press

Conservative Victims' Bill of Rights smacks of medieval justice
An opinion piece by Catherine Latimer, executive director of the John Howard Society of Canada, “Many of us had hoped the recent Speech from the Throne would herald a new direction in justice and corrections. Sadly, it was not to be. The emphasis on a proposed Victims' Bill of Rights, in particular, is not simply a distraction from the real crisis in Canadian justice, but also holds the promise of yet further regress. The real crisis lies in the congestion and delays in our courts, together with the crowding in our prisons and remand centres, which threaten our capacity to respect fundamental principles of justice and Charter-guaranteed protections. It is time for Canada to recognize, as have the U.S. and several European countries, that the old "war on drugs" and "tough on crime" approaches have proven both costly and ineffective…Victims' rights certainly have an immediate, intuitive appeal. Just, effective, and humane responses to the causes and consequences of crime in society must include helping victims of crime. Many of our offices at the John Howard Society offer services for victims, restorative justice programs and measures aimed at preventing victimization. Certainly victims of crime should have access to trauma services and compensation for their losses. We hope these measures are incorporated in the promised Victims' Bill of Rights…” Toronto Star, A15

Find a way to save mental health court
An opinion piece states, “The court system seems to be back-logged and there is no money to put into it. Mental health and addiction services has no more funding in its budget. Mental health consumers who create a crime that causes them to receive a county jail sentence become punching bags for other inmates. And then there are the mental health consumers who commit suicide, such as Ashley Smith did in a woman's prison. I am no expert on Mental Health Court but my limited knowledge of it causes me to believe that it is an essential part of treatment. A hospital setting, if needed, and out-patient counselling can change the lives of those who do not fully comprehend their actions. A number of mentally ill people do not receive services for themselves thus they are not mental health consumers and they fall through the cracks in the system and wind up incarcerated for crimes that might have been prevented with treatment. When I was a young man, at 17 years old, I wound up in the adult legal system for minor offenses. I damaged other peoples' property and did a five day stretch and also a seven day stretch in the old Saint John County Goal. Little did I, or anyone else, realize I was suffering from the onset a mental illness. I was in the grasp of a budding concurrent disorder (addiction and mental illness). (…) I believe

mental health court is truly needed in Saint John and the Province of New Brunswick." Telegraph-Journal A7

Government seems to believe in eternal damnation
An editorial piece states: "Imagine you are a man in your late 40s and you have been living for the past 20 years in a federal prison in Canada, serving a life sentence for murder. In those years, you have come to understand the impact of your actions and you sincerely regret the harm and suffering you have caused. You have participated and benefitted from the prison programs on violence prevention and drug addiction. You have finally obtained your high-school degree during this time, learned how to weld, attended the AA meetings inside, and have faithfully participated in chapel activities. You have done everything you could to make something better out of the ruins of your life. And then you hear in the recent throne speech that, "a life sentence means a sentence for life." All hope is gone. Like most Canadians, I don't believe in eternal damnation. I believe in the rehabilitation and redemption of people. However, bit by bit, law by law, the Harper government is turning the justice system into a system of lengthy and perhaps eternal incarceration. Let us not be tempted toward the dark side of retribution, but rather let us reaffirm our belief in the rehabilitation of man." The Gazette A17

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Judges lose discretion over victim surcharge provision
An opinion piece states, "It just got more expensive to commit crimes in Canada. As pointed out by Moncton provincial court Judge Pierre Arseneault during a sentencing in a fraud case last week, judges no longer have discretion when it comes to imposing a victim surcharge. While in the past judges would waive the fine if they didn't think an offender could pay, criminals will now have to pay the surcharge or work it off. And the federal government has doubled the amount of the surcharge, so it's not something that can be covered with pocket change. The federal Department of Justice describes a victim surcharge as an additional penalty imposed on convicted offenders at the time of sentencing. It's collected and retained by the provincial and territorial governments, and used to help fund programs and services for victims of crime in the province or territory where the crime occurred…When it comes to taking money out of an offender's pocket and using it to help victims of crime, the majority of Canadians are going to be OK with that." Times & Transcript, D5

Stephen Harper's 'tough on crime' agenda
A letter to the editor states, "The Conservatives' controversial crime bill has more to do with politics than reality. With all the bad press they've had this year, they are desperate to manufacture something regardless how unnecessary or costly it may be. The quick fix is being tougher on bad guys. Data published this summer by Statistics Canada shows that Canada's national crime rate is at its lowest level since 1972. The crime rate fell three per cent in 2012 compared with the previous year, continuing the decades long downward trend. So why the urgency on being tougher on crime? The system seems to be doing a pretty good job the last few decades. Putting people in jail for a longer period is not going to improve this but will make the criminal justice system a whole lot more expensive. Cash-strapped provinces are asking the federal government how much this will cost but has left them mostly in the dark. Although the crime rate has been falling, the spending on criminal justice continues to rise. A parliamentary budget office report in March showed that spending on federal/provincial jails, court costs and policing climbed 23 per cent over the last decade with a price tag of $20.3 billion in 2011-12. This new crime bill will likely skyrocket this cost." Windsor Star

*** Assisted suicide laws need updating, says former Supreme Court justice**
A former Supreme Court of Canada justice is adding his voice to those calling on the federal government to modernize the law on assisted suicide. "They know that it's an issue of public concern. Debate it in the House. Have a vote. I mean, what's Parliament for?" says former Justice Jack Major. "If this is a touchy subject, do they just sit back and let the court decide, then say, 'This judicial activism has to stop?'" Major was sitting on the Supreme Court bench 20 years ago, when Sue Rodriguez brought her fight for her right

to die to the highest court in the land. Rodriguez, who was diagnosed with the terminal disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in 1991, argued she had a constitutional right to doctor-assisted suicide. CBC News

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Complaints overwhelm staff of info watchdog
Canada's information watchdog has been flooded with fresh complaints that the Harper government is too often citing security to withhold documents requested under the Access to Information Act. Suzanne Legault says that since April, her office has seen a surge in such complaints - prompting her to ask for more specially trained investigators. "I have observed a worrying trend in the number of new complaints of this type in the past four months," Legault wrote in August to Tony Clement, president of the Treasury Board. "So far this fiscal year, we have received 107 new special delegation (security related) complaints, amounting to 80 per cent of the average number of incoming complaints that my office has previously received over the course of an entire year." Legault said the problem has been growing over the last five years, but has become acute this year. She has asked Clement to increase the number of her investigators who have special security clearance to probe these complaints, to 12 people from the current eight. "I believe that this increase is necessary in order for my office to deal with this year's increase," she said in an Aug. 21 letter to Clement, obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act. Red Deer Advocate, A5 (Daily Gleaner, Waterloo Region Record, Charlottetown Guardian)

*** Accès à l'information**
La commissaire à l'information du Canada affirme avoir constaté une hausse marquée du nombre de plaintes accusant le gouvernement Harper d'invoquer à tort la sécurité nationale pour ne pas divulguer des documents. Selon Suzanne Legault, le Commissariat à l'information a été submergé de plaintes disant que les fonctionnaires ont recours aux dispositions relatives à la défense et aux affaires internationales pour garder les dossiers du gouvernement secrets. Mme Legault a révélé que son personnel était débordé et qu'elle avait demandé au président du Conseil du Trésor, Tony Clement, de lui fournir davantage d'enquêteurs afin de répondre à la demande. Un porte-parole de M. Clement a refusé de commenter l'affaire, faisant valoir que les échanges avec la commissaire étaient confidentiels. Plus de 40 000 demandes d'accès à l'information sont présentées par les Canadiens chaque année. Sur ce lot, environ 1600 donnent lieu à une plainte officielle. La Voix ded l'Est, 13 (Le Droit, Le Devoir, Le Soleil, L'Acadie Nouvelle)

*** Attaque contre les fonctionnaires**
Les conservateurs chaussent encore une fois leurs gros sabots pour s'attaquer sournoisement aux fonctionnaires. Plutôt que de promouvoir des ententes de travail stables et harmonieuses qui permettent aux fonctionnaires de se consacrer à leur service envers le public canadien, la décision du gouvernement d'éliminer l'arbitrage exécutoire va empoisonner les relations de travail et aggravera les risques de grèves dans la fonction publique. Enfouis à l'intérieur du projet de loi C-4 de plus de 300 pages sur la mise en oeuvre du budget, se trouvent des changements au Code du travail qui retireront aux agents responsables de la santé et la sécurité leur pouvoir dans les milieux de travail de compétence fédérale. Compromettre la santé et la sécurité des travailleurs est inacceptable. De plus, le gouvernement s'octroie le "droit exclusif" de définir les services et les postes essentiels en cas de grève dans la fonction publique. Jusqu'à présent, cette désignation était négociée par le syndicat et l'employeur. Le président du Conseil du Trésor, Tony Clement, refuse de dire quels services seraient désignés essentiels et si ces

désignations seront faites au préalable, ou si elles peuvent l'être en plein milieu d'un conflit de travail. M. Clement dit qu'il faut d'abord que le projet de loi soit adopté... comme si on ne savait pas à qui on a affaire. Rappelons-nous que c'est ce même gouvernement qui a imposé des lois de retour au travail, à plusieurs reprises, alors que des négociations collectives étaient encore en cours. Et selon l'habitude de ce gouvernement, aucune consultation n'a été faite avant de décider de modifier la loi. Le Droit, 15

*** PBO seeks to clarify lower deficit**

The surprising revelation last week that Ottawa is almost $7-billion ahead of schedule for eliminating the deficit is attracting the scrutiny of the budget watchdog. The No. 2 man in the Parliamentary Budget Office says officials have asked the Finance Department for clarification. "We'll look at it because it will affect our own numbers, and try and figure out what the source of it is," Mostafa Askari said. "There's a part we still don't understand . . . as to why departments spent less than what they were expected to . . . and why [the Department of Finance] didn't see it in March" when the budget was tabled, he added. In a report last week, the government pegged the deficit for the 2012-13 fiscal year at $18.9-billion, rather than the $25.9-billion estimated in the March budget. The lion's share of the difference - about $4.9-billion - came from lower program spending, including on the public service. Mr. Askari said one pressing question is whether the savings were largely a one-time occurrence or would flow through to future years. If the latter, analysts say, Ottawa may be able to balance the budget next year, one year earlier than the 2015 target, a boon for the Harper Conservatives heading into an election year. The Conservatives have promised to introduce income splitting for tax purposes once the budget is balanced, a measure likely to boost the party's chances in the scheduled 2015 election. "But at what cost to Canadians?" NDP finance critic Peggy Nash said. "This is exactly why the PBO was created and it goes to the heart of accountability for the government. What are the programs and services that have been affected? They won't say." Globe and Mail, A8

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The 1,500 unknown Canadians detained abroad

For nearly two months all eyes were turned to John Greyson and Tarek Loubani, the Canadian activists held in an Egyptian prison before being allowed to return to Canada. Two other detained Canadians, Greenpeace activists Alexandre Paul and Paul Ruzycki, have also been in the headlines as they remain held in a Russian prison and could face a lengthy prison sentence on piracy charges. But there are other Canadians detained abroad who don't have such a network of supporters, and fail to capture similar public attention. Overall, 1,590 Canadians are in prison outside the country, according to figures provided by Canada's Foreign Affairs Department, accurate to Oct. 10. The bulk of them - 1,097 - are behind bars in the United States. The rest are in prisons in more than 85 other countries. Foreign Affairs wouldn't provide a breakdown on the circumstances or duration of detention, nor how many cases the government is actively contesting. But human-rights groups continue to monitor a number of cases where they believe Canadians are being wrongly detained or have been the victim of human-rights violations. Often, it can take years to bring a Canadian back home. Earlier this month, Hamid Ghassemi-Shall was finally able to return to Canada after 64 months in an Iranian prison, including a year in solitary confinement. Ghassemi-Shall emigrated to Toronto, where he working as a shoe salesman, following Iran's 1979 revolution. He was arrested on espionage charges while visiting his ailing mother in 2008, and faced the death penalty. International pressure, including a stream of letters from supporters to the Iranian government, may have been a factor in helping to keep him alive, according to Amnesty International Canada. Hamilton Spectator (Leader-Post, Montreal Gazette, The Province, StarPhoenix, Windsor Star, Waterloo Region Record, Toronto Star, Red Deer Advocate) L'Acadie Nouvelle

*** Japan's nuclear watchdog urges 'drastic steps' to tackle mishaps at Fukushima**

In their first meeting since Japan created a new, more independent nuclear agency 13 months ago, the top regulator on Monday urged the head of the utility that runs the crippled Fukushima plant to take "drastic steps" to mitigate a spate of mishaps at the complex. Nuclear Regulation Authority Chairman Shunichi Tanaka summoned Tokyo Electric Power Co. President Naomi Hirose to his office to express concerns about growing problems at the plant, including human errors that have led to a series of leaks of contaminated water used to cool the damaged reactors. Human error is mostly to blame for the recent mishaps, as workers deal with a string of crises. Tanaka said earlier this month the repeated "silly mistakes" are a sign of declining morale and sense of responsibility. TEPCO acknowledged a systemic problem in a recent report: Workers under tight deadlines tend to cut corners, making mistakes more likely; at times, they don't fully understand their assignment or procedures. Associated Press (CTV News)

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*** Flood victim home, with friends' help**
Four months after the flood, Trish Dribnenki and her son are back in their rebuilt Sunnyside condo. The homecoming last week came after seven moves, bouts of depression and bureaucratic runarounds - yet Dribnenki considers herself among the lucky ones. They're home. But it's a gratitude reserved for friends and donors, such as a local home builder that helped rebuild her two-bedroom suite at a fraction of the actual cost. Dribnenki says the happy homecoming wouldn't have been possible if she relied on her insurance coverage and the government's disaster recovery program. Calgary Herald, A2

*** Bat viruses provide clue in SARS mystery**
Scientists say the discovery of two "SARS-like" bat viruses provides a missing link in the mystery around the SARS epidemic 10 years ago - but it also shows there are pandemic-prone viruses in the animal kingdom, ready to cause another serious outbreak. Toronto Star, A4

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

CSE shielding embassies: Expert
A retired Canadian intelligence operative confirms the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) provides Canadian embassies with special communications equipment, but says it's not meant to intercept foreign communications. Instead, Michel Juneau-Katsuya, CEO of security firm Northgate Group, says CSE helps diplomatic outposts do counter-intelligence work. "We do that in our private life ... just like we have the nanny camera, for example," Juneau-Katsuya said. His comments come in response to reports in the German weekly newsmagazine Der Spiegel regarding U.S. National Security Administration documents leaked by former government contractor Edward Snowden. The documents indicate Canadian, British and American diplomatic outposts are outfitted with secret equipment to collect communications intelligence. Juneau-Katsuya said he doesn't see that as a huge revelation because he believes the equipment is meant to frustrate others' attempts to eavesdrop on Canada's diplomats. QMI Agency (Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun

National interests collide in shipbuilding strategy
Canada has national interests, as every other nation does. Lists may vary, but everyone puts maintaining the security of the Canadian people and their territory at the top of the list. Close behind is a strong and well-managed economy that provides goods jobs for skilled and unskilled workers. But what happens when interests collide? The massive shipbuilding program now getting underway for the navy and the coast guard may provide a clear example. The Royal Canadian Navy is a small, highly professional force that helps to protect Canada's coasts and serves Canada abroad in a multiplicity of roles. The Canadian Coast Guard, also small, patrols our waters, enforces our laws, and its icebreakers keep trade moving. Both operate vessels that are, in many cases, well beyond their best-before dates, and both need new ships. The government's National Shipbuilding Strategy aims to provide Arctic patrol ships, supply vessels and eventually replacements for the RCN's fine frigates, as well as a large icebreaker and 10 smaller ships for the Coast Guard. The cost, including the frigate replacement, is estimated at $80 billion, and the process involves re-establishing the nation's shipyards in Vancouver and Halifax, in effect re-creating a defunct industry. Up to 15,000 jobs are to be created. But this is Canada, so pork and high costs are inevitable. National Defence and Public Works are deeply involved, politicians' hands are all over the plans, and costs are skyhigh. Consider the two Joint Support Ships to be built in Vancouver for $3 billion. They will likely be fine ships when they hit the water, years late. Britain's Royal Navy, however, is buying four roughly similar ships from South Korean builders for $750 million - for all four. Should the RCN ships cost eight times those of the British? The Dutch navy is buying ships built in Romania; the Danes use ships built in Poland. Ottawa Citizen, A10

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Trade may hike drug prices
The free-trade deal with Europe will probably cost Canadians hundreds of millions of dollars more for prescription drugs, says a new analysis. Concessions by the federal government to cement the deal will delay the arrival of cheap generic drugs by about one year, on average, says the report by two York University professors. The delay will add $850 million to $1.65 billion - or up to 13 per cent - to the total drug bill paid annually by Canadians, either directly, through insurance plans or by provinces. The researchers are skeptical of claims by brand-name manufacturers that extended patent life will be an incentive to the industry to invest more in Canada... Prime Minister Stephen Harper has pledged to compensate provinces for any additional costs, which would not appear until 2023, assuming the deal is in place by Jan. 1, 2015, but there was no pledge to compensate individuals or private insurance plans. The industry, represented by R&D Canada, at the time praised the agreement known as CETA, saying the improvement to intellectual property protection "will help drive investment (and) support high-paying jobs." That's a doubtful assertion, say the authors. They note that when Ottawa extended patent protection in 1987, the brand-name industry committed to invest at least 10 per cent of sales in Canada

but has not met the target since 2003. Canadian Press (Montreal Gazette, The Telegram, Calgary Herald, The Guardian, Edmonton Journal , StarPhoenix)

Sensationalism distorts trafficking debate
An editorial states, "Last night I dreamed about human trafficking. To be more specific, last night I had a heart-palpitating, forehead-drenching nightmare involving me being hunted by a human trafficker whose sole purpose was to violently kidnap me and sell me on the human flesh market. This may come as a surprise if you know that I work for ACT Alberta - the Action Coalition against human Trafficking, and that one of the unexpected areas of work of my organization is to combat misinformed and inaccurate portrayals of human trafficking or so-called "modern slavery."... Since starting my work at the coalition, I have fielded many questions from friends and family members who stare at me, wide-eyed, asking about the youngest victims and most horrific stories, salivating for gruesome details, eager to be shocked and horrified by something that so easily shocks and horrifies. Like staring at a car accident or being unable to change the channel from heart-wrenching images of starving African children, we strain for a glimpse of what we don't want to see. But the reality of modern human trafficking, particularly as it exists in Canada, is much different. Rather than facing legions of young, tender sex slave victims, roughly 40 per cent of the trafficking cases the coalition encounters involve labour trafficking. Nannies and temporary foreign workers are brought to this country under false pretences and forced to work for little or no pay under exploitative working conditions. These victims are often trafficked from overseas. Their documents are stolen and they are kept in check through fear of deportation and lack of knowledge of Canadian laws. These victims are forced into domestic servitude, agricultural and construction labour, or are trafficked to work for gangs...The stereotypes that surround human trafficking remain deeply entrenched in our minds. Even though I work closely with the hard reality of human trafficking on a daily basis, my subconscious resurrects these stereotypes in nightmares. We can, and should, do better. The victims of human trafficking cannot afford to wait." Edmonton Journal, A17

Paying for privilege of being tortured
Family deported to Libya can return - if it pays $6,800, Oct. 25. What kind of inhuman beings inhabit Immigration Canada? More and more often, refugees are being treated unfairly. In this unbelievable case, refugee status was wrongfully denied to a family. They were sent to Libya where the father was imprisoned and tortured. Then, after the family had lived in a shipping container (a shipping container!) in a refugee camp for a year (a year!), Ottawa kindly and compassionately agreed to let them back in on humanitarian grounds. This magnanimous gesture on the part of our family-friendly Harper government has a slight catch. The Benhmudas must pay back to the government the $6,000 it cost to send them to Libya to experience prison and torture. Ye gods! Additional costs bring the total to $6,800. After they have paid this, the generous government will let them apply for a federal loan for the transportation costs of their return. What thoughtfulness. Toronto Star, A22

*** No, others are not bringing in carbon taxes**
An editorial states, "The carbon-tax lobby was practically giddy this month, as newspaper headlines touting a B.C. climate-change agreement with three U.S. states blared, "Washington and Oregon follow B.C.'s lead on carbon-tax system," and "Washington, Oregon plan to emulate B.C.'s carbon tax." Fortunately for American taxpayers, the headlines just aren't true. The non-binding, symbolic agreement calls on each jurisdiction to "account for the costs of carbon pollution," along with various transportation goals such as highspeed rail, alternative fuels and the usual promises to push federal governments to do more on carbon emissions... B.C.'s most direct economic competitor, Washington, is leaning toward cap-and-trade, not a B.C.- style carbon tax. This keeps the socalled "Blaine drain" going: using cheap gasoline as a way to continue attracting more than 15.4 million Canadians to cross-border shopping trips into Whatcom County every year." The Province, A14

*** Delivering health care: Cross-border co-operation**
An editorial states, "Whether it's emergency or elective surgery, Windsor and Detroit have a long relationship when it comes to delivering health care. Traditionally, we see people from this side of the border crossing the river for treatment. But why can't it be a two-way street? Why not entice our nearest neighbours to have certain procedures done at our hospitals? It's an intriguing take on international trade, and it's one that both Windsor Regional and Henry Ford hospitals are exploring. Specifically, WRH's CEO

David Musyj and Henry Ford president Dr. John Popovich think there's an opportunity to turn Windsor and Detroit into a regional axis for innovation and medical device research. The first step to making it happen is taking advantage of the current red tape that prevents U.S. cardiac patients from receiving heart valve operations at home. Because Canada's rules are less restrictive when it comes to approving medical devices, trials on American patients could be done here, with both hospitals benefiting from the creation of a health care "hub."" Windsor Star, A6

*** CBSA tears apart family with deportation order**
He didn't have a worry in the world, he says, and when she was offered a job as a computer analyst in Ottawa, the couple, then engaged, moved to Canada. Magill's lifestyle didn't change. "Being young and stupid, it was always about drinking and having fun." It all came crashing down one day in 1987 when the two got into a heated argument and Magill ended up pushing her against a wall. Neighbours heard the commotion and called police. By the time they arrived, he was in her car, drinking beer, he says, with the keys in the ignition to be able to listen to music on the radio. He was charged with impaired driving and assault. The couple broke up, Magill entered a detox program and then lived in a halfway house, which, he says, helped put his life back on track. When his case got to court, he was fined $300, placed on two years' probation and prohibited from driving for 12 months. "That was in 1987," says Magill, now 50. "And I haven't even had a parking ticket since." As Magill tells it, he stopped the boozing, found work and met Carol, whom he married in 1989. He became stepfather to her three children from a previous marriage, and the couple added a son to the brood in 1990. There are now nine grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. "Family's my life," he says. Magill has worked at various jobs over the years, paid taxes and suffered a cancer scare a few years ago. He is now on leave from a parttime job as he fights a toe infection related to diabetes. If his big toe doesn't get better with the current batch of antibiotics he is taking, the toe and maybe even his foot might have to be amputated. And now, after spending more than half his life in Canada, the federal government has decided to deport him to the United Kingdom because of those two, 25-year-old convictions. As well, says Immigration, a Scottish court convicted Magill of malicious mischief in 1981, when he was 18. Magill says he was told last week by a Canada Border Services Agency officer that he will soon be informed of his departure date... When the Canada Border Services Agency called him in for an interview in the fall of 2012, some 21 years after he applied for permanent resident status, Magill says he was told for the first time that his criminal record would make him inadmissible to Canada. Ottawa Citizen, C1

*** Fort McMurray airport gambles on Las Vegas**
The Fort McMurray Airport expects to hit the jackpot next year with non-stop flights from the oilsands capital to Las Vegas. Fort McMurray Airport Authority president and chief executive Scott Clements said Wednesday he is negotiating with three carriers and expects in January to announce twice-weekly service to the Las Vegas strip. The former head of the Edmonton International Airport Authority said it is also likely that Fort McMurray will land service to Chicago through United Airlines, which initiated daily flights from Denver to the northern airport this summer... The fastest-growing airport in Canada with a passenger growth rate of 29 per cent this year, the airport is expected to serve more than 1.2 million passengers in 2013. The facility, opened in 1985 with a capacity to handle 250,000 passengers a year, is in the midst of a $258-million expansion. A terminal building five times the size of the existing one is scheduled to open on June 9, 2014. Clements said it will be easier for the airport to woo carriers after receiving formal designation on Oct. 7 as an official port of entry from the Canada Border Services Agency. The airport has offered daily flights to Denver and seasonal service to Mexico since late 2012 with the use of Border Services' staff temporarily assigned to Fort Mc-Murray. The agency will now assign at least seven employees to work out of the airport full-time, Clements said. Edmonton Journal, A5

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

*** Banks at risk of cyber attacks**
Canada's financial regulator is warning banks and insurance companies they need to beef up their efforts to protect against sophisticated cyber attacks from a growing list of actors, from youthful hackers and low-level criminals right up to foreign government entities backed by unprecedented human and financial

resources. Back in 2005 it established the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre (CCIRC) with a mandate to collaborate with the private sector in responding to the threat of cyber attack. Last year, however, a report from the country's auditor general showed that the government had made only limited progress, with gaps in protection, especially at the CCIRC which, at the time was only open during business hours, limiting its ability to provide timely information for stakeholders. OSFI suggests in its cyber security self-assessment that financial firms should work with CCIRC, which just recently had its hours extended. National Post, FP1

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Équipe Coderre: un candidat aux amitiés embarrassantes
Tard hier soir, après plusieurs demandes d'entrevue, Denis Coderre a finalement commenté les amitiés de son candidat. Il s'est dit convaincu que Michel Bissonnet n'avait rien fait de répréhensible en se présentant à la fête. Ce soir-là, alors que plusieurs bénéficiaires de contrats publics montréalais étaient réunis dans les Laurentides à une heure de route de la métropole, Michel Bissonnet est arrivé en compagnie de Bernard Trépanier, alias «Monsieur 3%», le grand argentier d'Union Montréal, le parti du maire de l'époque, Gérald Tremblay.Plusieurs autres organisateurs du système de collusion montréalais identifiés à la commission Charbonneau étaient présents, dont Nicolo Milioto, le PDG de Génius Michel Lalonde et l'ingénieur municipal Luc Leclerc, entre autres.Questionné par La Presse, Michel Bissonnet a d'abord affirmé ne pas se souvenir de l'événement, avant de finalement concéder avoir été présent.«J'ai toujours connu la famille Catania. Je les connais depuis 1976-1977, mais je ne suis jamais intervenu directement ou indirectement, que ce soit pour Paolo, Frank ou Tony», dit-il.«Il n'y a aucune de ces firmes qui ont un contrat ici», a-t-il ajouté au sujet de l'arrondissement de Saint-Léonard, dont il a été maire de 1978 à 1981 et de 2008 à aujourd'hui…Ce n'était pas la première fois que M. Bissonnet se retrouvait dans un événement intime de la famille Catania. Il était aussi parmi les invités à la fête de retraite de Frank Catania dans un hôtel du centre-ville de Montréal, en 2005. L'enquête Colisée de la GRC a démontré que les cinq chefs de la mafia montréalaise s'étaient alors cotisés pour offrir un cadeau à M. Catania. Selon nos sources, des membres du crime organisé étaient présents à cette occasion. Questionné par La Presse, Michel Bissonnet a spontanément reconnu sa présence à ce «pot de départ». «Je n'ai été là qu'une demi-heure», dit-il, en précisant n'avoir vu aucun chef mafieux. En 2006, alors qu'il était député libéral et président de la Chambre à Québec, M. Bissonnet avait lui-même remis la médaille de l'Assemblée nationale à Frank Catania. À l'époque, peu de gens dans le public connaissaient les liens étroits qui unissaient l'entrepreneur à la mafia montréalaise. Dans l'enquête Colisée, la GRC a filmé le chef mafieux Nicolo Rizzuto et Frank Catania ensemble au café Consenza. «Le 15 juin 2004, vers 14h02, Nicolo Rizzuto est observé entrer dans la pièce du milieu du Consenza, indique un résumé déposé en cour. Il compte une liasse d'argent, lève la jambe de son pantalon et met la liasse dans une de ses chaussettes. Rizzuto fait ceci en présence de Francesco Catania, assis à la table en conversation téléphonique sur son cellulaire. Quelques minutes plus tard, Catania et Rizzuto quittent.» Une photo saisie par la police et déposée à la commission Charbonneau montre d'ailleurs M. Rizzuto et Frank Catania assis côte à côte au siège social de Construction Frank Catania, à Brossard. La Presse

That $90,172 question: Who knew about Duffy's cheque?
The number of Conservatives who were aware of the cheque written by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's former chief of staff to cover the improper expense claims of Senator Mike Duffy cannot be counted on one hand. Mr. Harper is steadfast in his insistence that he was unaware of the deal that saw about $90,000 transferred from the personal account of Nigel Wright for Mr. Duffy. Through Mr. Duffy's allegations in the Senate over two weeks, and with the help of RCMP documents that were filed in court during the summer, The Globe has pieced together a list of 11 players who knew – or might have known – what was going on…Mike Duffy knows how to tell a tale, especially when it is about himself. In two separate sessions, this week and last, the former broadcaster, who has been a senator from Prince Edward Island since 2009, kept the Senate riveted with his version of the story of the $90,000 cheque written by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's former chief of staff Nigel Wright to cover Mr. Duffy's questionable claims for living expenses. Mr. Duffy made it clear that, without ultimatums and threats from the Prime Minister's Office, he never would have returned to the Senate the money he had claimed for

living in Ottawa, where he has made his home since 1971. "I said I didn't believe I'd broken the rules and that to repay would be an admission of guilt," he told senators last week. "Canadians know me as an honest guy. To pay back money I didn't owe would destroy my reputation." Mr. Duffy is now at the centre of an RCMP investigation into his expense claims and is fighting his suspension from the Senate – a move being orchestrated by his former Conservative colleagues.... Globe and Mail

Taser attack lawsuit
Seven years ago, Brian Fish was on Whyte Avenue taking photos of a police officer making an arrest. It was the 2006 Stanley Cup playoff celebrations and hundreds of people had spilled onto the street. A female Edmonton constable however -- Denise Turkawski -- told the then 66-year-old he wasn't allowed to take photographs. But he refused, noting he wasn't doing anything illegal. Before he knew it, Fish -- an Edmonton lawyer -- was thrown on the ground and stunned with a Taser in front of a number of witnesses. He was taken into custody and detained for several hours. But it doesn't end there. Fish also claims that he and his son were verbally abused by Turkawski and an unidentified officer, who threatened his son and allegedly called him a "faggot" several times. All the details about what happened that day to Fish and his son were heard in 2009 by the Law Enforcement Review Board (LERB) when it ordered police to conduct a second investigation into the complaint. The investigation, however, cleared the officers involved and then-chief Mike Boyd dismissed the complaint in its entirety without holding a hearing. Now, Fish and his lawyer are requesting the board overrule the chief's decision. "He (the chief) found there was no misconduct on the part of any police officers. Clearly in our view, that conclusion is unreasonable and unacceptable and we brought it before the LERB to hope that that is corrected and that a hearing is held with respect to these serious allegations," said Fish's lawyer Erika Norheim."I think it's pretty obvious that there's something wrong when police officers arrest and Taser a senior citizen simply because he's standing on the street and taking pictures." Edmonton Sun, 7

Ethnic-outreach-probe results months away
It will be several months still before the public learns the results of an ongoing RCMP probe into alleged contraventions of the provincial Election Act connected to the Liberal government's ethnic outreach program. Vancouver lawyer David Butcher, the special prosecutor appointed by B.C's justice branch in August to assist the RCMP in their probe, said Wednesday that a decision on the file won't likely be made until sometime next year. "I can tell you simply two things," said Butcher. "That the RCMP are actively investigating the matter and that I do not expect to be in a position to make any decisions with respect to the matter until sometime in 2014." The RCMP began the probe in August. The Province, A9

Series of sexual assaults have left UBC under 'climate of fear'
A series of sexual assaults at the University of B.C. has prompted an unusual "climate of fear" and unprecedented police and security measures, the university's president said Wednesday. RCMP say there have been six attacks on women at UBC's Vancouver campus since April, with the latest incident occurring on Sunday. UBC President Stephen Toope stressed on Wednesday that the current situation on campus is "extremely unusual," and that the school now has a higher police and security presence than ever. "This is one of the safest campuses in North America," he told reporters. "There is not normally a climate of fear or insecurity on the campus." The RCMP's major crimes section believes one man is responsible for three attacks this month and similar incidents in April, May and September. All the women were attacked while walking alone late at night on campus. Hours for a program called Safewalk have now been extended so students can have two people walk them home as late as 4 a.m. An outside security company has been hired to bolster the university's own resources and volunteers have also stepped in to patrol the campus, Toope said. "At the same time the RCMP has increased dramatically their patrols on campus and we're working very much in collaboration. There is far more police presence on campus than ever in the history of the campus," he said. "We are putting the resources that are necessary to keep the campus as safe as it possibly (can be). Frankly, we are not counting our pennies at this moment." Toope said the university has already spent millions of dollars to upgrade lighting in the last two years. Canadian Press (The Guardian, Times Colonist, Edmonton Journal, Ottawa Citizen, Daily Gleaner, Vancouver Sun, Red Deer Advocate, Whitehorse Daily Star, Waterloo Region Record);

Marchers take back the night

Students at the University of B.C. are turning away from fear, as dozens gathered Wednesday to protest rape culture and to rally against an unknown perpetrator behind on-campus sexual assaults currently being investigated. Avni Garg was one of about 175 people in attendance Wednesday. The 20-year-old Kinesiology student brought along a sign that read: "My little black dress does not mean yes." "This directly relates to some of the RCMP reports on the sexual assaults. They specified that some of the victims were wearing short skirts, and it's sad because this only perpetuates rape culture by implying that these victims were attacked because of what they were wearing," Garg told the Province. "I don't think it matters what you wear. No one deserves to be assaulted." The crowd then marched across the Point Grey campus in an effort to reclaim student space against fear that has been spread following the incidents. The latest attack came Sunday morning near the centre of the campus, with five others spanning a period from April to earlier this month. RCMP investigators say they believe the same man is responsible for all six incidents. Earlier in the day, UBC president Stephen Toope had said money was no issue when it came to the safety of students and the security measures currently being ramped up in the wake of the attacks. Canadian Press (The Province)

*** Ex-Olympian charged with extortion**

A man identified by sources as a Hells Angels motorcycle gang member, who also competed in four Olympic Winter Games with the Canadian bobsled team, has been charged in connection with an alleged extortion plot. Kenneth Peter Laurier LeBlanc, 45, of Calgary, is accused of trying to extort a large sum of money from a victim after a business deal crumbled. The Calgary Police Service's guns and gangs unit say they launched an investigation in late July after the victim alleged he'd been threatened by an acquaintance. "There was an investment deal between LeBlanc and another individual that our victim brokered," said guns and gangs unit StaffSgt. Steve Drennan. "Obviously, one felt that the investment went bad and made some attempts to extort our victim for a sum of money." Drennan said the victim was being asked to pay more than $100,000. An undisclosed amount of money was handed over in what Drennan described as a "payment program" that the victim paid to guarantee his safety. "With extortion, there can be threats of intimidation, physical harm. In this case, the victim felt threatened enough that he contacted police," Drennan said, adding the man was not physically harmed. The victim felt compelled to take measures to protect himself, including installing and upgrading a security system at his home, Drennan added. Early Tuesday, members of the guns and gangs unit, with the help of the tactical unit and the RCMP's emergency response team, searched two properties linked to the accused and an affiliated biker club. Calgary Herald

*** Nobody is immune to negative effect of contraband tobacco**

A letter to the editor, by Caroline Ferland, vice-president, corporate affairs, at Imperial Tobacco Canada, states, “As British Columbia completes its annual pre-budget consultation, the province would be wise to exercise extreme caution when it comes to tobacco taxation. While governments have been known to be quite addicted to tobacco taxes, and use taxation as an easy fix - as evidenced by the latest $2-percarton increase that took effect in B.C. on Oct. 1 - there are serious negative and unintended consequences that come with a high tax policy. It does not take a degree in economics to figure out what happens when the price of a product is increased time and again: Consumers look for cheaper alternatives. When it comes to tobacco in Canada, that alternative is readily available through an illegal, untaxed and unregulated market. While B.C. is fortunate to have not yet seen illegal tobacco levels like those found in Ontario and Quebec, which reached 48 per cent and 40 per cent respectively in 2008, the threat remains very real. In recent years, illegal tobacco shipments from Ontario and Quebec have been seized across Canada, including in B.C. In addition, B.C. faces another threat: counterfeit cigarette shipments from Asia. Since 2010, the RCMP has seized more than 145 million cigarettes illegally smuggled from Asia into the province. With the RCMP stating that they are only able to capture a fraction of the illegal cigarettes smuggled into Canada, we can only imagine the number of illegal cigarettes successfully penetrating B.C. from Asia... The RCMP has reported there are more than 50 illegal cigarette factories in Canada and more than 300 smoke shacks selling tobacco outside existing legal, regulatory and tax frameworks. Since the onset of Canada's illegal tobacco crisis in 2006, not one single illegal factory has been shut down despite operating in plain sight. Smoke shops operate with similar impunity. For a criminal looking to make some easy money, where is the risk? The risk to the rest of society is clear: billions in lost tax revenue annually, vast amounts of money funnelled to the organized crime groups behind the illegal

tobacco trade, and the undermining of tobacco control measures - including prevention of sales to youth since the criminals behind the illegal trade do not ask for identification…" Vancouver Sun, A11

*** Police will be able to seize alcohol**
The Manitoba government will give new powers to police to seize alcohol from chronic party houses and boot gang members out of bars and restaurants -- despite no crimes being committed. The measures are part of a push to modernize liquor laws that will see more types of businesses allowed to serve alcohol and a new health strategy to encourage a "culture of moderation" when it comes to alcohol consumption. City of Winnipeg Minister Kevin Chief said it also includes a wider focus on public safety and social responsibility. The official announcement will be made today. "The difference with this is that it takes pre-emptive action," Chief said Wednesday. "Often what people did was have to wait for something to happen and then they could call police. This allows people to take responsible action to phone law enforcement and police will have tools to actually do something about it." Chief said the changes will allow police to confiscate and ban alcohol from a booze can. "The idea would be to prevent future problems in these houses," Chief said. "Nothing kills a party like removing the booze when there are drunken, out-of-control parties." He added the change won't affect average house parties -- there must be a history of repeated disturbances. Chief also said the changes will give police the authority to remove a known criminal from a licensed establishment or a social. Police would act if alerted by an owner, manager, server or patron. "If there are known gang members, if there are people that have a history of violence, if there's someone uttering threats... the police will then have a tool to remove these individuals before something starts," Chief said. Winnipeg Free Press, A5

*** Elsipogtog wants Crown land control**
The Elsipogtog First Nation has written a resolution to reclaim control over Crown land. The First Nation is also now actively enlisting "protectors and stewards" to stand watch over the public lands in and around the Rexton area to enforce control. An internal letter being circulated amongst First Nations communities also states that SWN Resources has been evicted from the territory and "New Brunswick has been put on notice." The resolution, obtained by the Times & Transcript and dated Tuesday, is a call to "reclaim stewardship over all unoccupied alleged Crown land." "We, the people, have been compelled to act to save our waters, lands and animals from ruin," reads a statement with an attached consent form to enlist protectors, signed by Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock. "The resolution reclaims responsibility for stewardship of our reserved native lands. "Our lands have never been ceded which means we have never surrendered our land. For centuries the British Crown claimed to be holding the lands in trust for us, but they have been badly mismanaged by Canada, the province of New Brunswick and corporations."
A ceremony has been scheduled for Saturday to "begin the reclamation." The ceremony also "honours those wishing to become protectors and stewards" of the land. A consent form is now being circulated to collect names. The resolution explicitly states that First Nations people are now resuming stewardship of the Crown land "to correct these problems and to restore our lands and waters back to good, for generations to come." "SWN and the province of New Brunswick have totally ignored our authority and right to control our lands," reads a statement. "SWN has been evicted from our territory according to our traditions and convictions that we still own the land. "The province of New Brunswick has been put on notice." The resolution follows a period of relative calm after an anti-shale gas rally along a highway near Rexton in Kent County turned violent earlier this month as angry protesters lashed out against officers trying to dismantle their blockade. Six police vehicles, including an unmarked van, were burned and the RCMP said they had Molotov cocktails tossed at them. In response, police fired non-lethal beanbag-type bullets and used pepper spray to defuse the situation. Times & Transcript (Daily Gleaner, Telegraph-Journal)

*** More whistle-blower protection for cops redundant: EPA head**
Creating a whistle-blower policy to protect those with who come forward with allegations of wrongdoing against their colleagues would be redundant to what police already have in place, according to the head of the Edmonton Police Association (EPA). In a letter recently addressed to the Edmonton Police Commission (EPC), Patrick Knoll, a former chair of the Law Enforcement Review Board (LERB) states that the events concerning Const. Derek Huff and Const. Jack Redlick could "very well allow for the implementation of an Edmonton Police Commission policy that would address the code of silence

practice and serve to significantly reduce further events of like kind." Knoll further states the EPC could "lead the way for other commissions and police services across Western Canada and in doing so address a long standing problem in Canadian policing." An Edmonton police spokesperson was not able to comment specifically on the letter or matters regarding Huff, but said in a statement that current statute and policy already requires any and all police officers to report perceived acts of misconduct. Edmonton Sun, 10

*** Serendipitous surveillance footage shows alleged killer**

Accused Surrey Six killer Matt Johnston was captured on a police surveillance video outside the Stanley highrise in Surrey less than an hour before the murders of six men at the nearby Balmoral Tower. The video of Johnston wearing a black hoodie and ball cap was shown Wednesday to B.C. Supreme Court Justice Catherine Wedge at the firstdegree murder trial of Johnston, Cody Haevischer and Michael Le. In it, Johnston appears to get out of a dark Volkswagen Touareg parked in a disabled spot outside the Stanley - where his co-accused Haevischer was living at the time - at approximately 1:51 p.m. on Oct. 19, 2007. RCMP Cpl. Lori Orstad testified Wednesday about shooting the video that day as part of an RCMP drug squad team doing an unrelated investigation at the Stanley, located at 10082 148th St. in Surrey. Accompanying Johnston in the video is a man who can be only be identified as Person X due to a publication ban. Person X is wearing a grey Nike hoodie and has a man purse, or "murse," hanging across his chest. At one point he looks directly toward the police surveillance camera, his hood pulled up over his hair. Orstad did not identify Johnston or Person X by name in her testimony, but referred to them as the "male in the black hoodie" and "the male in the white hoodie." But it was clearly Johnston and Person X, who the Crown asserts drove with Haevischer over to the Balmoral minutes after the video was taken. Asked by Crown prosecutor Alex Henderson to describe the first man she saw, Orstad said he "was dressed in a black hoodie, a ball cap which seemed to have green on it and blue jeans. It was a white male. He had a very round face that could also have been a fat face." As the man walked toward the Stanley entrance, she said, he "put the black hoodie over his head." Johnston appeared at one point to return to the Touareg, Orstad said. "When the male in the black went back to the vehicle, (Person X) appeared to be watching him and waiting for him. And then they joined up and continued towards the front door of the Stanley apartment building." The short video was marked as an exhibit and the Crown asked that it not be released to the media. Postmedia News (Vancouver Sun, The Province)

*** Touted crime database not widely supported**

It was once billed by top city officials as a cutting-edge tool to help the Winnipeg Police Service crack down fast and hard on emerging crime problems before they took hold in neighbourhoods. But an external consultant's review of the WPS released this week shows internal commitment to the much-ballyhooed CrimeStat system appears to be fickle -- much to the stated disappointment of the man responsible for bringing it to the city as a re-election pledge, Mayor Sam Katz. Winnipeg's CrimeStat is a database by which police can map out and analyze crime statistics to ferret out crime trends in real time and respond quickly as part of a "intelligence-led" policing model much in favour across North American police agencies over the last 15 years. It's a variant of similar computer systems that have been widely trumpeted for turning around crime issues in major cities such as New York City and Minneapolis, to name just two. But an operational review of the WPS's use of CrimeStat conducted by Texas-based Matrix Consulting Services found several issues, including cancelled or shortened weekly CrimeStat meetings, non-regular attendance by the chief or his deputies and limited analysis of statistics and how they impact on the work of general patrol units. "It seems that preparation time is limited and focused on 'just' trying to understand the statistical increase 'or' decrease," the review notes. Matrix calls on the WPS to introduce "more formality" to CrimeStat meetings and increase accountability and ownership for police in supervisory roles. The lack of focus on leveraging CrimeStat to its fullest has hampered the effectiveness of specialty community-support units, Matrix found. The support units, introduced in 2008 by former police chief Keith McCaskill, are tasked with tackling ongoing area crime issues and crime-prevention efforts while at the same time helping reduce strain on general patrol units, Matrix found. Winnipeg Free Press, A6

*** New RCMP base boosts municipal policing costs**

B.C. municipalities and the provincial government are balking at having to potentially pay substantial increases in policing costs related to the new $1-billion RCMP E-Division headquarters in Surrey. According to preliminary estimates in the RCMP's Fiscal Plan for 2013-14, municipalities could pay $1,200 more next year per regular member and $20,000 per integrated team member - those responsible for services such as murder investigations, emergency response and police dog teams - as a result of the new Green Timbers headquarters. The proposed increases, which are still being negotiated between the federal and provincial governments and haven't been finalized, are intended to cover the administrative costs at the new 6,162 square-metre building, Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan said. The costs would be proportionally based on the size of each municipality. For instance, Burnaby, with the second largest RCMP detachment, could see an estimated increase of $500,000, he said, while Surrey would likely see more than twice that amount. "We've got some information on the overall costs but nothing has been settled," Corrigan said. "This is a big increase for any of our police detachments. We're all really concerned." Policing is the single largest cost to municipalities in B.C., which is home to 9,500 RCMP officers and civilian employees - more than any other province. Only 11 municipalities, including Vancouver, New Westminster, West Vancouver and Port Moody, have their own police forces. The latest news comes a year after B.C. municipalities signed a controversial 20-year policing agreement, which promised elected officials would have more say on controlling policing costs. The funding formula hasn't changed, with cities sharing the costs with the federal government: those larger than 15,000 pay 90 per cent of policing costs, while smaller cities pay 70 per cent, and the federal government picks up the rest. But since the contract was signed last year, municipalities maintain the federal government has continued to slap them with more unexpected costs, including higher-than-expected pay raises and changes to pension contributions and severance pay, along with the Green Timbers headquarters. "It's not about policing on the streets," he said. "It's about the governance of it." Both Port Coquitlam and Richmond, which joined Burnaby and North Vancouver in conducting feasibility studies to determine if they should keep the RCMP, also argue that they are already paying far more than their share for integrated policing teams. Moore maintains Port Coquitlam is ranked on the lower end of the value of services it receives from the five specialized integrated teams, paying out $996,870 and receiving just $317,725 in services. In comparison, Surrey paid out $9.3 million while it received $12 million in services. Municipalities can trigger a two-year opt-out clause to start their own police department, invite another municipal force to take over, or work with other cities to create a regional force. B.C. Attorney General and Justice Minister Suzanne Anton was unavailable for an interview Wednesday but said in an email that the province is also opposed to the proposed costs. Vancouver Sun, A1

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Province draws ire of father of murdered boy

Larry Mills's hands shake and his eyes fill with tears as he talks about the lack of government support for the families of murder victims in the province. He's angry the government is refusing to send a victim services co-ordinator from Fredericton to Moncton to support the families of murder victims Fred Fulton and Veronica (Vera) Decarie. There will be a review hearing in Moncton on Nov. 8 for their killer, 31-year-old Gregory Allan Despres, six months after the last review. (...)White was in the middle of pretrial hearings when he pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree murder. He was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 15 years. Mills said his heart goes out to relatives of Fulton and Decarie because he understands their pain. Despres was deemed not criminally responsible in 2008 for the murders of his elderly next-door neighbours on Slope Road in Minto. He stabbed the elderly couple repeatedly with a dagger in the middle of the night on April 24, 2005, and he also decapitated Fulton with a sword he'd made. Despres is diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. He undergoes regular hearings to review his mental state by the New Brunswick review board, the body that oversees offenders who are deemed unfit to stand trial or deemed not criminal responsible for their actions. The Nov. 8 hearing in Moncton is to look at the issue of transferring Despres from the Shepody Healing Centre at the federally run Dorchester Penitentiary to the less secure Restigouche Hospital Centre, operated by the provincial government. Daily Gleaner A1

Court orders new trial in death of Winnipeg teenager in 1984

The Manitoba Court of Appeal on Wednesday ordered a new trial for a man convicted in the 1984 murder of a teenage girl. The Appeal Court ruled that the trial judge was wrong to deny Mark Edward Grant's lawyer the right to present evidence that Candace Derksen might have been killed by someone else. Another girl had been abducted in a similar fashion nine months after Derksen's death when Grant was in custody. "It seems to me that this evidence, which I view as very relevant, could provide the basis upon which a reasonable, properly instructed jury could acquit," Justice Michel Monnin wrote on behalf of the three-member Appeal Court panel. "The exclusion of the evidence denied the accused the opportunity of placing before the jury the full answer he wanted to make." Grant was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced in 2011 to life with no parole eligibility for at least 25 years. Canadian Press (The Guardian, Whitehorse Daily Star, National Post, Times Colonist), *Winnipeg Free Press

Website troubles continue to haunt charity
The charity offering tours of notorious Kingston Penitentiary encountered ticket-selling troubles again Wednesday. Habitat for Humanity Canada started selling tickets for the tours of the recently shuttered prison Tuesday, but the online traffic was so great that it overwhelmed the ticket-selling site, causing it to crash. In that small window in which the system worked on Tuesday, 15% of the 9,000 tickets were gobbled up. Wednesday didn't see much improvement on the technology front, as the website was hit-and- miss for ticket-buyers. Kingston Whig-Standard A1

Rapist should not be in community
An opinion piece states, “There is something very wrong with the Parole Board of Canada when an individual like Larry Takahashi is released from prison to live in our community, or any community, even under what is termed "close supervision." I was living in Edmonton in the 1980s when his actions terrorized the city. He destroyed the lives of countless women and their families, condemning them to a lifetime of fear and mental anguish. He did this while living a "normal" life - he was the lab partner of one of my relatives at the university. There is no question of his guilt, and of the horrific and repeated nature of his crimes. He is a sexual deviant psychopath, utterly incapable of being "cured or treated" and probably incapable as well of any feelings of remorse. He was given concurrent life sentences and as such should be incarcerated until he is dead or infirm.” Times Colonist A11

*** 'Put him back in jail,' says victim of balaclava rapist**
The woman who miscarried twins after she was raped by Larry Takahashi says the man known as the "balaclava rapist" is manipulative, deceptive and deserves to spend the rest of his life in jail. Erica Hammermeister is angry at the parole board's decision to temporarily release Takahashi for 60 days, allowing him to live in a Victoria halfway house until Dec. 24. "They [police] believe if he wouldn't have been caught when he attacked me he could have upgraded to murder," Hammermeister said in a phone interview Wednesday. "He's a very manipulative, deceptive person." Hammermeister was Takahashi's last victim before he was caught, and the Crown's star witness at his trial. Takahashi, 61, was living a double life as a model citizen with a wife and child during the day, and a rapist by night. He started his crimes by peeping into women's windows and masturbating, which quickly escalated to breaking into women's homes and raping them while wearing a balaclava. Times Colonist, A4

*** Judge uses gritty prose to reject killer's appeal**
Shane Huard, convicted of helping kill a drug dealer in 2006, has yet to impress a judge - except, perhaps, with the gritty details of his crime. The now 32-year-old Windsor man was convicted of first-degree murder and in 2010 sentenced to life with no chance of parole for 25 years. His accomplice Richard Zoldi, the one who actually pulled the trigger of the .22-calibre handgun, was convicted of seconddegree murder and can apply for parole after 13 years. The Ontario Court of Appeal - which had ruled against Huard's application in July without giving reasons - on Tuesday released its arguments. Windsor Star, A3

*** Jeffrey Baldwin inquest lays bare decades of institutional incompetence**
The 45-page chapter that was given this week to the jurors at the Ontario coroner's inquest now probing the death of Jeffrey Baldwin is a searing indictment of institutional incompetence. A summary of Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto involvement with the little boy's family - it dates back to 1950 - is filled with ghastly revelations on almost every page. (...) The story of how Bottineau, who is now 62 and in

prison serving a life sentence, morphed from someone who was a known convicted child abuser (she was implicated in the 1969 death of her own first baby) to a woman who was used by the CCAS as a community foster parent and endorsed as a suitable caregiver for Jeffrey and his siblings is a galling one. Canada.com

*** Appeals court orders new trial in 2007 slaying of Calgary teen**
Shooting victim Adam Cavanagh's father says he will take in stride the Alberta Court of Appeal's decision on Wednesday to award a new trial to his son's accused killer. "It certainly could have been worse, but it's not a good decision," Perry Cavanagh said shortly after the province's top court quashed MM's first-degree murder conviction from last year. The defendant's full name is being withheld because he was a minor at the time of his initial arrest. (...)"The record reveals that the trial took account of bad character evidence in adjudicating these issues," wrote the three-judge panel. "We also have concerns with the manner in which the trial judge dealt with the matter of post-offence conduct. However, in light of our ruling, we need not pursue that issue." They cited comments by the judge that MM had a fascination with guns, knew how not to leave fingerprints and was comfortable doing criminal work. Lipton, calling it an "execution," had handed MM, 17 at the time of the shooting, an adult life sentence with no chance of parole for 10 years. Although the appeal court overturned the first-degree murder conviction and sentence, it said MM, now 23, will have to face the second trial on the same charge. Calgary Herald, A2

*** Attempted murder charges laid**
A 19-year-old man has been charged with three counts of attempted murder in connection with a daylight shooting on Halifax's Isleville Street this summer. Police arrested Shaquille David Skinner, of Ruben Court in Dartmouth, at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility where he is an inmate on other matters. He now faces 16 new charges, including three of attempted murder, three counts of discharging a firearm with intent, nine other weapons-related offences and one of breaching a court order. Police allege in court documents that Skinner tried to kill brothers Decoda and Nathaniel White and a woman named Jaylene Downey with a Colt 1903 Pocket Hammer .32-calibre semi-automatic pistol. In Halifax provincial court Wednesday, duty defence counsel Lonny Queripel asked that the case be adjourned until at least mid-January so legal representation can be arranged for Skinner. "Mr. Skinner is serving a federal sentence and he will be for some time," Queripel told the court. Judge Michael Sherar remanded Skinner to a federal institution until Jan. 27, when the charges will be back in court. Chronicle-Herald, A5

*** Nickerson case goes to 2014**
Closing arguments as to whether a man who kidnapped and sexually assaulted two women in February 2012 should be designated a dangerous offender will be heard in the new year. Crown attorney Bob Morrison and defence lawyer Ken Greer will file written briefs with the court before making their closing submissions on the fate of Gordon Frank Nickerson, 36, of Yarmouth on Jan. 9. Nickerson was in Nova Scotia provincial court in Kentville Wednesday when Morrison entered his last exhibit, a document from Correctional Service of Canada that outlines how long-term supervision orders are monitored and how that contrasts with indeterminate sentences. Details of the document were not read in court, but it will make up part of the Crown's final submission. The dangerous offender application was initiated by the Crown in the wake of Nickerson's guilty pleas last year to 12 charges, including four of sexual assault, two each of kidnapping and assault, and one each of break and enter, breach of a peace bond, dangerous driving and fleeing the scene of an accident. Chronicle-Herald, A10

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Honour crimes persist in Quebec, across nation
Honour crimes have been committed in Quebec in all communities and the government needs to act on the growing phenomenon, Quebec's Conseil du statut de la femme said Wednesday as it released a report careful not to stigmatize any one group. The report, sparked by the drowning murders four years ago of three sisters from the Shafia family and their father's first wife, says that such honour killings are just the tip of the iceberg. The four Montreal women of Afghan descent were found dead inside a car in

the Rideau Canal in Kingston, Ont., in 2009. The girls' father, mother and brother were found guilty of first-degree murder in January 2012. More has to be done, the report says, to protect vulnerable women and girls subjected to genital mutilations, virginity testing, forced marriages and excessive control. But of the 17 incidents identified as honour crimes in Canada since 1991 and examined in the report, all involved stabbing, strangulation, shooting and beating. They affected 26 victims, five of whom died, according to the 167-page report that makes seven recommendations to the government. In its reaction to the report, the provincial government was quick to offer up its controversial charter of Quebec values - which would ban religious headgear on public servants - as a way of countering the problem. Montreal Gazette A6

*** Overall crime down in city**
Although crime dropped by 9.1 per cent, or 862 incidents, by the end of August compared to 2012, Regina police Chief Troy Hagen said there is still work that needs to be done to fight crime. "We continue to work very diligently on all crime categories because we never lose sight of the fact that behind every one of these numbers, there is a victim and that is what is important to keep in mind," Hagen said on Wednesday at the Regina Board of Police Commissioners meeting. At the meeting, the yearto-date and August crime statistics were discussed. The overall drop in crime - from 9,504 to 8,642 offences - comprises a decline in crimes against the person by nine per cent and property crime by 10.8 per cent. "It's encouraging because the vast majority of crime categories are continuing to trend downward. That's very consistent with what we've seen now for, in a lot of cases, a number of years," Hagen said. Leader-Post, A6

*** Survivor on a mission**
Theo Fleury is on a mission to tackle what he believes is the biggest epidemic on the planet. The former NHL star and survivor of sexual abuse while playing in Moose Jaw as a junior in the 1980s is coming to Winnipeg next month to spread his message of healing and help victims on the road to recovery. The Russell native will be the star attraction at the Breaking Free through Healing Conversation: Moving Beyond Sexual Abuse and Trauma event at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre Nov. 28. Since his bestselling book, Playing With Fire, in which he documented the abuse by former coach Graham James was published four years ago, Fleury claims to have had a half-million "reveals" -- people coming out with their stories of abuse -- from survivors, either in person, in emails or via social media on Twitter and Facebook. Winnipeg Free Press

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Ottawa's budget tight, but spending up
Ottawa has kept a tight squeeze on departmental spending as it tries to erase the deficit at the same time as it absorbs billions in added costs for health care and seniors. Year-end numbers released on Wednesday in the Public Accounts show departments under-spent - or "lapsed" - their approved budgets by a combined $10-billion, of which only $2.2-billion can carry forward into the next year. However, overall spending is still up considerably when compared to the period before it introduced stimulus measures worth billions of dollars to promote economic growth during the recession that hit in late 2008. Total expenses for the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2013, were $275.6-billion, up 0.1 per cent from the year before. That means federal spending has been above $270-billion for four years in a row. In contrast, the total before the recession was $239-billion in 2008-09, and $209-billion in 2005-06, when Prime Minister Stephen Harper first came to office. In addition to stimulus spending and inflation, a large part of the increase over the years is due to the federal pledge to increase health transfers to the provinces by six per cent a year until 2016-17. The Health and Social transfer was $27.2-billion in 2006 and is now $40.7-

billion, an increase of nearly 50 per cent. Benefits for seniors are also becoming more expensive for Ottawa as a larger percentage of Canadians enter retirement. When the Conservatives first came to office, these expenses were were $29-billion. Now the annual cost is $40-billion, up six per cent from a year ago and 38 per cent from 2006. Treasury Board President Tony Clement said a growing economy and population and locked-in costs have increased total spending over time, but Wednesday's numbers show Ottawa is tightening the spending that is under its direct control. Globe and Mail, A3

Ad budget down slightly
The federal government spent tens of millions of dollars in advertising in the last fiscal year, led by major multimillion-dollar marketing offensives from the Finance Department, and others touting their own policies, say new accounting records tabled Wednesday in the House of Commons. The Public Accounts of Canada documents, tabled by Treasury Board President Tony Clement, show that the Finance Department, which has been running a long standing advertising blitz touting the government's economic policies, spent $15.25 million on advertising initiatives for the fiscal year, which ended on March 31, 2013. Human Resources and Skills Development Canada spent about $9.62 million on advertising. Natural Resources Canada, which has been running its own advertising blitz alleging that the government is promoting "responsible development" of oil, gas and other resources, spent about $8.9 million on advertising in the year. Overall, the figures suggest that various federal departments spent slightly less than their collective advertising budget which topped $55 million in 2012, according to previously tabled spending estimates. The total doesn't include a recently announced $24 million international marketing campaign for the government to promote the oilsands industry abroad over the next two years. Ottawa Citizen, A6

Cabinet, PMO spending rises as departments tighten belts
Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his cabinet spent millions of dollars more in 2012-13 on their offices than in the previous year, even as government departments were tightening their belts. However, the government found some major cost savings in other areas, spending millions less than the previous year on international conferences and hospitality. In the upper chamber, embattled Sen. Pamela Wallin, who has returned almost $150,000 in improper travel expenses, had one of the largest travel bills. According to the Public Accounts of Canada, tabled Wednesday, the Prime Minister's Office spent $8.2 million in 2012-13 on staff, communications and other costs, a seven-per-cent increase over roughly $7.6 million the previous year. Combined, federal ministers' offices spent about $56.1 million in the last fiscal year (not including ministers' salaries) on personnel, communications, transportation, services and other items, almost $3 million more than the previous year. The Conservative government spent approximately $7.5 million in 2012-13 on expenditures such as "hospitality and conference fees" at international conferences and meetings for the prime minister, Governor General and senior ministers - a substantial reduction from more than $10 million the previous year. The government forked out approximately $1.7 million on travel expenses for the prime minister's trips to international conferences and meetings, including for Harper, some ministers and department staff, according to the documents. The total was millions of dollars less than the previous year, as Harper travelled less overseas for meetings and officials visits. Vancouver Sun, B3

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Troubled inmates still shortchanged

Kinew James, like Ashley Smith, entered Canada's corrections system when she was a teenager. But when a Kitchener judge attempted to draw parallels between the two in 2011, James bristled. "All I hear is Ashley Smith, Ashley Smith," retorted James, who was then an inmate at Kitchener's Grand Valley Institution for Women, the women's prison where Smith strangled herself in a segregation cell in 2007. "I want out of jail. I know I will get out," James declared in that May 2011 appearance in Kitchener's Ontario Court. Her prophecy came partially true, but not in a way she would have imagined. In November 2012, she was transferred from the Kitchener prison to a federal psychiatric centre in Saskatoon. This past January, she was found dead in her cell there of an apparent heart attack. It was no surprise that he once again affirmed that "the most prolific" self-harming offenders don't belong in a federal prison, and should be transferred to external psychiatric facilities where they can get the proper treatment and care. What was surprising was a cryptic, terse response to Sapers' report by **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney,** who said in a statement: "We believe that prisons are not the appropriate place to treat those with serious mental illness." Waterloo Region Record, A8

Child safety advocate opposed to speaker

A symposium this month at the University of Toronto called "Bodies at Play, Sexuality, Children and Classroom Life" has a Christian leader urging the federal government to not allow into Canada its keynote

speaker. Controversial professor James R. Kincaid, who wrote the 1992 book, Child-Loving, The Erotic Child and Victorian Culture, should be turned back at airport, says Charles McVety, a child safety advocate and president of Canada Christian College. His planned Oct. 19 address is entitled "What Is This Thing Called a Child and Why Do We Want to Teach It?" But it won't happen if McVety, who is also president of the Institute for Canadian Values, has his way. He has fired off a letter of protest to Immigration Minister Chris Alexander and **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** urging them not to allow entry of the California-based professor. Toronto Sun, 16

Salvadoran refugee takes sanctuary in Langley church to be able to 'hug my children'
A Langley church has become Jose Figueroa's new home. The Salvadoran refugee announced Friday he will be seeking sanctuary at Walnut Grove Lutheran Church to avoid a deportation order that would separate him from his wife and three kids. "Deciding to claim sanctuary was the most difficult choice I have had to make," he said in a news release. "Under the threat of sudden deportation, I had to seek sanctuary in order to be able to hug my children and wife at least every Sunday and continue the fight for [my] family's rights." The federal government has denied Figueroa's refugee claim because he once belonged to a rebel group called the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front. The family's appeals to the **Minister of Public Safety** have gone unanswered, despite some high-profile support. Langley MP Mark Warawa told The Province he wants to see Figueroa stay in Canada, as it is both in the best interest of his Canadian-born kids and the country. The Province

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Cheers, jeers for proposed flood plan**
The flood-proofing plan pitched Friday by a government-appointed panel hasn't been approved yet, but already there is a split between those who want work to proceed quickly, and environmental groups who say the province needs to hit the brakes. Redford said the government is "very committed" to building flood-mitigation infrastructure, but said the specifics of the ideas brought forward at Friday's symposium still need to be hammered out. She said the province has already hired two engineering firms to evaluate the plan's feasibility, as well as any potential impacts on the watershed or communities downstream. Calgary Herald, A4

*** Cities gear up to ask for help**
Despite significant and sustained investments since the turn of the century, Canada is still being challenged with new demands for "world-class" public infrastructure to sustain its economic growth. The Conservative government has announced a renewed long-term infrastructure plan over 10 years worth about $50 billion, but must now sort out details and agreements with provinces and cities for the money to flow into a variety of projects including roads, bridges, water systems and public transit. As Parliament resumes this fall, the cities are looking for some signs of progress to respond to a range of housing and infrastructure needs. What needs to be fixed? Cities say they are facing increasing demands and waiting lists for affordable housing infrastructure, and have also been calling for investments to make public infrastructure more resistant to climate change and extreme weather events like the flooding last summer in southern Alberta. Postmedia News (Ottawa Citizen, Montreal Gazette)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

HMCS Toronto makes drug bust
A Canadian warship on patrol in the Arabian Sea made what the military is touting as an important drug seizure on Saturday. HMCS Toronto intercepted and boarded a suspected smuggling vessel, seizing 154 bags of heroin weighing more than 180 kilograms, said a news release issued late Saturday. The drugs were catalogued and then destroyed, the release said. The seizure took place about 800 kilometres east of the Horn of Africa. "I'm extremely proud of the work Toronto's team, and all those on whom we rely for support, have done to achieve this success," said Commander Matthew Bowen, Toronto's skipper. "A positive outcome like this, seizing and disposing of illegal narcotics whose sale would have funded extremist groups, is a big win for Canada's counter-terrorism efforts." The frigate has made a number of

drug seizures while on patrol in the past few months, including seizing 500 kilograms of heroin last March and about 5,950 kilograms of hashish in another boarding incident in May. The frigate is on patrol in the region as part of an international effort to curb terrorism and deter piracy on the high seas. Canadian Press (Chronicle-Herald); QMI Agency (Edmonton Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard, London Free Press)

Security and Justice
The Supreme Court of Canada will hear arguments Thursday about whether the government's use of security certificates to bar suspected terrorists is a violation of constitutional rights. At issue is the imprisonment of Mohamed Harkat, an Algerian who was held on a security certificate alleging he was a terrorist sleeper agent. The security certificate regime, in which evidence is not disclosed to the subject, was previously upheld by the Federal Court of Appeal. National Post, A2

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Rising border corruption flagged
Canada's border agency pointed to an "increase in employee corruption" as it defended a move to grill its employees on their personal lives, according to documents obtained by The Globe and Mail. The federal privacy commissioner had challenged a move by Canada Border Services Agency to quiz employees in sensitive positions, as well as job applicants, on 57 questions, including drug use, weekly alcohol consumption and gambling debts. It was put only into limited circulation for a short time before it raised privacy concerns. The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada wrote to the CBSA last November, saying it was concerned about "highly intrusive questions." The CBSA defended the "integrity questionnaire" for enhanced employee screening, saying corruption was a growing problem. "There is currently an increase in employee corruption," reads an internal 2012 report obtained under Access to Information laws. It adds that "should this problem of corruption not be mitigated it will cause decreased confidence in the agency by the public [and] put elected officials under the spotlight in a negative way." The CBSA also outlined other increased security precautions from 2008 onward, including more psychological assessments of employees, and running their names more frequently through Equifax credit checks and RCMP-run police databases, according to records from the correspondence with the privacy commissioner. Urging that the survey be reconsidered, the privacy watchdog argued that while the border agency had claimed "an increase in infiltration and corruption of CBSA staff," it had failed to "provide any detail or statistics to substantiate this statement." The internal report does not provide specifics on the CBSA's worries about increased corruption, and a spokesperson for the agency did not directly address the matter when asked in an e-mail. The spokesperson did outline several screening procedures in place at the agency. And the agency pointed to recent cases of corruption, including that of former airport guard Marilyn Beliveau, who helped the Montreal Mafia smuggle drugs before she was sentenced to two years in prison in 2011. Globe and Mail, A1

Parkdale schools mourn deported Roma students
They came in waves; sudden, boisterous, defiant, exuberant waves of children from an almost mythic culture who filled the schools of Parkdale with a challenge beyond any they had faced before. It's a rare case of Canadian schools working hard to embrace newcomers who couldn't stay. "This is a story of love and loss," said Principal Susan Yun. Parkdale Public School, at the heart of the Roma influx, has seen its pool of 297 Roma students 18 months ago drop to 54 this fall, just as all the school's outreach was starting to pay off with these reluctant young scholars and their parents. "We invested so much in helping them succeed, and now the energy they brought is gone," said Yun. "Our staff are grieving. It's a huge loss to the whole community." When Hungarian Roma began fleeing to Canada in 2008 to escape discrimination - visas no longer were needed, so it was easier - even the newcomer-savvy schools of Toronto's west end were overwhelmed. At 20 new students a week, some classes were soon half Roma, kids who needed help with more than just English and the 3 R's. [...] Over the past 18 months, especially since Canada tightened up its refugee rules last December, hundreds of Toronto's Roma families have been deported or given up and gone back. Toronto Star

Alleged mob boss deemed dangerous: IRB
An Italian man accused of being boss of a Mafia clan in Italy and a key link to the inner circle of Montreal mob boss Vito Rizuto was declared too dangerous to be released from an Ontario prison while he waits for an immigration hearing to decide if he should be deported back to Italy. Carmelo Bruzzese, 64, was arrested in his Woodbridge home, north of Toronto, on Aug. 23, not on criminal charges but because he is a non-Canadian citizen accused of involvement in organized crime. He has been fighting ever since to be released from prison. After three days of often fiery arguments at an Immigration and Refugee Board hearing, IRB adjudicator Ron Stratigopoulos determined that Mr. Bruzzese is a danger to the public and unlikely to appear for removal if he is ordered out of Canada. He ordered Mr. Bruzzese remain in prison, pending an admissibility hearing. At the lengthy IRB hearings, attended exclusively by the National Post, Mr. Bruzzese was described by the Canada Border Services Agency as one of the top leaders of the 'Ndrangheta, the proper name of the Mafia that formed in Italy's Calabria region. In Italy, he is accused of being the boss of the mob clan based in Grotteria, Calabria, and also of being a main conduit between the Calabrian Mafia and the Rizzuto crime family, which is a Sicilianbased Mafia clan and a dominant crime organization in Canada. Mr. Bruzzese is described in Italian court documents as having "deep connections" with the Rizzuto inner circle. CBSA's counsel, Andrej Rustja, said Mr. Bruzzese's international connections mean he would have access to "virtually unlimited" money to fund a fugitive life. National Post, A6

*** Group pushes for action over indefinitely detained immigrants**
Guelph will be among the Ontario sites of demonstrations planned for Tuesday to protest Canada's current immigration detention policies. Guelph-based migrant rights group Fuerza/Puwersa, meaning strength in Spanish and Tagalog, and similar groups have formed a coalition of immigrant justice associations. They've vowing to participate in coinciding protests Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Guelph, Toronto, Kitchener, Sudbury, Kingston, London and Peterborough. Fuerza/Puwersa will be chanting and marching with a banner from city hall to MP Frank Valeriote's office, where members will hand in a petition of 1,000 names calling for an end to indefinite immigration holding. Immigrants deemed a flight risk while awaiting deportation are incarcerated by the Canada Border Service Agency. Toronto-based immigration consultant Mac Scott said in Canada, some current detainees have been jailed for more than five years while awaiting travel documents from countries of origin to be sent so that deportation can proceed. Scott said in many cases, the native countries of these detainees don't want to take them back and travel documents are not sent, so they remain incarcerated. He said the United Nations does not sanction indefinite immigration holding periods and the U.S. has a policy that immigration holds can only occur for 90 days before an individual case is solved. To draw attention to this and other issues, immigration inmates at the Central East Correctional Centre, in Lindsay, Ont., have engaged in a series of hunger strikes since mid-September. These inmates have complained about being isolated from families, constant lockdowns due to short staff and allegedly inadequate access to medical care and social workers, among other issues. Anna Pape, spokesperson with the Canada Border Service Agency, said in an email the agency is reviewing the demands of the prisoners but Canadian safety is the priority. Guelph Mercury

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Our police need lapel cameras
An editorial states**, "**As reported in the National Post last week, Ian Scott, director of Ontario's Special Investigations Unit (SIU), has reached the end of his five-year term. The SIU is the independent agency responsible for investigating police officers in cases where officers are involved in member of the public being killed, seriously injured or allegedly sexually assaulted. In Ontario, and indeed, across the country, there is real doubt among the public that any officer under investigation will ever truly face justice. Mr.

Scott agrees that public confidence is a problem, and has a partial solution - more cameras used by police officers. Mr. Scott would like to see every cop in Ontario equipped with a lapel camera, worn as part of the uniform, that records a video of everything and everyone the officer interacts with. There are obvious civil liberty implications to this, and such videos would need to be effectively regulated and managed, lest officers be turned into mobile spycams. But the benefits to this proposal far outweigh the admitted drawbacks. Most Canadian police officers do excellent work under trying conditions. But in recent years, there have been far too many cases where police officers have either refused to co-operate with, or have actively impeded, investigations into alleged misdeeds by their peers... Lapel cameras, if used properly, would help eliminate the risk of officers lying to cover up each other's conduct, or getting together to agree upon the "official version" of events before submitting their notes. There would be a record of everything that a police officer saw, and critically, when they saw it...Mr. Scott has also said that Tasers should also be equipped with cameras that would record video and audio whenever the weapon was activated. This is an excellent (and more affordable) suggestion, as it would certainly reduce the chances of a Taser being misused. But it doesn't go far enough. Most incidents of alleged police misconduct will not involve Tasers. Lapel cameras will provide the context and vantage point needed to truly understand the kind of confrontations police are involved in. Police will understandably view this as an imposition, at best. They're more likely to view this as a punitive measure, a tangible sign that the public does not trust them. Sadly, this is not just partially true, but largely warranted. Our oversight mechanisms simply are not keeping up." National Post, A12

Brutality allegation shows police transparency not always simple

In Derek Huff's telling, it was a dream job that quickly fell to tatters. Everything changed in a few seconds on Feb. 11, 2010. That's when Huff and another Edmonton constable pulled up in front of a downtown residence. They saw a trio of fellow plainclothes officers punch and kick a drug dealer targeted in an undercover sting. Huff, a seven-year veteran had seen rough arrests. This wasn't a couple of punches, he says, but a planned beating. In subsequent weeks and months, Huff took those allegations of brutality to his superior officers. But as he did, his relationships with his coworkers grew acrimonious. His complaints went nowhere, and Huff said he was branded a rat. Huff's allegations of brutality and silence are more than just a one-time condemnation of Edmonton police action, they're the latest chapter in a long public struggle between perception and police transparency. In the past decade, Sgt. Tony Simioni said he has seen a "bad cop" story in the news nearly every week. It's been extremely difficult to fight the public's perception that there's something wrong with Edmonton's police. But the headlines, he said, only tell part of the story. Simioni isn't commenting on Huff's case, currently part of a union grievance. But the president of the Edmonton Police Association noted that to other police forces, Edmonton is considered Canada's "epicentre of discipline." He pointed to numbers. Edmonton had more than 30 disciplinary hearings last year; Calgary had two. Between Manitoba and Victoria, there were only about a dozen other public hearings. He also cited the "shocking statistic" that up until August, nearly 20 per cent of complaints against Edmonton officers this year came from other officers. "Perception is far different than reality," Simioni said. "When I hear these ongoing reports about how corrupt the Edmonton Police Service is and how we're trying to cover things up, it's laughable. It's ridiculous to the extreme." Edmonton Journal, A1

Sex offenders have 'always been there'

A fugitive pedophile who may have been spotted in Saskatchewan remained at large over the weekend, but he's not the only sex offender that has police concerned. In Saskatoon alone, police are tracking a total of 218 registered sexual offenders, from rapists to child abusers to child pornography distributors. "These sex offenders are in our community - they've always been there. They could be your neighbour," said Saskatoon Police Services Staff Sgt. Kirby Harmon. "But the public needs to know there are people dedicated to doing this job. There shouldn't be a panic." None of the Saskatoon offenders are unlawfully at large - unlike Edmonton pedophile Michael Sean Stanley, who was reportedly spotted last week in Kindersley and Rosetown after removing his tracking bracelet - but they remain a high priority for police, Harmon said. All 218 have been convicted of sexual offences. Twenty-three are in prison, while the rest have served their time. There are 121 who were released unconditionally and 71 who are living in Saskatoon under court-orders to obey a curfew, avoid parks, swimming pools and schools, or not possess a computer. The final four offenders are considered a "high risk" to re-offend, and have been

placed under a special order which allows police to impose whatever conditions they deem necessary. "There's nothing else that can be done to them. They had to be let out," Harmon said. StarPhoenix, A1

Photos of marked ballots posted to Instagram, Twitter referred to RCMP, Elections Nova Scotia says

Elections Nova Scotia says it is pursuing three voters who "broke the law" at the voting booth by posting photos of their provincial election ballots online - including a political blogger who tweeted a picture of his ballot. An Elections Nova Scotia spokesman said the photos of marked ballots that surfaced online over the weekend contravened the province's elections act, which prohibits use of a "recording or communications device" at a polling station-an infraction that brings a maximum $5,000 fine. "There are signs in the polling stations that say no cameras, no phones," said spokesman Dana Doiron, adding that staff at the stations are instructed to tell all voters to refrain from using the devices inside the polling booth. "I'm not sure the rules are open to interpretation; it's quite simple.... The whole idea of a secret ballot is you don't share it." But political blogger Parker Donham, who posted a photo of his vote to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, says he doesn't think he did anything wrong. As Mr. Donham approached an advance polling station for the Oct. 8 Nova Scotia election on Saturday, he says he decided, "I'm going to take a picture of my ballot so I can tell people who I voted for." "I went over to a little cardboard shield that you stand behind, marked my ballot and took out my iPhone and snapped a few photos," he said, adding that he did not see any signs indicating that doing so was against the rules. But moments after tweeting the photo, the Elections Nova Scotia Twitter account responded, informing Mr. Donham that his case had been referred to the RCMP. "I was exercising political speech," Mr. Donham said in an interview Sunday. "I think political speech is at the heart of free speech and if the legislature wants to restrict it, then they need to do so in the most clear and unambiguous terms." National Post; Chronicle Herald

Premier, chief seek shale gas protest solution

As a protest - developed into a full-blown blockade - on Route 134 near Rexton persists into its second week, leaders of both the New Brunswick government and a First Nations community have opened the lines of peaceful discussion and are looking for some kind of solution. Premier David Alward and several of his cabinet ministers met with Elsipogtog First Nation Chief Aaron Sock, band council members and other leaders opposing the exploration for shale gas in Moncton Sunday afternoon at the Delta Beausïjour. The meeting comes exactly seven days after native and non-native protesters created a blockade on the route to prevent SWN Resources Canada crews from reaching seismic testing equipment. Both sides want to find common ground on the issue but realize it's something that will take time and, Sock said, a series of private meetings between the leaders, including one scheduled for Monday. Alward took questions from the media around 4:30 p.m., shortly after the three-hour meeting wrapped. "It was a good discussion this afternoon," he said. "People had an opportunity to voice their concerns, we had an opportunity to discuss the work that we're doing in New Brunswick as well. The chief asked for another meeting with me tomorrow and I've said that I would meet with him tomorrow." Sock, too, was pleased with the meeting, and would like to find a solution to appease both groups. But it's hard, he said, when both sides have completely opposing desires. "In a nutshell, we want the company out of our province and the province wants to do business with the company," he said. "I'm still hopeful and the premier has been very receptive of our issues. He's going to take it back to his people and see where it goes from here." A spokesperson for the RCMP, Cpl. Jullie Rogers-Marsh, said the injunction does not have to do with the police and the officers on scene focused on a peaceful resolution. Times & Transcript (Telegraph-Journal)

*** Family has long list of questions over shooting**
The family of Greg Matters, who was shot and killed by RCMP in Prince George a year ago, has a long list of questions they hope will be answered at an inquest starting Monday. Cameron Ward, the lawyer for the Matters, on Sunday said despite pressure to get details into the Sept 10, 2012 slaying on the family property in Pineview, the family has been given little explanation as to what happened. A report released in May by the Independent Investigation Office ruled there was no criminal wrongdoing by RCMP when they shot Matters, 40, who rose to Master Cpl. in the Canadian Forces... Ward feels the RCMP were heavy-handed in their approach to the call to the Matters residence. "Who made the decision to deploy an emergency helicopter and a team of men armed with M16 submachine guns?" asked Ward... The inquest is expected to last the full week. The Province, A4

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Gérald Genest bafoue encore ses conditions de remise en liberté
Le pédophile multirécidiviste Gérald Genest a vu sa période de détention être prolongée une nouvelle fois après avoir encore bafoué ses conditions de remise en liberté. Selon la Commission des libérations conditionnelles, «aucun programme de surveillance ne peut adéquatement protéger la société contre le risque élevé de récidive que vous [Gérald Genest] présentez». L'homme a donc été réincarcéré en attendant les nouvelles procédures intentées contre lui. Le pédophile originaire de Cap-de- la-Madeleine qui avait défrayé la manchette en 2011 après s'être sauvé en République dominicaine alors qu'il était en libération conditionnelle, a été accusé une nouvelle fois pour ne pas s'être conformé à ses conditions de remise en liberté. (...)En 2011, il était en liberté sous surveillance lorsqu'il s'est sauvé en République dominicaine. Lorsque la GRC l'a intercepté, le récidiviste avait déjà fait des victimes dans ce pays. En juillet, son assignation à un centre correctionnel communautaire a été résiliée après qu'il eut admis avoué aux intervenants être en contact constant avec deux jeunes adultes de 18 ans de-puis maintenant deux ans. Journal de Québec, (Journal de Montréal); Journal de Québec

Robber receives seven-year prison sentence
A 42-year-old man has been sentenced to seven years in prison for violently robbing an elderly man in his Saint John home last June. Reid George Irving was in custody when he appeared in provincial court on Friday to be sentenced for the crime. The stocky man, who wore a baggy grey sweatshirt, told the court that he's someone who has a bad addiction and he apologized to the elderly man he robbed on June 27. He said he has been "straight," off the drugs, for the last three months. (...) He urged the court to consider sentencing Irving to between six and eight years in a federal penitentiary. Defence counsel Brian Ferguson told the court that Irving had been in prison for most of the time from 2001 to 2012. He described him as a single man who has a 19-year-old daughter. He has a Grade 6 education and has worked as a labourer. Telegraph-Journal, C2

*** Edmonton inmates file lawsuit alleging abuse in max security prison**
Five inmates at the Edmonton Institution, a maximum security federal prison, are suing guards, the warden and the federal government. They allege they were subject to beatings, abuse and forced by guards to fight with each other. In one case, an inmate died after he and another man, a member of a rival gang, where sent to showers together, even though guards knew they were incompatible. An inquest into the stabbing death of Mason Montgrand, who died in the prison on August 16, 2011 is pending. The incidents all occurred in the past three years in the Segregation Unit on and “G Range,” a unit that is described as housing difficult inmates. The allegations have yet to be proven in court. A spokesperson for Correctional Service of Canada declined to comment on the lawsuits. In separate statement of claims, James Wigmore, Arafat Fatah, Terrence Naistus and Lance Regan all claim they were beaten, abused and faced degrading treatment at the hands of the warden, Kelly Hartle, manager Chris Saint and supervisor Chris Spilsbury. Several guards and other staff are also named in the actions, which were filed in Alberta’s Court of Queen’s Bench. Wigmore, who was sent to the Edmonton prison in December 2010, witnessed the death of Mason Montgrand and claims guards stood by laughing and joking while the inmate died. (...)“One of the very serious problems is that Correctional Service of Canada management is not doing anything about it. In fact they are part of the subculture, they support the guards, they cover up for them. It’s the code of silence at work within our jails, there’s no doubt about it.” The suits are seeking

millions of dollars in damages. Those named as defendants have yet to file statements of defense. Wigmore says what he wants is accountability and help. “I don’t care about the money,” he said. “I want to stop this from happening to other inmates.” CBC News

*** Online bidding war underway for tickets to tour Kingston Penitentiary**
What started as a one-off charity fundraiser has become the subject of frantic bidding, as members of the public seeking tickets for sold-out tours of Kingston Penitentiary search online for sellers. The last batch of 2,000 tickets to take a rare, inside look at Kingston Pen sold out within half an hour on Wednesday. But public demand for tours of the infamous prison, which closes Sept 30. after 178 years of operation, remains sky-high. Several people posted online, pleading for tickets(http://kingston.kijiji.ca/f-Kingston-penitentiary and offering to pay several times the $20 face value or asking potential sellers to name a price. Multiple posters listed themselves as willing to pay $75 per ticket for the chance to take a 90-minute tour of the penitentiary, which has housed Canada's most notorious criminals. (...) The federal government announced last year the maximum-security facility that housed notorious killers Paul Bernardo and Russell Williams would close. The closure of Kingston Penitentiary, a national historic site, and the medium-security Leclerc Institution in Quebec, would save $120 million a year, according to the federal government. The prison was opened on June 1, 1835 as the Provincial Penitentiary of the Province of Upper Canada. Canada.com

*** Inuit treatment centre in Ottawa copes with big loss of funding**
For Inuit struggling with trauma and addiction, this Ottawa house has been more like a home over the past 10 years. The Mamisarvik Healing Centre on Russell Rd. in Ottawa has treated about 500 Inuit in that time, most from Nunavut, many from the city and a handful from other regions. But Mamisarvik faces some big changes over the coming months, as the centre learns to live without its main source of funding. The Aboriginal Healing Foundation’s final contribution to the centre for 2013 was $800,000, while Corrections Canada, Health Canada and the Government of Nunavut contribute much smaller amounts to the centre’s operations. Brigstock says his job now is to look at new options for the centre — and finding new sources of funding. That might include offering more treatment cycles, or even a continuous intake, and reaching out to other Inuit regions in need. “There are lots of opportunities, but none of them are concrete,” he said. The one thing that is sure: Mamisarvik is a vital service to the Inuit community. Marilyn Kiholik said it would be a tragedy if the centre had to close for lack of money. Nunatsiaq

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

UN fact-finder to survey plight of First Nations in Canada
A United Nations fact-finder is set to take stock of the plight of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada. The UN has dispatched law professor James Anaya to speak to First Nations representatives and government officials as he drafts a report for the world body. "The idea is to get a first-hand view of the situation of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada by hearing directly from as many as I can," he said in a telephone interview. He will also look at their living conditions and issue reports and recommendations. Canadian Press (National Post, Waterloo Region Record, Hamilton Spectator, Red Deer Advocate, Canada.com, CBC News); Presse Canadienne (La Tribune, La Voix de l’Est, Le Soleil, Le Devoir);* Postmedia News (Leader-Post, Edmonton Journal, StarPhoenix, Calgary Herald, Ottawa Citizen, Montreal Gazette); * Toronto Star; * Globe and Mail

*** Why campuses are too often the scene of sex crimes**
Drinking games are a fixture of college life across the country – beer pong even has its own “world series.” But one such event is known only to Queen’s University in Kingston, Ont. It has two degrees of difficulty, and accomplishing either is worth a badge for an engineering student’s faculty jacket. For the first, he or (in theory) she must locate one of the more than five dozen “blue light” emergency phones on campus, then down a can of Labatt’s suitably named Blue Light, press the alarm and run away. In recent years, funding for women’s groups and shelters has been slashed and the federal Minister of Justice has stopped funding and attending an annual meeting where a broad coalition of women’s advocacy groups

used to put their heads together. Closer to home, she notes, parents who have had pornographic depictions of their children posted on the Internet have lobbied for better police investigations and legal changes; and many young women are rebelling against the way women are objectified in the mass media. (…) In some cases, victims and their advocates are taking matters into their own hands. Activists are tracking bars where women consistently report being administered date-rape drugs. They will also "out" suspected rapists with an Internet campaign or a neighbourhood posters that identify them.Such campaigns also can exert pressure on authorities to take allegations more seriously. One recently went after an aboriginal man who had been targeting young aboriginal girls. "We started getting calls every time he showed up at a SkyTrain or was seen with a young girl," Ms. Bentham says. As a result, so many complainants have come forward that the man is facing 15 charges, including sexual assault, distributing child pornography and administering date-rape drugs. Ms. Lakeman says the resurgence of activism reminds her of the push that led to the 1983 rape reforms, as well as the wave of protest after the massacre at Montreal's École Polytechnique six years later. Globe and Mail

*** Project to combat violence against women brings city together**
An unprecedented show of unity by Prince Albert charities, aboriginal groups, police and other government agencies is expected today for the launch of a project to combat violence against women. "The problem is really bad. We have one of the highest rates of violence against women in the country. But we have a wealth of resources here," said Kari Okanik, one organizer of the End it Now campaign. Okanik, an employee of Prince Albert's Catholic Family Services, said they want to decrease violence against women and girls, but also to improve services for the victims. Too often, there are no spaces for women seeking emergency shelter. Those that are accepted sometimes have to fill out paperwork for hours, detailing the incidents that led them there. The project will attempt to educate workers about how to look for risk factors and prevent violence. They will also educate workers on how best to handle disclosures of violence from women. There are plans to integrate the subject into school curriculum, extend services to rural and reserve communities and offer more services online. The partnership includes the local police, social workers, health professionals, First Nations and Metis agencies, more than two dozen other groups and the victims themselves, she said. Postmedia News (StarPhoenix, Leader-Post)

Dangerous offender hearing begins for child abductor Hopley
Convicted sex offender Randal Hopley said at a sentencing hearing last year that he abducted a three-year-old from his home in an effort to get back at the justice system. Today, the Crown plans to argue Hopley should never again get that chance. It was a kidnapping case that bordered on the miraculous when, two years ago, little Kienan Hebert was returned unharmed to his home just as mysteriously as he had disappeared several days earlier in September, 2011. A massive manhunt for the child's abductor ensued and several days later, Mounties arrested 47-year-old Hopley near the B. C.-Alberta border. (…)If declared a dangerous offender, Hopley could face the harshest punishment of an indeterminate imprisonment sentence with no chance of parole for seven years. A long-term offender designation would mean Hopley could, after serving his sentence, receive a supervision order for up to 10 years. Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate, The Province, Globe and Mail)

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ASHLEY SMITH / ENQUÊTE SUR LA MORT D'ASHLEY SMITH

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PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

DND targets front-line jobs among cuts
The Department of National Defence is refusing to say how many public service jobs it has cut so far, even as a leaked email indicates its latest round of reductions will chop by a third the number of employees at what is considered a strategic maintenance facility. In November, DND confirmed to the

Citizen it had eliminated 1,107 civilian jobs so far for a savings of $128 million. Now the department is refusing to update those numbers or explain why such figures are shrouded in secrecy. But an email leaked to the Citizen outlines a plan to cut 90 of the 346 front-line civilian jobs at DND's 202 Workshop Depot in Montreal. Those cuts go against the assurances from the Conservative government that only backroom administrative jobs were being eliminated. Temporary employees at 202 Workshop will be laid off, 34 full-time public servants will be targeted under the workforce adjustment process and it is hoped that attrition and retirements can account for the rest, according to the Sept. 26 email sent out by John Turner, the assistant deputy minister for matériel. Last week, the department sent out "affected" notices to 143 staff members at 202 Workshop, union officials say. Those receiving affected letters now have to compete for their jobs or hope that most staff cuts could be made by attrition or retirement. Ottawa Citizen

Freedom-of-info portal expands
The federal government plans to expand its web portal for online information requests, with 16 new departments added over the next six months. A pilot project, launched April 9, enabled the online filing of access-to-information and privacy requests, and the electronic payment of fees. It offers citizens a digital alternative to a paper-based system dating from the early 1980s. The pilot currently includes just three departments - Treasury Board, Shared Services Canada, and Citizenship and Immigration - but the service will eventually be expanded to cover all of government over the next few years. Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate, Windsor Star)

*** Ottawa compromising on skills training proposal**
The federal government is prepared to make concessions to implement its promised Canada Job Grant program after a show of united opposition from provinces and business leaders, sources say. A renewed effort to show "flexibility" and reach out to the provinces is underway to rescue the much-criticized measure, with the federal minister responsible for the Conservatives' showpiece program, Jason Kenney, writing to the provinces with an olive branch. That could mean allowing provinces to keep more of the skills training money they now receive, reducing the contribution expected from small business employers, or a combination of moves that might bring some or all of the provinces onside. A big push is on to negotiate with provincial ministers responsible for skills training and labour markets prior to a federal/provincial meeting that a source confirmed would be held in Toronto on Nov. 8. "We're exploring flexibility with the program to make it work better for the provinces. There will be a lot of focus and negotiations on these flexibilities in the lead-up to the 8th," said the source on background. Meanwhile, in a separate letter to the Building Trades Council, Kenney said the government recognizes a "one-size-fits-all" approach will not work. It suggests there is a lot of "misunderstanding" around the program, which Ottawa insists has built-in flexibility. Kenney says the government will not require employers to pay $5,000 per worker, "only that the employer cost-match a portion of the training cost, for which Ottawa will kick in up to a maximum of $5,000." "As the employer will determine which type of training is necessary, in many cases the employer portion of the training may be significantly less than $5,000," Kenney wrote. Toronto Star, A4

OTHER / AUTRE

Le Canada aurait aussi espionné le Brésil
Le Canada, tout comme les États-Unis, a espionné les communications du ministère brésilien des Mines et de l'Énergie, selon des documents des services de renseignement canadiens révélés dimanche par la télévision Globo. Les documents, qui émanent du Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications Canada (CSTC), ont été rendus publics par l'ancien analyste américain Edward Snowden. Ils montrent un schéma détaillé des communications du ministère, comprenant les appels téléphoniques, les courriers électroniques et les navigations sur Internet. Le Canada a des intérêts importants au Brésil, en particulier dans le domaine minier, a déclaré le ministre des Mines et de l'Énergie, Edilson Lobao, à la télévision Globo, estimant que cette affaire était " grave ". " Il y a de nombreuses firmes canadiennes qui veulent faire des affaires dans notre pays. Mais je ne puis pas dire si l'intérêt d'espionner chez nous vient de là, pour favoriser les intérêts de certaines firmes ", a ajouté M. Lobao. Agence France Presse (Le Devoir, Le Soleil); Associated Press (Waterloo Region Record, CBC News)

*** Investissement malaisien de 36 milliards au Canada**
Le premier ministre Stephen Harper a quitté la Malaisie hier après avoir conclu une entente majeure impliquant un investissement malaisien de 36 milliards de dollars dans le secteur de l'énergie au Canada. L'annonce a été faite à Kuala Lumpur par le premier ministre malaisien Mohd Najid qui recevait hier son homologue canadien. La compagnie pétrolière Petronas, détenue par le gouvernement malaisien, investira 36 milliards dans un projet de gaz naturel liquéfié en Colombie-Britannique, incluant un pipeline et des terminaux. Cette décision survient après que le géant malaisien ait acquis l'entreprise albertaine Progress Energy l'an dernier pour plus de cinq milliards de dollars. Le gouvernement canadien avait d'abord refusé cette transaction puis assoupli sa position concernant les investissements étrangers. Le Canada et la Malaisie ont également signé un protocole d'entente qui devrait permettre de rehausser la coopération en matière de sécurité entre les deux pays. L'accord aidera à contrer les menaces que constituent le terrorisme, le passage de clandestins et le crime organisé. Presse Canadienne (La Tribune, La Voix de l'Est, La Presse); Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate)

Canadians Behind Bars in a Foreign Land
Canadians Tarek Loubani, a doctor, and John greyson, a filmmaker, will return home as smalltime celebrities after their detainment in egypt became national news. Both men were swept up in a mass arrest during a bloody riot and held for 51 days in egypt without charges. After weeks of growing public outrage, they were released over the weekend. National Post, A4; Toronto Star

INTERNATIONAL

***U.S. nabs bombing suspect**
The suspected al-Qaida figure nabbed by U.S. special forces in a dramatic operation in the Libyan capital had been living freely in his homeland after his return there three years ago, his family said. Libya's government asked for an explanation Sunday from the United States after the Americans seized Abu Anas al-Libi from a Tripoli street outside his home and whisked him out of the country. The raid that captured al-Libi was one of two dramatic American raids on the ground in African countries targeting suspected terrorists on Saturday. In Somalia, a Navy SEAL team swam ashore early the same day and engaged in a fierce firefight, though it did not capture its target, a militant suspected in the recent Kenyan mall siege. The operations - one in North Africa, the other in the Horn of Africa - were a startling move to pursue terror suspects directly in two countries mired in chaos where the United States has suffered bloody humiliations in the past. "We hope that this makes clear that the United States of America will never stop in the effort to hold those accountable who conduct acts of terror," U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Sunday while in Indonesia for an economic summit. "Members of al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations literally can run but they can't hide." Chronicle-Herald, A9; Associated Press (Hamilton Spectator, Red Deer Advocate, Waterloo Region Record); National Post

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*** Simulated emergencies get city ready for anything**
It could be a flood, a power outage or even a blizzard that forces Saskatoon residents to evacuate their homes. This week, emergency responders practised ways to make it happen safely. Saskatoon's Emergency Measures Organization, along with eight other public and private agencies, ran a simulated evacuation Monday morning, moving about 180 volunteers out of their downtown apartment buildings.
StarPhoenix, A4

*** Emergency ongoing over mall roof collapse**
The town of Elliot Lake remains under a state of emergency more than a year after the fatal Algo Centre Mall roof collapse. At Day 115 of the public inquiry into the tragedy, Mayor Rick Hamilton told the commission on Monday that the city has yet to officially declare the emergency over. Calgary Sun, 23

*** Don't fiddle while flood risk looms**

An editorial states, "…When it comes to spending on flood mitigation projects in southern Alberta, though, we expect we'll button our lips. In the wake of the worst flooding in the province's history last June, Albertans got their first look Friday at a proposal for a series of major flood prevention measures in Calgary, High River and other communities from the government-appointed Flood Mitigation Panel... Current estimates suggest it will cost $6 billion to repair the damage caused by June's flood. It is the costliest natural disaster in Canadian history. The province and the federal governments are on the hook for $4 billion. If this were a one-time event, we might just suck up the cost and continue as is. Unfortunately, it seems flooding will continue to be an issue as the climate changes and the province's population and housing footprint grows. Memories of southern Alberta's 2005 floods and its $400-million price tag were still fresh as the 2013 flood waters hit. We are being told to expect more sudden, heavy rains…" Edmonton Journal, A18

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Security concerns scuttle deal
The sale of MTS's Allstream national business telecommunications division to Egyptian-based Accelero Capital Holdings has been rejected by Industry Canada because of unspecified national security concerns. The sale announced in May had valued the Allstream division at $520 million. MTS CEO Pierre Blouin said the news late Monday afternoon came as a complete surprise to the company. Blouin said, "We have been collaborating with the government for 136 days. I am sure the review is not about MTS and Allstream and more about Accelero. We have been very open with the government." Accelero's principal, Naguib Sawiris, has already been active in Canada, investing about $1 billion in his financial backing of Wind Mobile Canada. The original deal with Accelero was only made possible after Industry Canada loosened its foreign investment criteria for certain smaller Canadian telecommunications companies. In a statement, Industry Minister James Moore confirmed the proposed acquisition was rejected under the national security provisions of the Investment Canada Act. "The result of this review is that the transaction will not proceed," he said in an emailed statement. The minister did not specify what the security concerns may be, but said: "MTS Allstream operates a national fibre-optic network that provides critical telecommunications services to businesses and governments, including the Government of Canada." Winnipeg Free Press, B5; National Post; QMI Agency (Winnipeg Sun, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun, London Free Press); Globe and Mail; The Guardian

*** Le juge Marc Nadon prête serment**
Marc Nadon est devenu officiellement juge de la Cour suprême du Canada, hier. Il a prêté serment devant la juge en chef, Beverley McLachlin, et les juges de la Cour lors d'une cérémonie privée. Le juge Nadon, 64 ans, remplace le juge Morris Fish qui avait pris sa retraite à la fin du mois d'août. La Cour suprême commence cette semaine sa session automnale d'audiences des causes. Terrorisme. Celle de Mohamad Harkat, un homme d'Ottawa, d'origine algérienne, soupçonné par les autorités fédérales d'entretenir des liens avec des terroristes, commence jeudi. Harkat conteste la constitutionnalité du certificat de sécurité qui a été émis contre lui. Agence QMI (Journal de Montreal)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Ont. man faces U.S. prison time for gun smuggling
A Fort Frances, Ont., man nabbed in a complex and covert international gun-smuggling sting by the RCMP is facing years behind bars in the United States before facing prosecution and, possibly, more jail time in Manitoba. Shawn James Hartnell, 29, will be sentenced in Fargo, N.D., on Oct. 17 after admitting guilt to a charge of conspiring to export firearms from the U.S. into Canada. Hartnell agreed to a plea deal that will see U.S. federal prosecutors recommend he get a break on a possible five-year sentence. Hartnell was the chief subject of a Winnipeg RCMP customs and excise unit sting that began in April 2012 after he met up with two undercover officers and brokered a deal to sell them two semi-automatic rifles he acquired in the U.S. for $2,000 each. Additional weapons could be brought across the border by snowmobile, Hartnell told them at the time, according to court documents obtained by the Free Press on Monday. Hartnell's first sale to the agents went through in a meeting in Winnipeg on Apr. 30, 2012.

"Things will be much easier in the future," police quoted Hartnell as saying at the time. Hartnell then went to work in West Virginia on a temporary visa. He resurfaced months later and began laying the groundwork for another gun deal with the police agents. Between December and Jan. 30, he had "numerous" exchanges with the agents through text messages and email saying he had more weapons to sell. Hartnell called the weapons "toys" in one exchange, court documents state. Winnipeg Free Press, B4

U.S. woman says sorry for toting gun to border

A Florida cancer survivor whose "bucket list" road trip to Canada ended with a trip to jail on accusations of international gun smuggling is apologizing to justice officials in hopes her case will be dropped. Rita Shepard, 63, wrote a lengthy letter to her lawyer, and she forwarded a copy to the Free Press. In it, she explains how she wound up being charged under Canada's Customs Act and detained for days at the Winnipeg Remand Centre before being granted bail and allowed to return home pending trial. Her case comes up again in court later this month. According to Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) allegations, Shepard tried to bring a prohibited automatic handgun into the country in mid-August, failed to report she had the weapon and also made a false statement to a CBSA officer about it. In her letter, Shepard said she carried the gun for protection but realized while driving north she'd likely made a huge error in judgment when she brought it along. "Can't believe I got caught up in the hype to get a gun in the first place," Shepard wrote. "What I am guilty of is being scared to death of telling anyone I had an empty gun in the car for fear of getting arrested in which I did get arrested anyway!" she stated. Shepard bought the gun in 2012 at the urging of friends who were concerned she lived alone, she said. "I figured it wouldn't be such a bad idea. I kept it on my end table unloaded." After telling friends about wanting to take a "bucket list" road trip to various parts of the U.S. and Manitoba to visit friends and family after surviving a bout with lymphoma, they were "extremely concerned," said Shepard. They convinced her to take the gun along for protection. "My thought was I could keep it unloaded in the front seat just to scare someone off if they approach me in my car. It's no secret about all the carjackings and people getting attacked in their cars in the U.S.A.," she wrote. Winnipeg Free Press, A4

Audience remise au 30 octobre

Après une matinée de tractations dans les couloirs entre les procureurs des deux parties, l'audience visant à obtenir une ordonnance permanente auprès de la Commission des relations du travail (CRT) pour empêcher les briseurs de grève chez Silicium Québec a été remise les 30 et 31 octobre. Depuis le début du conflit déclenché le 3 mai dernier, la direction a été rappelée à l'ordre à deux reprises par la CRT pour "avoir utilisé les services de personnes pour remplir les fonctions de salariés faisant partie de l'unité de négociation en lock-out" dans son usine de Bécancour. La démarche visait donc à donner un caractère permanent aux deux ordonnances provisoires. Mais les intentions de l'avocat des intimées, Me Nicolas Courcy, de ne pas présenter de preuves, ni d'arguments pour plusieurs situations ont été interprétées comme des admissions par le procureur de la requérante, Me Giuseppe Sciortino, ce qui a provoqué ces longues discussions de corridor. Ce dernier a finalement accepté de reporter l'exercice à la fin du mois après s'être toutefois assuré de restreindre davantage le sens des ordonnances provisoires en plus d'obtenir des garanties de la part du directeur général de l'usine sur la fin du recours aux briseurs de grève depuis l'émission des ordonnances. Malgré cette confrontation devant la CRT, les parties retourneront à la table des négociations le 18 octobre prochain, après deux séances tenues le 26 septembre et le 2 octobre. Selon le président de la section locale 184 du Syndicat Unifor, Jean Simoneau, les pourparlers progressent lentement. [...] D'ailleurs, les démarches amorcées par les propriétaires ont amené l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada à leur donner raison et à imposer depuis le 22 juillet dernier des droits provisoires de 60 % du prix à l'exportation à tous les exportateurs de marchandises en cause originaires ou exportées de la Chine. Le Nouvelliste, 13

Chamber has policy resolutions approved

Two policy resolutions - one on cross-border shopping and one on standardized accreditation for professions - from Fredericton's Chamber of Commerce have been approved by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's annual general meeting. The resolutions were approved unanimously by the 300 delegates attending the conference held in B.C. recently. The first resolution, entitled Controlling the Canada-U.S. price gap, built on previous work by the Fredericton chamber on cross-border shopping issues and honed in on the issue of higher prices for retail items in Canada than in the U.S. The

resolution used the February 2013 Senate Committee on National Finance report as its basis. The second resolution, entitled Standardized Licensing and Accreditation Requirements Across Provinces for Professions, was suggested by the chamber's government affairs committee and is aimed at increasing homogeneity between provincial regulatory regimes for professions. In addition to efficiencies that can be realized by more closely aligning regulations between provinces, it is believed that the recommendations of this resolution will make labour mobility between provinces easier and make Canada (and New Brunswick) a more attractive destination for highly skilled immigrants. The voting delegates at the annual meeting represent 200,000 Canadian businesses that are members of the Canadian Chamber's member chambers of commerce and boards of trade. The resolutions will now be pursued by the Canadian Chamber with the federal government over the coming months. Daily Gleaner, D1

Figueroa should stay
A letter to the editor states, “This case of Jose Figueroa, the refugee from El Salvador, is another example of misguided bureaucracy. The Canada Border Security Agency has no compassion in cases like this and simply applies rules. Figueroa and his family should be allowed to stay and continue to contribute to Canada.” The Province, A17

Economic impact of airport rises by $13m, study says
Halifax Stanfield International Airport became $13 million more valuable to Nova Scotia in 2012 for a total asset value of $1.27billion, according to an economic impact study released Monday. "This growth in economic impact can only increase going forward as the value of the new Alt Hotel and the newly expanded runway are considered," Joyce Carter, chief financial officer with the Halifax International Airport Authority, said in an interview. "We also have lands available for development that will generate increased economic impact in future," Carter said. The additional $13 million in economic output in 2012 over the previous year was pretty much in line with what the authority expected. "It is a pace in growth comparable to increases reported over the past five years," Carter said. The authority undertakes economic impact assessments annually. This year's assessment of 2012 found $1.27 billion in gross output was generated by airlines, air freight firms, retailers and other companies involved directly and indirectly in the air transportation industry, compared to about $1.26 billion in 2011. The report by Chris Lowe Planning and Management Group considered airlines, aerospace, air freight firms, the airport authority, retailers, restaurants, vehicle rental firms and other companies supporting the air transportation industry. Tom Ruth, president and CEO of the authority, noted that the airport community's economic impact reaches out well beyond the urban centres of the province. Chronicle Herald, B4

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

NIL

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Officer charged with helping bikers
Quebec's latest corruption scandal has reached into the heart of law enforcement, with a high-ranking organized crime investigator accused of conspiring with the criminals he'd been watching. Benoit Roberge was the Montreal police force's leading expert on biker gangs, having investigated them and testified at their trials before he retired last year. His spouse, meanwhile, still works as a prosecutor specializing in organized crime. Now Roberge is under arrest. He is accused of selling sensitive information about ongoing police investigations to biker gangs and he faces four charges, including two counts of gangsterism. On Saturday, he was arrested by fellow police officers. When he was stopped, he was allegedly in the company of an individual linked to the Hells Angels crime gang. The prosecution has been forced to take special precautions in a case it calls especially worrisome. Canadian Press (Times Colonist, Hamilton Spectator, The Telegram, The Guardian); Toronto Star; The Gazette; Le Devoir; National Post; Montreal Gazette; Globe and Mail

*** Des enquêtes passées à la loupe**
L'arrestation, hier, du policier à la retraite Benoit Roberge soupçonné d'avoir vendu des informations aux Hells Angels force les enquêteurs de la Sûreté du Québec à réexaminer au moins deux enquêtes d'envergure dans lesquelles il y a eu des fuites importantes au cours des dernières années, a appris La Presse. Ces enquêtes sont le projet Loquace, mené contre un consortium d'importateurs et de distributeurs de cocaïne en novembre 2012, et le projet Carcan, contre trois cellules de trafic de stupéfiants liées aux Hells Angels sur la Rive-Sud un an plus tôt. Le jour de l'opération Loquace, quatre des six chefs présumés du réseau étaient parvenus à échapper aux policiers en fuyant de leur résidence, dans certains cas dans les heures précédant la frappe policière. Les policiers s'étaient posé de sérieuses questions et avaient amorcé une enquête pour tenter de cerner l'origine de la fuite. La conjointe de Benoit Roberge, qui est procureure au Bureau de la lutte au crime organisé (BLACO), est affectée au projet Loquace, mais rien n'indique qu'elle ait été au courant des agissements présumés de celui-ci. La veille de l'opération Carcan, menée le 23 novembre 2011, des acteurs importants de la mafia italienne avaient également eu vent qu'une frappe devait avoir lieu le lendemain, mais ignoraient si c'était eux ou une autre organisation qui était visée. Ils avaient alors décidé de passer la nuit à l'hôtel et cette fuite avait grandement agacé les enquêteurs… Benoit Roberge venait de prendre sa retraite du SPVM, mais il occupait encore une place de choix. Depuis le printemps, il dirigeait le "Service du renseignement" de Revenu Québec et avait toujours accès à des informations délicates. Il a été arrêté à l'issue d'une enquête de plusieurs mois menée conjointement par la Sûreté du Québec, la Gendarmerie royale du Canada et l'Agence du revenu du Québec. La Presse (Le Soleil, La Tribune, La Voix de L'Est)

High-risk offender may be in Alberta
Police are warning that a violent, high-risk offender may be in southern Alberta. Michael Sean Stanley, who is 48, has been the subject of a multi-province search. Stanley, who has a long history of sexual offences against woman and children, cut off his electronic monitoring bracelet on Oct. 1 in Lloydminster. Police say Stanley has family ties in Lethbridge, and earlier Monday, Stanley's vehicle, a purple Chevrolet Blazer, was seized from a west-side home. Lethbridge police say they have confirmed that Stanley was in the city on Friday, but they don't know where he is now…Last week, schools in several west-central Saskatchewan communities locked their doors and kept children inside after Mounties got multiple, unconfirmed sightings of the Edmonton man. Schools in Lloydminster, Kindersley, Coleville, Eston, Marengo, Eatonia and Plenty went into what police called "hold and secure" mode, which meant children were locked in the building during the day and parents had to pick up their kids when classes ended. Mounties also said there was a possible sighting of Stanley in Rosetown. Over the weekend, Saskatchewan RCMP say they got more than 25 reports of possible sightings of Stanley from across the province. The sightings were of the purple Blazer or of someone resembling Stanley. Police said none of the sightings has been confirmed and several proved to be false. Red Deer Advocate, A3; StarPhoenix

*** RCMP changing the way it reports**
The Saskatchewan RC MP says it is changing how it relates information about unconfirmed sightings of Michael Sean Stanley out of concern of contributing to fearmongering over his whereabouts. "We were getting many, many calls asking about sightings and where the most recent sighting had been. And, one of the things we could see happening because of that was that every time we started talking about a potential sighting ... the fearmongering just continued to grow and grow," said Natalie Gray, spokeswoman for the Saskatchewan RC MP 'F' Division. She said the RCMP is only going to discuss possible, unconfirmed sightings of Stanley if a school decides to take an official action, such as a lockdown, or if there is a risk to public safety. Gray explained that fearmongering can come from people in the community, on social media or the playground.... In a press release on Monday, the RCMP said it received "more than 25 reports of possible sightings" of Stanley in Saskatchewan over the weekend, including in the Beechy area. As a precaution, a school in Beechy was in a "hold and secure mode" with students kept inside Monday. Last week, some schools in Kindersley and Rosetown were also on lockdown. Since Stanley has been on the loose, Gray said the RCMP has investigated more than 35 unconfirmed sightings. Leader-Post (StarPhoenix)

Police forces insist they made reasonable efforts to find women in Pickton case
The two police forces that failed to catch Robert Pickton as the serial killer hunted sex workers in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside say they acted reasonably when they received information that women

were vanishing and that Pickton might have been responsible. The Vancouver Police Department and the RCMP each filed statements of defence Monday in a series of lawsuits involving the children of nine missing women, who accuse both forces of inadequately investigating reports of missing sex workers in the 1990s and early 2000s. The case was the focus of a high-profile public inquiry last year that identified a long list of failures and concluded that, had the victims not been poor, drug-addicted sex workers, the police would have done more to investigate what happened to them. Both forces have issued public apologies acknowledging they could have done more to catch Pickton sooner. The Vancouver police has repeated that apology numerous times in the past several years, while the RCMP offered its apology during the public inquiry. Canadian Press (Times Colonist, Red Deer Advocate, Chronicle-Herald)

United Steelworkers irate after no charge laid in mine worker's death
A United Steelworkers union local is considering a private prosecution after the B.C. Criminal Justice Branch announced no charges would be laid in connection to the death of a mine worker five years ago. John Wilson drowned after his excavator overturned into a sump filled with water at the Craigmont Mine near Merritt, B.C., Feb. 28, 2008. Following an investigation by the RCMP, the Criminal Justice Branch announced last week that prosecutors would be unable to prove a breach of duty, a wanton or reckless disregard for life or safety, or any breach contributed to Wilson's death. It said that as a result there wasn't a substantial likelihood of conviction against the mine, a manger or a supervisor if the case went to trial. But union spokesman Richard Boyce says investigators didn't speak to workers who called for bars to be removed from the excavator's windows and roof, an issue that was raised at more than one safety meeting and would have allowed Wilson's escape. Canadian Press (The Province)

Bigger databases not in our DNA
An editorial states, “It may be the easy way. But collecting DNA samples from suspects prior to a conviction isn't the right thing to do. Last week Calgary police chief Rick Hanson suggested changing federal legislation to give police those very powers. Speaking at an event celebrating 100 years of crime scene investigation, Hanson believes DNA samples have become the new fingerprints -- the latest cutting edge technology. Right now, they're only taken upon conviction and only for certain crimes. Hanson also said, "it would clear huge numbers of crimes where we have evidence, but we haven't yet linked that evidence to the perpetrator." In other words, having another database on citizens makes policing easier. No doubt. But we believe the government already has enough files and databases on us. Justice Minister Peter Mackay recently told The Globe and Mail the government is having "preliminary discussions" about this. In an unscientific online poll, 70% of Sun readers rejected the idea. The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police support it. Of course they do. And most experts think society should be reoriented to be more favourable to their specialty... Today additional police services need to be filtered through the "need to have" and "nice to have" categories. Municipalities are already struggling with policing costs. Procedural increases add to administrative and manpower expenses. Senator Vern White, a former Ottawa police chief, presented a paper on this topic last year. A March 2012 Ottawa Sun story noted: "In the recent 10-year period White surveyed, there was a 22% increase in procedural steps for break and enter investigations and a 700% increase for drug trafficking." DNA sampling can only increase this. Would this change make things easier for police? Probably. But right now the positives don't outweigh the negatives.” QMI Agency (Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun, London Free Press, Kingston Whig-Standard)

Brutality allegation shows police transparency not always simple
In Derek Huff's telling, it was a dream job that quickly fell to tatters. Everything changed in a few seconds on Feb. 11, 2010. That's when Huff and another Edmonton constable pulled up in front of a downtown residence. They saw a trio of fellow plainclothes officers punch and kick a drug dealer targeted in an undercover sting. Huff, a seven-year veteran had seen rough arrests. This wasn't a couple of punches, he says, but a planned beating. In subsequent weeks and months, Huff took those allegations of brutality to his superior officers. But as he did, his relationships with his coworkers grew acrimonious. His complaints went nowhere, and Huff said he was branded a rat. Huff's allegations of brutality and silence are more than just a one-time condemnation of Edmonton police action, they're the latest chapter in a long public struggle between perception and police transparency. In the past decade, Sgt. Tony Simioni said he has seen a "bad cop" story in the news nearly every week. It's been extremely difficult to fight the public's perception that there's something wrong with Edmonton's police. But the headlines, he said, only tell part

of the story. Simioni isn't commenting on Huff's case, currently part of a union grievance. But the president of the Edmonton Police Association noted that to other police forces, Edmonton is considered Canada's "epicentre of discipline." He pointed to numbers. Edmonton had more than 30 disciplinary hearings last year; Calgary had two. Between Manitoba and Victoria, there were only about a dozen other public hearings. He also cited the "shocking statistic" that up until August, nearly 20 per cent of complaints against Edmonton officers this year came from other officers. "Perception is far different than reality," Simioni said. "When I hear these ongoing reports about how corrupt the Edmonton Police Service is and how we're trying to cover things up, it's laughable. It's ridiculous to the extreme." Edmonton Journal

Drivers ignoring cellphone message

It's like a chain we can't break -- talking on our cellphone while driving or sending a quick text or email when stopped at a traffic light. For reasons that are hard to explain, we're attached to our mobile devices like leashed dogs. When they beep, buzz, or blip, we must obey, even if it means risking crashing into a vehicle in front of us or hitting a pedestrian because we didn't see the light turn red. We were too busy. We also think we're immune to getting caught -- it's somebody else who'll get caught because we're too smart. It'll be some other poor slob who'll get dinged the $200 fine and see two demerits on their driver's licence. That's a behaviour Winnipeg Police Service Insp. Jim Poole wants to change. The 31-year veteran, who's in charge of policing in the downtown, has put cellphone scofflaws at the top of his list for public safety. And he's more than willing to slide out from behind his desk at the Public Safety Building and into his "ghost-car-that-lights-up-like-a-Christmas-tree" to go after those cellphone scofflaws. A few of them met Poole Friday. "We just want everybody out there to get to where they are going safely," Poole said, as he showed the Free Press some of his tricks to pick people off. Or more like shoot dead fish in a barrel, a clear sign the high penalties have done little to dissuade drivers from using their mobile phones, he said. "We aren't getting the compliance we would have wanted," he said. "I want to make downtown, as we do for the rest of the city, a safe place for pedestrians, cyclists and the people driving their own cars. I truly think that some people are uneducated on (what) the actual law is and what they can use them (mobile devices) for. "It's about breaking the habit of being tied to the device." ... Cell phone enforcement by the numbers 2010 -- 1,192 violations (cell phone ban came into effect July 15, 2010); 2011 -- 3, 568 violations; 2012 -- 4,837 violations; 2013 -- 2,200 to date (550 since Aug. 1 when two demerits points were added to $200 fine) Winnipeg Free Press

*** Inquest hears RCMP shot former Canadian soldier twice in the back**

Imagine what it was like for a former peacekeeper and soldier when police burst onto the man's property in the moments prior to his death, unannounced and heavily armed, a lawyer for Greg Matters's family asked of a coroner's jury Monday. Matters was fatally shot by a member of the RCMP emergency response team on his rural property near Prince George, B.C., in September 2012. "Consider as you hear the evidence unfold, what the effect on Mr. Matters ... alone in his farmhouse when four heavily armed members of the police force wearing camouflage fatigues entered and a helicopter circles overhead...," Cameron Ward said. Ward said the officers showed up with no search warrant 40 hours after the latest incident in an ongoing "feud" between Matters and his brother. He told jurors they will hear that the 40-year-old former soldier was suffering from post traumatic stress disorder. "I expect the evidence will be that police knew Greg didn't have any firearms," Ward said. But Matters was still shot twice in the back with an M16, Ward told the three women and four men on the coroner's jury. The lawyer for the attorney general told jury members in his opening statement that as they hear evidence they may find that suicide is one finding open to them. Canadian Press (National Post, Ottawa Citizen, Montreal Gazette, Globe and Mail, The Province, Vancouver Sun, StarPhoenix)

*** Hamilton police training, programs are focused on safety for all concerned**

An opinion piece by Glenn de Caire, chief of police, Hamilton Police states, "...The Hamilton Police Service is involved in the apprehension of almost 2,000 persons per year under the Mental Health Act. Over approximately 90 days this summer, Hamilton Police Service responded to 763 emotionally disturbed persons who were involved in 1,048 different incidents. We apprehended 168 people, (16 per cent of incidents) and of the 168 people who were apprehended under the Mental Health Act, 61 were safely admitted to hospital for care. An additional eight people have died by suicide. Force was used by police four times in relation to these 1,048 incidents. In the same time period of almost 90 days, Hamilton police responded to 37,166 calls for service and arrested a total of 1,813 persons. Force was used by

police in 35 incidents or 1.9 per cent of the time; none of the 35 incidents resulted in serious injury or death to the subject or police. In any case, whether force is used or not, Hamilton Police Service is fully accountable. We are perhaps the most accountable profession. We are held, and rightfully so, to a high governance standard including our criminal, civil and inquest courts, complaint oversight bodies such as the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD), independent investigation by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and police tribunal processes. We do not and will not shy away from full accountability..." Hamilton Spectator, A13

*** Premier, First Nations leaders continue gas talks**

Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock and Premier David Alward emerged from a three-hour meeting yesterday saying both sides agreed to continue talking as they look to resolve an ongoing dispute over shale gas exploration in the province. At the close of their second day of discussions, the premier said the two sides have agreed to develop a working group involving the Elsipogtog First Nation, industry and government, and that they will maintain daily lines of communication... The RCMP blocked Route 134, near Rexton, last Sunday after a protest over shale gas exploration by SWN Resources began spilling onto the road. Protesters subsequently cut down trees across another part of the highway and have blocked an entrance to a compound used by SWN Resources to store exploration equipment. Late last week a judge issued an injunction sought by SWN Resources to remove the blockade. Alward and Sock faced questions about whether SWN and the RCMP might postpone enforcement of the injunction while the province and the First Nation are talking... Const. Jullie Rogers-Marsh, spokeswoman for the RCMP in New Brunswick, said Monday afternoon that the force was still working towards a peaceful outcome. "RCMP takes a measured approach to every situation with public safety and peaceful resolution as our ultimate goal," she said. The two sides met Sunday in Moncton during discussions aimed at bringing an end to a protest that has closed a section of Kent County highway since last week. Times&Transcript

*** Dog's killing renews call for law**

Edmonton police say there needs to be a special criminal law to protect animals that work with officers after one of their service dogs was killed by a fleeing suspect. Police say Quanto, a German shepherd with four years of decorated service and more than 100 arrests to his name, was stabbed repeatedly Monday as he and his handler, Const. Matt Williamson, tried to take down a man who had fled a car with stolen plates... Sgt. Murray Pollock, head of the Calgary police canine unit and a director with the Canadian Police Canine Association, said the protection of police dogs in the Criminal Code is an issue officers have wanted to see addressed for quite some time. Some provinces have laws protecting service dogs. A section of Saskatchewan's Animal Protection Act, for example, carries a penalty of up to two years in jail for anyone who harms a service dog, which includes dogs working with police. Penalties for animal cruelty in the Criminal Code were recently increased, with the maximum sentence being five years behind bars. But Pollock said a Criminal Code section dealing with service dogs, which would be applicable across Canada, would make for a much stronger deterrent. Canadian Press (Ottawa Citizen, Daily Gleaner, The Province, Times&Transcript, Red Deer Advocate); QMI Agency (Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun)

*** Police chief needs to remember who makes the law**

An editorial states, "Many Calgarians were no doubt pleased or even relieved to hear the recent news that police Chief Rick Hanson would be extending his contract. Hanson took over the position in 2007, and this new contract extension will keep him here until at least 2018. There is certainly a perception that the chief has done a commendable job, and the statistics demonstrate that Calgary is a safer city now than it was six years ago. However, another defining feature of Hanson's reign as police chief has been his bluntness in speaking out on certain issues... However, we need to remember that in this country, our elected representatives make the laws. Police enforce those laws. That's an important distinction... Take, for example, the issue of collecting DNA from those arrested and charged with a crime. Ottawa is said to be considering a change to the law which would give police that power. As it stands now, DNA samples can be obtained from individuals convicted of certain crimes. Police can also get a warrant to obtain a DNA sample from a suspect. One would think that we would proceed cautiously on such a significant change and examine the evidence very closely. But not Hanson. Last week, Hanson urged the feds to make this change and was quick to shrug offany concerns. He told reporters that "there's a thousand reasons that people would say no and there's only one reason to go ahead with it and that's because it's

the right thing to do." Such a statement certainly smacks of a howdare-anyone-questionthe-police-chief sort of arrogance. Hanson may believe this is the "right thing to do," but the mere act of him saying that doesn't make it so. The concerns about privacy are very real, as we saw when the European Union's Court of Human Rights in 2008 struck down the British law giving police this power. And the evidence seems to be lacking, too. Canada's assistant privacy commissioner noted in a recent speech that this approach "has not been demonstrated to materially improve law enforcement." Calgary Herald, A12

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Prison population flatlines

The size of Canada's federal prison population is virtually unchanged over the past year despite claims by critics who said the Harper government's "tough-oncrime" agenda -- once fully in place -- would cause federal penitentiaries to bust at the seams. There was an average of 15,124 inmates in federal prisons in September, according to Correctional Service Canada figures obtained by the Winnipeg Sun. That's up less than 1% from the 15,023 inmates that were housed in federal institutions in September 2012. Critics of the Harper government's justice reform initiatives -- which includes mandatory minimum sentences for scumbags who sexually abuse kids -- said the changes would cripple the federal prison system and force taxpayers to spend billions to build new jails. But more than three years after most of the major changes have been on the books, there's been only a small increase in the federal prison population. So what happened? Where's the massive influx of inmates the so-called experts predicted? Three years ago critics said it would take a few years for the new laws to have an impact on the system, even though some of the legislation was put into effect as far back as 2008, like minimum sentences for gun crimes. As Canada's population has grown, so too has the federal inmate population. But per capita, it's virtually unchanged over the past three years. In 2010 there were 41 federal inmates per 100,000 people in Canada. This year it's 43 per 100,000. Not much of an "explosion." QMI Agency (Winnipeg Sun, Ottawa Sun, Toronto Sun, Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun, London Free Press)

*** Inmates say they were forced to participate in prison fight club**

Five inmates are suing the federal maximum security penitentiary in Edmonton, alleging guards put spit and feces in their food, regularly beat them and ran a sadistic prisoner fight club. Two of the inmates also allege that in 2011 guards intentionally placed two rival gang members together and, when one was stabbed, waited until he died before calling an ambulance. "Inmates were terrorized. They had fear instilled in them," Erika Norheim, the lawyer representing the inmates, said in an interview Monday. Norheim said while prisoners may be segregated and denied privileges for not following rules, guards at the Edmonton institution may not use threats and violence. The lawsuits, filed in Court of Queen's Bench, name as defendants the institution's warden, Kelly Hartle, guards, supervisors and medical staff. None of the allegations in the statements of claim have been proven. Correctional Service of Canada spokesman Jeff Campbell declined comment, saying it wouldn't be proper as the lawsuits are before the court. (…) Prison officials at the time said they needed tear gas to bring the situation under control, and when they did, Montgrand went into medical distress and died a short time later. Lance Regan, 24, was charged with first-degree murder in Montgrand's death. A provincial inquest is pending. Regan is one of the inmates suing the prison. He said guards "recklessly" gave the two men shower and exercise privileges at the same time in the same unit, knowing that as bitter gang rivals they would attack each other. Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate, Calgary Herald, National Post); Postmedia News (Edmonton Journal, Leader-Post, Vancouver Sun, The Province, Montreal Gazette); Yahoo! News Canada; CBC News (Huffington Post, UPI.com) (07/10/2013)

Province takes steps towards construction of new prison

The province hasn't given up all hope that the federal government is going to come on board with funding for a new correctional institution, but it's getting the ball rolling on the project, regardless. (…) Replacement of Her Majesty's Penitentiary (HMP) was recommended in 2008 after a review of the prison system. The original cell block of the facility is more than 150 years old. Issues with the building, including its safety and functionality, have been raised on numerous occasions. In addition, King said this province is one of only two that doesn't have a federal correctional facility, a fact made all the more interesting given that federal prisoners are kept at HMP. Despite such arguments, the province has been locked out

by the feds when it comes to new prison money to date. King said the federal government has given no commitment or suggestion that a commitment is coming to help fund a new facility, but the province couldn't wait any longer. (...)By 2014, the provincial government wants a list of proposals giving the specifics of building a new facility - size, design, cost, etc. King said the province will still work with the federal government if it comes to the table, but at this point, the government is going it alone. In 2009, then Justice Minister, Tom Marshall was vocal about his loss of patience with Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan, who was supposed to come down and tour HMP. The Telegram, A3

Springhill Lockdown at prison ends after 11 days
An 11-day lockdown at the medium-security Springhill Institution ended Saturday. Prison officials said security risks were behind the "exceptional search" that led to the lockdown. The facility's 467 male inmates had been confined to their cells since Sept. 25, with no visits or phone calls. "We're starting to open back up," prison spokeswoman Shannon Oickle said Monday. "It's kind of a slow process to get opened up." She said inmates were back to eating in the dining hall and getting recreation. Officials never said much about the search, other than it arose out of security concerns. Chronicle-Herald, A8

Kingston Pen's legacy of brutality lives on
An opinion piece states, “Last week the Kingston Penitentiary closed its doors to prisoners after 178 years and immediately began its transformation from institution of inhumane punishment to tourist attraction. When tickets for tours of the penitentiary went on sale last week as part of a United Way fundraiser, all 7,000 sold out in just two days. An added 2,000 were gobbled up within half an hour, with eager customers beginning an online bidding war for the chance to have a look inside the maximum-security prison, where some of Canada's most notorious criminals served their time. It's no secret that human misery + time = tourist attraction. Just ask the companies that lead tours of the Killing Fields of Cambodia or the San Francisco vendors hawking those "I Escaped Alcatraz" T-shirts. Few things bring in tourists more reliably than physical reminders of the barbarism of the past. And the Kingston Penitentiary was certainly barbaric. In 1833, the pillars of Kingston's community pushed to build a jail that would "be a place by every means not cruel and not affecting the health of the offender, (but) shall be rendered so irksome and so terrible that during (the convict's) afterlife he may dread nothing so much as a repetition of the punishment . . . " Needless to say, the line between "cruel" and "irksome and terrible" became extremely blurry. According to Howard Sapers, Canada's correctional investigator, putting prisoners in segregation has become a tool used to deal with overpopulation. When you have an overcrowded facility, it's how you manage the troublesome and mentally ill. "Segregation units are being used to house a marginalized, compromised, vulnerable population," he told the CBC this summer. The case of Ashley Smith - the 19-year-old girl who killed herself in her cell after being kept in segregation for most of her four years of confinement - is only the most dramatic example of what can happen under these circumstances.” Toronto Star, A17

Thumbs up | Thumbs down
Thumbs up to pet owners who make sure their dogs are always wearing a collar with a tag attached. If your dog gets lost, there should be a tag with your phone number where the finder can easily contact you. That will save a lot of grief should your dog be taken to the SPCA. With no way to contact you, a dog can get adopted out to a new family and you are left with no dog, all because you didn't attach a tag with your phone number to his collar. Thumbs down to prison officials testifying at the Ashley Smith inquest. The front line workers have testified they were told not to intervene unless the Moncton girl was not breathing. The people who allegedly gave those orders, though, either deny doing so or have no memory of such directives. Their memories are so bad, they should seek medical help. Are people forgetting a girl died? This is a shameful event in Canada's criminal justice history. Daily Gleaner, C4

*** Yellowknife residents blame crime on outsiders**
Some Yellowknife residents blame people from other communities for crime in the Northwest Territories capital. Yellowknife is home to the biggest jail in the territories and several people at a town hall meeting suggested crimes are being committed by inmates from other communities who are released from the North Slave Correctional Centre. (...) Corrections officials say offenders are given a taxi chit and airline or bus ticket home. They say most prisoners plan to go home when they get out of jail. That's set out in a release plan that's developed for every inmate. But officials say it's up to the inmate to follow the plan.

"There is a release plan, and the case manager works with them about where they should be released and hopefully helps them so when they go back to the community they are going to be successful," the acting director of corrections, Midge Ravensdale, says. "However there's no supervision if they're released at sentence satisfied." Ravensdale says in rare cases -- such as when authorities feel a person will go astray in the city when released -- newly-released inmates will be escorted onto their flight home. But she says officials have no legal authority to do that. CBC News

*** Can Kingston Pen convert to a literal tourist trap?**
As the last few inmates were transferred from the recently closed Kingston Penitentiary, former warden Monty Bourke had mixed emotions. While he laments the closure of his long-time workplace - an institution that "touches all corners of Canadian history" - he's also brimming with excitement. Mr. Bourke envisions a new future for the property, 12 acres that sit prominently on the shores of Lake Ontario, on valuable waterfront real estate just minutes from the city's downtown core. Mr. Bourke, now retired after a career that included a five-year stint at Kingston Pen's helm, is best known these days as president of Friends of the Penitentiary Museum, a non-profit group that manages the Correctional Service of Canada Museum. The museum is one of Kingston's most popular attractions, second only to Fort Henry. Situated in a former warden's residence across the street from the prison, it's home to an impressive collection of memorabilia - uniforms, archaic punishment devices, confiscated weapons and the like. (...) Corrections Canada "has yet to make a decision" about what to do with the property, says senior spokeswoman Christa McGregor. The lengthy decommissioning process has just begun, and will likely continue until sometime in 2015. The final decision will have to wait at least that long. Of course that hasn't stopped local groups from making plans. Those who are keeping an eye on the situation believe that Corrections essentially has three options: Keep the property and repurpose it; sell it to another government agency; or divest outright. Mr. Bourke says the Friends hope to be involved no matter which option Corrections pursues. Their current leasing agreement is in effect until 2018. If Corrections retains the property, Mr. Bourke is confident they can extend the deal to include the prison. If they sell, he hopes to retain the current agreement with the museum and negotiate a new one with the prison's new owners. Globe and Mail, B7

*** From jail to sail at Kingston Pen?**
If someone told you they had "gone sailing" at Kingston Pen, you would be forgiven for thinking it a euphemism. Like "going up the river" or "staying at Club Fed." But one of the city's residents wants to make the phrase a reality by turning the recently decommissioned prison into a world-class sailing facility. "It would really and truly change Kingston for the good," said George Hood, who is spearheading the proposal alongside three other residents. It's little more than an idea at this point, but Hood said the project would include both residential and commercial development on the prison's waterfront property, with a 500-unit condominium building, restaurants and storefronts coexisting with the world's largest freshwater sailing centre. They would keep the prison's front gate and the turrets, ensuring it still looked the part of a historic jail. (...) A spokeswoman for the Correctional Service of Canada told the Star via email that no decisions have been made with respect to the penitentiary building or the land on which it sits. Hood said his group doesn't see the fact that the prison is a national historic site as an obstacle to a repurposed development. "Big deal," he said. "It's been declared a historic site. That doesn't necessarily mean anything." Hood said they would leave part of the penitentiary untouched to be used as a museum. "But we don't think it should be entirely devoted to that." Toronto Star, A3

*** A modest proposal for the Pen**
An opinion piece states, "I read that people are lining up and paying good money to take a tour of the Kingston Penitentiary now it is no longer housing inmates. I am not surprised, after all it is a historic site and visitors are curious to see if the lurid pictures of their imaginations are matched by the real thing. Apparently they are not. The real thing is much worse. The feelings of many were succinctly put when one woman asked, "how could anyone live like this?" The hell-hole that was Kingston reminded me of the the awful pile by the lake that is our "Kingston" - Her Majesty's Penitentiary at Quidi Vidi Lake - and, the possibility of helping with the government's finances. I believe people would pay to tour our "Pen." Oh, wait. While it, too, is historic, it continues to be in use, still holding the convicted. Forget the tour. I'd line up and gladly pay money to watch it being torn down." The Telegram, A6

*** Dangerous offender?**
A man awaiting sentencing for the 2011 kidnapping of a three-year-old in Sparwood , B.C., was convicted of sexual assault as early as the 1980s, according to a Crown prosecutor. Randall Hopley is now in his late 40s and the Crown is arguing he should be identified as a dangerous offender -- meaning an indefinite prison sentence -- or a long-term offender, meaning a prison sentence with an intensive parole period of 10 years upon release. Toddler Kienan Hebert was abducted from his home in September 2011 and returned unharmed, four days later. A massive, inter-provincial manhunt by police led to Hopley's arrest the next day at a remote cabin near the B.C.-Alberta border. QMI Agency (Calgary Sun); Canadian Press (The Province, Times Colonist, Vancouver Sun)

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Day of action hits Cornwall Centre
It was a round dance to remind people that the movement is active, that the relationship between Ottawa and indigenous people remains strained, and that they stand in solidarity with thousands of activists on a national day of action in support of Idle No More. About 50 people gathered on Monday for a round dance inside the Cornwall Centre, an event held on the 250th anniversary of the 1763 Royal Proclamation, which laid the groundwork for the relationship between the Crown and aboriginals in North America. The event also occurred on the same day that James Anaya, the United Nations special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, arrived in Canada to visit First Nations and meet with federal government officials. Shanae Soucy hadn't participated in an event supporting Idle No More since March, as the grassroots movement that called for better relations between the Harper government and aboriginals swept the nation last winter. At the Cornwall Centre on Monday, Soucy said she felt proud to stand with fellow supporters and make her voice heard. Leader-Post, A2; Hamilton Spectator; * Canadian Press (Times Colonist, Times&Transcript, Toronto Star); * Presse Canadienne (L'Acadie Nouvelle); * Windsor Star; * QMI Agency (Londoner Free Press); * StarPhoenix; * CTV News (07/10/2013)

*** Auspicious timing for UN special envoy to Canada**
An editorial states, "It is a visit more than 18 months in the planning, a somewhat grudging welcome mat laid out by a government that does not embrace international observers on its turf. But James Anaya, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, says he takes the Conservative promise of co-operation at face value, even as he began his tour of the country Monday to gauge the government's progress on aboriginal rights with his eyes wide open. He knows the likes of him have been treated with disdain by the Harper Conservatives in the past. (...) His visit will receive unprecedented attention because his timing is auspicious. As we spoke Friday, there were tears being shed on the steps of Parliament, and at as many as 200 other venues across the nation, as the families of missing and murdered aboriginal women remembered loved ones and again called for a national inquiry into what they believe to be the indifferent reaction of authorities to the tragedies visited upon them. Such an inquiry has the support of First Nations leadership, the federal opposition parties and the provinces, but not the Conservative government. As Anaya began his work Monday, there were ceremonies here marking the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation that set aboriginal title to land in this country and set out the treaty process. (...)There are expectations that the throne speech will touch on native education, the mismatch between unfilled jobs and aboriginal unemployment, the need to reach consensus with aboriginals on pipelines and other resource extraction projects, and perhaps even - finally - movement on the missing and murdered women file. The Guardian (Waterloo Region Record); Rabble.ca (07/10/2013)

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*** DND eyes savings through new program**
More public servants at the Department of National Defence could lose their jobs and the military's Ottawa headquarters could be scaled back as new initiatives are brought in to find savings for priority projects. The DND and Canadian Forces launched their Defence Renewal program Monday with a promise that the size of the regular military will not be reduced. But more public servants could lose their jobs and military staff in various headquarters in Ottawa could find themselves transferred to bases across the country or to operational units in the National Capital Region, say DND and military officials. Ottawa Citizen, C1; Canadian Press (Times and Transcript); Globe and Mail

*** Ottawa takes hard line on skills program**
The federal government is "flexible" on possible changes to a controversial skills training program, but if provinces don't drop their unanimous opposition to the Canada Jobs Grant then Ottawa will proceed unilaterally, Employment Minister Jason Kenney said Monday. The growing feud is over a 2013 federal budget initiative to create a training grant of up to $15,000, funded equally by Ottawa, the provincial government where the worker lives, and the employer. But Ottawa said it would pay for its share of the program by stripping $300 million out of the Labour Market Agreement, which was established in 2007 and provides provinces and territories with $500 million annually. That money is used to help people not eligible for employment insurance - and especially older workers, aboriginals, youth and the disabled - enter the workforce through programs such as literacy training. That program involves "training for training's sake," Kenney said Monday. The Canada Jobs Grant will be an employer-driven model leading to jobs rather than a program to "teach people how to write a resume or dress for an interview for the fifth time." Ottawa had previously invited the provinces to fund their share of the CJG with the remaining $200 million, but Kenney said Monday he'll be flexible by allowing them to use their share of a separate $2 billion-a-year training fund for EI-eligible workers. "Our first preference is very strongly to have an agreement with the provinces," Kenney said adding he's sending a letter to his counterparts this week outlining areas where he's prepared to modify the CJG. Postmedia News (Calgary Herald)

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La surveillance en pleine croissance
Ces données obtenues par La Presse en vertu de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information témoignent de la croissance phénoménale du Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications Canada (CSTC), dont les activités sont largement tenues secrètes. Elles arrivent au moment où le Brésil réclame des explications officielles d'Ottawa au sujet d'un programme d'espionnage du CSTC ciblant le ministère des Mines et de l'Énergie du pays, et dont le fonctionnement détaillé a filtré dans la presse brésilienne. « Cette situation est inadmissible entre des pays qui se prétendent partenaires, a lancé hier la présidente du Brésil, Dilma Rousseff, sur Twitter. Nous évaluons actuellement la sécurité de nos systèmes. Nous entendons demander des explications du Canada. Ces actes iraient à l'encontre du respect de la souveraineté des nations.» Hier, Ottawa a refusé de réagir. «Nous ne commentons pas les activités de collecte de renseignements à l'étranger», a déclaré Julie Dimambro, porte-parole du ministère canadien de la Défense, dont relève le CSTC. Cette année, l'organisation emploie 2136 personnes, comparativement à 1149 il y a 10 ans. Elle jouit d'un budget de 408,8 millions de dollars, contre 166,1 millions il y a une décennie. La Presse (Le Soleil);

Brazil wants Canada to explain allegations of spying
Brazil today demanded clarifications from the Canadian government about allegations that its spies targeted Brazil's Mines and Energy Ministry, in what Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff said appears to be an act of industrial espionage. Foreign Minister Luiz Alberto Figueiredo summoned the Canadian ambassador in the capital of Brasilia to "transmit the indignation of the Brazilian government and demand explanations," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement that followed the revelations that were aired

Sunday night on Brazil's Globo network. The report said the metadata of phone calls and emails from and to the ministry were targeted by Canada's Communications Security Establishment to map the ministry's communications. It didn't indicate if emails were read or phone calls listened to. The report was based on documents leaked by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden and was the latest showing that Latin America's biggest country has been a target for United States, British and now Canadian spy agencies. During today's meeting, Figueiredo expressed "the government's repudiation of this serious and unacceptable violation of national sovereignty and the rights of people and companies," the Foreign Ministry statement said. Associated Press (Whitehorse Daily Star, Hamilton Spectator, Chroncile-Herald, Telegraph-Journal); Presse Canadienne (La Tribune, Le Devoir, l'Acadie Nouvelle, La Voix de l'Est, Le Droit); Canadian Press (The Telegram, Waterloo Region Record, Times Colonist, Daily Gleaner, Times and Transcript); Postmedia News (Montreal Gazette, The Province, Vancouver Sun, Calgary Herald, Windsor Star, Leader Post, Ottawa Citizen, Edmonton Journal); QMI Agency (Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun, London Free Press, Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun, Kingston Whig Standard, Winnipeg Sun); National Post; Toronto Star; Globe and Mail;

Spy games
An editorial states, "For years, the federal government and Canada's spy agencies have been quietly concerned about China's intelligence service infiltrating Canadian business. And the tone has always been that the kind of economic intelligence the Chinese government has been undertaking is, well, improper, akin to cheating. In 1996, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) was warning about precisely that sort of systemic espionage, and the warnings haven't stopped. It's a concern that has been regularly raised, with a CSIS spokesman telling the CBC as recently as last September that there is "no denying that Canada is an attractive target for economic and political espionage, owing to our prominence in strategic sectors such as communications, biotechnology, mineral and energy extraction, aerospace and others." The concerns have occasionally been muted, as federal officials try to strike a balance with maintaining good relations with a potentially huge trading partner while decrying the "dirty tricks" nature of governments using their intelligence services to further economic interests. Well, the suggestion that it's somehow wrong to use dirty tricks to spy on foreign business interests may just have gotten turned on its ear." The Telegram, A6

State-owned corporate mayhem
State Capitalism Update: News today from Malaysia and Brazil, where state-owned enterprises (SOEs) are making headlines and generating fresh evidence that Canada has its hands full with the emerging global business of government business. First to Rio de Janeiro, where an eight-minute documentary report on Brazil's Globo TV network painted a mighty bleak picture of dark Canadian government espionage, an image that is now the focus of high-level Brazilian corporate and political agitation. Canada's ambassador to Brazil has been called to account. Big-name Brazilian corporations - state-owned Petrobras and Electrobas, Aneel, Epe - are said to be the targets. The eight minutes begin slow, with long shots of a massive office complex of distinctly Brazilian design overlayed with creepy music of the kind that's now mandatory whenever TV networks need to build a story of sinister doings. In this case, the Canadian government is portrayed as the operator of a telecom network spy operation, tapping into cellphones and communications networks, whose main purpose is to obtain business secrets on the inner workings of Brazil's mining and energy sectors. The presentation was apparently prepared by a little-known agency - Communications Security Establishment Canada -within Ottawa's department of national defence. Delivered at an international conference in June, 2012, by a CSEC official, it was apparently captured on video by U.S. document leaker Edward Snowden. Now in Russia, Mr. Snowden is said to have leaked this latest bit to U.S. journalist Glenn Greenwald. Mr. Greenwald is based in Rio de Janeiro with The Guardian. National Post, FP9

*** The slides that came in from Brazil**
An editorial states, "Brazil is entitled to an explanation from the Canadian government about what appear to be plans for economic espionage on the Brazilian Ministry of Mines and Energy (and consequently on Brazilian companies) by the Communications Security Establishment Canada. And Canadian citizens are entitled to a clear, principled statement of the views of the CSEC and the Canadian government as a whole on what kinds of economic intelligence they believe themselves to be justified in collecting. Possibly, the CSEC slide presentation in question - included among documents disclosed by Edward

Snowden, a former U.S. National Security Agency contract analyst - was merely a scenario for "war-game" educational purposes. If so, it would have been far better to target the mines ministry of a fictitious country, such as Lilliput, Utopia or Freedonia - home to equally fictitious business corporations. CSEC's signals-intelligence activities should not, as a general rule, be put in the service of private companies, either Canadian or foreign. Canadian competitiveness is of course a desirable goal, but one essential element of fair competition, internationally as well as within a home country, is that it should not be deceptive or fraudulent." Globe and Mail, A14

*** Canadian teens jailed in Somaliland start hunger strike**

Two Canadian teenagers detained in a Somaliland jail have started a hunger strike, their father says. Liiban and Jamal Noor were sentenced in August to 10 years in jail for the gang-rape of two young women. The brothers, both born and raised in Mississauga, maintain they are innocent. Family members have been dropping off food and clean water for the boys every day since their arrest in late July. But starting Saturday, Jamal, 15, and Liiban, 19, refused to eat. The pair are protesting what they see as a lack of help from the Canadian government, said their father, Mohamed Noor: "They said 'We feel like we've been forgotten here.'" Toronto Star

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Vexing justice issues confront Parliament
Canadians can expect to hear about new measures to track sex offenders and a victims bill of rights in the coming throne speech - the latest effort to burnish the Harper government's crime-fighting credentials. But several more vexing and potentially costly issues confront Canada's public safety and justice ministers as a new session of Parliament looms. The ballooning cost of natural disasters, a new federal emergency centre and rising police expenditures - despite falling crime rates - are just a few of the challenges, notes obtained by The Canadian Press show. The Harper government has promised a national public database of the names of high-risk sex offenders guilty of crimes against children. Convicted sex offenders would also have to alert authorities before leaving Canada. The bill of rights - being developed with input from cross-country consultations - is aimed at improving the experience of victims as they deal with the criminal justice system, the government says. These are the latest in a string of justice-related initiatives the Conservatives like to tout in campaign-style events aimed at securing the "tough-on-crime" political turf that has proven key to their electoral strategy. However, the internal notes released under the Access to Information Act indicate **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** and Justice Minister Peter MacKay - both new to their portfolios - are grappling with a full slate of decidedly less marketable issues. Disasters like the floods that swamped southern Alberta this year are becoming more common. Before 1995, there had been only three disasters costing more than $500 million in damages (adjusted to 2010 dollars), but over the last 10 years or so there have been nine catastrophes exceeding

that amount. Such events cost Canadians more than $1 billion annually. As a result, **Public Safety** is looking at preventative measures that could help ensure damages from such inevitable acts of destruction are minimal. **The Government Operations Centre** - the federal disaster command post - is housed in a building (the location of which the government prefers to keep secret) that will soon be phased out of the federal inventory. A new location must be found. **Public Safety** says financial misdeeds, cybercrime, the globalization of organized crime and an increased focus on terrorism are emerging realities that have sent budgets spiralling skyward. Canadian Press (Chronicle-Herald, Times and Transcript, Daily Gleaner, Macleans)

Stony inmates refuse work after pay cut

Inmates at Stony Mountain Institution have walked off the job to protest against a 30 per cent cut in their pay. They're joining their counterparts on strike at federal prisons in Ontario, New Brunswick, Quebec and Saskatchewan. On Monday, the federal government began deducting the money from prisoners' paycheques as part of a move to recover costs under Ottawa's Deficit Reduction Action Plan. "Inmates who have not reported for work and/or program assignments have the right to peaceful protest," said Correctional Service of Canada spokesman Jeff Campbell. "Those who do and decide they're not going to participate will receive no pay for their programs or work assignments." Before the cut, inmates had been getting from $1 to $6.90 per day as an allowance for taking part in programs and for doing jobs at Stony, he said. "This isn't treat money. You can't even call it a savings as it will simply mean that inmates will have less to spend at the commissary," said Kate Kehler of the Manitoba wing of the John Howard Society. It will make maintaining contact with support systems in the community even more difficult, she added. **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** issued a statement that said: ***"Prisoners walking off their jobs is offensive to hard-working, law-abiding Canadians. Prisoners are learning how to become contributing members of Canadian society, often for the first time in their lives."*** The incentive allowance for inmates in Manitoba jails ranges from $2.20 to $4.70 per day, a spokeswoman said. Winnipeg Free Press, A4

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Griffiths off to China to speak on flood response**

Municipal Affairs Minister Doug Griffiths will embark on a $33,000 mission to China to strengthen ties and study the Asian superpower's "expertise" in disaster response, says the province. Edmonton Sun, 6; Calgary Herald

*** 'Started early and lasted longer'**

Forest fire season this year was a tough one - and it certainly wasn't helped by the number of fires set by people. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) reported 247 wildfires in the Northwest Territories this past summer, as of Sept. 25. Of those 247 fires, 15 of them were caused by people. That's better than last year though, where 23 forest fires were caused by people. Yellowknifer

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Le PLC veut un comité spécial

Le Parti libéral du Canada (PLC) croit qu'il est nécessaire de mettre sur pied un comité parlementaire chargé de superviser les activités concernant la sécurité nationale, afin d'éviter d'autres situations où le Canada est accusé d'espionnage. Dans la foulée des allégations selon lesquelles l'agence d'espionnage électronique canadienne aurait fait de l'espionnage industriel au Brésil, le chef libéral Justin Trudeau a affirmé hier que son parti déposera un projet de loi en ce sens dès la reprise des travaux aux Communes, la semaine prochaine. M. Trudeau s'est dit "troublé" d'apprendre que le Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications du Canada aurait mis en place une opération sophistiquée d'espionnage contre le ministère brésilien des Mines et de l'Énergie. "Les rapports entre le Brésil, la sixième économie en taille dans le monde, et le Canada sont importants pour notre économie", a-t-il souligné. Le chef du PLC s'est également dit déçu de la réaction du premier ministre Stephen Harper, qui s'est dit "très préoccupé" par

ces allégations, sans en dire davantage. Presse Canadienne (La Voix de l'Est, Le Droit, l'Acadie Nouvelle)

PM 'concerned' by spying reports
A carefully cultivated military relationship with Brazil could be damaged by the unfolding spy drama involving Canada's super-secret eavesdropping agency, defence and diplomacy experts say. Since late spring, a platoon of Canadian soldiers has been embedded with a Brazilian army unit as part of the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Haiti. The deployment is slated to run until Christmas, but the entire exercise has been considered an important bridge-building effort with South America's biggest military power. The Conservative government attempted to contain the damage Tuesday. Prime Minister Stephen Harper said he is "very concerned" and that Canadian officials are "reaching out very proactively" to their counterparts in Brazil. But experts say the relationship of trust built up by the joint mission and over the last few years by the country's top military commanders has been badly damaged. The government in Sao Paulo actually sought out Canadian participation in the Haiti operation because of the country's reputation as a peacekeeper, said Walter Dorn, a professor at the Canadian Forces Staff College in Toronto. "This scandal will cause Brazil to have second thoughts about Canada as a reliable partner," said Dorn, an authority in peacekeeping operations. The Communications Security Establishment of Canada controversy could be especially problematic, considering the apparent targets, said Jean Daudelin, an associate professor at Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. Canadian Press (Chronicle-Herald, The Guardian, Red Deer Advocate, Times Colonist, Times and Transcript); Presse Canadienne (La Tribune, Le Devoir); Agence France Presse (le Soleil, le Journal de Quebec); Windsor Star; Toronto Star; QMI Agency (Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, London Free Press, Edmonton Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard)

Une transparence accrue demandée
Après avoir provoqué la colère du Brésil, qui accuse le Canada d'avoir espionné un ministère névralgique, le gouvernement canadien a l'obligation de rétablir le lien de confiance avec la population et d'assurer une plus grande transparence de l'organisme chargé de surveiller les communications électroniques à l'étranger, estime l'ex-directeur adjoint du Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS). "Dans quel contexte le Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications [CSTC] doit-il faire son travail? A-t-on besoin d'un meilleur cadre? Les ressources doivent-elles être dépensées de cette façon? Au Canada, on devrait avoir ce débat", a expliqué en entrevue Ray Boisvert, ex-numéro deux du SCRS, aujourd'hui président de la société de gestion des risques i-secis. Selon M. Boisvert, le CSTC a produit des succès notables. Or, au fil des ans, son rôle a été redéfini: à la notion de sécurité nationale du Canada s'est greffé le volet de la sécurité économique, ce qui peut produire des "glissements potentiels". "Le CSTC a sauvé la vie de soldats canadiens en Afghanistan, aucun doute là-dessus, dit-il. C'est un organisme important, et on pourrait débattre de son rôle, dans une commission à laquelle siégeraient des députés. Quand ils sont mis au courant des activités, il y a un respect qui se forme avec les élus, et ça peut donner de très bons résultats." La Presse, A26; Postmedia News (Leader Post, National Post, Vancouver Sun, The Province, Ottawa Citizen, Edmonton Journal, Calgary Herald, Montreal Gazette); Globe and Mail

*** Brazil may freeze Canadian ventures**
All of Canada's negotiations and new ventures with Brazil may be put on ice until there is a resolution to the question of what a Canadian spy agency was doing snooping on one of the South American country's ministries, says a leading Brazilian expert on relations with North America. "If they take the same position with Canada as they took with the United States [after similar revelations of spying last month] then everything will be stopped, all the major things," said Rubens Barbosa, a former Brazilian ambassador to the United States. "The agreements, anything to do with government and the U.S., was put on hold and is still on hold and they may take the same view with Canada." Globe and Mail, A4; Ottawa Citizen;

*** Allegations of spying don't come as a shock**
An opinion piece states, "Canadians may find it unseemly and some of the Brazilian outrage may be real, but no one should be shocked that we are today standing accused of spying. We should not take this news with a shrug, but to think that security agencies are not trying to poke holes in the privacy of other

nations around the world on a daily basis in 2013 is naive. We have certainly been targeted. Did we believe this was a one-way street?" Toronto Star, A14

*** Canada spies on all of us and allies, too**
An opinion piece states, "Pop quiz: Who is Jane Shorten? You don't have a clue, do you? Well, you're not alone. Most of Ottawa and Canada's press corps likely don't know or remember who she is either. They should, particularly in light of the diplomatic and media tizzy triggered by the latest "revelations" from Edward Snowden, former contractor to the U.S.'s National Security Agency, that Canada's cryptological espionage agency, the Communications Security Establishment Canada, may have trained its technology to spy on Brazil. Long before Snowden began spilling his world-shaking secrets, a courageous and brilliant young Canadian named Jane Shorten exposed the notoriously secretive CSEC's questionable conduct in the amorphous name of national security.' Toronto Star, A19

*** Brazil spy flap shows we need to tighten scrutiny of CSEC, our offshore spy agency**
An editorial states. "Like Capt. Louis Renault, the corrupt cop in Casablanca who professes to be "shocked, shocked" that gambling is going on even as he pockets his winnings, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he's "very concerned" about embarrassing reports that Canada has been spying on Brazil, a friendly country, with an eye to ferreting out information on the world's sixth-largest economy. Well, sure. While Harper is no doubt troubled by the media reports and the diplomatic uproar they have triggered, it's no great shock that the ultra-secret Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC) is out there hoovering up what it can. That's its job. Of course, it's not supposed to get caught. Canada is part of the so-called Five Eyes intelligence-sharing group, with the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Given that the U.S. aggressively collects "information about economic and financial matters," as James Clapper, the U.S. director of national intelligence, puts it, it would be naïve to think its allies don't. By the same token, other countries spy on us." Toronto Star

*** Sask. interests at risk in Brazil**
With the International Monetary Fund predicting slower growth, which will lessen demand for resources from developing nations, about the last thing Saskatchewan needed was a hit from ham-handed Canadian diplomacy and attempts at industrial espionage. Prime Minister Stephen Harper, caught like a deer in the headlights at an international summit this week when the story broke that a Canadian spy agency was engaged in industrial espionage in Brazil, told a press conference that he's "very concerned" about the news. Not so concerned that he was ready to set the record straight, find some justification or launch a plausible denial, but concerned enough he asked Canadian officials to "reach out very proactively" to their Brazilian counterparts. "We are in Brazil looking for business, looking to assist one of the biggest customers we have," the company's director general, Valery Kiriyenko, told Bloomberg News. There are a lot of reasons why Saskatchewan potash can still compete in Brazil. But that competition gets tougher if the industry gets caught up in the diplomatic row in the wake of a television documentary on the weekend that tied the cyber-spy agency, Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC), to attempts to glean confidential industrial information from Brazil's Ministry of Mines and Energy. Star Pheonix, A6

Job postings offer peek into spy agency
Its operations are tightly guarded, but Internet job postings offer a peek into the inner-workings of the super-secret electronic spy agency at the centre of a diplomatic rift between Canada and Brazil. Communications Security Establishment Canada, or CSEC, according to the postings, has a "continuing need" for foreign language intelligence analysts - particularly those proficient in Middle Eastern, Asian, North and West African languages - who can read and listen to collected materials to determine their importance, as well as "analyze social networks" and "mountains of raw data." Cybersecurity analysts, data miners and cyber developers are among the other jobs available at CSEC. The agency, whose mandate centres around the collection of electronic communications from foreign intelligence targets and the protection of vital information held by the federal government, has come under scrutiny following revelations that Canada may have spied on Brazil's mines and energy ministry. Postmedia News (Leader-Post)

BlackBerry encryption would face review in a foreign takeover

The encryption technology that helped build Canadian smartphone maker BlackBerry into a global player is likely to be the centre of a review from the federal government if any foreign takeover offers emerge. Treasury Board president Tony Clement said Tuesday that national security interests will be considered, but that Ottawa is watching from the sidelines as BlackBerry shops its assets to technology companies around the world. Clement stopped short of saying what would be of particular focus for officials. "I think we'll let the marketplace respond," he said at a Canadian Government Technology event in Ottawa. "We have a role to play obviously, which involves national security, and making sure that what occurs is in the public interest." While analysts have frequently discussed how BlackBerry has fallen behind in the consumer market, one area that is often overlooked is the company's encryption technology, especially important for business customers. The Waterloo company has built its reputation on protecting highly-sensitive information from being decoded for international or corporate espionage. It has said it doesn't store or have access to the encrypted data. "The encryption is probably some of the most rarefied science you can imagine in the telecommunications space," said Carmi Levy, an independent telecom analyst. Canadian Press (Waterloo Region Record, Red Deer Advocate, Times and Transcript, The Guardian, Chronicle-Herald, National Post, Toronto Star, , Telegraph-Journal, Daily Gleaner); Postmedia News (Ottawa Citizen, Montreal Gazette); Globe and Mail

MTS says it got no signs Ottawa was going to nix Allstream deal
The head of Manitoba Telecom Services says Ottawa has reached a new level of confusion over what is permitted under foreign investment rules. Chief executive Pierre Blouin says he remains baffled about the reasons behind Industry Minister James Moore's surprise decision to quash the sale of his firm's Allstream division to an Egyptian investment group for $520 million. The minister cited national security provisions under the Investment Canada Act for the rejection in a statement issued late Monday. Blouin says he's received little clarity than what was contained in the brief statement, adding that he believed the sale was a no-brainer given that the government had opened the door to foreign ownership for small telecom players. He says the government had expressed no concerns during the five-month review process up until the final rejection was announced. Canadian Press (The Guardian, Times Colonist, Leader-Post); Winnipeg Free Press; 1; National Post; Toronto Star; Edmonton Journal; QMI Agency (Winnipeg Sun); Globe and Mail

*** The Supreme Court's secret hearing**
The Supreme Court's decision to hold a closed hearing this week as part of Mohamed Harkat's security certificate hearing is disquieting. Nevertheless, it is part and parcel of the problematic practice of using secret intelligence as evidence. The closed Supreme Court hearing will involve an adversarial challenge between government lawyers and security cleared special advocates. Neither Harkat, an Algerian refugee who was arrested in Ottawa in 2002 on suspicion of being an al-Qaida sleeper agent, nor his lawyers will be present. This will strike many as unfair, but it replicates what happens in security certificates. As also happens under security certificates, the special advocates who are supposed to represent Harkat's interests in the closed hearing were only allowed to meet with Harkat's lawyers in limited and judicially controlled circumstances. Ottawa Citizen, A13

*** Justice Nadon steps aside while legal challenge heard**
One day after being sworn in, Justice Marc Nadon has stepped aside temporarily from his duties at the Supreme Court of Canada in the face of an unprecedented legal challenge to his appointment from Toronto lawyer Rocco Galati. It is believed to be the first time a Supreme Court judge has stood down before, in effect, sitting down. The move "throws the Supreme Court into disarray at the beginning of a very big term," said Adam Dodek, a University of Ottawa law professor. Next month, the court is to hear a reference case on Senate reform that includes a question about the possible abolition of Parliament's Upper House. If Justice Nadon is unavailable, the court would probably hear the case with seven members instead of the full nine. By stepping aside, Justice Nadon deprives Prime Minister Stephen Harper of the bench he sought to create for this week, when a national-security case involving terrorism suspect Mohamed Harkat reaches the country's most influential court. Justice Nadon, in a terrorism case involving Omar Khadr, was a passionate voice for the government's position. Globe and Mail, A3; Postmedia News (Calgary Herald); La Presse

*** New intelligence headquarters has soaring atriums, grand staircases and filtered drinking fountains**
While the Harper government is preaching government austerity, it is spending almost $1.2 billion on a new Ottawa headquarters for a little-known military spy agency. It's the most expensive Canadian government building ever constructed. Under tight security, CBC obtained an exclusive tour of the top secret complex that most Canadians will otherwise never get to see, a development even National Defence apparently thinks is so grandiose that the department dubbed the project Camelot in official documents. When completed next year, the facility in suburban Ottawa will house the roughly 2,000 employees of the Communications Security Establishment Canada, a federal agency that spies mainly on foreigners by hacking into their computers, reading their email and intercepting their phone calls. CSEC officially estimates the complex will cost $880 million. But sources close to the project say it will be closer to $1.2 billion by the time all the associated costs are tallied. The new CSEC headquarters will have more floor space than the Air Canada Centre in Toronto, and its cost would build several big city hospitals.
CBC News

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Ottawa veut expulser un exilé iranien
Le gouvernement canadien, dont l'inimitié envers celui de la République islamique d'Iran est pourtant bien connue, songe à expulser un opposant de longue date au régime des ayatollahs qui vit à Montréal depuis huit ans. Le 14 juillet, Djaber Kalibi, qui rentrait d'un voyage en France, pays dont il détient la citoyenneté, s'est vu confisquer son passeport (français) par les autorités canadiennes à l'aéroport Montréal-Trudeau. Il a ensuite appris qu'il risquait d'être expulsé parce qu'il a participé, dans les années 1980 sur le territoire français, à des activités visant à renverser le régime islamiste en place depuis peu dans son pays natal. Djaber Kalibi, qui travaille actuellement au Collège du Canada, à Montréal, habite dans la métropole avec son épouse et ses deux belles-filles depuis huit ans. Il est arrivé au Canada en 2005 avec un visa de touriste, obtenant par la suite un visa de travail pour lui-même et des visas d'étudiantes pour les deux jeunes femmes, qui ont aujourd'hui 24 et 18 ans respectivement. Deux ans plus tard, la famille a présenté une demande de résidence permanente, qui est toujours à l'étude. " On s'inquiète parce que ce n'est pas censé prendre autant de temps ", dit Nastaran Daniali, l'aînée des deux belles-filles. La famille qualifie d'" absurdes " les raisons invoquées par les autorités canadiennes pour menacer d'expulsion l'homme de 77 ans. [...] Le document de Citoyenneté et Immigration Canada, signé par un fonctionnaire de l'Agence des services frontaliers (ASFC) et daté du 6 août, rappelle sommairement les démêlés de M. Kalibi avec la justice française. On y lit aussi le paragraphe suivant : " La preuve documentaire démontre également que Sayyed Djaber Kalibi était un militant d'extrême-gauche "antiKhomeiniste" lié aux "guérilleros fedayins du peuple d'Iran" et au "Nouveau Mouvement communiste iranien" et qu'il visait au renversement du gouvernement iranien par la force. " Le Devoir, A1

U.S. fugitive unwittingly caught
He is accused of conning a Manitoba charity of more than $7,000 destined for children with cancer. Now, a mystery man at the centre of the controversial case may have blazed an even bigger trail of deceit. The Free Press has learned the accused is a U.S. fugitive who has apparently spent the past five years on the run. Tyrell Cox, 33, was arrested in Winnipeg in August and charged with fraud and forgery. He is currently free on bail, with his next court date set for Oct. 30. None of the allegations has been proven and he is presumed innocent. American court records show Cox was arrested in Virginia in April 2003 for online fraud. He pleaded guilty in May 2004 and was given a three-year suspended sentence followed by probation, along with a $775 fine. Cox was rearrested in April 2008 and charged with violating his probation. He was released on a promise to appear in court in May 2008, but never showed. Warrants have been outstanding since that date. There are also several outstanding driving-related fines owed by Cox for offences in 2007 and 2008, according to court records. Winnipeg police were apparently unaware of Cox's U.S. criminal history and warrant status at the time of his initial arrest earlier this year. He was released on bail, and neither U.S. officials nor the federal Crown was notified about the fact he'd been caught. Police in Virginia also had no idea a man they'd been searching for had finally surfaced in Canada. "I can't believe it. We were told he'd left the country but didn't know where he was," officer Lisa Klein said Tuesday when informed of Cox's whereabouts by the Free Press. Klein was planning to speak

to Winnipeg police later in the day to discuss the case. Other police agencies are expected to get involved to piece together how, and where, Cox has spent the past five years. "I'd be more than happy to come to Manitoba to get him," said Klein. She will likely have to wait until the Canadian charges are dealt with before he would be deported to the U.S. to deal with those outstanding charges. Winnipeg Free Press

Une Pakistanaise se réfugie dans une église
Une Pakistanaise a trouvé refuge dans une église anglicane de Montréal depuis plus d'un mois pour éviter son expulsion. Une situation délicate pour l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada. Khurshid Begum Awan, mère d'une réfugiée pakistanaise, devait être expulsé vers le Pakistan le 21 août dernier. Sa fille, Tahira Malik, est venue au Canada pour fuir un mari abusif, en 2000, alors qu'elle avait 16 ans. Ses deux parents l'ont rejointe en 2011, mais son père a depuis été renvoyé dans son pays. «Nous voulons cesser d'avoir peur, nous voulons être réunis», a commenté Tahira Malik en point de presse. Mme Awan n'était pas au point presse. Elle souffrirait de problèmes cardiaques qui menacent sa santé, selon Marie-Jo Ouimet, médecin traitant de Mme Awan et bénévole pour Médecins du monde. Cette situation délicate n'est pas sans poser problème aux autorités, qui doivent faire preuve de doigté. Journal de Québec (Journal de Montréal); CBC News

B.C. couple with cash smuggling in U.S
A Canadian couple who allegedly made monthly trips from British Columbia to Manitoba to sell marijuana stashed in hockey bags were arrested when they decided to travel through North Dakota to avoid bad weather, U.S. authorities said Tuesday. Robert and Jonna Booth are charged with bulk cash smuggling into and out of the United States. They were told at a hearing Tuesday they qualified for a court-appointed lawyer, but a spokesman for the federal defender's office was not available for comment. Jonna Booth told Judge Karen Klein that she did not fully understand the charge, and Robert Booth said there were no plans to sneak the money into the U.S. "We were just going home to British Columbia," he told the judge. Authorities said the Booths were detained after arriving at the Northgate port of entry in western North Dakota about 4:30 p.m. on Monday. They said Customs and Border Patrol officers found about $73,000 in Canadian money stashed behind a cabinet in the bathroom of the couple's motor home. The Booths had claimed they were not carrying more than $10,000, authorities said. Vancouver Sun (Metro News, Winnipeg Free Press)

Suspected organizer of MV Sun Sea human smuggling operation believed killed in Sri Lanka
A suspected organizer of the human smuggling operation that brought 492 asylum seekers to Canada three years ago aboard the MV Sun Sea has apparently been killed in northern Sri Lanka. Sathyapavan Aseervatham "died under tragic circumstances" on Sept. 6 near his hometown in Jaffna district, according to an obituary that appeared in Uthayan, a Tamil-language Sri Lankan newspaper. Vancouver refugee lawyer Gabriel Chand, who had represented Mr. Aseervatham, confirmed his death. "He was killed a few weeks ago. I do not know what happened," Mr. Chand told the National Post in an email Tuesday. Mr. Aseervatham was one of six Sri Lankan and Canadian men charged following a police investigation into the Sun Sea smuggling operation. He was deported from Canada before the charges were laid and is wanted by the RCMP. "I can confirm that there is an outstanding Canada-wide warrant for Sathyapavan Aseervatham and we have no reason to believe that he is deceased," Sgt. Peter Thiessen, a spokesman for the RCMP's E-Division in B.C., said Monday. Toronto immigration consultant Nagendra Selliah said Mr. Aseervatham was riding his motorcycle when he was hit and run over by a truck that fled the scene. He said it was not unusual for government opponents to die in such a manner. "This is very common, accidents happening and people who talk against the government, they are knocked down or their car slides or something like that and people die," said Mr. Selliah, who had worked on Mr. Aseervatham's case. "It's very common in Sri Lanka." National Post

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

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Les victimes d'une trahison
L'arrestation d'un enquêteur aussi important que Benoit Roberge est une catastrophe pour le service de police. Mais il serait bien étonnant qu'elle remette en question les procès en cours ou passés. On ne se souvient pas d'un policier occupant un poste si stratégique au Québec arrêté pour collaboration avec le crime organisé. A côté de ça, la vieille affaire du capitaine Henri Marchessault, non moins spectaculaire, est assez banale, au fond. Le policier, très respecté, était un haut responsable de la lutte antidrogue à Montréal. Il avait été pris en 1983 à voler de la cocaïne dans les coffres de la police pour la revendre (c'est d'ailleurs Jacques Duchesneau qui l'avait arrêté). Très grave, sans doute. Au point de valoir à Marchessault 12 ans de pénitencier... Le cas de Roberge est beaucoup plus sérieux, puisque tout indique une relation bien établie et continue avec le crime organisé. Cela s'assimile aux nombreux cas de contre-espionnage, d'agents du renseignement qui vendent leurs informations à des pays étrangers. Les avocats de la défense dans les procès en cours dans le dossier SharQc (51 motards) vont évidemment sauter là-dessus pour tenter une diversion. Tout ce qui peut faire capoter l'affaire est à essayer... On voit mal pourtant comment ce scandale peut aider les motards devant la cour. Si ce policier vendait des informations aux Hells, comment un membre pourrait-il ensuite venir se plaindre d'une atteinte à ses droits à cause du manque d'honnêteté de la police? La Presse, A3; Montreal Gazette

Mayoral candidate under police protection
An unnerving sequence of incidents has prompted a mayoral candidate to seek police protection in scandal-plagued Laval, Que. The candidate first released a phone conversation she recorded with her former boss, ex-mayor Gilles Vaillancourt, who faces criminal gangsterism charges. Despite his legal troubles, Vaillancourt was overheard offering to get involved in her campaign and help with financing, which echoed similar offers he is alleged to have made to other politicians over the years. The candidate, Claire Le Bel, refused the offer and publicly released the recording Monday. Later that same day, her campaign manager was assaulted. Le Bel told a news conference Tuesday that she fears for her safety and no longer drives her car alone. She asked for and received police protection, she said. She also said her aide is doing well after the Monday night assault... Le Bel said investigators with Quebec's Charbonneau inquiry were made aware of the tape the next day, but they decided not to act on the information and deemed it a "low priority." So Le Bel decided to go public. A copy of the recording is now in the hands of Quebec's anti-corruption police unit. Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate, The Guardian, Whitehorse Daily Star, Windsor Star, Toronto Star); Presse Canadienne (Le Quotidien)

Hells Angels want their clubhouses back
B.C. Hells Angels have filed a legal challenge of the government's civil forfeiture law, claiming it violates their constitutional rights. A lawyer for seven men connected to the East End Chapter filed the lawsuit Tuesday. It is a counterclaim to a suit filed by the director of civil forfeiture last fall to seize Hells Angels' clubhouses in East Vancouver and Kelowna. Lawyer Joe Arvay said the government has been going after clubhouses owned by the notorious biker gang, even though they haven't been able to prove in a B.C. court that the Hells Angels is a criminal organization. "Civil forfeiture laws allow the government to do indirectly what it cannot do directly - and that is to prove crimes without affording to those most directly affected all of the basic protections that the criminal law and process properly requires," Arvay said Tuesday. "In our view, this legislation is beyond the powers of the provincial legislature and contrary to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms." Since 2007, the government has used the Civil Forfeiture Act to claim millions in suspected proceeds of crime across the province through civil court actions. It has also gone after Hells Angels' assets in Nanaimo, East Vancouver and Kelowna, including three clubhouses. B.C. Justice Minister Suzanne Anton said Tuesday she couldn't comment "specifically on a case that is now before the courts." Vancouver Sun; Times Colonist

Alleged gang members arrested, charged in Project Quell
Toronto Police have arrested and charged two men wanted in connection with "Project Quell," a large-scale investigation against gang crime in the city. Carl Sangs, 27, of Toronto was arrested on Monday and slapped with 85 charges, including 82 counts of trafficking cocaine, two counts of marijuana trafficking and conspiracy to commit an indictable offence. Additionally, Tyrrell Turner, 21, also from

Toronto was arrested on Monday and charged with two counts of cocaine trafficking, two counts of participation in a criminal organization and one charge of marijuana trafficking. Both men appeared in court on Monday to answer their respective charges. Songs and Taylor were two of eight men wanted in connection with Projects Quell and Brazen, two initiatives started by Toronto's homicide squad to crack down on gang war and drug trafficking within the city. Details of the 11-month long investigation were announced Friday, which included charges being laid against 25 alleged members of the Galloway Boys street gang and more than a dozen others, who police say were part of a long-going drug-related turf war between the Galloway Boys and the Orton Park Bloods gang. Project Quell was a follow-up to Project Brazen, an investigation which began in April 2012 after information gathered following the December 2011 shooting death of D'Mitre Barnaby at an apartment parking lot in Scarborough. Police ruled the death as a case of mistaken identity, insisting he had no ties to either gang at the time of the shooting. Toronto Star

RCMP allege Mike Duffy gave contract to friend for little work
The RCMP is investigating Mike Duffy for nearly $65,000 paid out of the former Conservative senator's office budget to an old CTV pal for work the man says he never did, according to an affidavit sworn in an Ottawa courthouse. Cpl. Greg Horton alleges Duffy hired his friend Gerald Donohue, a former television technician and one-time administrative official, for speech writing and consulting services, and that Duffy tried to backdate a contract and inflated the value of services provided over the four-year period. Horton says in particular, an hourly rate of $200 in 2009/2010 was set by Duffy, while Donohue told the RCMP he would have given Duffy "advice for free." Donohue told the RCMP he personally did not receive the money, as he receives disability benefits, but that it went to a company he once owned - and changed the name of - for the benefit of his wife Gail Donohue and their son. The allegations are contained in what is called an Information to Obtain a production order from the Bank of Nova Scotia, obtained by the Star. The new document reveals that Nigel Wright has turned over to the RCMP a binder containing four years' worth of Mike Duffy's diaries, entitled "Confidential-Senator Mike Duffy-Schedules -2009/2012." Wright, who was then chief of staff in the Prime Minister's Office, had asked Duffy to provide his electronic calendar, and it shows that Duffy's own records reveal there was "minimal noteworthy contact between" the senator and Donohue over the four years when Duffy paid his companies the $59,330 plus tax, for a total of $64,916.50, the RCMP corporal says. Hamilton Spectator; Globe and Mail; Postmedia News (StarPhoenix, National Post, Vancouver Sun, The Province, Leader-Post, Calgary Herald, National Post, Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen, Windsor Star, Edmonton Journal, Montreal Gazette); Presse Canadienne (Le Droit, La Tribune); Le Devoir; Canadian Press (Telegraph-Journal, Daily Gleaner, Red Deer Advocate, Waterloo Region Record, Times Colonist); QMI Agency (Kingston Whig-Standard, Calgary Sun, London Free Press, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun)

*** RCMP question three prominent P.E.I. Tories over contracts with Duffy**
Three prominent Prince Edward Island Tories have been questioned by the RCMP about consulting work they performed for P.E.I. Senator Mike Duffy. The RCMP filed a production order in an Ottawa court Tuesday looking for access to bank records relating to contracts worth $65,000 Duffy awarded to a friend. These contracts are the subject of fresh allegations of fraud and breach of trust against P.E.I.'s embattled senator. As part of this newest probe into Duffy's general expenses account, investigators identified a few smaller consulting contracts awarded to three prominent P.E.I. Conservatives. According to court documents, Duffy handed Peter McQuaid two consulting contracts. McQuaid served as former Progressive Conservative premier Pat Binns' chief of staff for 10 years and currently serves on the executive of the provincial PC party as the chair of election readiness... In March 2012, Duffy also awarded Wayne Hooper a consulting contract... Hooper worked with McQuaid under the Binns administration as a deputy minister. He was later appointed to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency executive and played a role in hiring Kevin MacAdam as director general of ACOA P.E.I. before retiring. The Public Service Commission has since revoked MacAdam's appointment after a recent investigation found senior officials who hired MacAdam acted inappropriately. The Guardian, A1

Living expenses bogus: Mounties
The RCMP allege Senator Patrick Brazeau committed breach of trust and fraud by claiming bogus living expenses, and investigators are seeking his bank records. Brazeau had claimed a house in Maniwaki, Que., as his primary residence and collected more than $45,000 in housing expenses, as allowed by

Senate policy if a primary residence is farther than 100 km away from Parliament Hill. But of the 549 days for which Brazeau's housing and expense claims were examined, he spent 57 nights at the address he declared as his primary residence, according to documents filed with the Federal Court Tuesday. "It appears Brazeau spent approximately 81%of his time in Ottawa, for Senate business or otherwise, and 10%of his time in Maniwaki," the lead investigator, Cpl. Greg Horton, says in the documents. The Senate ordered Brazeau to repay $48,000 by June 30, but the senator refused. QMI Agency (Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun, Winnipeg Sun)

*** Stupéfaction à Québec**

L'arrestation de l'enquêteur Benoit Roberge de la police de Montréal a causé la stupéfaction à l'Assemblée nationale. Le ministre de la Justice Bertrand Saint-Arnaud convient que la situation est exceptionnelle. "Le Directeur des pour-suites criminelles et pénales nous a avisés qu'un membre de son personnel était la conjointe de M. Roberge et qu'il allait prendre les mesures appropriées eu égard à la situation de cette personne ", a dit M. Saint-Arnaud. "C'est définitivement un choc pour la communauté policière. Personne n'est au-dessus des lois. C'est rassurant pour la population", a commenté le député libéral de Chomedey Guy Ouellette, lui-même enquêteur retraité de la Sûreté du Québec auprès des motards criminalisés. "La population peut se réjouir que des policiers puissent arrêter un confrère et le faire accuser d'infractions criminelles graves (gangstérisme, entrave à la justice et abus de confiance) dans le cas de Benoît Roberge, a signifié M. Ouellette... Le député caquiste Jacques Duchesneau admet que l'affaire Benoit Roberge peut miner la confiance de la population à l'endroit de la police. Agence QMI (Journal de Montreal, Journal de Quebec)

*** Coincé par un agent double**

Lorsque Benoit Roberge s'est fait arrêter samedi soir après une transaction avec un agent double, il était accompagné d'un individu lié à la mafia italienne qui aurait agi pour lui en tant que témoin, ont révélé des sources dignes de foi à La Presse. Peu après la discussion avec l'agent double, Roberge et son accompagnateur sont repartis en véhicule et ont été immédiatement interceptés par les membres du Groupe tactique d'intervention de la Sûreté du Québec. L'homme qui l'accompagnait a été relâché sans que des accusations soient portées contre lui. Hier, Radio-Canada a révélé que l'ex-policier s'est fait coincer par un agent double qui menaçait de révéler un enregistrement dévoilant ses liens douteux avec le Hells René Balloune Charlebois. Roberge aurait en effet rencontré Charlebois en prison et eu avec lui des conversations compromettantes que le motard aurait enregistrées. Lorsque Charlebois s'est évadé de prison à la mi-septembre, il a emporté les enregistrements et les a confiés à une tierce personne. Après le suicide du motard, cette personne les a remis aux policiers. Selon des informations révélées à Radio-Canada et confirmées à La Presse, l'agent double a rencontré le policier retraité et lui a demandé 50 000$ en échange de son silence. Roberge aurait offert 10 000$ sur-le-champ, puis le reste de la somme plus tard. Il a été arrêté peu après. Des collègues policiers de Roberge du temps qu'il était enquêteur au crime organisé font aussi l'objet d'une enquête pour lui avoir transmis des informations confidentielles vendues ensuite aux Hells, a appris La Presse. La Presse, A2 (Le Quotidien)

*** Police warned about ex-soldier, inquiry told**

A national police database warned officers a former Canadian soldier being arrested for assaulting his estranged brother was "highly paranoid" and would "shoot police upon approach," jurors at a coroner's inquest heard Tuesday. The Canadian Police Information Centre entry on Greg Matters, who was later shot and killed by the RCMP, said he had military training and was mentally unstable. "Use extreme caution," said the entry made by an unnamed member of the Prince George detachment. With that in mind, corporals Kyle Sharpe and Jared Sweeney, each with about three years of experience on the force, went to arrest Matters at his home around 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012 - 14 hours after an early-morning altercation between Greg and his brother, Trevor... The inquest heard earlier that Matters made several "alarming" statements to a police officer investigating the original incident, another in a lengthy history of threats from the former Bosnia peacekeeper. The inquest has heard he struggled with post-traumatic stress disorder but was finally in treatment. Const. Jason Dickinson said he overheard Greg Matters make threats during a phone call with another officer as they investigated the original incident. Cameron Ward, the lawyer for the Matters family, suggested they were empty threats. Trevor Matters is expected to testify today. Canadian Press **(Times Colonist, The Province, Vancouver Sun)**

*** Social media used by RCMP in missing aboriginal women cases**
Nearly 20 years later, Twyla Eashappie is still searching for answers about her mother's unsolved disappearance in Regina. "It's still very hard," said Eashappie, whose mother, Joyce Tillotson, went missing in 1993... Tillotson's case was highlighted by the RCMP on Tuesday as part of its social media project to raise awareness about 10 missing aboriginal women in Canada. Information about her disappearance and a photo of her were posted on the RCMP's Twitter and Facebook accounts. Supt. Tyler Bates, director of aboriginal policing and crimeprevention services, said the initiative was developed after discussions with the Native Women's Association of Canada. The goal is to raise awareness about missing Aboriginal women and try to reach a broader audience in the hope of receiving tips that could lead to solving the cases... Bates said the RCMP will continue to use social media in missing persons cases beyond this week. Leader-Post (Star Phoenix)

*** Protest evolves into land claims dispute**
Most of the protesters are members of the Elsipogtog First Nation. Others include grey-haired and grey-bearded environmental activists from Hampton and Acadian supporters dressed in matte black combat boots. There have even been sightings by the RCMP of members of the Bacchus motorcycle club. As the protest over shale gas exploration near Rexton enters its second week, it's become a spectacle that has long lost its plot. Whether the protesters are standing around talking or, like the laughing boys near the tents and teepee, huddled around fires, burning damp wood, it's Lollapalooza meets Duck Dynasty. It is Monday, Oct. 7 - the 250th anniversary of the ambiguous Royal Proclamation of 1763 by King George III, which either recognizes or undermines tribal sovereignty, depending on how it is interpreted. On the one hand, the proclamation allows native populations certain rights to lands they occupy. The royal decree, however, also confirms that all native lands ultimately belong to the Crown. Still, some refer to the proclamation as the "Indian Magna Carta," and the anniversary is celebrated in certain quarters across Canada. Indeed, the dispute near Rexton has grown into one about the larger issue of aboriginal land claims, with the leaders talking as much about treaty rights and ownership of Crown land as about fracking and the water table. The drama began at the end of September, when police blocked a section of Route 134 near Rexton after a protest over SWN Resources' shale gas exploration spilled onto the road. Protesters then felled trees and blocked access to a compound used by SWN to store exploration equipment. Last week, a judge ordered the blockade removed, but the RCMP refuse to enforce the court injunction. SWN Resources is not talking, and Premier David Alward and Elsipogtog Chief Aaron Sock have spent the past few days trying to negotiate a settlement to the impasse. After the meeting, however, Sock could not shed any clear light on the matter. "It's just happening at a rapid rate and it's hard to come up with details," he said. Outside the barricaded road, five RCMP officers in SUVs and a couple of cruisers, cherry lights flashing red against the black asphalt, said they themselves were not sure what was happening. Telegraph Journal (Daily Gleaner, Times Transcript)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

Des détenus font la grève
Des détenus des prisons fédérales, dont la moitié de l'établissement de Donnacona, ont dénoncé, hier, les compressions salariales dont ils se disent victimes en faisant une journée de grève. Le gouvernement Harper a coupé leur paye du tiers dans le cadre d'un plan de réduction du déficit, a rapporté CBC. Le salaire quotidien pouvait atteindre 6,90 $ avant les coupes. Les détenus se plaignent d'autant plus qu'ils doivent acheter des articles autrefois fournis comme du savon et du shampoing. Howard Sapers, genre d'ombudsman des prisons, a confié à la CBC qu'il aurait souhaité, à l'inverse, une hausse des salaires. Selon lui, l'argent sert à envoyer une lettre à des proches ou à acheter des effets personnels, dont des médicaments non prescrits. Les Services correctionnels canadiens s'attendent à une économie de quatre millions de dollars par an sur un budget de plus de 2,6 milliards $. Le Soleil, 16

Prisoner's father raises concern about voting
An Elections Nova Scotia official said Tuesday his office received a report about voting difficulties for at least one Nova Scotia inmate of the prison in Dorchester, N.B. Dana Doiron said he recently spoke with a man who identified himself as the father of a Nova Scotian in the Dorchester Penitentiary. He said the

man complained his son couldn't vote in the provincial election, even though inmates have the right to cast ballots. A regional spokesman for the correctional service said he was unaware of voting problems affecting Nova Scotia inmates at Dorchester. Etienne Chiasson said staff would look into the complaint from the prisoner's father. Chronicle Herald, A6

Infamous offender back behind bars
At age 18, he committed one of Manitoba's most shocking sexual assaults on record, netting him a decade-long stint behind bars. Now 33, Clifford Mousseau is headed back to federal prison for two years after admitting Tuesday he intentionally torched his suite at a Sherbrook Street assisted-living complex not long after medical care for his mental illness went off the rails. (...) After violently attacking the worker, Mousseau brutally sexually assaulted her, according to a Correctional Service of Canada report. He then ordered her to get dressed and demanded she take him on a tour of the shelter in search of other women. He made comments suggesting his mother had sought refuge there once. "Then (Mousseau) asked the victim for forgiveness. The victim advised (Mousseau) he had to depart and he was escorted to the back door. (He) had given the victim a hug, apologized and departed," the report states. Just prior to the assault, a woman he was walking with from a party had spurned his advances. The horrifying attack generated a great deal of debate over the safety of women's shelters, which reached Parliament and triggered a review of security protocols. Mousseau pleaded guilty to breaking and entering to commit aggravated sexual assault within a few months of the crime and was handed 10 years in prison. Sandhu endorsed a recommendation from lawyers that Mousseau serve his prison time at the locked psychiatric prison in Saskatoon. After his time is up, he'll be supervised on probation for three years. Winnipeg Free Press, A6

Wait for it
An editorial states, “It's about time this province had new prison facilities: there have been calls for change for years and the provincial government has tried to interest its federal counterparts in taking part in new construction for just as long. Her Majesty's Penitentiary - parts of which have been in place since 1859 - is overcrowded, well past its "best-before" date and, quite simply, no longer suitable to hold prisoners. But anyone thinking that there might actually be a change in the province's penal system should probably be looking a long way down the road - perhaps as long as a decade. Because Monday's announcement by Justice Minister Darin King that the province would now go it alone and build a facility was just the very beginning; there's not even a budget amount the minister can talk about yet, nor a location, and the announcement was of a "request for proposals" to begin the planning process. (...)And, for anyone who thinks that the whole event was just a salvo for the upcoming byelection in Jerome Kennedy's district, consider this: the town of Harbour Grace kept a sign up for years that said it had been selected as the site for a new federal penitentiary, the result of a federal election promise. The penitentiary never did arrive. You would think that an announcement of prison construction might make residents in that area think, once bitten, twice shy.” The Telegram, A6

"Du temps pour la réhabilitation"
" Un détenu est libéré d'office aux deux tiers de sa peine. Si l'on soustrait les trois ans de détention préventive, le jeune homme aurait été libéré dans environ sept années sans un encadrement comme celui qui lui est imposé. Sans rien enlever au système carcéral fédéral, l'encadrement n'est pas le même au centre jeunesse que dans un pénitencier. Les services correctionnels offrent les services qu'ils peuvent avec les moyens qu'ils ont. Les services de réadaptation sont plus limités. A Pinel, ce jeune fera l'objet d'un suivi intensif et spécifique avec des spécialistes en réadaptation en fonction de ses problématiques ", assure Alain Trudel. Le directeur de la protection de la jeunesse en Estrie croit en la capacité de réadaptation afin de rendre le jeune homme de 19 ans fonctionnel dans la société d'ici la fin de sa peine. Alain Trudel rappelle que le DPJ a l'obligation de trouver la meilleure mesure durable pour la protection du public. Le DPJ en Estrie rappelle que la priorité au Québec demeure la réhabilitation des jeunes contrevenants même si le gouvernement fédéral a adopté la loi C-10 venant durcir les peines pour certains types de crimes pour les mineurs. La Tribune, 2

Torturer loses Charter challenge
Crucial Crown evidence the prosecution says supports a dangerous offender tag for convicted torturer Dustin Paxton is admissible, a judge ruled Tuesday. Justice Sheilah Martin said including reports from

two doctors and a social worker done as part of a dangerous offender assessment would not violate Paxton's Charter rights. Defence lawyers Jim Lutz and Andrea Serink argued the reports were based in part on inadmissible and prejudicial information. (...)The dangerous offender hearing will resume on Thursday when Lutz and Serink will decide whether to call any defence evidence. QMI Agency (Calgary Sun); Canadian Press (StarPhoenix); Edmonton Journal; Calgary Herald; Postmedia News (Edmonton Journal)

Child abductor resists change, hearing told
Two very different pictures are emerging in a Cranbrook courtroom at the dangerous offender hearing of admitted child abductor Randall Hopley. The small, almost cartoonish and unthreatening man shuffles into the court each day in the custody of sheriffs. His hands and feet are shackled and he wears a long sleeve shirt with grey jogging pants. He leans forward in the docket, his arms folded and his jaw clenched during the proceedings. But report after report entered as evidence at the hearing aimed at keeping him behind bars, possibly for the rest of his life, paint an image of a remorseless child molester. Hopley, 47, has admitted to the 2011 abduction of three-year-old Kienan Hebert from his home in Sparwood, and then returning the boy a few days later - seemingly unharmed. The court has heard Hopley was only 17 years old when he assaulted three children at his foster home. A few years later, he was sent to prison for sexually assaulting another five-year-old boy. A National Parole Board summary from one of his parole applications was submitted by Crown prosecutor Lynal Doerksen on Tuesday. Canadian Press (Times Colonist, The Province)

Murderer jailed for lies
A former Red Deer man already serving a life sentence for first-degree murder was sentenced to four years in prison in Red Deer provincial court on Tuesday. In August, Christopher Martin Fleig, 29, pleaded guilty to three counts of giving contradictory evidence while testifying at his own trial, as well as at the preliminary hearing for three other men charged in connection with the same incident. Fleig and the others were arrested in connection with the gang-style murder of Red Deer resident Brandon Neil Prevey, 29. Prevey died in a hail of bullets outside a home on Ibbotson Close in the early hours of April 5, 2009. Fleig was found guilty of first-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years, the mandatory sentence under the Criminal Code. Red Deer Advocate, A1; Calgary Sun

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

*** The PM's UN Visitor**
It is a visit more than 18 months in the planning, a somewhat grudging welcome mat laid out by a government that does not embrace international observers on its turf. But Mr. James Anaya, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, says he takes the Conservative promise of co-operation at face value, even as he begins his tour of the country Monday to gauge the government's progress on aboriginal rights with his eyes wide open. He knows the likes of him have been treated with disdain by the federal Conservatives in the past. "I don't think it's surprising that governments might look at someone from the outside as not having as much knowledge or awareness as someone from the inside," he said. "I think it's only natural." His visit will receive unprecedented attention because his timing is auspicious. As we spoke Friday, there were tears being shed on the steps of Parliament, and at as many as 200 other venues across the nation, as the families of missing and murdered aboriginal women remembered loved ones and again called for a national inquiry into what they believe to be the indifferent reaction of authorities to the tragedies visited upon them. Telegraph-Journal, A7; CBC News

*** Living With Racism**
(...) Police-reported hate crimes across Canada in 2011 were down five per cent from 2010 but up eight per cent in B.C., where there were 195 in 2011, up from 179 in 2010, according to Statistics Canada. At 4.3 incidents per 100,000, B.C. was the fourth most hateful province, behind P.E.I., Nova Scotia and Ontario. The majority of hate crimes are reported in large cities and in 2011, the number reported was up 20 per cent in Greater Vancouver, to 142 incidents in 2011, from 117 in 2010. About 40 per cent of hate

crimes were violent, said StatsCan. And half the incidents were motivated by race, with blacks being targeted most - accounting for 40 per cent of attacks across Canada - followed by Arabs or West Asians and South Asians, at about 10 per cent each. Det. Terry Wilson of B.C.'s two-officer hate-crime unit, the only one of its kind in Canada, said hate crimes involve propaganda, spreading hatred against an identifiable group, or assault, such as the one against Phillips. But, he said, unlike in the U.S., where the accused are charged specifically with a hate crime, in Canada, racial motivation factors into sentencing only. The Crown isn't forced to prove whether hate motivated an assault, which he said is a better system to ensure conviction. He said his unit doesn't keep statistics on hate crimes nor on people who hold racist views. The Province, A14

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ASHLEY SMITH / ENQUÊTE SUR LA MORT D'ASHLEY SMITH

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PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

PBO report to identify what's behind rising public-service salaries
Canada's new parliamentary budget watchdog is issuing a report Wednesday that will examine what's behind the rising salaries of public servants over the last decade as the Conservatives gear up for the next election with promises to get tough on public service unions. The report, released by Parliamentary Budget Officer Jean-Denis Frechette, was initiated by his predecessor, Kevin Page, who called the nearly $44 billion the government spends on employee compensation a "black hole" of federal spending. The study examines the main factors driving up the federal wage bill over the past decade, which saw costs jump from $23 billion to nearly $44 billion. Compensation and personnel costs are one of the biggest single expenses for the government, accounting for nearly 20 per cent of operational spending. Page released a compensation study last December that estimated the average public servant costs $114,100 with pensions and benefits rolled in, and there are 375,000 federal employees. That translates into the average Canadian paying $1,267 a year for the public service to deliver programs and services - an 85 per cent increase in a little more than a decade. That report looked at four main categories of expenses - salaries and wages, pension contributions, health, dental and disability benefits and all other employer costs, such as employment insurance or workers' compensation. Ottawa Citizen, A6

Mobile is the mantra
All those in attendance during the first day of the 2013 Government in Technology Conference agreed Tuesday that government needs to become more mobile and increase access to digital information. While the message has been echoed in various forms at the show in years past, this time everyone, from members of Parliament to senior government bureaucrats to privatesector businesses - all seemed to be on the same page. "We are in a period of great transition, but also of great opportunity," said Tony Clement, president of Treasury Board, while officially opening the show on Tuesday. "We need to be bold. Giving up on an idea because it doesn't fit within how the government is supposed to do business is not a legitimate excuse." Clement has been trumpeting the transformation of government since he took the Treasury Board portfolio in 2011. He is also acknowledged as the party's social media guru and is leading the initiative to open up access to data and information, a move he says will forever change the way citizens interact with their government. He said government must be managed like an "enterprise" and should work closely with industry for government-wide solutions and insist that all IT spending must result in improved services to Canadians. Shared Services Canada is the Conservatives' flagship agency that is taking over the running of government IT services from individual departments. Shared Services is introducing a single email system across government that officials hope will save $50 million a year. It is also planning similar consolidation projects for data centres and networks. Ottawa Citizen, D1

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INTERNATIONAL

*** GCHQ leaks have 'gifted' terrorists ability to attack 'at will', warns spy chief**
Andrew Parker, the director general of the Security Service, said the exposing of intelligence techniques, by the Guardian newspaper, had given fanatics the ability to evade the spy agencies. It comes at a time when the UK is facing its gravest terror threat, including from "several thousand" Islamist extremists who are living here and want to attack the country, Mr Parker said. The Telegraph

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Chiefs back N.B. shale-gas protesters, warn of further conflict
Native leaders are warning that the violent clash between RCMP and the Elsipogtog First Nation – which last week saw police vehicles torched, rubber bullets fired and rocks thrown – is just the tip of the iceberg.The protest against shale-gas exploration near the village of Rexton, N.B., took place as some aboriginal groups across the country are expressing frustration over being excluded from consultations, especially when it comes to resource development. Last week's incident is galvanizing native groups, which have been sending statements of solidarity to the East-Coast band. (…) Grand Chief Nepinak, like other chiefs, views the situation as more than a fight over provincial resources. It is one that involves the federal government, which has condemned the violent protest and said little else. ***"The right to protest comes with the responsibility to do so peacefully,"*** **Jean-Christophe de Le Rue, a spokesman for Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney**, wrote in response to a request for comment. ***"We condemn the shameful violence that occurred as part of the New Brunswick protest. Canadians expect that those involved will be held accountable to the full extent of the law."*** Grand Chief Nepinak in an interview said he is calling for a first ministers meeting on the issue of the type of resource equity arrangement the federal government is prepared to make with indigenous people. Globe and Mail

Mois de la cybersécurité au Canada
Octobre est le Mois de la cybersécurité partout au pays. Il s'agit d'une initiative inscrite dans le plan

d'action de la Stratégie de cybersécurité du Canada 2010-2015. Cette démarche repose sur trois piliers : sécuriser les systèmes du gouvernement, nouer des partenariats pour protéger les cybersystèmes essentiels à l'extérieur du gouvernement fédéral et aider les Canadiens à se protéger en ligne. ***"J'encourage tous les Canadiens et Canadiennes à prendre un peu de temps ce mois-ci pour apprendre comment mieux se protéger de même que leurs familles",*** a affirmé le **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney.** Les internautes sont invités à consulter la page de la campagne nommée Pensez cybersécurité. De nombreux conseils s'y trouvent afin de protéger son identité en ligne, de préserver ses appareils technologiques (ordinateur, tablette, téléphone intelligent) et d'assurer votre sécurité sur les réseaux sociaux. Le Soleil, Y5

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Fire rages after train cars derail**
Two derailed CN train cars carrying liquefied petroleum gas continued to burn west of Edmonton into Sunday evening, forcing more than 120 people to remain evacuated from their homes. Almost 48 hours after 13 tanker cars derailed early Saturday morning in the tiny hamlet of Gainford, emergency response crews stood more than a kilometre away, waiting for the fires to burn out. Local fire chief Jim Phelan said extinguishing the blaze would only increase risk to the public, causing flammable vapour to "flow out from the crash site until it finds an ignition source and starts burning again." "The only viable solution right now is to let it flare," he said from Gainford, 85 kilometres west of Edmonton. With emergency officials warning residents that they may be required to stay away from their homes until Tuesday, a CN Rail executive apologized in a news conference Saturday, saying, "I know how much this has disrupted your lives." No one was injured in the incident, which comes three months after a train carrying crude oil derailed and exploded in Lac-Mégantic, Que., killing 47 people. But a CN spokesman said any comparisons to the deadly Quebec derailment in July are "extremely unfair." The cause of Saturday's derailment was still unknown as of Sunday, CN said. The mishap occurred two days after residents in the Alberta community of Sexsmith were forced from their homes when four CN rail cars carrying anhydrous ammonia left the rails. That followed the derailment of 17 CN rail cars, some carrying petroleum, ethanol and chemicals, in western Saskatchewan on Sept. 25. No injuries were reported in any of the incidents. National Post, A1; CBC News; CTV News; Globe and Mail; Toronto Sun; Global News; Bloomberg News; Le Devoir; Le Journal de Montréal

*** Limits on building may be best flood control plan, expert says**
A majority of Albertans support a plan to spend an estimated $830 million on berms and diversion channels in an effort to protect Calgary and High River against future flooding. While a recent Calgary Herald poll found 62 per cent of residents favoured the project, one of the country's most respected experts on rising rivers cautions the province needs to better understand the 2013 disaster and the true risk of a repeat event before it commits to construction. The government's expert advisory panel is proposing five 50-metre high earthen berms on the headwaters of Elbow and Highwood Rivers and two water diversions - a six-kilometre canal around High River and a massive five-kilometre-long storm sewer that would travel beneath Calgary - be built over the next three years. But Ed Watt, professor emeritus of civil engineering at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., and author of the definitive text on the hydrology of floods in Canada, said it may be cheaper to restrict development in risky areas. Edmonton Journal, A8

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Le nombre de passeports perdus et volés monte en fleche
Le nombre de passeports canadiens qui sont déclarés volés ou perdus a continué d'augmenter au cours des dernières années. Depuis 2008, la hausse a atteint 40 %, indiquent des documents obtenus grâce à des demandes d'accès à l'information. (...)Déjà en 2009, La Presse révélait que le nombre de passeports perdus ou volés avait presque quadruplé depuis 2003. Le problème persiste: en 10 ans, le nombre de passeports perdus ou volés est passé de 12 134 à plus de 65 000 (plus de 400 %), selon les statistiques

pour 2011 et 2012. Les données pour 2013 montrent une tendance similaire. Questionné à ce sujet, Passeport Canada maintient qu'environ 55 000 passeports sont perdus ou volés chaque année. A plusieurs reprises, La Presse a tenté de parler à un représentant de Passeport Canada afin de savoir si cette situation inquiète l'organisme. Passeport Canada s'est contenté de réponses par courriel voulant que "la proportion des passeports déclarés perdus ou volés par rapport à l'ensemble des passeports canadiens valides en circulation est demeurée relativement stable d'une année à l'autre (environ 0,3 %) ". "Ça demeure une problématique importante dans la mesure où le système canadien a une bonne réputation, le passeport canadien est recherché par les organisations criminelles et terroristes, car c'est un document qui voyage bien", croit Michel Juneau-Katsuya, ancien agent au Service canadien du renseignement de sécurité (SCRS) et expert en matière de sécurité internationale. Le Nouveliste, 40 (Le Quotidien, La Presse, La Voix de l'Est, Le Soleil)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** "Roundtable Discussion on Solidarity City"**
QPIRG McGill and SSMU co-hosted a roundtable discussion on Montreal's Solidarity City declaration, presented by migrant justice network Solidarity Across Borders. Dozens of public service organizations across Montreal have signed the declaration in an effort to make basic resources such as education, food, and housing accessible to non-status migrants. At the roundtable discussion, representatives from various public service organizations were present to share their successes and to discuss the challenges they have faced in implementing the declaration. The shortage of available social housing for Quebec residents has made the government reluctant to expand the list of people who qualify for public housing, leaving many who are non-status homeless. Shelters have had issues with the Canadian Border Services Agency raiding and subsequently deporting paperless immigrants. The declaration, for both social housing agencies and shelters, has been extraordinarily difficult to implement, as the struggle for increased accessible living is being waged at all levels of government. McGill Daily

*** Canada Immigration: 2 Nigerian students ordered deportation leave voluntarily**
After almost a year of hiding, two Nigerian students have voluntarily left Canada on Friday, the officials at the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) revealed. "They have voluntary given themselves over to CBSA," Kay Adebogun, Senior Immigration Counsel, in Regina said. "We salute their courage, braveness and struggle," he added. Victoria Ordu and Favour Amadi, the students at the University of Regina, were under a deportation order. They took refuge in four different city churches and constantly got the help of friends. However, after nearly 500 days of seeking refuge and learning they would be forced to leave the country, the duo boarded a plane in Regina on Friday. Live Punjab

Des indices qui trahissent
Un regard fuyant, une quantité démesurée d'Imodium, des vêtements anormalement larges ou une attitude louche: malgré l'ingéniosité des passeurs de drogues, certains signes révélateurs ne trompent pas. Aux frontières, les douaniers doivent constamment rester à l'affût. De simples petits indices peuvent trahir ceux qui tentent de faire passer incognito de la drogue au pays…Donc, très souvent, les passeurs de drogues se trahissent eux-mêmes par leur façon d'agir. «Tout est dans le comportement, indique un ancien douanier, sous le couvert de l'anonymat. Dès que leurs explications ne fonctionnent pas, on les fouille.» La même règle s'applique qu'il s'agisse d'un colis livré par la poste ou d'un contrôle de valise ou de conteneur au port de Montréal. «Dès qu'on voit quelque chose d'anormal, on vérifie», indique Angelo De Riggi, de l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC)… Et malgré les efforts déployés par les douaniers dans les ports, les aéroports, aux services des postes ou aux frontières terrestres, une importante quantité de drogue échappe encore aux contrôles des douanes. Selon certains experts, c'est en raison de la grande quantité de conteneurs qui transigent par le port de Montréal. «Les conteneurs y arrivent à coup de 5000 à la fois. C'est impossible de tout vérifier», indique Luc Chicoine de la GRC. Journal de Montreal (Journal de Quebec)

'Most wanted' man granted a new detention review

The Federal Court has ordered a new detention hearing for one of Canada's "most wanted" men after finding government officials deliberately withheld information that could have led to his release. Arshad Muhammad was among 30 men on former immigration minister Jason Kenney's highly publicized "Most Wanted" list released in the summer of 2011. The Pakistani man has been held in detention since he was arrested shortly after the government launched a website listing the alleged foreign criminals and posting their photos online. Muhammad came to Toronto as a refugee in 1999 and went underground in 2003 after exhausting all legal means to remain here. He was described as having links to an Islamist group involved in terrorist attacks against Pakistan. Yet in October 2011, after his arrest, he received a positive pre-removal risk assessment (PRRA) from Canada Border Services Agency, which deemed his life would be at risk if returned to his homeland because of the publicity over the government's most-wanted list. Although the immigration minister has the ultimate say in any risk assessment, a positive PRRA is an important factor for adjudicators to decide if a detainee should be released with conditions, because it usually indicates slim prospects of removal from Canada. Toronto Star, GT1

Business travellers on the fast track
After years of discussion, Canadian business officials may finally have the expedited access into the economies of APEC they are looking for. Earlier this month, during his visit to the Indonesian island of Bali for the latest APEC conference, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced Canada is launching its pilot project to introduce the APEC Business Travel Card domestically. The card, which is somewhat similar to a NEXUS card, allows for quicker entry into APEC membership countries, which means less hassle and waiting times for frequent business travellers who often hop from one nation to another. According to Ottawa, the pilot program will begin this winter and will only be open to Canadians who are already members of NEXUS and have business activities in the APEC region. The pre-approved cardholders can then gain multiple short-term entries into APEC markets and enjoy fast-track lanes at APEC-member airports for entry. Vancouver Sun, C10

CETA is a big win for Harper, Tories
A free trade deal linking Canada and Europe, even in the absence of a final text, is a historic win for the federal Conservative party and for Prime Minister Stephen Harper personally. It could not have come at a better time, from a Tory political perspective. Nevertheless it may not be enough to get the governing party re-elected in two years' time. The reason is Canada's newly monochromatic political culture, in which everyone agrees, more or less, about everything that matters. It has been intriguing to observe the shakeout since Friday, when the Harper government unveiled details of its Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, which represents the culmination of every argument Conservatives like to make about their brand. In a nutshell, most everyone's happy with the deal. Granted, Unifor, the country's largest trade union, is disgruntled; left-leaning website rabble.ca is displeased; the Council of Canadians is concerned. In the nether regions of Twitter, the tinfoil helmet set is girding for war. (...) But Turner lost. North American free trade arrived and Canada flourished. Between 1993 and 2008, Canadian merchandise exports to the U.S. grew at a compounded annual rate of more than six per cent, while the value of twoway trade in services more than doubled, creating some four million net new jobs, according to federal government data. And the country's identity is stronger now than ever. Postmedia News (Vancouver Sun, Leader-Post, Calgary Herald, Windsor Star, National Post, Edmonton Journal, Ottawa Citizen); Canadian Press (Calgary Herald, Star Phoenix, Montreal Gazette); QMI Agency (Winnipeg Sun, Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun, London Free Press, Edmonton Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard); * Globe and Mail

Fundraiser for Jaysen brings cash, plea to help foreign workers
The fundraiser held on Saturday for a Red Deer shooting victim raised $3,000 and a plea on behalf of the thousands of people who come from other countries to work in Alberta. Jaysen Arancon Reyes, 26, is still being treated in the Calgary Foothills Hospital for shotgun wounds he took to his face and hand during an armed robbery at the West Park Fas Gas, where he was working alone late on the night of Sept. 11. Reyes had arrived from the Philippines just weeks earlier under a federal program that enables Canadian employers to hire temporary foreign workers for jobs that cannot be filled locally. The same store was robbed again less that two weeks later and, in a separate incident, another worker from the Philippines was stabbed in the stomach during a robbery at an Okotoks Fas Gas on Sept. 22. Parkland Fuel Corp., the Red Deer-based company that owns Fas Gas service stations and convenience stores, has already

committed to reviewing its worker safety practices. Migrante Alberta, the non-government organization that organized Saturday's fundraiser, is asking the province to make it mandatory that people work in pairs on late and overnight shifts, spokesman Marco Luciano said during the fundraiser, held at the Hub on Saturday afternoon. While those issues are being dealt with, Migrante Alberta says members of the public as well as the thousands of temporary workers being brought to Canada need a better understanding of the big picture. That picture includes the abuses many workers suffer because they are unaware of the protections available to them, Luciano said during a discussion held after viewing a documentary focussing on temporary foreign workers in Canada. Montreal filmmakers Marie Boti and Malcolm Guy, supported by provincial and federal grants, created The End of Immigration? to give an overview of various aspects of the program, including interviews with employers, government officials, non-government agencies and workers. Red Deer Advocate, A1

Des producteurs fromagers inquiets

"On a troqué le boeuf de l'Ouest pour le fromage du Québec", a résumé, amer, Hugues Ouellet, propriétaire de la Fromagerie des Cantons à Farnham. L'homme d'affaires, comme d'autres producteurs, ne cache pas son inquiétude quant à l'arrivée massive de fromages fins de l'Europe, conséquence directe de l'accord de libre-échange signé avec l'Union européenne. "Ce que je trouve dommage, c'est qu'on a travaillé très fort pour augmenter la popularité des fromages fins, a-t-il déploré. Je ne pense pas qu'on va vendre moins, mais notre croissance va être limitée. La rentabilité que j'imaginais atteindre dans 2 à 5 ans ne sera pas aussi grande que prévu." Après quatre ans de négociations, le Canada et l'Union européenne ont signé vendredi un ambitieux accord de libre-échange qui couvre plusieurs champs d'activités économiques. L'agriculture demeurait le dernier volet qui bloquait l'entente. Le Canada a finalement accepté de doubler le volume de fromages européens qui seront exempts de frais douaniers, à 30 000 tonnes par an. Le gouvernement canadien soutient que l'appétit des consommateurs pour les fromages va augmenter de 8000 tonnes par an. En retour, le pays a obtenu des concessions sur les exportations de porc et de boeuf. La Voix de l'Est, 6

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

*** L'importance d'assurer ses données**

Les risques entourant les cyberattaques, les pertes de données confidentielles à cause d'une brèche dans la sécurité ou d'une erreur humaine à l'interne sont en croissance. L'assurance contre le cyberisque est en croissance aussi, bien que ce ne sont pas tous les assureurs qui entrent dans ce créneau de niche assez jeune dans le monde des assurances. Les entreprises au Canada ne sont pas toutes assurées contre le cyberisque, souligne Alexis Héroux, gestionnaire service client chez la firme de courtage d'assurance BFL CANADA. Le Soleil, Y4,Y5

*** Portrait d'un fraudeur**

Les fraudeurs en ligne sont des «criminels comme les autres» pour les autorités, dont la Sûreté du Québec (SQ). La section des crimes économiques travaille en collaboration avec la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) et son centre antifraude pour mettre le grappin sur ces bandits nouveau genre. Quelles sont les tendances? Qui vous fraude? Les réponses sont imprécises, mais des lieux communs demeurent. Profil d'un cyberfraudeur. Le Soleil, Y6

*** Casse-tête pour les cybercriminels**

Les six grandes banques canadiennes ont investi 7,7 milliards $ en technologie pour l'année 2012. Une bonne part de cette somme va à la sécurité des systèmes informatiques et des services bancaires en ligne, soutient l'Association des banquiers canadiens (ABC). Pour Éric Prud'homme, directeur de l'ABC, ces investissements sont plus nécessaires que jamais, puisque l'utilisation du Web pour effectuer des transactions bancaires est largement adoptée au Canada. Le Soleil, Y8

*** La puce a tout changé**

La fraude par carte de débit est en déclin depuis le virage vers la carte à puce, devenue la norme au Canada en 2007 à la suite d'une décision de l'Association Interac (AI). Mais il reste encore du travail à

faire, puisque 38,5 millions $ ont tout de même été subtilisés en 2012. Le passage à la puce sera complété en 2015 pour l'ensemble des commerces et des guichets au pays. Le Soleil, Y9

*** Des données laissées à l'abandon**
Trop d'entreprises ou de particuliers se débarrassent de leur matériel informatique sans en effacer complètement le contenu. Des données confidentielles peuvent s'y trouver, au grand bonheur des trafiquants d'informations. Robert Gagné, président de Multirecycle, gagne sa vie à détruire des disques durs. Il est aux premières loges pour constater à quel point les entreprises privées - et beaucoup d'organismes gouvernementaux - ne prennent pas les mesures adéquates quand vient le temps de remplacer un parc informatique. Le Soleil, Y10

*** Accompagner ses clients**
Les entreprises de télécommunication doivent non seulement protéger leurs informations à l'interne, mais aussi sécuriser leurs réseaux mis à la disposition des clients. Un double défi de cybersécurité qui nécessite un encadrement serré. Bell possède l'un des plus importants réseaux de téléphonie et d'Internet au pays, sinon le plus gros. La gestion est énorme. Pour se prémunir contre les brèches de sécurité, mais aussi pour éviter d'avoir des clients insatisfaits - que ce soient des particuliers ou des entreprises -, Bell dit s'efforcer d'offrir un suivi constant à ses utilisateurs. Le Soleil, Y12

LAW ENFORCEMENT / APPLICATION DE LA LOI

*** Deux journalistes menacés par des Warriors à Rexton**
L'équipement et les véhicules de deux journalistes ont été saisis par des Warriors à Rexton samedi. David Bell, journaliste pour le réseau CTV, s'apprêtait à effectuer un reportage en direct pour le réseau national. Préparant son intervention pour la télévision près de l'endroit qui a été le théâtre d'échanges musclés entre policiers et opposants au gaz de schiste jeudi, des gens se sont avancés vers lui pour le confronter. «Le direct devait avoir lieu à 11 h. Nous étions proches des voitures incendiées avec la caméra dirigée vers le site des manifestations. A ce moment, une voiture s'est garée pour bloquer notre cadrage. Après, une femme est venue me voir pour dire que nous n'étions pas les bienvenus ici et que nous devions partir», a expliqué à l'Acadie Nouvelle M. Bell... «Ils étaient seulement cinq. Ils ne sont pas représentatifs des autres personnes impliquées dans le mouvement contre le gaz de schiste», a déclaré Mme Brown sur Twitter. Le directeur des nouvelles de la chaîne Global News au Nouveau-Brunswick, Jim Haskins, a confirmé l'information... Une porte-parole de la GRC, l'agente Julie Rogers-Marsh, a indiqué qu'une enquête était en cours. Les véhicules auraient été restitués à leurs propriétaires plus tard après les événements grâce, entre autres, à l'intervention de Susan Levi-Peters, l'ancienne chef de la Première Nation d'Elsipogtog. L'Acadie Nouvelle, 4

*** RCMP lucky blockade didn't end in tragedy, standoff expert says**
An expert in police standoffs says the RCMP is lucky no one was seriously hurt when they stormed a barricade set up by First Nations protesters in eastern New Brunswick. Mike Webster, a psychologist in British Columbia who worked with police forces around the world on crisis management for 30 years, wasn't impressed by what he saw on the news Thursday night, with police pepper spraying and conducting mass arrests while protesters hurled Molotov cocktails and destroyed squad cars. Even RCMP commanders said it was a miracle no one was badly injured. Webster said the New Brunswick Mounties had failed to learn from tragedies during other tense standoffs across North America. "The typical approach to these kinds of conflicts is, 'We'll talk with people first, we'll reason with them, and when that fails, we'll lower the boom on them,'?" Webster said. "That never, ever, ever works. It will always backfire because you're monkeying around with a deep-seated need that all humans have - the need for autonomy and the freedom from threat and coercion." The psychologist speaks from experience, having consulted with authorities during violent standoffs at Waco in Texas, Jordan in Montana and Gustafsen Lake, B.C., among others... In the New Brunswick case, as in others, there was a lot of pressure on police to get rid of the illegal highway blockade on Route 134. The protesters from Elsipogtog First Nation, supported by several warriors, were angry with shale gas exploration in an area they consider their traditional territory and wouldn't budge. SWN Resources then filed an injunction in court

about being cut off from their exploration equipment and asserting that the police hadn't enforced it. Senior RCMP officers said the threat to public safety posed by lethal weapons and escalating tensions at the Rexton blockade forced them to storm the barricade. "This was no longer a peaceful protest, and there was a serious threat to public safety," said RCMP assistant commissioner Roger Brown at a Fredericton news conference on Friday. Brown said the RCMP had worked diligently to try to find a peaceful resolution, but they had to act when they realized weapons were present and that death threats had been made against employees of a security firm working in the area. "As a result, we had no option but to appropriately respond," he said. "It was a very difficult decision." Daily Gleaner (Telegraph-Journal, Times & Transcript)

*** Route 134 camp cleared, burned-out cruisers moved if RCMP grounds surveillance flights: Elsipogtog War Chief**

The remaining encampment along Route 134 that was the scene of a heavily-armed raid Thursday will be dismantled if the RCMP grounds its surveillance aircraft, said Elsipogtog's War Chief John Levi. Levi said stopping the surveillance flights would be an act of good faith and allow people in the community to heal. Levi said he spoke with RCMP officers Sunday who also wanted free passage to remove the burned-out shells of their vehicles torched during Thursday's raid. "I told them, get rid of that plane. We are trying to heal and you are still there poking us with a stick," said Levi. "They are not willing to call off the plane and I told them I am not backing them up on cleaning up their mess. It works both ways, when you negotiate something, you get something." He said he came away frustrated from the meeting, but hoped to convince the police to do the right thing Monday…Assembly of Manitoba Grand Chief Derek Nepinak visited the site late Saturday night and attended the meeting Sunday after participating in a ceremony on the community's Sundance grounds with Sock. The two exchanged gifts and smoked a peace pipe. Nepinak said he suspected there was collusion between the RCMP and Houston-based SWN Resources Canada, which had its vehicles trapped by the encampment. SWN is conducting shale gas exploration in the region. Shale gas is extracted through fracking, a controversial method many believe poses a threat to the environment. "How is it that during this process that the company was able to come in untouched and remove their equipment?" said Nepinak. "There was obviously a degree of collusion." APTN News

*** A rude dismissal of Canada's generosity**

An opinion piece states, "There was a very disturbing confrontation between police and native protestors in New Brunswick on Thursday. It was a violent clash, there were reports of several shots fired, police vehicles were set on fire, explosive devices were found, Molotov cocktails were hurled. All of which will now be bundled up into the usual charges from activists of settler brutality, the iron fist of the colonialists once again turned against peoples. Protests that end up with Molotov cocktails, the torching of police vehicles, improvised explosive devices exposed, and in tense standoffs between mobs of protesters and ranks of police, can only rarely be seen as justified protests at all. Most times they are righteousness on a rampage. They work against any cause for which they are set in motion… From native protestors and spokespeople there is a vigorous resort to current radical jargon - referring to Canadians as colonialist, as settlers, as having a settler's mentality. Though it is awkward to note, there is a play to race in this, a conscious effort to ground all issues in the allegedly unrepentant racism of the "settler community." This is an effort to force-frame every dispute in the tendentious framework of the dubious "oppression studies" and "colonial theory" of latter-day universities. Then there is also an even more deplorable effort to frame the interactions between Canadians and Canada's aboriginal peoples as a genocide - an accusation both illiterate and insulting." National Post

*** Terrorism overdrive**

An editorial states, "Thursday's riot in Rexton, N.B., was an act of eco-terrorism. Terrorism is defined as the use of violence, or the threat of violence, to achieve political objectives. Anti-oil and gas extremists have not been able to stop perfectly legal, perfectly safe seismic trucks from exploring for natural gas in New Brunswick. So if they can't convince Canadians with arguments and facts, perhaps they'll terrorize them into submission. Or maybe even kill them. Why else would the rioters have had a cache of high-power weapons, including enormous stores of bullets, assault weapons, and even Iraq-style IEDs? And these brave "warriors" brought women and children with them. Why? As cannon fodder? As human shields? Let us praise the RCMP, who took out this terrorist encampment and made 40 arrests without the loss of life. They were careful; they took every opportunity to act peacefully, even waiting two weeks

before enforcing a court order. And when their officers moved in, they used only non-lethal force, like bean-bag guns. By contrast, the eco-terrorists responded with gunshots and Molotov cocktails that torched at least five police vehicles. We have seen illegal acts by eco-activists before. But they're usually non-violent -- just industrial sabotage, trespass and break and enter..." Winnipeg Sun

*** Fracking protesters air legitimate concerns**

A letter to the editor, Re: "Cop cars set afire: Molotov cocktails tossed at shale gas protest," Oct. 18., states, "Your depictions of clashes between RCMP and protesters in New Brunswick were deeply disturbing and regrettable. Media outlets have presented various viewpoints and suggestions of guilt; however, misunderstandings of indigenous rights at the root of this conflict have been consistently perpetuated. Most Canadians appear unaware of the legal duty, as affirmed in Section 35 of the Constitution Act and upheld consistently in court (e.g. Haida, Taku River, Mikisew Cree) of government and industry, by proxy, to adequately consult and accommodate aboriginal groups potentially affected by proposed resource development in their territories. This includes not only present-day reserves, but also Crown land used in the past and present for hunting, fishing and other traditional activities. The duty to consult, when properly applied, has resulted in an increasing number of examples of mutually beneficial resource developments in indigenous territories across Canada. However, in this case, the Mi'kmaq of Elsipogtog, supported by Acadian and anglophone allies, have emphatically stated they are not satisfied with the consultation process related to proposed hydraulic fracturing in their territory. Fracking is a controversial practice banned in several countries, that raises legitimate health and ecological concerns which remain inadequately studied. To those who remain dismissive of the protesters' concerns, labelling them hypocritical environmental extremists: Would you allow fracking in your backyard? Just because you are part of a system, doesn't mean you can't stand and speak out to change it for the better." Calgary Herald

*** Attaques contre les peuples autochtones**

Un éditorial déclare "Jeudi 17 octobre, la GRC attaque une barricade de la nation Elsipogtog au Nouveau-Brunswick. Depuis le 29 septembre, elle bloquait l'accès aux véhicules de la compagnie South Western Energy Resources (SNW, Texas), laquelle menait des travaux d'exploration et des tests sismiques sur le territoire micmac, en vue d'y exploiter du gaz de schiste. Depuis l'été dernier, diverses actions contre la compagnie ont été menées par la population locale, entraînant plusieurs arrestations. L'assaut de la GRC contre la barricade a été lancé la veille d'une journée nationale d'action fixée au 18 octobre, et quelques jours après le Jour de Christophe Colomb - jour de célébration de 521 ans de génocide contre les peuples autochtones des Amériques... En réponse, une vague de protestations et d'actions de solidarité s'est répandue à travers le pays le jour même..." Le Devoir

*** 'Vengeance is on his mind' - Reputed Montreal crime boss has Ontario mobsters on the run**

Mobsters in southern Ontario are on the run or hiding out in fear a war with Montreal foes will lead to more murders, a police source says. "They (Ontario mobsters) know there are going to be a couple more murders," the source told QMI Agency. "It's quite an interesting time. "It's a chess game," he added." Everybody's waiting for the Valentine's Day Massacre, but I don't see it." Making themselves scarce are members of a Mafia and 'Ndrangheta co-operative -- with Toronto links -- that attempted to take out the powerful Rizzuto family in Montreal. Disputes within the co-operative ended in deadly violence, allowing reputed Mob boss Vito Rizzuto to muscle his way back into power after his release from prison, Mob experts say. As a result, the source said, police investigators expect there will be more murders in the GTA area of specific 'Ndrangheta members as the Montreal Mob works to strengthen its grip in southern Ontario.... The police source said some southern Ontario Calabrian mobsters haven't been seen for a while and are believed to have gone into hiding, knowing they could be among the next targets. It's also true "there are people lurking in the bushes" waiting for an opportunity to strike against Rizzuto, he added. The attempt to oust Rizzuto by a co-operative of Quebec and Ontario mobsters -- including leader Salvatore "Bambino Boss" Montagna -- that began in 2009 has apparently failed... Rizzuto has money and since his return, numerous mobsters returned to the fold, he said. "His main goal is revenge," Nicaso added. Rizzuto's return has been complicated by the Charbonneau Commission in Quebec delving into corruption into the construction industry. It has raised concerns about infiltration into Ontario. QMI Agency (Edmonton Sun, Calgary Sun)

*** Police forces need to address privacy concerns surrounding drone use**
The RCMP and other Canadian police forces are using aerial drones while public discussion about the rules that should govern them lags. In the last few years, these unmanned aerial vehicles - so-called "eyes in the sky" - have been conscripted for everything from traffic control and tactical surveillance to searching for isolated marijuana grow-ops. RCMP Cpl. Robert McDonald says the force has four units deployed in the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and in the southeast and northern areas of the province… These drones provide police with an incredible new tool - one that can assist in accident reconstructions, provide SWAT teams with live intelligence on potential threats, and supply invaluable support in search and rescue operations over rugged terrain… The U.S. is already using drones for passive surveillance over the border, and the potential to station one over a neighbourhood for crime control only raises more serious Big Brother questions… The use of domestic drones raises numerous legal concerns - for instance, can they be used to collect evidence without a warrant? Conscious of all these pitfalls, the Mounties say they are moving slowly, operating their drones only under strict guidelines - no flying over crowds, near buildings or higher than 175 feet, and have limited surveillance duties to just aerial photography. "I want to emphasize that, first and foremost, these units are not used for surveillance purposes," McDonald insisted. "There is only one exception where they may be considered for use for surveillance and that is where there are exigent circumstances, and that there is an imminent risk to life or safety, that can be alleviated by the use of the UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle). Permission must be obtained from the Criminal Operations Officer." He said the RCMP primarily use drones for aerial photos of collision or major crime scenes, but they can also be used in search-and-rescue operations or to conduct environmental testing such as at an industrial accident scene. Vancouver Sun

*** 'The ultimate sacrifice': Seven peace officers honoured at annual service**
Const. Derek Pineo loved NASCAR racing, camping, fishing, hunting and spending time with his family. Raised in Fall River, Pineo, an RCMP officer, was killed while on the job in Saskatchewan in 2012 when his cruiser hit a moose. The married father of three children, who joined the force in 2007, was 38. He was one of seven peace officers whose names were called during an honour roll Sunday at Halifax Regional Police's 31st annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service, held at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica in Halifax. During the ceremony, the names of the officers, their surviving family members and details of their deaths were read by serving officers… The service is held each year to remember the wildlife conservation, RCMP and municipal police officers from across Canada who have died in the line of duty during the last year and to remember others from past years. It was attended by many off-duty officers, their families and members of the public. Members of Halifax Regional Police, RCMP, Military Police and other arms of the Canadian Forces, Canada Border Services Agency, Nova Scotia municipal police departments and the provincial corrections and justice services attended the ceremony. Chronicle-Herald, A1

Gas protest meeting begins healing process
Hundreds of people gathered at a community hall in New Brunswick to discuss their opposition of the development of a shale gas sector in the province as their protest garnered support from a Manitoba grand chief. Elsipogtog Chief Arren Sock said Sunday's meeting at Elsipogtog First Nation was a chance for people to tell their stories. "It's just part of the healing process and I wanted that to begin," Sock said after the meeting, which drew about 300 community members and protesters and was closed to media. Sock would not say if anything was decided during the meeting on how to proceed with the protest over shale gas exploration. Sock and Grand Chief Derek Nepinak of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs were expected to hold a news conference Monday morning. The protesters want SWN Resources to stop seismic testing and leave the province. The company says it's only in the early stages of exploration in New Brunswick. The protest turned violent on Thursday, when six police vehicles were burned and Molotov cocktails were tossed at police. Officers arrested 40 people, including Sock. Canadian Press (Hamilton Spectator)

Taser policy on right track
An editorial states, "Despite the reputation conducted energy weapons (CEWs) have acquired because of their occasional misuse, the Saskatoon Police Service seems to be taking adequate precautions on how these devices will be used. The police commission was given a brief tutorial last week on how Saskatoon police intend to use the weapons. The commission announced earlier this year that it had approved the

use of CEWs, and the police service has been developing a policy since then to ensure their safe use. Considering that it's a weapon meant to replace the deadly force of a handgun, one might think that any strategy for the use of Tasers would save lives automatically. But the experience of police forces around the world seemed to indicate that might not necessarily be the case. The very public killing at the Vancouver airport of a confused, frustrated and angry Robert Dziekanski by RCMP officers using a conducted energy device - and the twists and turns of that story as more information leaked out - caused police services across Canada to have second thoughts about the devices. The public justifiably became increasingly concerned that the weapon was not being used as a last resort before lethal force, but as a come-along tool or even to mete out street justice. This impression was reinforced at times by justifications used by police services, including the RCMP until it changed its policy under pressure." StarPhoenix, A6

Matters inquest extended due to conflicting accounts
One of the few facts not in dispute in the death of former Canadian peacekeeper Greg Matters is that he died on the ground at his farm, shot in the back by one of the heavily armed members of the RCMP emergency response team sent to arrest him on a charge of assaulting his brother. A coroner's inquest into his death was supposed to take one week, then stretched into two, and now will continue at the end of January as jury members grapple with conflicting accounts surrounding the shooting of Matters, 40, an ex-soldier in treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder. Already, B.C.'s Independent Investigations Office, called on its very first day in operation to the rural property Matters shared with his mother near Prince George, says it may issue a supplemental report after revelations at the inquest that the former soldier was shot in the back, contrary to the report that cleared the officers involved of criminal wrongdoing. That report said unequivocally that Matters was shot in the chest... Court said IIO officers received a copy of an autopsy report that listed the cause of death as "gunshot wounds to chest." Matters' mother and grieving loved ones question the account of police officers involved in the shooting, and the family's lawyer made it clear at the inquest that they would like the jury to recommend video-or audio-recording of such police actions. Canadian Press (The Province)

The big rig gig: Stealing trucks is a low-risk crime on the rise
On a cool weekend earlier this fall, someone sneaked into a gated truck yard west of Hamilton and drove off with a tractor trailer, stealing its load of 18 tonnes of frozen beef from Texas. The theft generated some brief news items and social-media jokes about barbecue maniacs needing Flintstone-style servings of meat. But the reality is that there is no shortage of people willing to buy discounted meat from a dubious source. Or electronics. Or liquor and tobacco. Or even diapers. Theft of truck cargo is a low-profile crime that nevertheless costs the freight industry millions or even billions of dollars a year, as organized criminal gangs roam transportation hubs and look for rigs left unattended at industrial yards, security experts say. "For criminals, it's a low-risk, high-reward activity," said Greg St. Croix, national transportation risk focus leader at the insurance broker Marsh Canada Ltd. "Very little jail time is ever given to somebody convicted of cargo theft."... Some police forces, such as those of Peel and York regions near Toronto, have specialized cargo-theft units. But other forces don't see the usually non-violent incidents as a priority, leaving it up to carriers and insurers to devise ways to protect their shipments, either by using tracking devices or training drivers. Globe and Mail, A1

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*** Bank robber, B.C. writer wins book award for work of non-fiction**
His tales of battling addiction, the painful struggle of prison life and the separation from friends and family have earned one of Canada's most notorious bank robbers a literary prize worth $5,000. Stephen Reid was a member of the so-called Stopwatch Gang, which hauled in $15 million while robbing some 100 banks in Canada and the United States during the 1970s and '80s. He is currently serving an 18-year sentence at the William Head Institution on southern Vancouver Island for a 1999 bank robbery and shootout with police in Victoria. Last March the Parole Board of Canada granted him day parole, allowing him to attend a substance-abuse program. Musgrave said Reid was issued an eight-week pass but is now back in custody and must re-apply for parole. Canadian Press (Daily Gleaner)

Former Hells Angel putting criminal past behind him

An opinion piece states, “Two men whose ascensions within the Hells Angels were remarkably similar more than a decade ago found themselves on very different paths this year. Normand Robitaille and René Charlebois both started out at the lowest level of Maurice (Mom) Boucher's vast drug trafficking network in the mid-1990s. But as Boucher, the founder of an elite Hells Angels chapter called the Nomads, waged war with rival gangs both Robitaille and Charlebois prospered within the group, impressing the gang to the point they were both made full-patch members by 2000. Both were arrested in Operation Springtime 2001, a lengthy investigation into Boucher's network that resulted in the arrest of more than 40 people in 2001. Both Robitaille and Charlebois ended up with lengthy prison terms. As each man served their respective sentences they apparently made very different choices concerning their future and, in 2013, their lives no longer shared similarities. Robitaille, 45, is serving a 17-year sentence after he pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit murder, drug trafficking and participation in the activities of a criminal organization. He currently has permission to attend courses at a Montreal business school. He was granted permission to unescorted leaves in January and, according to summary of a recent Parole Board of Canada decision, Robitaille has attended classes all year without incident and has shown no signs that he is a flight risk…” Montreal Gazette, A6

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

*** De l'ONU à Janette**

Selon un rapporteur spécial de l'ONU, le Canada est confronté à une véritable crise en raison de la piètre condition de vie des peuples autochtones. La semaine dernière, James Anaya a notamment recommandé pour la seconde fois au gouvernement fédéral de créer une commission d'enquête nationale sur un phénomène troublant. Depuis 20 ans, plus de 600 femmes autochtones ont disparu sans laisser la moindre trace, possiblement assassinées. Ottawa a jusqu'ici fait la sourde oreille. Nous l'avons déjà écrit, le gouvernement de Stephen Harper fait preuve d'une monstrueuse insensibilité à l'endroit des peuples autochtones. Dès le lendemain de son élection, celui-ci s'empressait de rejeter une entente paraphée par le gouvernement précédent. Celleci prévoyait le versement de 600 M$ et l'adoption d'un plan d'action avec reddition de comptes. Le mois dernier, Ottawa a de nouveau ignoré une demande du Conseil des droits de l'homme des Nations-Unies concernant une commission d'enquête sur les femmes autochtones disparues. Au mieux, il a accepté de créer un comité spécial des Communes, dissous quelques jours plus tard avec la prorogation de la session. La Tribune, 12

Many Nova Scotians were stunned to learn the knife attack on Scott Jones, 27, of New Glasgow, on Oct. 12 allegedly...

Many Nova Scotians were stunned to learn the knife attack on Scott Jones, 27, of New Glasgow, on Oct. 12 allegedly arose from homophobia. Jones, a gay man, survived but the vicious stabbing left him paralyzed. Shane Edward Matheson, 19, of Trenton has been charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault and possession of a dangerous weapon. Hate crimes can be very difficult to measure and therefore study. When you see a particular hate crime statistic for a certain location or city, it can be hard to know exactly what that statistic means. Unfortunately, the problems in establishing how many hate crimes actually take place and whether or not a specific crime is a hate crime, makes it difficult to study hate crimes, and particularly difficult to study the perpetrators of hate crimes, as many go undetected or do not end up being convicted. These numbers become drastically higher when we look at trans men and trans women. We also know that hate crimes and discrimination in general lead to what is called "minority stress" in LGBTQ individuals. Being concerned about hate crimes can lead to hyper-vigilance or anxiety. Being the victim of a hate crime can lead to post-traumatic stress disorder and constantly being on guard or monitoring one's activity, and identity can lead to increased levels of stress, which can have long-term implications for mental and physical health. Chronicle-Herald, A2

Tories set to give victims a louder voice in legal system

The Conservative government is seeking to give victims of crime a more active role in the legal process. A bill will be put forward this fall that extends victim involvement "from the time of the offence to the final disposition of the sentence," Justice Minister Peter MacKay said in an exclusive interview with The Globe and Mail. A new victims' bill of rights would attempt to include them "at all levels and at all points in the process." It would put "victims in a better place, their more rightful place, which is at the heart of the system," he said. "They're not just another Crown witness. They want a more effective voice." In another break with Canadian law, at least since Canada abolished capital punishment in 1976, is a proposed punishment of life behind bars, which Mr. MacKay says would be reserved for the "very high end of the worst offenders in society." Life without parole is in place in 49 states - Alaska doesn't have it - and in federal jurisdiction in the United States. Nearly 50,000 prisoners are serving this sentence in that country, including nearly 2,000 sentenced as juveniles. Globe and Mail, A1

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Vigil marks anniversary of Ashley Smith's death
A small group of people marked the sixth anniversary of the death of Ashley Smith with a candlelight vigil in downtown Kitchener Sunday night. Smith, 19, died in her segregation cell at Kitchener's Grand Valley Institution for Women on Oct. 19, 2007. Guards were under orders to stay out of her cell unless she was in clear medical distress and were often disciplined for acting too quickly to intervene in her frequent incidents of self-harm. "We come together for our annual vigil to remember the tragedy of a life lost to the violence of our institutions, and as we mourn, we are also tasked, as a community, with seeking fundamental changes to our society," stated Shannon Balla of the We Remember Ashley Smith campaign in a news release. An inquest into Smith's death is underway in Toronto. Last week, Canada's top correctional official said improvements have been made in the six years since Smith's death but admitted that significant gaps remain in the treatment of mentally ill prisoners. Waterloo Region Record, B2

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

Tories reverse plans to hold back pay
The Conservative government is giving up plans to claw back four per cent of public servants' paycheques next year as it moves to a modernized pay system. Treasury Board President Tony Clement said the government reversed the decision when it was brought to his attention that Public Works and Government Services Canada, the federal paymaster and receivergeneral, wanted to recover two weeks' pay from every public servant's paycheque for 2014 beginning in January. "When it came to our attention, this government did what was fair and reasonable for its employees," said Clement in an email. (…) Robyn Benson, president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, said that would have been hard for many public servants, especially for those who live from paycheque to paycheque. A mid-level clerk would lose $74 on every biweekly paycheque and a higher-paid IT worker would lose about $150 a paycheque. "Pay in arrears was going to be a financial hardship for people working if they had to take money off their paycheques next year. They were forced to make choices like between food and rent and that's just wrong," said Benson. Postmedia News (Ottawa Citizen, Vancouver Sun)

*** Economists need help with writing**
An internal report card says the Bank of Canada's economists don't write too good. (…) The Canadian Press recently obtained a largely uncensored copy of the audit under the Access to Information Act. Last year, the central bank provided only a redacted copy, in which all references to the economists' weak writing were deleted. But after a complaint to the information commissioner of Canada and a subsequent year-long investigation, the Bank of Canada relented and delivered a mostly intact copy of the March 2012 document. The audit otherwise praises the work of the so-called "Current Analysis" section of the central bank. (…) Federal government policy requires bureaucrats to speak plainly to the public. "Messages should convey information relevant to public needs, use plain language and be expressed in a

clear and consistent style," says a policy document from the Treasury Board. Public servants are also urged to speak to one another using plain language. Over the years, various departments have launched plain-language initiatives for the benefit of bureaucrats or the public, including the Canada Revenue Agency, Public Works, and Human Resources and Skills Development. Health Canada is the latest, with a project to compel drug manufacturers and health products firms to use plain language in labelling. Times&Transcript, C2

*** Policy skills at risk, observer fears**

There are not a lot of policy ideas floating around Ottawa these days because cabinet ministers don't ask for any and public servants may not be offering them. As Mel Cappe, one of Canada's former top bureaucrats puts it, there is a "supply and demand" problem for ideas in public policy. On the supply side, there is a shrinking number of smart policy analysts and researchers in the public service. That's exacerbated on the demand side, where ministers are not asking for evidence or advice. And to use the analogy of the free market further, Cappe argues the policy role of Canada's public service is in a deep "secular decline" to which he sees no end in sight. "Ideology doesn't need analysis, and if you have the answers you don't need questions, and that's where we are these days," said Cappe, a longtime deputy minister and former clerk of the Privy Council Office. (...) By the 1990s, the Liberals' massive program review eliminated entire policy shops. After the downsizing, then-PCO Clerk Jocelyne Bourgon tried to restore policy capacity by creating the Policy Research Initiative. Successive clerks similarly tried to rebuild policy capacity out of discretionary spending. The fear is the Conservative government's call in the throne speech for further spending cuts in operations will bring more policy cuts. The public service still runs several elite recruitment programs for policy analysts, such as one at Finance Canada, the accelerated economists program and the Recruitment of Policy Leaders, which are aimed at finding top talent in all disciplines for fast-tracking to senior policy jobs. Ottawa Citizen, A1

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*** Comment la NSA espionne la France**

Selon les documents de l'Agence nationale de sécurité (NSA) obtenus par Le Monde, les communications téléphoniques des citoyens français sont, en effet, interceptées de façon massive. Ces pièces, dévoilées en juin par l'ex-consultant de l'agence, Edward Snowden, décrivent les techniques utilisées pour capter illégalement les secrets ou la simple vie privée des Français. Certains éléments ont été évoqués par l'hebdomadaire allemand Der Spiegel et le quotidien britannique The Guardian. D'autres sont inédits. Parmi les milliers de documents soustraits à la NSA par son ex-employé figure un graphique qui décrit l'ampleur des surveillances téléphoniques réalisées en France. On constate que sur une période de trente jours, du 10 décembre 2012 au 8 janvier 2013, 70,3 millions d'enregistrements de données téléphoniques des Français ont été effectués par la NSA. Le Monde

*** La NSA aurait eu accès aux mails de l'ancien président mexicain**

La NSA, l'agence de sécurité nationale américaine, aurait réussi il y a quelques années à pirater l'e-mail de l'ancien président mexicain Felipe Calderon, révèle le Spiegel dimanche 20 octobre. En accédant ainsi au compte mail de l'ancien président ainsi qu'à ceux de plusieurs collaborateurs de son cabinet, l'agence de renseignements aurait eu connaissance d'informations liées à la diplomatie, à l'économie ou à la vie politique mexicaine. Le Monde

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Thoughtless words
An opinion piece states: "So, let me try to understand. According to **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney's** brilliant spokesman (Oct. 19 Leader-Post), the return of the two Nigerian University of Regina students to their homeland, after ongoing harassment for almost two years, ensures that "our government will not compromise on the integrity of our immigration system". What a thoughtless and misleading statement by a senior bureaucrat at a time when there are literally hundreds of hard-core and potentially dangerous illegal aliens within our country that the immigration department has lost track of. It seems the word "integrity" to the minister and his spokesman has taken on a whole new meaning. Now, if these same self-righteous bureaucrats and elected officials who occupy the halls of justice in Ottawa could only learn and truly understand the meaning of "credibility" and "compassion", we would all be better served. I guess it's just hard to fix "stupid"." Leader-Post A6

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*** Déraillement – Alberta**
Il est trop tôt pour que les résidents de Gainford évacués depuis samedi en raison du déraillement d'un convoi pétrolier regagnent leur demeure, a affirmé lundi un porte-parole du Canadien National. La compagnie ferroviaire espérait que l'incendie serait maîtrisé dimanche, annulant les risques d'explosion du gaz propane contenu dans certains wagons-citernes, rapporte Warren Chandler. Mais une certaine quantité de propane n'avait pas encore brûlé lundi. Le Devoir, A4; CBC News; The Guardian; Chronicle-Herald; Calgary Sun; Globe and Mail

*** 'We can do better,' says Transport minister**
Transport Minister Lisa Raitt says the federal government is pursuing efforts to improve rail safety following the latest disaster involving a train carrying dangerous goods. Raitt's comments also coincide with a new report to be released Tuesday by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives that blames deregulation and poor corporate oversight for weakening rail safety in the years leading up to the Quebec disaster. The report, by the centre's executive director Bruce Campbell, says the deregulation started 30 years ago under the previous Liberal government in the face of pressure from industry, and that it culminated with a 2012 order from Prime Minister Stephen Harper's cabinet that favoured self-regulation by industry and would require federal departments to eliminate one regulation in order to introduce any new rule. Raitt noted that the federal government has introduced numerous emergency safety measures after the Lac-Mégantic disaster, on top of $100 million in rail safety investments in recent years. Vancouver Sun, B1

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Qur'an-observing lawyer hard for suspect to find
It's unlikely a man accused of plotting to attack a Via Rail passenger train will be able to find a lawyer willing to follow the Qur'an rather than the Criminal Code, a prosecutor said Monday. The comment came during a brief hearing for Chiheb Esseghaier to set a date for judicial pre-trial. Crown lawyer Croft Michaelson told Ontario Superior Court Justice Ian Nordheimer that Esseghaier, 31, is a "selfrepresented accused" as a result of his insistence on retaining a lawyer willing to follow the Qur'an. (…) Jaser, 35, a permanent resident of Palestinian descent who lives in Toronto, faces four charges, including conspiracy to murder for the benefit of a terrorist group. Esseghaier, a Tunisian national doing doctoral research on nanosensors in Quebec, is facing five charges, including participating in a terrorist group. They were arrested in April and accused of plotting to attack a train from New York City to Ontario. Police have called it Canada's "first known al-Qaida plan of attack." At a previous hearing, the Crown announced it would proceed by way of a direct indictment, avoiding a preliminary trial. Canadian Press (Windsor Star, Leader-Post, Calgary Herald, Ottawa Citizen, Edmonton Journal, Montreal Gazette, Cambridge Times, Global Post, CTV News); QMI Agency (London Free Press, Sun News Network, Cornwall Standard-Freeholder); * International Business Times

Complot visant Via
Il est peu probable qu'un des hommes accusés du complot terroriste visant un train de passagers de VIA Rail puisse trouver un avocat capable de le défendre en vertu du Coran plutôt que du Code criminel, a estimé hier un procureur de la Couronne. Lors d'une brève audience à Toronto, hier matin, pour fixer la date de la phase préliminaire au procès de Chiheb Esseghaier, le procureur Croft Michaelson a dit au juge Ian Nordheimer, de la Cour supérieure de l'Ontario, que l'accusé, un Torontois de 31 ans, se représenterait lui-même s'il persistait à vouloir retenir les services d'un avocat qui devra plaider sur la base du Coran. Les chances qu'il déniche un tel avocat pour le représenter sont "plutôt minces", a affirmé Me Michaelson. La phase préliminaire au procès avec son coaccusé Raed Jaser a été fixée au 9 décembre, et se déroulera à huis clos. Le Droit 18

*** Steinitz to Canadian PM: Use your influence on West to stop Iran's nuclear program**

Intelligence Minister Yuval Steinitz urged Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper to exercise his influence on ally governments with regard to lifting sanctions on Iran before their nuclear program is completely nullified. “Canada is very influential and can exercise its influence elsewhere – in Europe, in China, in America, in Russia, and elsewhere. It’s very important," he told Canadian daily Globe and Mail in an interview published on Sunday. During a trip to North American where he is scheduled to meet with Canadian and American officials, Steinitz also told Harper that Iran's uranium enrichment capability must cease, and that pressure is the only way to achieve that. (…) He also told the Canadian newspaper that Israel is a “democratic, reliable, trustable state” and it’s “Iran that is threatening Israel’s existence, and not vice versa.” Steinitz added that Iran is attempting to save their economy as well as their nuclear project, regardless of pressure, and Western governments should not allow this. The Jerusalem Post; Canadian Jewish News (21/10/2013)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Man allegedly caught with large cache of prohibited weapons at border
Border officers have arrested an Arizona man for allegedly trying to bring prohibited weapons into Canada. Lisa White with the Canada Border Services Agency says earlier this month a man was trying to get into Canada at the Coutts border crossing in Alberta. Officer discovered a blowgun, push dagger, pepper spray, and 10 overcapacity magazines. Glenn Winningham Fearn, who is 57, is scheduled to appear in Lethbridge provincial court Nov. 19. He is facing four charges under the Criminal Code and five Customs Act charges. Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate); QMI Agency (Calgary Sun); Calgary Herald

Ottawa launches business incubator visa
The federal government is expanding its new startup visa program for immigrant entrepreneurs even though it has yet to issue a single visa since the program launched six months ago. Immigration Minister Chris Alexander announced Monday a new business incubator immigration stream to complement existing venture capital and angel investor streams. As part of the program, entrepreneurs seeking permanent residency in Canada must first gain the support of an angel investor group, venture capital fund or new business incubator before they can apply for the startup visa. The backers are supposed to provide seed money and mentorship to fledgling companies in order to help them attract investors and grow their startups into sustainable businesses that can create jobs in Canada. They'll sometimes receive equity or a stake in the company in return. "By linking immigrant entrepreneurs with investors and business incubators who have expertise working with startups, we believe this program will address many of the challenges immigrant entrepreneurs typically faced in the past," Alexander said in a speech at the Canadian Association of Business Incubation's annual conference in Toronto. "Many immigrants to Canada are unfamiliar with Canada's business environment when they first arrive. A lack of credit history in Canada or access to Canadian social and professional networks can also pose barriers for a foreign entrepreneur." Postmedia News (Vancouver Sun, Calgary Herald, Star Phoenix, Edmonton Journal); Globe and Mail

Black Friday campaign planned for GTA stores
Small GTA businesses, in a campaign led by Yellow Pages Group, are gearing up for Black Friday by encouraging consumers to shop local. Shop The Neighbourhood - endorsed by Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath and Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak - was launched Monday. "A lot of people don't necessarily realize the importance of the dollar spent locally," said François Ramsay, senior vice-president, corporate affairs for Yellow Pages Group. "It supports small businesses that make up the fabric of our community." The Friday after the American Thanksgiving has long been big business in the U.S., as retailers offer giant discounts to lure consumers in the countdown to Christmas. Since the Canadian dollar achieved parity with the U.S. dollar in 2007, Canadians have been streaming across the border to take advantage of Black Friday deals. Canadian retailers have countered by offering more deals at home the same day. Last year Canadian Tire, Walmart, Sears and the Bay held Black Friday sales, and malls offered extended shopping hours. Yellow Pages is hoping the Shop The Neighbourhood campaign, with local businesses offering deals and savings exclusive to Nov. 30, will keep more money within the GTA. Numerous business-improvement associations have already

signed up, among Bloor West Village, Brampton, Danforth Village, the Beach, Danforth and Downtown Oakville. Toronto Star, B2

DRIC a finalist for infrastructure award
The Detroit River International Crossing has been announced as a finalist for North American Project of the Year by strategic infrastructure firm CG/LA Infrastructure. The $2-billion project is among three projects nominated in the Job/Opportunity Project of the Year category. The others are a rapid bridge replacement program by the Pennsylvania Department of Transport and the Sepulveda Pass Transit Corridor by the Los Angeles Metro. The category singles out the project that will create the greatest number of jobs and/or businesses over the lifetime of the project. The projects are all planned to begin within three to eighteen months. "Project of the Year awards recognize the upcoming groundbreaking infrastructure initiatives of the year and the creativity and ingenuity of those leaders who make them happen," said CG/LA Infrastructure President and CEO Norman Anderson. "The Detroit River International Crossing is among the top projects that will help to improve North American competitiveness for the next 10 to 20 years." The announcement of the winners will take place on Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. at the fifth annual Strategic Infrastructure Forum in Washington, D.C. Transport Canada director-general of major bridge projects Marc Brazeau will be in attendance. Windsor Star

EU trade deal to help Canadian ports
Canada's new trade deal with the EU will eventually help eastern ports expand their business with Europe, but won't reverse what has been a momentum swing to Asia, experts said Monday. Port of Halifax CEO Karen Oldfield said the recently negotiated Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement will "jet propel" existing trade with Europe without undercutting trade with other global regions. "I don't think it will shift the pendulum back necessarily," she said in an interview. "I think it will just grow the pie to an even bigger pie." European trade represented 38 per cent of the east coast port's business last year, the second-largest destination behind Asia and triple the activity with Latin America and the Caribbean. More than 416,000 containers passed through the port in 2012, of which 52 per cent were exports. The port's top five exports are newsprint and paper, wood pulp, manufactured goods, seafood and vegetables. She said reducing and eliminating tariffs on many products will grow European exports, helping companies that sell products including locomotive engines, automotive parts, seafood, minerals and soy beans. Oldfield points to $115 billion worth of large-scale capital projects such as an underground mine in Voisey's Bay, and P.E.I. soybeans. "It will make it much more advantageous for Canadian companies to be looking at Europe versus say what many Canadian companies do today, which is just look south of the border, exporting into the United States." North America's closest deep water port to Europe has all the infrastructure in place but Oldfield said Canadian officials will have to work on trade missions to educate the European public about the agreement. Canadian Press (The Telegram, Chronicle-Herald, Red Deer Advocate); La Presse (Le Nouvelliste); Presse Canadienne (La Tribune); Whitehorse Daily Star

Target tariffs that inflate dairy prices
In the recent throne speech, the federal government announced a variety of initiatives but the one that drew much attention was its ostensible consumer-friendly tack. On some consumer issues, the Conservative government has the right instincts, promoting competition within the cellphone sector for example, even if its approach to the upcoming wireless spectrum auction is flawed. A more necessary, but ignored, reform in the dairy sector would allow open competition across the Canada-U.S. border and even between provinces. Right now, even internal entry into the dairy market is restricted and quotas on supply are imposed through the Canadian Dairy Commission, a Crown corporation which chairs the Canadian milk supply management committee. The latter body has the power to set restrictive quotas on dairy production." Winnipeg Free Press, A9

TD downplays skills shortage
Canada's skills shortage may not be as dire as some people fear, a report by TD Economics says. The report purports to throw "cold water" on the idea Canada is facing a severe and imminent skills crisis characterized by large and persistent job shortages and a "lost generation" of younger workers. The report, called Jobs in Canada, acknowledges that there is some evidence of skills mismatches across certain occupations and provinces, and that the challenges facing younger workers have increased since the recession of 2008. Experts say globalization, an aging baby-boom population and technological

change will all contribute to a shortage of skilled workers. The debate has shone a spotlight on the need for more education and training. But some of Ottawa's solutions, such as allowing more temporary foreign workers into the country, have also sparked controversy. Toronto Star, B1

*** Increasing Data Collection and Surveillance in the North American Homeland**
An opinion piece states, "Some of the corporate interests that are steering the U.S.-Canada Beyond the Border integration agenda are not quite satisfied with its progress so far and they would like the implementation process to be accelerated. The bilateral initiative which was launched almost two years ago promotes a shared vision for perimeter security. It seeks to improve information sharing between security agencies. Under the agreement, both countries are moving towards a coordinated entry/exit system and are developing a harmonized cargo security strategy. In addition, the U.S. and Canada are strengthening integrated cross-border intelligence sharing and law enforcement operations. Canada's own electronic eavesdropping agency is also working hand and hand with the NSA. They are both increasing data collection and surveillance in the North American Homeland. Minister of Transport Lisa Raitt gave a speech at the Association of Canadian Port Authorities annual conference in August. She stated that, "Ensuring the security of our transportation systems is key to strengthening the Canada-U.S. trade relationship. To build prosperity through trade, businesses and governments on both sides of our shared border must have confidence that our transportation systems will work together to meet our mutual security needs. That is why Canada and the United States are working closely together to implement the Beyond the Border Action Plan."Sweeping new surveillance powers targeting terrorists and other criminals are being increasingly turned against those who are critical of government policy. There is a concerted effort to demonize political opponents, activists, protesters and other peaceful groups. We are witnessing the criminalization of dissent where those who oppose the government's agenda are being labelled as terrorists and a threat to security. The People's Voice

*** Seattle, wash.**
Records show a sex offender who caused school closures before he fled Canada is now registered at an address near Pike Place Market in Seattle - a block from a preschool. Washington state's sex offender registry listed Michael Sean Stanley on Monday as a transient "level 2" offender. Sheriff's Office Sgt. Cindi West said she was checking to see why Stanley was not given a "level 3" status reserved for high-risk offenders. Stanley has a history of sexual offences against women and children and had been missing since Oct. 1, when he cut off his electronic-monitoring bracelet in Canada. Canadian officials issued a public alert describing Stanley as an untreated, violent offender who posed a significant risk. Canadian authorities have decided not to seek Stanley's extradition. Stanley was able to cross the border. Authorities located him in the Seattle area last week and asked him to register as a sex offender. Associated Press (Chronicle-Herald, Times Colonist, Leader Post, Calgary Herald, Windsor Star, Star Phoenix)

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*** No solid plan yet on gangs**
One year since a fall symposium and public forum brought together stakeholders to tackle gang issues, there is still no concrete plan. The Ottawa Gang Strategy 2013 to 2016, with recommendations gleaned from frontline agencies, justice officials, schools and others, developed into a working plan but many of those initiatives remain in the planning or development stages. "It's really difficult to go from a philosophical type of view to an operational one," said Ottawa Police Insp. John Medeiros, who helps lead the strategy. "I really see it as ongoing." The strategy takes a holistic approach, and is built around the idea that cracking down on gangs can only be done through a "shared agenda" that involves neighbourhood cohesion, prevention, i n t e rvention and enforcement. It has brought together several

organizations who have put "some real hard thought" into how to translate the recommendations into "concrete doable strategies," said Nancy Worsfold, with Crime Prevention Ottawa. But the strategy has been criticized as more talk than action, with the initiatives vague and lacking details about concrete ways to address the gang problem. More than 100 people gathered at city hall on Monday for a public presentation of the gang strategy. Ottawa Sun

*** Provincial government files forfeiture suit for $38,000 seized in drug trafficking probe**
The B.C. government wants $38,000 in Canadian currency it says was seized from Coquitlam apartments with links to two UN gang members. The provincial director of civil forfeiture says that in October 2012 the RCMP launched an investigation into high-level drug trafficking in the Lower Mainland. During the investigation, police came to believe that two UN gang members - Ryan Villalon Kartana and James Gan - were buying illegal drugs and supplying them to other associates in organized crime, according to a notice of civil claim filed in court. As a result of surveillance, police came to believe in April that the two men were using an apartment on Parkway Boulevard in Coquitlam to store illegal drugs for distribution, says the lawsuit. RCMP saw Gan, believed to be the principal tenant of the apartment, allegedly meet various individuals in the underground parkade, with Gan being provided with bags or items suspected to contain drugs. Gan was seen depositing a garbage bag that was later seized by police and found to contain plastic cocaine wrappers and mail addressed to him, says the suit. Kartana was seen delivering bags and packages to various people associated with organized crime in what police suspected were hand-to-hand transactions, it says. The Province

*** Des "drogues bonbons" pour séduire les jeunes**
Le commerce de la drogue contrôlé par le crime organisé s'adapte à la demande des consommateurs, mais crée surtout les nouvelles tendances. Ces dernières années, de nombreuses drogues de synthèse ont fait leur apparition. Bon marché et particulièrement populaires chez les jeunes, ces drogues sont souvent vendues sous forme de comprimés colorés arborant toutes sortes de dessins. Et ce modèle de "drogues bonbons" est une création bien québécoise. "Le crime organisé a pris de l'ampleur. Nous sommes vraiment rendus avec des drogues de synthèse et chimiques. C'est une substance qui est vraiment répandue chez les 18-25 ans", affirme en entrevue la caporale Isabelle Michaud, du service de sensibilisation aux drogues et au crime organisé à la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC). La policière donnait hier à Trois-Rivières une conférence intitulée Drogues et nouvelles tendances lors du colloque annuel de l'Association des intervenants en toxicomanie du Québec. "Il y a 15 ou 20 ans, les gens recherchaient l'euphorie, ils voulaient relaxer. Aujourd'hui, il y a davantage de situations à risque. On vit pour la journée, pour vivre le moment présent. Ces drogues stimulent le système nerveux central. Elles donnent de l'énergie et enlèvent le goût de dormir ou de manger." Les comprimés de drogues de synthèse, comme la méthamphétamine ou le MDMA (ecstasy), sont attrayants pour les jeunes. Ils ont des formes variées et des couleurs vives. Les utilisateurs parlent souvent de speed pour identifier ces drogues stimulantes. Et chaque comprimé peut se vendre pour aussi peu que 5 $. Ces petites pilules se confondent de plus très facilement avec des médicaments vendus sur les tablettes des pharmacies. "Les drogues de synthèse sont faciles à fabriquer. Elles ne coûtent pas cher et sont accessibles. Les comprimés sont beaux et ils ont une petite couleur", précise la policière. "C'est bien moins cher qu'une bière, mais avec beaucoup plus d'effets. Et on ne sait jamais ce qu'on retrouve dans les comprimés. Une fois analysées, on découvre souvent que ces substances ne sont pas ce qu'elles devaient être."... Fabriquées dans des laboratoires clandestins à la sécurité défaillante, ces drogues ont une composition chimique très variable. "La disponibilité des drogues de synthèse, la facilité d'y avoir accès et les laboratoires clandestins un peu plus présents dans les communautés font que cette substance est présente", ajoute la caporale de la GRC qui précise toutefois que le cannabis demeure toujours la drogue la plus consommée... Plus de 200 personnes participent cette semaine à l'Hôtel Delta de Trois-Rivières au 41e colloque de l'Association des intervenants en toxicomanie du Québec. Le Nouvelliste

*** Cigarillos de contrebande à la dérive**
Les patrouilleurs de la Sûreté du Québec de la MRC de Beauharnois-Salaberry ont récupéré plus de 30 sacs contenant des cigarillos et du tabac en vrac de contrebande, lundi, à Salaberry-de-Valleyfield. Vers 8h30, à la suite d'appels logés par des citoyens, les policiers ont pu voir des sacs d'ordures flottant à la dérive dans le canal de Beauharnois à l'embouchure du lac Saint-François. La Gendarmerie Royale du Canada et la Garde côtière sont venues en assistance. C'est non loin du belvédère de la rue Saint-Jean

Baptiste que les policiers ont recouvré la marchandise illicite dont la provenance est inconnue. Selon la porte-parole de la Sûreté du Québec, Joyce Kemp, les premières constatations indiquent qu'il n'y aurait pas de lien avec l'événement impliquant une embarcation, survenu le 8 octobre dernier. Ce jour-là, des recherches ont été effectuées afin de trouver des personnes supposément en détresse sur le lac Saint-François à la hauteur de Rivière-Beaudette. Une opération a été enclenchée et en soirée, les policiers ont retracé un bateau qui avait chaviré. Cependant, personne n'était à l'intérieur de l'embarcation et personne ne manque à l'appel depuis ce temps. Agence QMI (Journal de Montreal, Journal de Quebec)

Judge lifts blockade injunction

Opponents of shale gas development, including members of the Elsipogtog First Nation, beat drums and sang in celebration on Monday after a judge declined to extend an injunction that ordered them to end their blockade outside a compound owned by SWN Resources. Suzanne Patles, one of those named in the injunction, said she believes the ruling from the Court of Queen's Bench sends a direct message to the energy company to stop its exploration activities and leave the province... In his decision, Judge George Rideout said the injunction was no longer required because equipment and vehicles owned by SWN Resources have been removed from the compound near Rexton and the protesters are no longer blocking the road. "Protests continue in various locations, but the evidence before the court has not established the activities to be unlawful or involve SWN Resource Canada respondents," he told the filled courtroom. "Other protests may arise, but it is my view that this court ought not to speculate as to what may happen and what steps the court should take to prevent certain speculated activities," Rideout added...The RCMP enforced the injunction last Thursday during a violent clash that saw the seizure of weapons including improvised explosive devices and firearms, six police vehicles set on fire and 40 people arrested for offences including threats, intimidation and mischief. The Mounties said they fired non-lethal beanbag type bullets and used pepper spray to defuse the situation after they had Molotov cocktails tossed at them. Outside Moncton Law Courts, Willi Nolan, one of those named in the injunction, said she wasn't surprised by the decision. Canadian Press (Telegraph-Journal, Hamilton Spectator, Times&Transcript, Times Colonist, National Post, Windsor Star, Edmonton Journal, Ottawa Citizen, Montreal Gazette, New Brunswick Telegraph Journal); * Times & Transcript; * L'Acadie Nouvelle; * QMI Agency (London Free Press, Kingston Whig-Standard); * Times & Transcript (Telegraph-Journal, Daily Gleaner); * Times&Transcript

*** Fighting for welfare Elsipogtog**

In a brief on proposed welfare cuts filed with the Federal Court of Canada in March last year, lawyers for the Elsipogtog First Nation in New Brunswick estimated that 85 per cent of its people were on welfare. The ignoble number added heft to their argument: The band, and other Mi'kmaq First Nations in the province, successfully fought off Ottawa's attempt to equalize income assistance on reserves with that in the rest of province. For instance, where a family of four in the rest of New Brunswick receives $908 a month, a family of similar size on a reserve receives $1,262, or about $300 more. Judge Sandra Simpson granted the First Nations' motions, at least stalling the implementation of the federal policy, on the grounds some native recipients would suffer irreparable harm if their cheques were to be slashed. I offer this by way of background to what happened near the village of Rexton, N.B., where a three-week-old protest against shale gas exploration on land close to the reserve, involving Elsipogtog leaders and residents, exploded in violence. As the commanding officer of the RCMP in New Brunswick, Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown, said Friday, the day after all hell broke loose along Highway 134, his officers seized not only firearms and knives, but also found, and detonated in place, several improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, the makeshift bombs which killed so many young Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan. "It had the potential to be disastrous," Assistant Commissioner Brown told CTV News Channel. "Let's not kid ourselves, when you find explosives that indeed contain shrapnel..." For good measure, early Friday, there was also an attempted arson at the band-owned building on the reserve which happens to house the RCMP office. Fortunately, the building was unoccupied at the time - it was about 2:30 a.m. - and the First Nation's fire department was able to put out the blaze. Though the current protest began Sept. 28, the problems actually date back to the spring of 2010, when SWN Resources Canada Inc., whose parent company is Southwestern Energy Company of Houston, was the winning bidder for licences to search for oil and gas reserves on a million hectares of land in the province. Both company and government were clearly thrilled: Both issued gushing press releases. For SWN, it was its first venture outside the United States; for New Brunswick, it meant the investment of $47-million over three years, a non-refundable

cash bonus of $2,344,246 and a land rental fee of $150,000 a year, and the promise of jobs in its perpetually depressed economy... Telegraph-Journal, A7

*** Indian Brook residents rally in support of N.B. anti-frackers**
Ian Knockwood leaned into the wind, his Grand Council flag of the Mi'kmaq Nation blowing hard in the sky overhead. "It's harmful to the environment, what fracking is all about," Knockwood said. The Indian Brook First Nation resident was one of about 40 community members who stood on the side of Highway 102 for several hours Monday in what was called a demonstration of solidarity with the Elsipogtog First Nation in New Brunswick. Residents and supporters of that community clashed with police last week during anti-shale gas protests. Dozens of people, including the Elsipogtog chief, were arrested, police cars were set ablaze and Molotov cocktails were thrown at officers. Police responded with tear gas and beanbag bullets. Chronicle Herald; Telegraph Journal; Globe and Mail; QMI Agency (Ottawa Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun)

End of blockade was well executed
An editorial states, "We agree that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police might deserve some criticism for their handling of the blockade situation near Rexton in recent weeks, but not for the reasons now being promoted by some of the protesters. The RCMP might have been better off had they enforced a court injunction to stop illegal activities at the site sooner than they did, period. That is where fair criticism begins and ends in our view. It is patently absurd to attack police after the fact for enforcing the injunction in the manner they did, with the weaponry and personnel required to dismantle an illegal blockade. Call it facetious and perhaps rightly so, but we invite those critics with the loudest voices on that point, should the occasion ever arise, to charge head-first and unarmed into an angry mob. Afterward, they might think differently about the tactics employed in this case...police lives were at risk in this situation, they knew that before going in but went in anyway, and in the end they got the job done. This, while protecting one another just as all good soldiers must do in any battle, yet without any lives lost or even serious injury inflicted. That is an impressive achievement in our view. It is worthy of praise rather than second-guessing." Times&Transcript, D

Duffy victim of coverup by PMO
Mike Duffy once promised his side of the story on his dealings with the Prime Minister's Office and the $90,000 payment of contested expenses. Yesterday, his lawyer helped break the senator's silence with what he called "the tip of the iceberg" of evidence. Donald Bayne spent nearly an hour alleging how Prime Minister Stephen Harper's staff and key Conservative senators developed a scheme to have Duffy take the fall for wrongdoing that even they agreed he had not committed. Harper, meanwhile, continued to lay blame for the matter yesterday on a single person - his former chief of staff Nigel Wright...Last week, Pamela Wallin's lawyer also lashed out at the Conservatives and said legal options would be considered if the suspension occurred...Duffy also allegedly received an email from Wright in December 2012, when stories suggesting Duffy spent little time at his P.E.I. residence emerged. "I am told that you have complied with all the applicable rules and there will be several senators with similar arrangements," Wright allegedly wrote. "This sure seems to be a smear."... Wright's payment of $90,000 to cover Duffy's expenses was never the senator's idea, he added. "The payment of $90,000 was not the doing of Senator Duffy. It was a political tactic forced on him by the Prime Minister's Office."... RCMP documents filed during the summer quoted Wright's lawyer as saying three others in the Prime Minister's Office were aware of his intention to pay back Duffy's expenses. During question period yesterday, the opposition seized on the points raised in Bayne's news conference and over the summer in the RCMP court filings. Canadian Press (Times&Transcript, The Guardian, Waterloo Record, Telegraph-Journal, Chronicle Herald); National Post; Postmedia News (Calgary Herald, Vancouver Sun, Ottawa Citizen); * Toronto Star; * Le Presse; * QMI Agency (Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Toronto Sun, London Free Press, Kingston Whig-Standard); * Le Devoir; * La Presse Canadienne (La Voix de l'Est, Le Droit); * Globe and Mail

*** Duffy - and others - must be held accountable**
An opinion piece states, "Senators Mike Duffy, Pamela Wallin and Patrick Brazeau deserve no sympathy for the scrutiny of their expense practices, and they must ultimately be held accountable for their actions - even if that means being kicked out of the upper chamber. But accountability means more than whether

Duffy or Wallin or Brazeau remains a senator. The more important issue is that Canadians need to know the whole truth about the government's interference with Senate expense claims, from the moment Duffy was appointed to his interactions with senior Conservative leaders and the role of the Prime Minister's Office in his repayment... The RCMP is conducting a vigorous investigation but no charges have been laid. In time, we'll know if there is any criminal wrongdoing. But there has to be a way to deal with extreme forms of abuse of power and ethical lapses even in cases that do not result in criminal investigation or charges. The mechanisms in place today to deal with senators who stand accused of breaking the rules are woefully inadequate and dependent on political whim. There has to be a clear ethical threshold beyond which a senator loses his or her job, whether the government of the day has decided to protect him or get rid of him." Ottawa Citizen, A12

Scandale du Sénat: Brazeau, Duffy et Wallin sur le point d'être suspendus
Les sénateurs Patrick Brazeau, Mike Duffy et Pamela Wallin font tous les trois face à une motion qui les suspendra de la Chambre haute sans salaire si elle est adoptée. Ces trois anciens membres du caucus conservateur font l'objet d'une enquête de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC). Le leader du gouvernement au Sénat, Claude Carignan, a fait savoir jeudi qu'il allait déposer ces trois motions afin de préserver la dignité et la réputation de l'institution. Il s'inquiète également de la confiance des Canadiens envers le Parlement. Cet avis survient quelques instants après que M. Duffy ait rendue publique une lettre dans laquelle il affirme devoir prendre congé de la Chambre haute pour des raisons médicales...M. Duffy s'est retrouvé dans l'eau chaude après avoir accepté un chèque de 90 000$ de l'ancien chef de cabinet de Stephen Harper, Nigel Wright, pour le remboursement de dépenses de logement auquel il n'avait pas droit. Des irrégularités quant aux allocations de logement entachent également le dossier de M. Brazeau, qui fait par ailleurs face à des accusations criminelles de voie de fait et d'agression sexuelle. Mme Wallin a dû pour sa part répondre à des questions concernant ses dépenses de voyage. Le Devoir

3D-printed guns raise concerns
The federal Department of Public Safety is worried about the emergence of three-dimensional printers that can easily manufacture guns without any kind of licensing control. The department is commissioning a study that will look at the advent of 3D technology and the feasibility of crafting firearms, gun parts and ammunition. It is also interested in possible technological solutions that could be applied to such printers to prevent them from making guns... While 3D printers have been around for some time, their price has dropped to between $1,500 and $5,000, making them more accessible. The machines rely on computer software to fashion everything from airplane parts to human bones, all to exacting specifications...The study is being funded through a federal initiative aimed at improving the collection, analysis and sharing of firearms-related intelligence and information. It involves Public Safety partners the RCMP, the Canada Border Services Agency and the Criminal Intelligence Service Canada. The research will trace the historical evolution of 3D technology and the accessibility of software and materials involved in making guns. Canadian Press (Times&Transcript)

Canadians allegedly planned Australian drug plot
Australian police say they foiled a major plot to import synthetic drugs that was allegedly organized by Canadian suspects. It was the third such bust in less than a year, reflecting the rising role of Canadian players in the international traffic of crystal meth and similar drugs. The latest scheme involves nearly two tonnes of a mixture of vanilla powder and pseudoephedrine, a chemical precursor used to manufacture methamphetamine. The Melbourne-based Joint Organized Crime Taskforce said it had arrested a 46-year-old Canadian man on Sunday as he was about to take a domestic flight to Sydney, where he was booked on a plane to Canada. Investigators then raided a central Melbourne address where they arrested two other Canadian citizens, a 27-year-old man and 30-year-old woman. The accused Canadians appeared in court on Monday to be charged with trafficking a commercial quantity of a drug of dependence...Officials say Canadians are significant players in the international traffic of methamphetamine (known in one of its forms as crystal meth) and of the precursor chemicals used for its production. Canadian synthetic drugs are exported to the United States, Japan, Australia and New Zealand...China and India traditionally have been sources of precursors, but by 2009, the South Asian subcontinent became the primary supplier because of tighter controls by the Chinese government, according to RCMP reports. The latest arrests in Australia follow another Melbourne operation this

summer in which two Canadians were among the suspects detained for trying to smuggle ephedrine hidden in 3,600 bags of rice from India. Globe and Mail, A10

En spectacle malgré "l'arnaque"
Le spectacle d'Irvin Blais prévu à Gatineau le 23 novembre aura lieu comme prévu. Échaudé par une "arnaque" dont il se dit victime, le chanteur a annulé la série de spectacles qu'il devait donner dans le cadre de la tournée RIME... La vedette montante de la scène country a appris la semaine dernière que le principal responsable du RIME, Nicolas Asselin, avait quitté le pays avec la caisse, flouant de plusieurs centaines de milliers de dollars cet organisme oeuvrant à la diffusion d'artistes dans les petites municipalités du Québec. M. Asselin aurait pris "un billet d'avion pour Casablanca", indique l'artiste. Plusieurs médias ont évoqué la possible faillite de l'entreprise. Le gestionnaire serait quant à lui recherché par la GRC et Interpol, a indiqué Le Journal de Québec. Le Droit, 27

Police officer launches court action against force, chief
A Saint John Police officer who had an assault conviction against him overturned and a new trial ordered has taken his employer and the police chief to court to stop disciplinary proceedings that could ultimately lead to his dismissal. Const. Christopher Messer has applied to the Court of Queen's Bench for judicial review of a decision that was made by an adjudicator under New Brunswick's Police Act, court documents show. The police officer, who was suspended without pay from his job, is asking the court to effectively halt disciplinary proceedings under the legislation because he said the adjudicator didn't comply with the mandatory timelines that are set out in the act for processing complaints against police officers in the province. At issue here specifically is the amount of time between the time the complaint was first received and the date on which the notice of settlement conference was served. The complaint under the Police Act was lodged three years ago by Randy King, who is also the complainant in the criminal assault case against the police officer. Harold L. Doherty, Messer's lawyer, contends that the conduct complaint should no longer be processed because the mandatory time frame has expired for the proceedings to continue. He is asking that the court quash the arbitrator's decision that the complaint continue. Telegraph-Journal

Sex-assault victim discusses attack
The second victim of recent sexual assaults at the University of B.C. has written anonymously in the school's paper, the Ubyssey, about her ordeal. She feels violated as she walks around campus overhearing conversations that discuss her attack, she said. And she told her story, she said, so that her assault can be seen for what is was: "A warning and hard-knock glimpse into a serious reality on our campus. "What nobody seems to understand ... is how your perspective changes following something like this," the woman said. "It makes me angry that we don't live in a society where I can walk home free from fear. Instead, I have to fear men because I am a woman. "This happened to me and it could happen to anyone reading this. Please do not let your friends walk alone at night. Please, please please. I am OK, but it doesn't mean the woman after me will be or the woman after her." Hilla Kerner, who works at the Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter, said the letter raises important points. "It's true, (being sexually assaulted) does shatter your view of the world when we face how unsafe it is for women," Kerner said. "It's a very important challenge in the culture we live in." The fact the letter-writer hears her assault being discussed right in front of her is probably extremely uncomfortable, Kerner said. "But I think the most important point she makes is her outrage. And she has a right to be angry." The RCMP are dealing with at least three sexual assaults and a fourth was reported Monday by the Ubyssey, although no police report had been filed as of Monday afternoon... The RCMP has said stopping the spree of attacks is a top priority for investigators. As well, the Mounties and campus security have stepped up their patrols, a source within the RCMP has said. "Our analysts have been working closely with (the Vancouver Police Department) analysts and we're all working to get this solved as quickly as possible," Sgt. Drew Grainger of the UBC detachment said. Police urge women not to walk alone after dark and caution against vigilantism. "There's no need for that (vigilantes) in our society," Grainger said. "We have mechanisms in place to take that role out of the public's hands." The Province; Canadian Press (Times Colonist, Vancouver Sun, National Post); Globe and Mail

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Les saisies de drogue ont triplé
Alcool, drogue, médicaments, tabac, armes et équipement de tatouage: autant de produits interdits qui sont confisqués au pénitencier de Cowansville chaque année. Et les saisies de drogue ont triplé en quatre ans au sein de l'établissement fédéral. Les agents correctionnels ont procédé à 159 saisies en milieu carcéral en 2012 comparativement à 147 l'année précédente, selon des documents obtenus auprès de Service correctionnel du Canada en vertu de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information. La liste des objets et produits est étoffée: drogue, médicament, argent, téléphone cellulaire, tabac, couteau, rasoir et même des munitions y figurent. "Sans se prononcer sur les chiffres de Cowansville, de façon générale, parmi les raisons qui expliquent les variations dans le nombre de saisies rapportées d'une période à une autre, on retrouve les variations dans le taux de la population et les moyens déployés pour contrer la contrebande", explique Serge Abergel, gestionnaire régional aux communications pour le Service correctionnel du Canada. Ls drogues représentent près du tiers de ce qui est retiré du pénitencier du chemin Fordyce. Elles sont d'ailleurs en constante augmentation. Les saisies sont passées de 21 pour les années 2008 et 2009 à 28 en 2010, puis à 48 en 2011 et à 60 en 2012. La Voix de l'Est, 3

Retired general says Khadr not a danger
When retired U.S. brigadier-general Stephen Xenakis saw the photographs of prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib in Iraq, he was shocked at the use of torture and troubled by the breach of medical ethics by medics who assisted. As a psychiatrist with a 28-year military career, Xenakis soon took a public position that military medical officers, bound by the Hippocratic oath to do no harm, must not participate in torture. "After I was shown Abu Ghraib photos, I was pretty adamant that there had to be a firewall between medics and interrogators," said the 65-year-old Xenakis, who speaks in Edmonton Tuesday evening. "No doctor, and no military medical leader should participate in torture in any way," he wrote in the Washington Post. That stance was not popular in U.S. military circles and Xenakis said he lost contracts. In the past, he had treated both Vietnam veterans and those involved in the First Gulf War. His controversial stance also cost him a chance to be the No. 2 man in charge of health in the U.S. Defense Department, he said. Postmedia News (Starphoenix, Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen, Edmonton Journal, Leader-Post)

Khadr being demonized
Re: "Khadr's to stay put in federal facility, Alberta judge rules," Oct. 19. A letter to the editor states, “Omar Khadr has been the victim of a gross miscarriage of justice, and the recent decision by Associate Chief Justice John Rooke will not force the Harper government to change its cruel ways. Khadr was 15 when he was captured, tortured and moved to Guantanamo. The most fundamental legal rights to a fair trial were denied Khadr and he had no choice but to plead guilty to avoid a 40-year sentence. On the very day of Khadr's hearing in Edmonton, the Harper government spoke against him. Stephen Harper demonizes Khadr without the slightest concern for his rights. Now Khadr will not have access to the rehabilitation he needs and deserves to reintegrate into Canadian society.” Edmonton Journal, A18

Frédéric Dompierre: un violeur comme camarade de classe
Il y a 10 ans, il a violé une adolescente de 14 ans, avant de tenter de la noyer dans le fleuve Saint-Laurent. Maintenant sorti de prison, Frédéric Dompierre achève un programme à l'École professionnelle de Saint-Hyacinthe et ses camarades de classe viennent d'apprendre qui il est. Les étudiants de l'école n'ont jamais été avertis du passé de Dompierre, selon l'un de ses camarades de classe qui a dénoncé la situation sur les ondes du 98,5 FM, lundi après-midi. La condition spéciale de la Commission des libérations conditionnelles du Canada exigeant à Dompierre de ne plus se retrouver en présence d'une personne mineure sans la présence d'un adulte responsable a été modifiée afin de lui permettre «de poursuivre [ses] études professionnelles sans entrave», avait indiqué la Commission dans une décision rendue en décembre 2011. Au cours des dernières années, Dompierre aurait complété avec succès un programme de l'Université de Montréal destiné aux délinquants sexuels. Agence QMI (Journal de Montréal, Journal de Québec)

Macabre memories, talented keepers and elegant architecture

An opinion piece states, “It's an unparalleled season of nightmarish flashbacks Fort Fright at Fort Henry, Halloween zombies in the stores, and a tour of Kingston Penitentiary to look felony in the face…If a killer gets gall bladder pain, the officers on duty take him to the prison hospital and stand by while a nurse checks him out, then may have him transferred to a general hospital. The security detail may privately think justice would be fulfilled if the guy's gall bladder finished him off. But a correctional officer's professional training reminds him in uniform he is the correctional system, and it orders him to see the prisoner gets his pain-relief medicine and that his life is saved. Federal legislation stipulates maintenance of adequate nutrition, hygiene, medical care, and exercise for prisoners. Prisoners subject correctional officers to insulting verbal attacks but they bounce off their titanium veneer. It's part of their pledge to keep the peace and safety of the non-prison community, even while fellow officers have been taken hostage, and all hell is breaking out inside the prison, as in the 1971 riot. Officers don't pick the fights. In maximum security Kingston Penitentiary the correctional officers had been trained to realize they are usually not the object of hate the institution and its draconian enforcement of rules are. For their even-handed efforts to keep the irritation down, fairly regularly they had to help clean feces off the cell bars and doors that prisoners plastered on as another way to vent their anger. Some also made this their goodbye gesture. "We cleaned it up, but there's Purex here and there to rub on your hands if you want" the tour guard explains. Inmates all evacuated, we paid $20 each to the United Way to sense severe punishment, while looking through bars into cubicles that stun aspirations of the occupants, dead-end their road ahead, sparing would be victims of pain or death at the hands of a remorseless enemy of the community. The public tours have improved the public's understanding of a correctional officer's job, of its dangers, its commitment to the disinterested enforcement of rules that, despite the hand-crafted knives, homebrew and smuggled in drugs, tries to make possible a crime-free prison for cutthroats and deceivers…”
Kingston Whig-Standard

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

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INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ASHLEY SMITH / ENQUÊTE SUR LA MORT D'ASHLEY SMITH

Mental health court referrals stop
A judge says it's a "problem" that mental health court in Saint John - one of the oldest in Canada - has stopped accepting referrals for mentally ill people, but the province has assured that the "treatment" court will continue. "The lack of mental health court is a problem," provincial court Judge Henrik Tonning told a court late last week. He told the court that Saint John no longer has a mental health court and then made some pointed remarks about the provincial Department of Justice and its "wisdom" not to support the long-standing alternative for the mentally ill. Still, mental health court is no longer accepting referrals, said provincial court Judge Alfred Brien, who presides over mental health court. The judge said it's cases such as the one involving Ashley Smith, the Moncton teen who died in a women's prison in Ontario five years ago, that underscores the need for a therapeutic court such as the mental health court. "Mentally ill people do not do well in jail," he said. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, C1

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

*** Federal scientists feel muzzled, advice ignored – survey**
A large survey of science professionals in the federal public service has found that almost 25 per cent of respondents say they have been directly asked to exclude or alter information for "non-scientific reasons." Some 71 per cent of those surveyed said political interference is compromising policy development based on scientific evidence, and almost half of those who took part said they were aware of cases in which their department or agency suppressed information. The study, entitled "The Big Chill," was commissioned by the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada, and it paints a disturbing picture of government scientists who feel they are being muzzled. More than 4,000 federal scientists - out of more than 15,000 who were invited - responded to the union-commissioned, online survey handled by the polling firm Environics. "A chill has settled on federal government science that is even greater than that suggested by the cases so far reported by the media," Gary Corbett, the president of PIPSC, said on Monday. Federal Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault is already conducting a study of how communications policy changes under the Harper government have clamped down on the sharing of government science with the public. Canadian Press (Daily Gleaner, CTV News, Brampton Guardian); Postmedia News (Ottawa Citizen)

*** Pension shift puts decades of progress at risk**
We find ourselves in the midst of a timely pension reform debate: Some advocate for Canada Pension Plan enhancements; federal and provincial governments are moving toward enabling Pooled Registered Pension Plans (PRPPs) for employees who are not members of RPPs; and a number of provinces are introducing significant reforms to their public-sector plans. Missing from this debate is a full understanding of the Canadian pension system and, in particular, the value and importance of the defined benefit model within that system. Canada's three-pillar retirement income system is largely responsible for the significant drop over the past three decades in the number of Canadian seniors living below the poverty line. Ranked sixth-best in the world in the Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index, it is anchored by robust government-funded and administered schemes (Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement), supplemented by government-sponsored workplace pensions (CPP/QPP) and workplace and tax-deductible personal savings plans. What is sometimes overlooked is that the pension income paid to retirees has had a strongly positive impact on the Canadian economy over all. (…)This saves the federal government between $2-billion and $3-billion annually in GIS payouts, freeing up funds for other social spending priorities. Globe and Mail, A13

Un débat se transforme en monologue
Le débat sur les coupures dans l'appareil fédéral s'est transformé en monologue hier soir, alors que le chef d'Action Gatineau, Maxime Pedneaud-Jobin, a été le seul à prendre part aux discussions. Le comité d'action politique régional de l'Alliance de la fonction publique du Canada (CRAPO-AFPC) avait invité les candidats à la mairie de Gatineau de débattre des enjeux qui touchent les fonctionnaires de la région, à la microbrasserie Gainsbourg. Jacques Lemay a fait acte de présence, mais n'a pu prendre part aux échanges, en raison d'un conflit d'horaire. Le Droit 9

OTHER / AUTRE

*** Ottawa weighs action on painkillers**
Health Minister Rona Ambrose says there might soon be movement from Canada following pleas from the United States to outlaw generic forms of the painkiller Oxy-Contin. Ms. Ambrose said she has been "examining" the issue and that the government intends to develop a prescription drug strategy. In 2010, Canada inched past the U.S. to become the highest opioid-consuming country on a per-capita basis. U.S. appeals to Canada to ban addictive formulations of the drug were rebuffed by Ms. Ambrose's predecessor, Leona Aglukkaq, who said it was a provincial matter. Some provinces, like Ontario and B.C., cover prescriptions for the new tamper-resistant alternative, OxyNEO, but usually only for senior citizens on social assistance. Canadian Press (National Post)

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Gov't bullied Regina students
Buried in the federal government's wordy throne speech was a commitment to protect the most vulnerable of all Canadians - young victims of bullying. It's an honourable goal, particularly in light of the high profile cases of young people such as Amanda Todd, Rehtaeh Parsons, and Todd Loik (also mentioned in the throne speech). But added to those names of famous bullied individuals could be Ihuoma Amadi and Victoria Ordu, the two Nigerian university students who were forced to languish in a small, drafty, inner-city Regina church for nearly a year and a half while the Canada Border Services Agency relentlessly hounded them. One could also add to the victims' list the University of Regina, the City of Regina and the province of Saskatchewan, all of whom came out at the highest level in defence of these two young women, asking for common sense and decency to prevail in considering their fate. Last week, they gave up their bid to be allowed to continue their education in Canada and returned home to Africa. Although they left of their own accord, the border agency - using the language of a bully - crowed about having them removed. ***"These individuals, who benefited from multiple avenues of appeal, are being removed from Canada,"*** a spokesman for **Steven Blaney, the minister of public safety**, which oversees the CBSA, wrote in a two-sentence press release. In spite of petitioning, pleading and letters from Saskatchewan's only Liberal MP, the provincial minister responsible for immigration, Bill Boyd, and U of R president Vianne Timmons, neither **Mr. Blaney** nor newly minted Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Chris Alexander saw fit even to respond to the expulsion or to the stated wish of Saskatchewan people. StarPhoenix A8

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Residents return home after train crash**
Residents who were ordered to leave a tiny Alberta community near the site of a fiery train derailment on the weekend were allowed to return home early Tuesday afternoon. A total of 126 people from the hamlet of Gainford, west of Edmonton, were forced out when 13 Canadian National Railway freight cars carrying propane and crude oil left the tracks around 1 a.m. on Saturday. Subsequent explosions and flames forced the evacuation of the area and closed part of the Yellowhead Highway. The all-clear came after crews used water to help the flames burn out faster. Officials declared late Tuesday that the fires had been extinguished. The affected tanker cars were being removed from the track, said CN spokesman Warren Chandler. Globe and Mail, A12; Edmonton Sun

*** Brakes to blame in Gainford derailment**
The Transportation Safety Board says the Gainford train derailment resulted from "an undesired emergency brake application." In an investigation report posted Tuesday online, the Transportation Safety Board (TSB) said the 134-car train carrying crude oil and liquid petroleum gas "experienced an undesired emergency brake application in the area of the Gainford siding." The TSB inspection, led by railway investigator James Carmichael, revealed that cars 13 through 25 had derailed and were on their side, causing a massive explosion and fire that burned for several days. While the first four derailed cars were carrying petroleum crude oil and the following nine cars were carrying liquefied petroleum gas, no injuries were reported. Edmonton Sun, 12

*** La mairesse réitère ses demandes à Ottawa**
Évoquant le déraillement d'un train, à Gainford, en Alberta, la mairesse de Lac-Mégantic Colette Roy Laroche a réitéré hier ses demandes pressantes au gouvernement fédéral de modifier la réglementation entourant le service de transport ferroviaire des matières dangereuses. La Tribune, 4

*** Ottawa responsable, selon une étude**
La ministre responsable des transports dans le cabinet harper, Lisa raitt, a réitéré sa confiance dans la consultation de l'industrie ferroviaire plutôt que dans la coercition, en vue d'améliorer la sécurité du transport des marchandises dangereuses au canada. Cette déclaration arrive au moment où une étude conclut que l'incurie des autorités fédérales serait responsable en bonne partie de la tragédie de Lac-Mégantic. "Je suis convaincue qu'en travaillant ensemble, nous serons en mesure de renforcer la sécurité du réseau ferroviaire, ainsi que le rôle que ce dernier jouera dans l'avenir du Canada", a indiqué la ministre Raitt à l'occasion d'une rencontre avec les cadres siégeant au Conseil consultatif sur la sécurité ferroviaire. Une étude de recherche du Centre canadien de politiques alternatives indique néanmoins que "la négligence des entreprises et la défaillance réglementaire" seraient à la base de la tragédie ferroviaire survenue à Lac-Mégantic le 6 juillet dernier. Dans son document, le directeur général du centre, Bruce Campbell, dit que les éléments probants qui ont émergé à ce jour "mettent en lumière les graves lacunes du système de réglementation, le comportement des entreprises axé sur la réduction des coûts au péril de la sécurité publique et de l'environnement de même qu'une série de responsabilités qui s'élèvent jusqu'aux plus hautes sphères, impliquant dirigeants d'entreprises et stratèges gouvernementaux". L'étude souligne que le transport du pétrole par rail a connu une augmentation importante au cours des cinq dernières au Canada. Environ 275 000 barils par jour transitent sur les différents réseaux ferroviaires canadiens, alors qu'il y a cinq ans, on n'en comptait que très peu. Le Journal de Montréal, 40

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Lawsuit claims federal agency is snooping on Canadians' electronic communication
The federal government is facing a lawsuit over its electronic surveillance activities, with a Vancouver-

based civil rights group alleging Ottawa's secretive eavesdropping agency is prying into the personal communications of Canadians. The B. C. Civil Liberties Association's lawsuit against the Communications Security Establishment Canada, or CSEC, follows similar cases launched by advocates in the United States and comes as revelations about American spying activities fuel a debate about how far governments should go to keep tabs on both foreigners and their own citizens. The lawsuit, filed in B. C. Supreme Court on Tuesday, alleges CSEC is infringing on Canadians' rights to free speech and to be protected from illegal search and seizure. Specifically, the group claims Canadians are being swept up as CSEC monitors emails, phone calls and text messages of foreign targets, when those targets are communicating with Canadians. The lawsuit also says Canadians' data is being collected in a program to monitor and track socalled electronic metadata, which details the time, location and other information about electronic communications. Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate, The Province, Times Colonist, National Post, Ottawa Citizen, Vancouver Sun); Presse Canadienne (Le Droit); QMI Agency (Calgary Sun, Sun News Network); * Vancouver Sun, * Vancouver Sun; * Globe and Mail; Agence QMI (Journal de Montréal); * AFP (Journal de Québec); La Presse; * 660 News; * Oye! Times (22-10-2013)

*** A conversation with Israeli Intelligence Minister Yuval Steinitz**
Israeli Intelligence Minister Yuval Steinitz was in Ottawa this week to meet with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird. Steinitz described Israel's relationship with Canada's current government as "very special and quite rare… They act no just out of shared interests but shared values." He spoke to *Maclean's* about this relationship, as well Iran, Syria, and Israel's current peace negotiations with the Palestinians. Macleans; Arutz Sheva (22-10-2013)

Brazil spy flap fallout extensive
An opinion piece states, "Canada's spying saga against our Brazilian friends seems to have taken on a life of its own. And it could actually get a lot worse before it gets any better. I'm sure that outgoing premier Darrell Dexter, along with the other Atlantic premiers, are no doubt getting an earful from their Brazilian hosts during this week's official visit. It's also worth mentioning that Ottawa's relations with Brasilia have had their fair share of ups and downs over the years. They were mostly frosty during the 1990s and 2000s as the bilateral relationship dealt with a series of major setbacks. There were stresses and strains over two Canadians doing hard time in a Brazilian prison for kidnapping and extortion, a long and bitter trade war over governmental aerospace/aircraft subsidies, and sharp differences of opinion over the extent of mad cow disease. (…)We should not forget that Brazil is a major economic and diplomatic player - especially in Latin America. And the Americas have been a central foreign policy priority for the Harper government. This setback could have very negative consequences for Canada's Americas gambit. And if there is any evidence that Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC) was eavesdropping on other countries where we have a significant mining stake - such as Colombia, Mexico, Chile, Guatemala, Peru and the Dominican Republic - this could completely undermine Ottawa's standing and goodwill in the entire region. One of Canada's top policy objectives in South America has been concluding a liberalized trade agreement with the Brazil-dominated Mercosur countries. Such a deal would cement Canada's footing in the continent and position ourselves well against both the hard-charging Americans and even the Chinese. That could all be in jeopardy now." Chronicle-Herald, A13

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** I want to drive my Florida-purchased car both here and there. Can I?**
We are Canadian, and own a property in Canada and another in Florida. We have a car in Canada. Can we buy a car in Florida, leave U.S. plates on it, and bring it to Canada when we are here in the summer (six months in the United States, six months in Canada)? Is there a limit on the number of months it can be in Canada? Must it be insured in the United States, or can it be added to my Canadian policy? We have Canadian driver's licences. Do we need U.S. driver's licences to drive it in Florida? Or can we simply get an 'international' driver's licence? – Louise If your main residence is in Canada, bringing a U.S.-registered vehicle north of the 49th – even temporarily – is not without red tape. Firstly, for customs purposes, every person arriving in Canada has a residential status that determines the tariff treatment given to any goods being imported. According to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), Canadian

residents who spend only a few months outside of Canada are still considered residents of Canada. Canadian residents must declare all goods acquired outside of the country, including any vehicles purchased outside of Canada. When it comes to the importation of vehicles and their admissibility, CBSA administers regulations on behalf of Transport Canada. Certain conditions must be met for the temporary importation of a non-Canadian vehicle by a Canadian resident: only for the purpose of transporting the resident's household or personal effects into or out of Canada, or for personal transportation as a result of an emergency or unforeseen contingency. In either case, the vehicle cannot be used within Canada for leisure, personal or commercial use. Apart from the circumstances noted above, a Canadian resident who wishes to bring a U.S.-registered vehicle into Canada, even with the intention of returning it to the United States later that year, will have to import the vehicle. Full duty and taxes payable on the value of the vehicle will be assessed. To determine admissibility, the vehicle must enter the Registrar of Imported Vehicles (RIV) program administered by Transport Canada. Globe and Mail

Police say sex offender who fled Canada has been arrested in U.S. for harassment
A violent sex offender who recently fled Canada was arrested in Seattle today after authorities say he threatened to assault a person and became combative with police. Michael Sean Stanley was jailed for harassment, police said in a statement. Officials said they received several reports of a man yelling in a West Seattle alley early today, including one person who asked Stanley to be quiet. Police said Stanley threatened to assault that person. Stanley became combative when police arrived at the scene and claimed he had a knife, authorities said. They said he appeared intoxicated. Stanley, an American citizen, crossed the border and was located in the Seattle area last week. Canadian officials decided not to seek extradition. Now registered as a sex offender in King County, Stanley listed his address as an intersection just a block away from Pike Place Market, a scenic destination for both tourists and locals. It's also near a preschool, even though he had been ordered to stay away from children in Canada. U.S. authorities had said there was no reason to arrest Stanley since Canada hadn't pursued an extraditable warrant and he wasn't wanted for any crimes in the United States. Associated Press (Whitehorse Daily Star, Leader-Post, Edmonton Journal); Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate, Toronto Star, National Post, Times Colonist); QMI Agency (Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun); Globe and Mail

Bridge lawsuit baseless, city says
The City of Windsor is forging ahead with an appeal hearing of the city's order that the Ambassador Bridge company fix up its derelict Sandwich properties, despite the company's recent lawsuit against the municipality. Chris Williams, a lawyer who is representing the city in the property standards conflict, said the bridge's application to get the Federal Court of Canada to confirm it doesn't have to comply with the work orders is baseless. Whether the bridge company likes it or not, the hearing is set for Monday morning before the city's property standards committee, he said. "The property standards bylaws, as well as any other bylaw in the City of Windsor, apply to them just as they would to any other property owner," Williams said. As for the federal court application, "we don't think it has any bearing whatsoever on the property standards order or on the property standards committee in dealing with those orders." The city recently gave the Bridge Company's Canadian arm, the Canadian Transit Company, until Thursday to get more than 100 residential homes and other Olde Sandwich properties that it has purchased, vacated and boarded up over the years back into decent condition. In the application to the Federal Court filed last week, the CTC argues a piece of legislation from 1921 - before the bridge was built - exempts the company from municipal bylaws and grants it the power to expropriate property if the company needs to in order to operate and maintain the bridge. Staff at bridge company president Dan Stamper's office said he was in meetings all day and unavailable for comment. In an interview with The Star after the CTC filed the lawsuit, Stamper said the company needs to knock down the abandoned homes to do maintenance work on the bridge. Windsor Star, A3

Importation de cocaïne
Un individu de Dieppe, Chad Hallet, a écopé de quatre ans de prison pour son implication dans l'importation de cocaïne entre le Canada et les États-Unis en juin 2012. Le Néo-Brunswickois âgé de 29 ans a reconnu sa culpabilité à des accusations de possession et de complot dans le but de faire le trafic de plus de 10 kg de cocaïne. Cinq individus ont été arrêtés dans ce dossier, dont un autre Néo-Brunswickois, Matthieu LeBlanc, 29 ans, de Shediac, ainsi que Robert Rossignol, 60 ans, de Van Buren, au Maine. Ils ont tous reconnu leur culpabilité face aux accusations déposées contre eux. Quelques

minutes plus tôt, Chad Hallet, en compagnie d'une femme, a traversé la frontière à Houlton en affirmant aux agents douaniers qu'ils s'en allaient à Atlantic City pour des vacances. Les autorités ont eu des doutes sur les occupants du véhicule. Un agent du service de la patrouille frontalière américaine a suivi la voiture, qui s'est immobilisée dans un terrain de stationnement commercial. A ce moment, un homme, qui a par la suite été identifié comme étant Robert Rossignol, a remis une boîte au conducteur qui l'a placée dans le coffre de son véhicule. L'Acadie Nouvelle, 13

Ottawans snared in meth bust

Two Ottawa residents have been swept up in an international drug trafficking network between Canada and Australia. A 47-year-old man and a 42-year-old woman were arrested in Ottawa on Friday, while several search warrants on homes and properties in Ottawa took place on Friday and Saturday. The Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit, based out of B.C., announced this week the dismantling of an international criminal network, which they allege shipped drugs, mostly methamphetamines and cocaine, to Australia from Canada, and possibly as far back as 2009. Both Ottawans have been released from custody but could face drug, fraud and passport-related criminal charges. Sgt. Lindsey Houghton, with the CFSEU, said it may take weeks before any charges are laid against the pair. Police are not expecting anymore arrests in Ontario, but they are in B.C. The multi-agency investigation included Ottawa Police. Australian Federal Police charged two Canadians last year after customs agents found about 50 kgs of drugs hidden in furniture. The street value of crystal meth seized in Australia was more than $34 million Australian dollars, with the cocaine seized about $1.26 million. The investigation, dubbed Project E-Namesake, began in May 2012 when investigators in B.C. began probing an international drug network that involved several people linked to gangs in B.C., Ont. and Quebec. The investigation also included Quebec provincial police, since information surfaced regarding their probe into a Canada-wide drug-trafficking network, Project Loquace. Several people, including three "key figures" in B.C.'s gang conflict, were arrested by Quebec authorities last year. Ottawa Sun, 18; La Presse

Border back-up costs local businesses

A computer glitch at the U.S. border Tuesday that led to a 10-mile traffic backup leading to the Ambassador Bridge means strawberries will be on sale today at Fred's Farm Fresh on Huron Church Road. "These traffic backups hurt us for three or four days, not just one, because I can't move all my fresh produce," said Fred Bouzide, who owns the popular produce and grocery store at 2144 Huron Church Rd. "Fortunately our stuff is really fresh, but I still have a lot of strawberries. We'll be pushing those on special (Wednesday)." That's the grassroots economic reality of the costs that ripple through the economy because of border delays at the busiest crossing point in North America. "We're down 40 to 50 per cent," Bouzide said. "We're down about $4,000 today." Looking around his store at a time when it's usually bustling with people picking up something for dinner, Bouzide watches a lone shopper cruise the aisles. "I had to send three employees home," said Bouzide, who added his customers complained all day about running the gauntlet of trucks that was three-lanes wide at times. "People don't want to be around these trucks." Tracy Cassivi doesn't want to be around them either and he's been at the wheel of a transport truck for 27 years. Having started his shift for Laidlaw Carriers in Woodstock at 7:30 a.m., Cassivi said he knew his day would be wasted by the time he hit London. Word had spread quickly about the U.S. Border Services computer problems that prevented truckers from filing their paperwork in advance. Instead, everything was being done manually once they reached the U.S. side. Windsor Star

Farmers welcome trade deal

Still basking in the glow of this fall's bumper crop, Alberta farmers have been dealt another strong hand with the recently negotiated Canada-EU free trade deal. In spite of opposition from Canadian dairy farmers who don't want to see greater quantities of European cheese entering Canada, the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement - or CETA - has been praised by beef producers eager to embrace new markets. But Alberta's wheat, barley and oilseed producers are also enthusiastic about the deal, which they say could increase the profitability of Canada's agricultural sector. "It's good for Alberta, it's good for Canada," said Matt Sawyer, chair of the Alberta Barley Commission. "To have this opportunity for producers in Alberta and Canada to have access to basically 500 million more people is absolutely fantastic." Sawyer said CETA will not only open the door to increased exports of malt barley, but will create increased demand for feed barley in this country if beef and pork producers experience the kind of industry growth they anticipate. Calgary Herald, C1

CYBER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ CYBERNÉTIQUE

*** Privacy commissioner to investigate Bell's data collecting**
Canada's privacy commissioner will be investigating after Bell informed customers by letter that it plans to begin collecting detailed information about their consumption habits in order to offer "relevant ads." Scott Hutchinson, a spokesman for the privacy commissioner, told CBC Montreal that his office has received several complaints. Bell customers received the letter last week telling them that the changes would begin on Nov. 16. CBC News

*** Le cyberespace comme zone de guerre**
L'espionnage électronique entre États, même alliés, à la manière du programme américain PRISM, est une pratique courante, soulignent des experts, et elle est surtout incontournable pour se défendre dans le cyberespace devenu un " milieu " militaire comme les autres. Depuis plusieurs mois, les révélations d'Edward Snowden, ex-consultant de l'Agence de sécurité américaine NSA, lèvent le voile sur l'ampleur de PRISM, programme américain d'espionnage tous azimuts visant plusieurs pays européens, les institutions de l'UE ou même le système de vidéo-conférence interne de l'ONU. L'ensemble des révélations sur les agissements de la NSA " montrent du doigt un pays, mais il y a de l'espionnage partout ", affirmait récemment Patrick Pailloux, directeur général de l'Agence française de la sécurité des systèmes d'information (ANSSI). Le Devoir, A6

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*** Duffy doesn't go quietly - puts PM at the scene**
The Conservative party's intention was clear: a quick show trial and then off with the heads of senators Duffy, Wallin and Brazeau. They would all be quickly forgotten and the Senate scandal would join Afghan detainees and past prorogations in the pile of teapot tempests. Not for the first time, the generals in the Prime Minister's Office have made a Little Bighorn of it. For one thing, many Conservative senators are nervous about suspending colleagues without pay ahead of the Auditor-General's report into their own expenses. After all, they could be next for the heave, if it turns out they suffered their own memory lapses when claiming their entitlements. For another, the Conservative leadership clearly did not anticipate all three senators would turn up and speak in their own defence. It turns out the press conference by Mr. Duffy's lawyer, Donald Bayne, on Monday was merely the warm-up for the Old Duff's star turn. He rose in the Senate like an avenging angel to describe a meeting last winter with Stephen Harper and Nigel Wright, his chief of staff. "I was ordered by the Prime Minister to pay the money back - end of discussion. Nigel Wright was there throughout. Just the three of us," he said with delicious menace… The senator's statement is likely to result in some buttock clenching among all involved. Mr. Duffy said he was told he would be given "a pass" in the Deloitte audit of his expenses, if he co-operated, and that the party would prevent his expulsion from the Senate if the "phoney" deal became public. He said the email chain confirmed hours of shuttle work by lawyers for the PMO and the Conservative party to set up the deal. "Imagine my shock when the Prime Minister's Office said it did not have a single document," he said. "Well if they are not in the PMO, they're in the hands of my lawyers and the police." He suggested the RCMP is now looking into bribery, threats and extortion of a sitting Canadian legislator and that the truth will come out "in due course when the players are under oath." Does he mean the Prime Minister? He surely does. Mr. Brazeau had his own chance to turn the tables on the Conservative Senate leadership. "The Senate is where due process goes to die," he said. National Post; Times Colonist; Canadian Press (Times&Transcript, Chronicle Herald, Hamilton Spectator, Daily Gleaner);Le Devoir; Le Devoir; Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate, Chronicle Herald); Postmedia News (Windsor Star, Montreal Gazette, Vancouver Sun, Leader-Post, Ottawa Citizen, National Post, Canada.com); Le Devoir; Presse Canadienne (Le Nouvelliste); Canada.com

*** Come clean on PMO mess**

An editorial states, “Prime Minister Stephen Harper had plenty to say earlier this year when he was pressed in Parliament to explain why his former chief of staff, Nigel Wright, secretly cut Sen. Mike Duffy a cheque for $90,172.24 to pay back improperly claimed expenses. Alert to the damage the scandal could do to the Conservative party, Harper assured Canadians that Wright acted alone. He said that no one else in the Prime Minister's Office was aware of the deal. He said that Wright wanted to make sure that taxpayers weren't stiffed for inappropriate expenses. And Harper's minions let it be known that Wright was just doing a cash-strapped buddy a favour. By now, of course, Canadians know that none of this stands up to serious scrutiny. Harper's credibility is being shredded by this scandal and the Tory brand continues to suffer even as the government struggles to turn the page. Rather than continue to bob and weave, Harper should tell Parliament what he knows about the PMO's role in the Duffy bailout and about the Conservative party's role as well, as the Star urged in May. He should also release all documents and emails connected with the deal... The Royal Canadian Mounted Police appear to have gotten closer to the truth than opposition MPs, and their findings challenge key government assertions. While Wright may initially have acted alone, the RCMP reports that a slew of people in the PMO knew of the payment. Wright recalls telling three others about it: Benjamin Perrin, a lawyer; Chris Woodcock, director of issues management; and David van Hemmen, Wright's assistant. He also told Sen. Irving Gerstein, chair of the Conservative Fund Canada, the party's fundraising arm. At some point this reached deep into the PMO and the party. Moreover, far from being a spontaneous act of generosity to make sure taxpayers weren't on the hook, Wright's payment looks more like a Plan B to get Duffy out of trouble. Thanks to the RCMP, we know that the Tory fund was prepared to repay what Duffy owed when they thought it was $32,000. But $90,000-plus was deemed to be too much to ask the fund to pay. Had the fund ponied up, taxpayers would indeed have been "on the hook" insofar as parties benefit from per-vote taxpayer subsidies and donations are subsidized by tax credits.” Toronto Star. A22

*** Autochtones le Canada est face à une crise, dit le rapporteur de l'ONU**

Le Canada fait face à une crise en ce qui concerne les questions autochtones, et ce, malgré des années d'efforts pour surmonter les tensions et régler les problèmes sociaux, a déclaré lundi un rapporteur spécial des Nations Unies qui a récemment visité le pays. James Anaya, un envoyé spécial de l'ONU sur les droits des autochtones, affirme que le Canada n'a pas réduit les disparités sociales entre les autochtones et les autres Canadiens au cours des dernières années. Selon lui, les disputes à propos du territoire et des ressources naturelles continuent d'alimenter les tensions et le sentiment de méfiance. Parmi ces frictions, on retrouve les récentes manifestations contre l'exploration des gaz de schiste dans l'est du Nouveau-Brunswick, à laquelle s'oppose la Première Nation Elsipogtog. Ces manifestations ont pris une tournure violente la semaine dernière lorsque la Gendarmerie royale du Canada a décidé de faire respecter une injonction pour mettre fin au blocage des activités de tests sismiques par la compagnie SWN Resources. Acadie Nouvelle

*** UBC community on high alert**

An autumn chill, unusually thick fog and a tense, sombre mood hung in the air as Tuesday night descended on the University of B.C. campus, with reports of a fourth recent sex attack - unreported to police - on the minds of students and staff. The university community is on high alert after a string of sexual assaults by an unidentified male on young women walking on campus. Violence and safety have become an urgent topic of daily conversation for everyone on campus, said third-year international relations student Jocelyn Bussieres, but especially for young women. Bussieres, 20, and her roommate used to go for early morning jogs through the wooded areas on the western edge of campus, near Wreck Beach. But they've stopped, in the wake of the recent attacks. "We don't run in the mornings any more, especially with this fog," Bussieres said. "I don't really feel comfortable doing stuff like that any more. "Definitely, I wouldn't even consider going to a party or something like that on campus."... Worried students are using the university's Safe Walk program in record numbers as the RCMP's Major Crimes Unit has been called in to investigate. Sign on to the UBC Alma Mater Society website, and the first thing you'll see is a bright red banner - 'Don't Walk Alone, Add it to Your Phone' - advertising the Safe Walk program that's grown five-fold. "Last night we had 56 people use the service," said AMS communications manager Abby Blinch. "On an ordinary night it would be five to 10." But that was before a white man in a black hoodie - police believe it's the same attacker - sexually assaulted three young women. On Monday night the bolstered program added university vans to the service and extended its hours - the service is now provided from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Meanwhile, the 17-officer UBC RCMP force - tasked with looking after

48,000 students - has handed over the investigation into three reported assaults to the Major Crimes Unit. "We are overwhelmed," said an officer at the UBC detachment, referring media calls to RCMP spokesman Sgt. Peter Thiessen. The Province

*** RCMP probe 'blond angel's' ties to Canada**

The RCMP is investigating the possibility that a little blond girl found with a Roma couple in Greece, who had falsely registered her as their own, could be Canadian. The case of the girl, Maria, has attracted worldwide interest. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have been asked by Interpol in Athens to help in the case. Sgt. Lana Prosper, who works with the National Centre for Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains in Ottawa, told the Star that "we are assisting with the file and are looking at the national level to see if this little girl is one of those children." The RCMP has about 4,000 to 5,000 records that they will be going through to see if there is a photo match, along with other investigative information on the file of missing children. As it stands now, this work is not automated. However, a new RCMP automated central database for police investigations into all missing persons and unidentified remains is being developed. Earlier this year, the RCMP's Canadian Police Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (CPCMEC) launched a new website for Canada's missing where profiles of current cases are listed. "We've already started to determine if this little girl is possibly Canadian," Prosper said. "We'll take that list and we'll narrow it down by age range. We don't have a definite age or birth date. We don't want to exclude anyone." She cautioned, however, that there is no direct Canadian connection and there is no information about a tip from Canada. Panagiotis Pardalis, spokesman for Smile of the Child charity in Greece, which is caring for the girl while authorities try to track the real parents, said the organization is pursuing a lead in Canada. "We got one tip from Canada," he told the Star. However, he was unable to identify where that tip came from in Canada or how credible it was. Toronto Star

*** Investigation continues in fatal shooting involving Codiac RCMP**

The Fredericton Police Force investigation into the Codiac Regional RCMP-related shooting in July continues to progress. In a news release sent to media yesterday, police say they have received the pathology report, but are still waiting for the return of some results from the independent lab that is processing the evidence. They anticipate receiving the reports in the near future. Police say much of the intensive investigation has concluded, and they thank outside municipal agencies, including the Saint John, Miramichi and Edmundston police forces for their consultation, as well as Nova Scotia's Serious Incident Response team and Ontario's Special Investigative Unit for providing objective guidance throughout the investigation. Police say in aiming to be as transparent as possible, they have released as much detail as possible without compromising the integrity of the investigation. They continue to request the patience of the public as they move towards the conclusion of the investigation, at which time they say they will release additional details relating to this matter. Daniel Levesque, 30, died after an encounter with Codiac RCMP members on July 13. Shortly before 6 a.m., Codiac RCMP responded to a complaint of an armed individual attempting to break into a vehicle in an area near the Moncton Coliseum. The complainant was in the vehicle at the time of the incident and also stated the individual was causing damage to his vehicle. Police officers were sent to the scene, including police dog services, in an attempt to locate the individual because he had left the area of the Coliseum. As police were actively attempting to locate the armed man, shots were fired sometime around 7 a.m. in the Whitney Avenue-Jordan Avenue area of Moncton. The members involved in the incident have been removed from active duty during the investigation. The Fredericton Police Force was called in to investigate. Times & Transcript (Telegraph-Journal, Daily Gleaner)

*** Impersonating Health Canada officials among man's charges**

U.S. authorities say an American who allegedly impersonated a Canadian deputy minister of health and other Health Canada staff faces fraud charges following an investigation that involved the FBI and RCMP. Prosecutors allege Howard Leventhal, 56, of Long Grove, Ill., scammed Paragon Financial Group for US$800,000 by claiming the Florida company could collect money he said Health Canada owed to his company, Neovision. According to the complaint filed in Federal Court in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Leventhal assured Paragon he was providing Health Canada with "Heltheo's McCoy Home Health Tablet." The device, which purportedly delivers instantaneous and detailed patient data to physicians and other licensed health-care providers, was named after Dr. Leonard McCoy of TV's Star Trek. To conceal the

scheme, authorities allege, Mr. Leventhal assumed the identities of Health Canada representatives, including that of deputy health minister Glenda Yeates, who retired recently. Mr. Leventhal, who was arrested Tuesday, created and used domain names, telephone numbers, and email addresses that closely resembled those actually used by Health Canada, such as hc-sg-gc.ca in place of Health Canada's true domain name hc-sc.gc.ca, the complaint says. There was, however, no such arrangement between Health Canada and Mr. Leventhal, and Ms. Yeates' signature on the agreement was a forgery, the attorney's office said. The complaint also alleges Mr. Leventhal tried to defraud an undercover officer in Brooklyn of more than US$2.5-million by claiming Neovision had a lucrative contract with Health Canada. He told the undercover agent Neovision had US$18-million in sales for 2012, and emailed the same fraudulent agreement he had used to deceive Paragon. The charges, which have not been proven in court, carry a maximum prison sentence of 20 years on conviction. Canadian Press (National Post)

*** Shot by police officers, inmate files lawsuit**

An Yukon inmate is suing several areas of government over alleged injustices stemming from his shooting by RCMP officers near Dawson City in 2011. Mark McDiarmid, facing a string of charges including the attempted murder of police officers, filed lawsuits last week against the RCMP, Yukon government and federal prosecution. McDiarmid, 34, alleges that Mounties shot him twice while he was not approaching nor attacking them, then "stood over me and shot me a third time," according to the statement of claim. He is seeking damages from the RCMP "for criminal actions of their members resulting in physical harm, over 24 months awaiting trial in jail, psychological stress ... loss of reproductive ability and damage to reputation." McDiarmid claims the RCMP "placed false charges" to justify the shooting, resulting in unlawful arrest and false imprisonment by the Department of Justice. He further claims the prosecution did not disclose evidence against him in a timely manner, compromising his legal case and holding up his trial. McDiarmid wants repayment of legal and medical costs on top of damages and remuneration. The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) concluded last year that Dawson RCMP were justified in shooting McDiarmid. The civilian-led investigatory agency of the Alberta government announced in November 2012 that police would not face charges. Whitehorse Daily Star

*** Crime on the steady decline since peaking in 2011-12**

Red Deer's reputation as a high-crime city won't go away soon, but RCMP Supt. Warren Dosko hopes the trend towards lower crime statistics will start to erode that perception. The annual Statistics Canada crime severity index, a measure of crime per capita and based on severity of the crime, had the city rated 10th overall. And for cities with 50,000 people or more, Red Deer had the highest crime severity index. Taken together, Dosko admits it is very likely Red Deer will be the country's highest-crime, or most dangerous city in the annual Maclean's maga- zine report on crime. "We're going to wear it, it's going to be one of those black eyes you have for a week or two," said Dosko. "There will be lots of talk about Red Deer being the most dangerous city in Canada, but I think there is some good news in the trend down in crime." The ranking and crime severity index value are based on the 2011-12 peak of crime in Red Deer. Dosko said since that peak, there has been a steady decline. By the third quarter of 2012, City RCMP had gotten a handle on crime, he said, and held it to a 0.7 per cent increase, which became a 7.9 per cent decrease by the fourth quarter. That was the start of the trend towards lower crime - so far this year, crime is down by 10.5 per cent. Dosko arrived in Red Deer in November 2011 and for the first four or five months, he said there were significant increases in crime...There are about 130 Red Deer City RCMP officers and Dosko hopes they can get staff up to 140 by the end of the year. Dosko said the addition of a crime intelligence analyst in 2012 has contributed to the drop in crime. "By adding the crime analyst, we've allowed ourselves to be more strategic, we've been able to be a lot more intelligence-led in who we target," said Dosko. Red Deer Advocate, A1

Anti-shale gas group calls for talks

The New Brunswick Anti-Shale Gas Alliance continued calls yesterday for the province to engage in discussion with the public about shale gas exploration and the potential for the industry in New Brunswick. The organization blames the Alward government's "unwillingness to listen" to the public as the cause of recent strife, including a protest that turned violent last week when police tried to break it up. Jim Emberger, spokesman for the alliance, denounced the events that occurred last Thursday in Rexton and called for a public accounting of police activity leading up to the violence. Senior RCMP officers have said

the threat to public safety posed by lethal weapons and escalating tensions at the blockade along Route 134 led to the intervention, but Emberger argues the protest was peaceful until police got involved. Six police vehicles including an unmarked van were burned, and the RCMP said Molotov cocktails were tossed at them. In response, police fired non-lethal beanbag-type bullets and used pepper spray to defuse the situation. At least 40 people were arrested. Emberger said there "must be a public accounting of police activity" that led to their intervention. But the alliance put all of the blame for the concerns on the province, saying that meaningful discussion about whether or not residents will accept shale gas exploration and possible production is needed. "If you don't talk to people, you can't convince them," he said at a press conference. Also yesterday, the Alward government responded to claims it had not properly involved First Nations people in discussions on shale gas. Times & Transcript; * Times&Transcript (Telegraph Journal, Daily Gleaner)

Fracking foes - RCMP response needs answers

A group opposed to shale gas development in New Brunswick is raising questions about the RCMP's enforcement of an injunction against protesters last week in the province that turned violent. Jim Emberger of the New Brunswick Anti-Shale Gas Alliance says the Mounties should be asked about their use of force Thursday near Rexton. "There remain many questions about the authorization, timing, necessity and execution of this action and the shocking escalation in the use of force," he said Tuesday at a news conference in Moncton, N.B. Emberger said there had been many peaceful anti-shale demonstrations in the province over the last two years and questions must be answered to determine why Rexton was different. Forty people were arrested and weapons including guns and improvised explosive devices were seized when the RCMP enforced the court-ordered injunction to end the blockade of a SWN Resources storage compound for exploration equipment and vehicles. Six police vehicles including an unmarked van were burned. The RCMP said they had Molotov cocktails tossed at them, and in response they fired non-lethal beanbag-type bullets and used pepper spray to defuse the situation. Assistant commissioner Roger Brown, the RCMP's commanding officer in the province, has defended the police response, saying officers acted because they grew concerned that public safety was at risk. The RCMP blocked Route 134 three weeks ago after protesters began spilling onto the road. Protesters then cut down trees and placed them across another part of the road, blocking the entrance to SWN's equipment compound. Canadian Press (Chronicle Herald, The Telegram); * Yellowknifer

News Online Poll

QShould the people who were apprehended in the violent clashes with police last week during the anti-fracking protests in New Brunswick be released? Yes 6% No 94% just the facts ... Mounties arrested at least 40 protesters at an anti-fracking blockade in New Brunswick after police cruisers were torched when RCMP moved in Thursday morning. Charges include firearms offences, uttering threats, intimidation, mischief and refusing to abide by a court injunction. Native protesters complained they were hit with rubber bullets and pepper spray. They apparently retaliated by torching at least five cruisers. Mounties said at least one shot was fired by someone other than police and Molotov cocktails were thrown at cops. The RCMP is also investigating other suspected explosive devices. Kingston Whig-Standard, 8

Elsipogtog, What's the fallout?

An opinion piece states, “If the protestors' goal was to draw attention to the fracking issue in Kent County, there is no denying it was mission accomplished. But did last Thursday's confrontation with the RCMP help or hurt the anti-frackers' cause? That's the real communications question here. Seems to me the result is that previously held views, whatever they were, are now more entrenched. The people who are against fracking and want the SWN Resources crews doing the seismic testing to leave still have that view, and they blame the violence on an over aggressive RCMP response. The people who support the seismic testing see what happened as the protestors crossing a line, and say it was about time the authorities enforced the court injunction that the natives have been ignoring. The rhetoric has been ratcheted up by both sides. Native spokespeople and some others, notably New Brunswick Green Party Leader David Coon, use words such as an "CMP assault," and talk of "RCMP snipers," painting a picture of a peaceful protest that turned violent solely because the Mounties provoked a confrontation. Some have even invoked the term "genocide," suggesting underlying racist undertones. The rhetoric on the other side is no better, with the likes of Sun News commentator Ezra Levant claiming the protestors are eco-terrorists and that they have been terrorizing the people of New Brunswick for months. He says the

First Nations people who are protesting are doing so simply because they were hired by outside interests…Social media has been very active, mainly with pro-First Nations protestor messages, punctuated by support from all over the country and even the world, mainly from other native bands, but also from a smattering of celebrities, all of whom are dumping shame on New Brunswick and Canada, suggesting we an anti-native province and country. This is pretty nasty stuff. Others, especially people within New Brunswick, and even including some who were in general support of the native protest, may now feel the natives went too far by burning the police cars. This, combined with the news that they had weapons in their encampment, may have served to alienate this support. So in short, the native protestors may have traded support they had within the province for support they have gained from parties from outside the province, even outside the country…" Telegraph-Journal

No future's built on entitlement

An editorial states, "The First Nation of Elsipogtog has been criticized because 85 per cent of its residents draw welfare, while the community opposes seismic exploration that could lead to a domestic shale gas industry and job creation. We're not suggesting the debate is actually that simple, but the contrast seems emblematic of a larger phenomenon in New Brunswick - one with national repercussions…Whether the issue is unsustainable public-sector pensions, federal Employment Insurance, or provincial social assistance rates, New Brunswickers have taken to the streets and community halls to say they are opposed to change and entitled to their entitlements. The shale gas protests are not even the most startling example: that distinction goes to protesters who oppose reforms to Employment Insurance in areas where a significant number of jobs are going unfilled, due to a lack of skilled or willing workers…Such protests are fanning a backlash in Alberta and Ontario. These provinces' taxpayers are the main contributors to Employment Insurance, the federal equalization program, and the federal cash transfers that fund 40 per cent of New Brunswick's social programs. The more that backlash grows, the likelier it is that the flow of funding to New Brunswick will be reduced as the federal power of these populous provinces increases… We believe shale gas extraction should be expanded if - and only if - it can be demonstrated the gas sector can be developed as safely as other industries have been. To evaluate the potential of this economic opportunity and others, though, New Brunswick legislators must determine the facts, then assess whether the potential benefits outweigh potential costs. Government cannot do so if the roads are paralyzed by protests or exploration is halted by a moratorium." Telegraph-Journal, A6

In new book, former officer alleges systemic harassment of women

Her job was to enforce the law. Yet, by the end of a 20-year RCMP career, Janet Merlo had become so distrustful of the force - and turned off by its treatment of women - that she told her teenage daughter to never pull over for the police on the highway at night. Instead, she was to drive to the nearest gas station or coffee shop where there could be witnesses around. It's one of many searing indictments contained in a book being released Wednesday by the retired B.C. constable, who is also the lead plaintiff in a proposed class-action lawsuit alleging widespread harassment and gender-based discrimination in the RCMP. In No One to Tell, Merlo writes of having to endure years of bullying, crude sexual jokes and double standards at the Nanaimo detachment. But in the same way that cops tend to keep bottled up the anguish they might feel after responding to a horrible accident, Merlo rarely spoke up about the alleged harassment because to do so would be admitting weakness. "We kept our mouths shut, and we allowed the horrible things we'd experienced to take root inside us, just as we allowed the rot within our organization to proceed unchecked," she writes. In the RCMP, order is maintained by "mute force - you just don't speak out against those who outrank you," she writes. That's why, she said, no one dared to say anything about a sergeant who always came to work drunk. And on the few occasions she did speak up, such as when she complained about understaffing, she says she was berated and labelled a "big mouth." In an interview, Merlo - who now lives in St. John's, N.L., where she works for the John Howard Society as a night supervisor for a community residential home - said she was compelled to write the book, in part, to show the toll that the "poisoned workplace" had on her life. "I lost my career, and lost my marriage ... everything basically fell apart," she said. RCMP officials said Tuesday they couldn't speak to Merlo's specific allegations since they are the subject of a lawsuit. Postmedia News (Vancouver Sun, The Province, StarPhoenix, Edmonton Journal, Leader-Post, Windsor Star, Montreal Gazette)

Forget the RCMP try regional policing

An opinion piece by Dean Secord, President of the New Brunswick Police Association, in response to the commentary "Should policing be provincial?" by Mr. Daniel Bourgeois published on Sept. 28, 2013. states, “The New Brunswick Police Association represents the front-line officers in the municipalities of Fredericton, Edmundston, Bathurst, Miramichi, Rothesay, Quispamsis, Woodstock, Grand Falls, Drummond, Beresford, Nigadoo, Petit Rocher, Pointe Verte (two LSDs) and Saint John, who provide 24-hour police protection to their citizens. We have been involved in all aspects of policing, both provincially and nationally, for many decades in our endeavours to bring the most cost efficient police protection to the citizens of New Brunswick. The first professional police force in Canada was established in Saint John, New Brunswick in 1849, some 20 years before the RCMP was formed. The suggestion by Mr. Bourgeois to replace all municipal police forces with the federal RCMP is nothing short of promoting a "police state" controlled totally by the federal government in Ottawa. With the current reputation of the federal RCMP, this is certainly a scary thought. Mr. Bourgeois makes a non-factual general statement that a complete take over by the federal RCMP would result in lower costs. The fact of matter is that in each region of New Brunswick, the cost of the RCMP is higher than that of every municipal force! This statement is based on statistical data provided by the government of New Brunswick. A review of the policing expenditures for the federal RCMP in all areas of New Brunswick, compared to the police expenditures of each municipal police force, finds the federal RCMP 10.4 per cent to 26 per cent higher than the average cost of a municipal police force. This is why Professor Alan Grant of Osgood Hall Law School at York University recommended the formation of seven regional municipal police forces throughout New Brunswick. Professor Grant also recommended the RCMP police outside the newly formed regions for both general and highway patrol functions...” Telegraph-Journal

N.S. teen charged in stabbing
Police have charged a 14-year-old boy following the stabbing of a 15-year-old near a high school in Halifax. The RCMP arrested the boy from the Halifax suburb of Cole Harbour on Monday evening. He faces charges including attempted murder, aggravated assault, assault with a weapon and assault causing bodily harm. Police say the victim was stabbed on a pathway near Cole Harbour District High School on Monday afternoon and he remains in hospital in stable condition. Times&Transcript, A2

Charges against cop dropped to protect informants
Criminal charges have been stayed against a Hamilton police gang unit officer, just months after dozens of his cases were dropped due to his arrest. One count each of breach of trust and obstructing justice against Detective Constable Craig Ruthowsky, 39, were stayed Oct. 16 at the Crown's request. But not because the Crown believed there was no likelihood of convicting the 17-year veteran. Rather, the charges were stayed because the Crown's disclosure to the defence included information that could identify police informants if the case ever went to trial, according to Gary Clewley, Ruthowsky's lawyer. "The information that was provided created a risk of identifying confidential sources," says Clewley, a Toronto lawyer who often represents cops. Hamilton Spectator, A1

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Political justice
An opinion piece states, “Justice Minister Peter MacKay is adding another plank in the Conservative law-and-order platform that aims to keep the worst of the worst criminals in jail. Canada has laws to cover serial murderers and rapists, the criminals Mr. MacKay says the law would cover. Clearly, the latest cinch to the law is to remove the discretion of judges, who hearing the evidence are paid to discern the most appropriate parole for those facing life sentences. The Tories in 2011 changed parole eligibility from 25 years for first-degree murderers, allowing the courts to stack eligibility. Last month former armoured-car guard Travis Baumgartner, who killed three co-workers, was sent to jail with no chance of parole for 40 years. Whether Baumgartner ever gets out of jail -- a life sentence does not end, and he can be returned should he break parole conditions -- remains to be seen...” Winnipeg Free Press, A10

More KP tours a possibility

Before it offers tours of recently shuttered Kingston Penitentiary, a charity first wants to ensure it has enough volunteers to help conduct them. Habitat for Humanity Canada issued a call for volunteers Tuesday, directing would-be helpers to the web page habitatcanada. volunteerhub.com/Events/Index. Potential volunteers can apply for one of the positions that need to be filled, from "gate attendants" to "site marshals." According to the page, tours would be offered every day for three weeks, from Monday, Oct. 28, to Sunday, Nov. 17. Habitat for Humanity hopes to emulate the success the United Way of Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington had with the tours. Its three weeks of tours sold out within a matter of days. At $20 a ticket, the tours raised $150,000 for the charity. The last of the United Way's tours took place on Sunday. Kingston Whig-Standard, 1

Psychiatrist defends Khadr

The psychiatrist who spent five years with Omar Khadr told Edmonton audiences the prisoner is ready to be a part of society. Stephen Xenakis, retired U.S. Brigadier General, is an anti-torture activist who spent years with prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. What we do is basic to our humanity and our faith, he said, adding it is not easy. Xenakis teared up when speaking of Khadr Tuesday evening at the engineering teaching and learning complex at the U of A. When he met him, Khadr welcomed him and thanked the doctor for coming. Edmonton Sun, 38

Judge gives murderer Toby Land chance to seek parole in 10 years

The mother of a murdered man walked out of a courtroom in disgust Tuesday as a judge gave her son's killer the chance to seek parole at the earliest opportunity for second-degree murder. Toby Little Otter Land received an automatic life sentence for killing Dominic Doyon, but Ontario Superior Court Justice Catherine Aitken concluded Land should be eligible for parole after 10 years given his tragic Aboriginal upbringing marred by abject sexual abuse, neglect, racism and poverty. Land, who has already served 4 1/2 years in jail, can now apply for parole in less than six years. It is Corrections Canada's "obligation" to make sure he gets that opportunity, Aitken said. "The unavailability of Aboriginal programming in federal institutions should not become simply the latest example of how Canadian society let Mr. Land fall through the cracks," she said. On Tuesday, Aitken said it was "distressing" such reports, known as Gladue reports, couldn't be completed in Ottawa because the probation office here doesn't have adequately trained personnel. Aitken said the Criminal Code provisions requiring special consideration for Aboriginals provides "hollow protection" if services aren't available throughout the country. Aitken's decision was also in line with what the jury recommended, that Land receive the 10 year period of parole ineligibility. Ottawa Citizen, D3

Arrest, release, repeat

A career criminal with a rap sheet featuring more than 50 convictions -- including the killing of an Edmonton police officer -- was arrested and granted bail, yet again. Mounties discovered that man was 51-year-old Albert Foulston, who had been granted bail and placed under 13 conditions on charges of impaired driving and drug possession in Edmonton last October. One of those conditions is that he isn't supposed to be outside of Alberta. For Sgt. Tony Simioni, head of the Edmonton Police Association (EPA), Foulston is the poster boy for a failed parole system. Simioni is fuming about Foulston's latest breach and release. Simioni describes the justice system as a revolving door -- police catch law breakers, put them behind bars to protect the public, only to have them released and re-offend. Foulston's case was the catalyst for the EPA to begin compiling files on repeat offenders for the past year and a half. According to Simioni, the Alberta Federation of Police Associations has legislation with the justice minister federally that he's contemplating to address this issue. In the meantime, the union plans to continue presenting cases that show why the bail system needs to be reformed to keep repeat offenders behind bars. Edmonton Sun, 3

Councillors reject casino poll

A letter to the editor states, “Come on city council. When the population realizes we have the old Kingston Penitentiary now vacant and ready to be turned into a profitable use, it is believed the casino issue will come up. I spent the better part of an hour walking through the Pen on my own recently before the crowd got there for a tour. I was chosen to be a rover on that tour and found it amazing to see the historic beauty of the interior and exterior of that old complex. After taking a number of breath-taking pictures

throughout the penitentiary property, it confirmed my opinion that this would make the number one site for a world-class casino in this country…" Kingston Whig-Standard, 4

Parole vs. life
A letter to the editor states, "Parole is far from freedom, and granted only if the offender is determined to no longer be a threat to the community (Tories Set To Give Victims A Louder Voice In Legal System - Oct. 21). Does Justice Minister Peter MacKay not understand that a parolee, although not behind bars, is nonetheless serving a sentence, which in this case includes state supervision for life, and the permanent threat of reincarceration? Does he know that 91.9 per cent of paroles granted in Ontario are successfully completed? Does he really want to emulate the broken U.S. penal system?" Globe and Mail, A14

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

*** Helping youth develop life skills**
After five years, the Newo Yotina Friendship Centre continues to grow and find its niche in the city. David Bighead, NYFC executive director, said between 50 and 100 people drop in at the centre every day. He said it took some time to get the centre back up and operating, but is confident the centre is on the right track. On Tuesday, it hosted a three-day Aboriginal Life Skills and Financial Literacy workshop for its clients. The workshop focuses on skills training in the areas of budgeting, savings, banking, credit and debt, with a life skills component added. The workshop was designed in partnership with the First Nations University of Canada. Leader-Post, A3

*** 'Transformational' aboriginal education reforms ahead, minister says**
The Harper government released a contentious plan Tuesday to reform education for First Nations children that one cabinet minister says will be "transformational," but that aboriginal leaders worry could be a setback for their languages and culture. On Tuesday evening, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt's department quietly posted online a draft of the First Nation Education Act. The intention is to gauge aboriginals' input before tabling the bill in Parliament in coming months. It was expected Valcourt's department would release the draft bill Tuesday morning, but that didn't happen. Postmedia News (National Post, Canada.com)

*** At-risk progam age limit should be under 15**
Is age 15 too old a starting point for an early intervention, anti-crime program directed at boys and young men who might join gangs? Bill Karsten believes so. The veteran Halifax regional councillor told his colleagues Tuesday that a new city hall project, Souls Strong, that focuses on young people at risk of criminal activity should perhaps have an entry level below age 15. Karsten, who represents Dartmouth South-Eastern Passage, added that he's "very supportive" of the plan. "This is a great initiative," he told council. But Karsten said his view is these types of community-based programs must start with preteens, not older youth. Criminologists and other experts have said some young people influenced by gang activity can be converts by the time they reach 15 or 16. "I would love these programs to start at a much younger (age) of 12 and 13," Karsten said. Born out of crime data and intelligence from the RCMP and Halifax Regional Police, the program is to serve at-risk males in North Preston ages 15 to 20. Ottawa will be bankrolling it through its National Crime Prevention Strategy. Chronicle-Herald

Mental health court highlights need for services
Thomas Trecartin has spent much of the last few years trying to access mental health services for his daughter. The 19-year-old woman has had countless run-ins with the police as she battles the complex and wide-ranging effects of fetal alcohol syndrome, he said. Though she hasn't been charged with a crime, Trecartin has often become so desperate to get his daughter help for her problems that he has wanted police to arrest her just so that she could be referred to mental health court - a Saint John-based therapeutic court for mentally ill people that focuses on helping them access treatment. Kim Pate, executive director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, said there are a number of

therapeutic courts in Canada that have done some positive work, but she said creating more courts is a "band-aid solution." New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, C1

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ASHLEY SMITH / ENQUÊTE SUR LA MORT D'ASHLEY SMITH

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PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

*** Tories defend labour provision in budget**
Stephen Harper has stuffed measures into the Conservative government's new budget bill that would change the balance of power in relations between Ottawa and public sector unions - including giving federal employers the power to unilaterally designate parts of the bureaucracy as an essential service that cannot strike. The Public Service Alliance called the move an attack on the rights of hundreds of thousands of civil servants, and labour lawyers said it is a fundamental change in Ottawa's relations with its work force. "This is virtually eviscerating collective bargaining for public servants," said Steven Barrett, a labour lawyer with Sack Goldblatt Mitchell LLP in Toronto. Treasury Board President Tony Clement told The Globe and Mail the measure is part of "transforming and modernizing the public service negotiation architecture" in Ottawa as the government works to balance the budget by 2015. The changes are packed inside an omnibus budget bill that contains unrelated measures including sweeping new powers that would enable the federal cabinet to place anyone from the governor of the Bank of Canada to opposition MPs under a stricter conflict-of-interest regime. (…) In units where 80 per cent or more of staff are deemed essential, talks would be automatically sent to arbitration if they reach an impasse. The legislation also says an arbitrator setting pay levels would have to give preponderant weight to "fiscal circumstances." Separately, the budget bill would let cabinet say who is covered by federal conflict-of-interest rules. Those affected may have to disclose assets, sell securities or put them in a blind trust and accept restrictions on employment after leaving office. The Globe and Mail, A6; * CBC News, * World Socialist Web Site

Budget bill contains surprise reforms aimed at weakening public service unions
The Conservative government's budget bill introduces sweeping reforms that could severely weaken federal public service unions as they gear up for an upcoming round of contract negotiations over sick leave and disability. The scope and breadth of changes the government is proposing to the Public Service Labour Relations Act came as a complete surprise to union officials, who were poring over the implications of the reforms tabled in the second budget implementation bill tabled Tuesday. They claim it will completely change the ground rules for collective bargaining in the public service. Ron Cochrane, a longtime negotiator and the current co-chair of the union-management National Joint Council, said he has never seen such profound changes. He also said Treasury Board president Tony Clement has never indicated to unions that he felt such changes were necessary to manage labour relations. (…)"This bill represents a far-reaching attack on public service workers and the unions that represent them," said Robyn Benson, president of the largest union, the Public Service Alliance of Canada. "The government is upsetting the balance of labour relations, and is showing a callous disregard for due process, health and safety, and the collective bargaining rights of every single public service employee. The collective bargaining rights and the protections of workers who face discrimination, who do dangerous work, or who are treated unfairly will be undermined by the proposals in this bill." Ottawa Citizen; Le Devoir

*** Op-Ed: I'm proud of my public service career**
An opinion piece states: "As a federal public servant who retired this summer, I was starting to feel ashamed to call myself a public servant after what I've seen in the media lately. The federal government has constantly tried to deflect criticism of their ineptitude onto the backs of my fellow Canadians who serve the public with pride. But, then I realized I have nothing to be ashamed of. I'm proud of my work.

(...) Treasury Board President Tony Clement has been relentless in trying to discredit the public service. He has said the average public servant takes 18.2 days of sick leave a year." Ottawa Citizen

*** Federal deficit $7B below projections**
The Conservative government is well on its way to balancing the books by 2015, announcing Tuesday it posted an $18.9-billion deficit in 2012-13 - well below the $25.9 billion projected in the March budget. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty didn't have a lot of explanation for how the federal government's deficit could be $7 billion less than what was projected just seven months ago. But he maintained the government is committed to introducing income-splitting for couples with children under age 18 - at the cost of $2.5 billion a year - once the books are balanced. The annual financial report released Tuesday shows total expenses in 2012-13 were $275.6 billion - $4.5 billion less than predicted in the most recent budget. (...) Transfers to other levels of government, including for health and social programs, equalization, cities and communities: $58.4 billion Total direct program expenses: $117.7 billion Total spending on National Defence in 2012-13: $23 billion. Ottawa Citizen

City streamlines development permitting process...
The City of Yellowknife is inviting interested residents and developers to attend drop-in sessions next week to learn about its new automated development permit application system, slated to go online on Monday. (...) Members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) North are encouraged to register for a two-day course being held in the union's boardroom this weekend. Participants in the PSAC North Health and Safety Training course will examine why health and safety is a union issue. Members will learn about union perspectives on health and safety, the internal responsibility system, and increase their knowledge on the rights and responsibilities of workers. Yellowknifer

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*** James Clapper: Reports US tapped French phones 'false'**
US intelligence chief James Clapper has denied reports that US spies recorded data from 70 million phone calls in France in a single 30-day period. The director of national intelligence said the report in Le Monde newspaper contained "misleading information". In a separate story, the newspaper said the US bugged French diplomats and used the information to sway a key UN vote. Both reports were based on leaks from fugitive ex-US intelligence worker Edward Snowden. BBC News

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*** Opposition MPs To Hold Press Conference on Parliament Hill with Wife of Imprisoned Marijuana Activist Marc Emery**
New Democratic Party, Liberal and Green Party Members of Parliament will hold a joint press conference on Ottawa's Parliament Hill with Jodie Emery, wife of imprisoned marijuana activist Marc Emery, to call on the Conservative government to approve Marc's transfer home to serve the remainder of his prison sentence in Canada. NDP Deputy Leader Libby Davies, Liberal Public Safety Critic Wayne Easter and Green MP Elizabeth May will join with Jodie Emery on Tuesday, October 29 at 10:30AM (130 S Centre Block - Charles Lynch Room) to publicly ask the government for Marc Emery's return to Canada. Marc Emery, a Canadian businessman and activist, was extradited to the US in 2010 and imprisoned for a five-year sentence for selling millions of dollars worth of marijuana seeds and using all the profits to fund marijuana legalization activism. Though the US government has approved Marc's transfer to serve the remaining part of his sentence in Canada, **Conservative Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** has not yet signed the paperwork or spoken publicly about the issue. "It's been extremely difficult for me to have my husband imprisoned so far away," Jodie Emery said. "I hope **Minister Blaney** will spare us further suffering by letting Marc serve the remainder of his sentence closer to me at home in Canada." Supporters are encouraged to rally outside Parliament at 10AM EST to peacefully demonstrate and show solidarity with the imprisoned activist. Cannabis Culture Magazine (22-10-2013)

*** Inquiétudes chez les maitres de poste en ruralité**

L'Association canadienne des maitres de postes s'inquiète que les réductions d'heures dans les bureaux de poste ruraux se poursuivent et que ces réductions s'attaquent maintenant à des postes déjà en place plutôt que de laisser l'attrition faire son œuvre. (…) Le **député-ministre fédéral de Lévis-Bellechasse**, **Steven Blaney**, a tenu tout de même à se faire rassurant sur le maintien d'un service postal en ruralité. ***"Comme gouvernement, on a pris l'engagement de ne pas fermer de bureaux de postes en région rurales. Postes Canada doit évoluer dans un monde compétitif, où doivent s'ajuster les besoins et l'offre en fonction de la demande, mais ils ont aussi des objectifs de rentabilité. Ce qui les amène à prendre des décisions administratives. "*** Le gouvernement fédéral ne s'ingère toutefois pas dans les aspects opérationnels et de gestion de Postes Canada poursuit monsieur **Blaney**. ***"Comme député, on n'a toutefois la possibilité de faire part à Postes Canada des enjeux qui sont soulevés par la communauté. On utilise ces canaux-là fréquemment. On ne peut pas leur demander d'être rentable et questionner leur façon de faire totalement, mais j'ai l'intention de soulever les points qui ont été portés à mon attention."*** Quant à la possibilité évoquée par plusieurs de privatiser éventuellement Postes Canada, monsieur **Blaney** avait une réponse toute simple. ***"Je n'ai pas rien vu dans le discours du Trône là-dessus."*** Voix du Sud (23/10/2013)

*** Subvention fédérale: La MRC de Bellechasse doit renoncer**
La MRC de Bellechasse se voit forcée de renoncer à une subvention fédérale obtenue pour la réfection d'une partie de la Cycloroute de Bellechasse. Au montant de 167 605 dollars, celle-ci lui avait été autorisée dans le cadre du Fonds d'amélioration de l'infrastructure communautaire. (…) Mis au fait de la situation par les représentants de la Cycloroute et de la MRC lors d'une rencontre à Lévis, le **député-ministre fédéral, Steven Blaney**, a avoué son impuissance devant la situation. ***"On a réalisé que les paramètres du programme ne permettaient pas d'entrer dans les délais en raison des évidences climatiques et des délais nécessaires pour monter des projets et surtout des autorisations nécessaires pour aller de l'avant."*** **Monsieur Blaney** a maintenu qu'il tenterait de trouver un programme plus adéquat dans le futur. ***"C'est un programme parrainé par DEC Canada qui travaille généralement avec des entreprises. Or, la MRC doit travailler dans un contexte rigoureux d'appel d'offre et de gestion des contrats qui exigent énormément de temps. On cherchera autre chose."*** Voix du Sud (23/10/2013)

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*** Measles scare puts officials on alert**
Southern Alberta health officials are girding for a potentially major outbreak of measles after a case of the highly-contagious disease was confirmed in the region where immunization rates remain low. Calgary Herald, A5

*** Province pledges $81M for flood-ravaged parks**
In Kananaskis Country, highways and trails were washed out, campgrounds were destroyed and the Peter Lougheed Visitor Centre was flooded. Calgary's Fish Creek Provincial Park lost pathways and memorial benches. Other parks in southern Alberta also suffered damage in the June flood. In total, about 170 kilometres of pathways and recreation trails were destroyed, and more than 60 picnic areas and 50 campgrounds were damaged. Now the Alberta government is dedicating $81 million over the next four years to restore provincial parks. Calgary Herald, A2

*** Atlantic hurricane season predictions fall flat**
Despite dire predictions to the contrary, the 2013 hurricane season is turning out to be a dud. With a little over a month left in the North Atlantic hurricane season, it's now clear that the long-range U.S. forecasts issued in the spring — all calling for a high level of storm activity — weren't even close. In Halifax, where the Canadian Hurricane Centre keeps track of tropical cyclones, forecasters have issued bulletins for only two storms this year, Andrea in June and Gabrielle in September. Both had little impact on the Atlantic region. Chris Fogarty, the centre's program supervisor, says the spring predictions were so far off base that U.S. meteorologists should consider issuing seasonal forecasts without hard numbers. Canadian Press (CBC News)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

*** Ross Urquhart: Thanks to Edward Snowden, we know democracy's greatest threats are internal**
Edward Snowden didn't win the Nobel Peace Prize but he received multiple and credible nominations and, as a result, I believe, a statement was made about how we view the future of freedom. People in every corner of the world are now recognizing that democracy's greatest threats are no longer coming from the outside. (…)Snowden has also informed us that Canada's government is not only a willing participant but carries on it's own spying program, most recently against Brazilian mining interests—apparently for the purpose of aiding our industries in bidding on lucrative contracts. These invasions of privacy will unabashedly continue, even with the secret out, as the United States' and Canada's governments attempt to downplay and justify the intrusion as a requirement for their security. Straight

Key ruling soon in case of Egyptian branded terrorist threat
A key ruling is expected any day now in the long-running saga of an Egyptian man who has lived for 13 years branded as a terrorist threat to Canada on secret evidence he's never seen. Federal Court Judge Edmond Blanchard will rule on the validity of a national security certificate imposed on Mohamed Mahjoub in a case that has exposed serious flaws in Canada's security apparatus. "It's the final ruling both on the merits as well as on the constitutional and abuse challenges," Yavar Hameed, one of Mahjoub's lawyers, said Wednesday. (…) What has emerged over years of hearings is, among other things, that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service destroyed the original records it used as a basis for claiming Mahjoub poses a threat. Canadian Press (Globe and Mail, The Guardian); * Presse canadienne (La Presse)

Suing for secret spying
Canadians have periodically worried, ever since the 9/11 attacks, whether we have lost the delicate balance between civil liberties and security. We have worried about many things: "draconian" elements of the Anti-Terrorism Act passed in December 2001; judicial fairness in depriving Canadian refugee claimants of their liberties in security certificate cases; the treatment of Afghan combat detainees in Canadian hands; policies for sharing intelligence with states that practise the abuse and torture of prisoners; the melding of our national security policies with those of the United States. There may have been a common thread to all these worries, regarding the enhanced role being played by intelligence in the security affairs of Canada, but it was barely acknowledged, and it is fair to say that our worries have been episodic and never quite grave enough to occasion much loss of collective sleep. The Edward Snowden revelations about global and domestic snooping by the National Security Agency in the United States, with their side dish of news about Canadian intelligence involvement in similar activities, have given rise to yet another expression of concern about the elusive delicate balance. To give point to this concern, the Canadian government now finds itself confronted with a lawsuit issued by the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association at the B.C. Supreme Court which charges that the activities of the Communications Security Establishment Canada in collecting electronic intelligence are unlawful and in breach of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. For the first time in its long history (dating back to 1946), and for the first time since being granted a legislative mandate in 2001, the CSEC finds itself uncomfortably under a legal microscope. Ottawa Citizen, A11; Associated Press (Las Vegas Sun)

Bell, Big Brother
Une éditorial déclare, « Bell Canada vient d'annoncer à ses clients qu'elle entend scruter leurs appels téléphoniques et leurs habitudes Internet. La justification offerte est d'améliorer la performance de son réseau, de créer des rapports marketing et d'offrir des publicités ciblées sur des téléphones et plateformes mobiles. L'annonce est jusqu'ici passée presque inaperçue. Et les réactions des citoyens sont rares. Il n'y a que des groupes concernés par les questions de vie privée qui ont commencé à mettre la population en garde. Avec raison. La manoeuvre de Bell Canada enfonce là une porte qu'il sera extrêmement difficile de refermer à l'avenir. La stratégie est non seulement immorale, elle est à la limite de la légalité ; c'est à une forme d'espionnage industriel que Bell entend se livrer. (…)Au niveau

international, le tollé a été immédiat lorsque des pays comme la France ou le Brésil ont appris qu'ils étaient la cible de l'espionnage de la part de la National Security Agency américaine, ou du Canada, via le Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications. » Le Droit, 20; La Presse

Turkey - Friend or foe?
Is it time for Canada to designate Turkey as a state sponsor of terror? The question may strike some as surprising. After all, Turkey is a member of NATO; it conducts joint security operations with Western allies; it has contributed to a $200-million fund to combat violent extremism; and it co-chairs the Global Counterterrorism Forum. Yet, under the rule of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Turkey is heading in a troubling direction. Perhaps most striking are the ties Erdogan's AKP government has forged with Hamas- a group that promotes a violent Islamist agenda, has links to Iran and is listed as a terrorist entity in Canada. In December 2011, Erdogan's Ministry of Finance reportedly set aside $300-million for the Hamas government in Gaza. He has so far welcomed Hamas leader Khaled Meshal to Ankara three times this year. A Sept. 17 article by Jonathan Schanzer in Foreign Policy notes that Turkey is now the headquarters for Hamas operative Saleh al-Arouri, the founder of the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades (Hamas's armed wing). Arouri is not living secretly in Turkey. In March 2012, he took part in a Hamas delegation with high-ranking Turkish officials, and in October 2012, he travelled from Turkey to Gaza to be present for the arrival of Qatar's emir. According to analyst Ehud Yaari, Turkey is allowing Arouri to rebuild Hamas's West Bank terrorism infrastructure. If Arouri is supporting Hamas-related terrorist activity while living in Turkey, with governmental approval (however implicit), this could meet the criteria of a foreign state supporting terrorism under section 2.1 of Canada's State Immunity Act. Even without Arouri's involvement, Turkey could arguably be listed as a state sponsor of terror in Canada solely on the basis of its financial contributions to Hamas. National Post, A14

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Marathon prep in home stretch**
As anyone who has run a marathon can attest, runners intuitively can dig deep once they see the finish line in sight. The same can be said for those behind the scenes. "We've been out marking the courses," said Rick Morocco, director of the Niagara Falls International Marathon. "It's one of those days where you realize, 'Oh my God, I'm really busy.' Everything needs to be done at the same time." It's expected that more than 5,000 runners will lace up to tackle the various races to be held Sunday. "We're up about three per cent, were well over 5,000," Morocco said. "Last year we were just over. It's a positive sign." He added that security will be tightened, but participants may not notice. "We've made some subtle changes," Morocco said. "There are security checkpoints, more barricades and paid security. Niagara Parks Police will be at the finish area." Security at races has become a concern in the wake of a bombing at the Boston Marathon last April. Three spectators watching the finish of the race died as the result of two bombs going off seconds apart, and 264 people were injured. [...] Racers should also expect a smooth trip across the border at the Peace Bridge between Buffalo and Fort Erie. "We're in constant communication with our counterparts in Buffalo," Morocco said. "We're in communication with the Peace Bridge Authority, (the U.S. Department of) Homeland Security and the Canada Border Service Agency. They've all assured us things are good on their end. We're expecting to have good transition times." Niagara This Week

*** Picking the right place**
A commentary states, “Six months have passed since the first time I stepped onto Fredericton soil. I shall never forget the moment when I saw, from a jet, the vast forest around the outskirts. Fredericton, a peaceful town, is gradually becoming my second hometown. International students are known as courageous kids. In order to gain knowledge while broadening our horizons, we come to Canada from distant countries. We have mastered the language as we try our best to adapt to the local customs. International students are precious human resources for their motherland; many developing countries long for international students who have studied in developed countries. The tradition of learning abroad is an honourable deed for students because they have to achieve academically before they leave for a new country. In China, the standard of studying abroad is having a high TOFEL or IELTS mark; but

people may also study abroad by paying the school a great sum of money. In recent decades, as the Chinese economy flourished, the trend of sending children to study abroad emerged among the wealthy upper class. As a result, some serious issues have emerged. Increasingly, more students come to developed western countries such as Canada and the U.S. by spending money, and unfortunately, they sometimes cause trouble. On April 12, a group of Chinese students was forced to leave by the Canada Border Services Agency because they had abandoned their school work and refused to concentrate on their studies - after being warned. Since then, 492 students have been sent back and it isn't surprising that one-fifth of them are Chinese. Most of these students are kids who were born with a silver spoon in their mouths, and are apparently spoiled. In order to show off, rich kids are likely to hang out with rogues or tramps and usually purchase countless luxuries." Daily Gleaner, C7

Sex offender who fled Canada held on $100,000 bail in United States
A violent sex offender who fled Canada pleaded not guilty today to a harassment charge in Seattle as police explored the possibility of additional charges related to a sexual assault. Wearing a red jail uniform with his hands shackled in front of him, Michael Sean Stanley made a first appearance by video feed from the local detention centre. Seattle Municipal Court Judge Karen Donohue set his bail at $100,000. Nic Gross, the public defender appearing for Stanley, sought his release and suggested that Stanley could be required to check in daily if the court wanted those conditions. Police in Canada issued a public alert earlier this month after Stanley cut off his electronic-monitoring bracelet. Officials described him as an untreated, violent offender who posed a significant risk. An American citizen, Stanley crossed the border and was located in the Seattle area last week. Canadian officials decided not to seek extradition. Associated Press (Whitehorse Daily Star, Red Deer Advocate, Calgary Herald, Leader-Post); Canadian Press (Waterloo Region Record); QMI Agency (Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun); Globe and Mail

Man jailed for seven years because no one wants him
Seven years after his arrest at a Toronto homeless shelter, a man who has been slated for deportation has remained in jail in Canada because he has nowhere to go. Arriving here in 2005 on a fraudulent American passport, Michael Mvogo's story represents the dilemma faced by both Canadian officials and many immigration detainees who do not see their release coming anytime soon. On Wednesday, the End Immigration Detention Network, a community umbrella group, filed a complaint to the United Nations on behalf of Mvogo - and hundreds of detainees like him held for immigration violations - for their release and to compel Ottawa to limit immigration detention to 90 days. "Canadians need to be concerned that we are holding hundreds of people at a cost of $239 a day for the purposes of removal when they clearly cannot be removed," Macdonald Scott, one of two legal counsels for Mvogo, told reporters at a rally in front of the Federal Court on Queen St. Canada should abide by the international law and limit immigration detention to 90 days, Hussan said. "Overstaying your immigration visa cannot be grounds for incarceration. Jailing someone simply for wishing to live and work in a country not of their birth is not justice," said Hussan, whose group has collected 1,500 signatures in support of the petition to the UN. "Indefinite detention with no hope of release on top of that is cruel, inhumane and appalling." Mvogo, 46, was convicted in September 2006 for possession of a small amount of cocaine, according to his lawyers. He was sentenced to time served in pretrial custody plus one day, and immediately held by the Canada Border Services Agency upon his release a day later. Since then, Canadian officials have made numerous attempts to deport him to the United States, Haiti and Guinea, where he was allegedly linked. Toronto Star, A4

Bridge the divide with U.S. currency card
It's half an hour by car and just 26 kilometres between Kyle Lorimer's door in Brockville, Ont., and the U.S. border. Across the St. Lawrence River to New York is cheaper gasoline, a UPS depot storing his many online purchases that won't ship to Canada and an American gateway to the fan conventions the 28-year-old IT software developer attends regularly. But when Lorimer started examining his credit-card statements more closely last year, he was stunned. Foreign-transaction and conversion fees from his hotel stays and fuel pur-chases over the border were adding up. He figured he'd lost about $20 in extra fees. Lorimer had already been a BMO customer for years, so he signed some paperwork and received a new U.S.-denomination BMO MasterCard in the mail. He also opened a U.S. chequing account.
Financial institutions usually charge an annual fee for the U.S.-dollar card. At RBC, for example, the fee is $65; at TD, the fee is $39. However, these fees can sometimes be waived. Lorimer was pleased to

learn, for example, that BMO nixed his next annual $35 fee after he spent more than $1,000 in about eight months. Robert Keats, president of U.S.-based KeatsConnelly, the largest cross-border financial planning firm serving Canadians and Americans, says using a U.S.-dollar card is a good way - for the right consumer - to avoid financial grief in the long run. Keats, whose book The Border Guide is now in its 10th edition, noted that nearly every big Canadian bank now offers a U.S.-dollar card. Toronto Star, U6

Fake news, real outrage
Pat Kelly fears that his picture is now on display at border crossings throughout Canada. On the phone from his home in Vancouver, the comedian and co-host of the CBC Radio's This is That is talking about a bit he and fellow Loose Moose alumni Peter Oldring did a few weeks ago involving a fictitious Canadian border guard named Murray Swift. Swift was introduced as a senior training officer and spokesperson for a new program where guards were to be given sensitivity training to counter impressions that they are "abrupt" or "unfriendly." But, after a few questions, Swift becomes abrupt and unfriendly with the hapless Oldring, leading to a wonderfully awkward exchange between the two. "It struck a chord," Kelly says. "I came back from the States a couple of months ago and the guy was just awful to me. I'm terrified next time I come back there's going to be these huge pictures of Pete and I. When they find out what I do for a living, they'll start digging around. Because you know that made it back to them." Kelly played Swift as an easily agitated bully who quickly loses patience with Oldring's overly diplomatic line of questioning. But, as with most of their satirical news, Oldring and Kelly assumed they had laced the situation with enough absurdity that no one could possibly take it seriously. But, yet again, the two former Calgarians seemed to have overestimated North America's ability to understand satire. Presented on the show's website with the "cheeky" headline, "Canadian border guard bullies CBC Radio host," the piece went viral, obviously appealing to that strange fascination we have with public meltdowns and media interviews gone awry. The comments on the CBC's site for This is That are filled with earnest Canucks who are either outraged about how Oldring was treated or actually sympathize with the fictitious "Officer Swift." He should be "sent home without pay for a period to reflect and return to discuss his future as a CBSA officer," suggests one. "He most likely has been bullied himself by reporters about some little incident," counters another astute observer. But it went beyond the CBC. An astonished Seth Rogen, the Canadian Hollywood star, tweeted "Is this real". A "Replace Murray Swift at the CBSA petition" was hastily set up online. Calgary Herald, E1

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Human trafficking charges laid against Montreal man in massage parlour case
Several Romanian women were lured to Canada with the promise of a better life and then forced to spend their days providing sexual services in illicit massage parlours, police say. Human-trafficking charges were laid against a Montreal man on Wednesday as part of a longer-term investigation. The RCMP have only started talking to the victims in recent days and are unsure of how much they actually knew about what awaited them here. But they say one thing is clear: "They were for coming for a better life in Canada," said Cpl. Caroline Letang, an RCMP spokeswoman. The ploy is a familiar one - traffickers tantalize victims with promises of a bright future where they can provide for their families. Once here, victims end up forced into prostitution or petty crimes with limited mobility and find themselves in debt to their captors. The arrest is latest in a wide-ranging federal investigation into the smuggling of Romanian families that started about a year ago. Following a handful of arrests over the past few months in Toronto and Cornwall, Ont., police arrested Marius Trifu Miclescu, 38, on Wednesday. His arrest, and the discovery that certain women were allegedly held as sex slaves, was described by police as another phase of the investigation. Miclescu faces 16 charges including human trafficking, procurement and living off the avails of prostitution. He briefly appeared in court on Wednesday in Montreal, speaking in hushed tones with a lawyer. He was ordered held until a bail hearing scheduled for Friday. Letang says four

victims were all of Romanian origin. They were allegedly being put to work in illegal parlours in Montreal and Miclescu alone was allegedly behind the scheme. Canadian Press (The Guardian, Times Colonist, National Post, Globe and Mail); La Presse; * Postmedia News (Montreal Gazette, Windsor Star); * Presse Canadienne (Le Nouvelliste)

Dépenses frauduleuses: la GRC élargit son enquête sur l'ancien sénateur Mac Harb
La Gendarmerie royale du Canada enquête sur d'autres allégations dans le scandale des dépenses frauduleuses de l'ex-sénateur libéral Mac Harb. La police enquête sur des allégations selon lesquelles M. Harb aurait déclaré deux maisons de campagne, la plupart du temps inoccupées, comme étant ses demeures principales. Cela lui aurait ensuite permis de réclamer au Sénat des allocations de logement et de subsistance pour sa supposée résidence secondaire à Ottawa, où il avait vécu pendant des années avant sa nomination à la Chambre haute, en 2003, et où il a continué à séjourner la majeure partie du temps. La GRC a découvert que M. Harb avait contracté une hypothèque de 177 000 $ en 2007 pour sa maison de campagne à Cobden, en Ontario, indique-t-on dans une déclaration sous serment de la force policière et déposée à la cour...La GRC demande, dans ces documents, l'autorisation de la cour pour avoir accès aux relevés bancaires de M. Harb. Bien qu'il ait toujours nié avoir quoi que ce soit à se reprocher dans cette affaire, l'ancien sénateur a remis sa démission en août et remboursé plus de 230 000 $ en dépenses injustement réclamées auprès de la Chambre haute. Trois autres sénateurs et anciens membres du caucus conservateur -- Patrick Brazeau, Pamela Wallin et Mike Duffy --, font eux aussi l'objet d'enquêtes de la GRC en lien avec ce scandale de dépenses frauduleuses. Le Devoir; Toronto Star; Postmedia News (Vancouver Sun, The Province, Calgary Herald, Leader-Post, Edmonton Journal, Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen); * Red Deer Advocate; * Canadian Press (National Post)

Scrappy PM denies role in Duffy coverup
Fighting for political credibility among Conservative supporters and beyond, an embattled Prime Minister Stephen Harper launched his most forceful defence yet over his role in the Mike Duffy affair. Harper stood in the Commons repeatedly on Wednesday, took most questions directed to him, and flatly denied Duffy's explosive allegation that Harper had helped orchestrate a "monstrous" political scheme to repay Duffy's expenses and whitewash an audit once they became political dynamite. Neither Duffy nor his lawyer had produced direct proof of that. But Harper denied the damning allegation anyway. It is at the heart of a breach of trust and fraud investigation the RCMP is leading into whether Duffy gained personal benefit through his public office, and what the role of the Prime Minister's Office was. Harper defended his own actions and those of his current top aide, Ray Novak. He distanced himself from former chief of staff Nigel Wright and gave full backing to Conservative senators leading a charge to oust Duffy, Patrick Brazeau and Pamela Wallin. He went on the offence to scorn Duffy's claim of being a "victim" of a political vendetta and donned the mantle of guardian of taxpayers' money... So far, the RCMP has only suggested in court documents it is investigating Duffy for possible offences of fraud on the government and breach of trust in connection with expense claims and use of Senate resources. Wright is apparently co-operating with the investigation. Making out a criminal charge requires a high threshold of proof - that there was an improper exercise of public office and, according to a Supreme Court of Canada judgment, that there was an improper personal benefit. Toronto Star; * Globe and Mail; * National Post

*** Harper's house of cards**
Yesterday, one of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's appointed senators, former journalist Mike Duffy, dropped a political bombshell into the heart of the Tory governing bunker in Ottawa. Testifying before a special session of the Senate called to vote on a Harper-directed move to suspend without pay and privilege from the body he and two of his other Harper-appointed colleagues, Duffy launched a frontal attack on what he says is a conspiracy by the Prime Minister's Office to control the nominally independent but appointed upper house of Canada's Parliament and to mislead the Canadian public in so doing. (...)It's a hugely destabilizing attack on a government and prime minister that is already shaken by rising protests and a string of damaging revelations. These include protests against its pro-fossil fuel agenda and related disregard for the rights and conditions of Aboriginal peoples, its muzzling of scientists working in the public service, and the recent spying revelations of Canada's ultra-secret CSEC agency, including its close relations to the 'Five Eyes' espionage alliance with the U.S., Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Vancouver Observer

Wallin tells her side of scandal story
Pamela Wallin says a government move to expel her from the Senate is an affront to Canadian democracy, motivated by politics and personal vendettas against her by those close to Prime Minister Stephen Harper. It was the second day in a row that a high-profile former Conservative pulled the curtains back on the ugly internal caucus tensions that preceded their ouster. Like Mike Duffy and Patrick Brazeau on Tuesday night, Wallin let rip her reaction to a Conservative bid to have her suspended without pay and benefits. "For the better part of a year the government has sought to embarrass me and undermine me in the public eye," Wallin said. "They hoped all this would force me to resign. But despite the clear, vindictive intent of this motion, you will never break my spirit."… Wallin told the chamber yesterday that she was targeted unfairly by fellow Conservatives Marjory LeBreton and Carolyn Stewart Olsen. LeBreton was government leader in the Senate until she stepped down this summer. Stewart Olsen is a former aide to Harper who, until this week, was a key member of the Senate committee that sat in judgment on Wallin and three other senators, ordering external audits of their expenses and ultimately asking the RCMP to investigate all four. Canadian Press (Times&Transcript, Red Deer Advocate, Whitehorse Daily Star, Daily Gleaner, Waterloo Record , The Guardian, The Telegram, Chronicle Herald); QMI Agency (Toronto Sun, London Free Press); Agence QMI (Journal de Montreal); Postmedia News (Calgary Herald, Vancouver Sun, Leader-Post, Ottawa Citizen, StarPhoenix, Montreal Gazette); * National Post

*** Senate circus a farcical sideshow**
An editorial states, “Last week, Prime Minister Stephen Harper scored his greatest victory to date with the Canada-EU trade deal. This week he's dragged down into the gutter of Canadian politics by the Senate expense scandal. Or perhaps he dragged himself down. That's what Senator Mike Duffy's incendiary allegations against the prime minister and his office suggest. Bribery. Threats. Extortion. We don't have the space here to weigh in on all the particulars of the Duffy vs. PMO spat. Or the details about the other scandal-plagued senators. But they're not the issue. The fact that this "he said, he said" nonsense is still going on is. Let's put things into perspective. For starters, take everything Duffy says with a grain of salt. It was all said under parliamentary privilege. Then there's the whole reason senators Duffy, Pamela Wallin and Patrick Brazeau are rising to speak in the first place: the Senate is voting to suspend their pay because the three are under investigation by the RCMP for alleged improper expense claims. They've come out swinging now to protect their income. Wallin's defence amounted to crying that her colleagues ganged up on her and the Senate isn't observing due process. That's because it's not a court. It's a debating chamber. They'll get their day in court -- if the RCMP investigations result in charges.” QMI Agency (Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Toronto Sun)

Protester bail decision expected today
A Moncton judge will rule this morning on whether or not a shale gas protester should be released pending trial. Provincial court Judge Camille Vautour has presided over a two-day bail hearing for Coady Stevens of Nova Scotia. The hearing ended late yesterday afternoon and the judge reserved his decision until this morning. Stevens is charged with assault, uttering threats, assaulting a police officer, resisting a police officer, unlawfully confining security employees in Rexton and two counts of uttering threats. A publication ban, requested by the defence, prevents the reporting of any evidence given during the hearing. Stevens was arrested on Oct. 17, along with 40 other people, during a clash between the RCMP and shale gas protesters on Route 134 in Rexton. The protest began on Sept. 29, when a compound containing SWN Resources Canada's trucks and equipment was blockaded by protesters to prevent shale gas exploration. Six of the 40 arrested remain in custody after the Moncton Crown objected to their release. Stevens was the first to have his bail hearing. David Mazerolle, Jason Michael Augustine, Aaron Francis, Germain Junior Breau and James Sylvester Pictou are all scheduled to have their bail hearings today, though it's unlikely there will be enough time for all to proceed. Times&Transcript, A3

La mafia et ses proches disaient pouvoir influencer la Ville
Convaincu qu'il fallait absolument être associé à un entrepreneur italien pour obtenir les gros contrats municipaux sous le règne de Gérald Tremblay, Paul Sauvé a détaillé devant la commission Charbonneau la façon dont il s'est rapproché de membres de la mafia et de leurs collaborateurs, qui disaient pouvoir influencer les instances de la Ville de Montréal. C'est la première fois que Paul Sauvé donne autant de détails sur la saga de la réfection de la toiture de l'hôtel de ville de Montréal, une histoire sur laquelle La Presse avait levé le voile en 2009. L'entreprise LM Sauvé avait remporté le prestigieux contrat d'une

dizaine de millions, mais le processus s'était ensuite embourbé et l'homme d'affaires dit avoir compris que le projet "s'en allait au rancart". Bien qu'il dise ne pas vouloir stigmatiser une communauté ayant beaucoup contribué à l'avancement du Québec, M. Sauvé affirme avoir eu la certitude que les entrepreneurs d'origine italienne étaient favorisés à Montréal. "C'est méchant ce que je vais dire là, mais à cette époque-là, ça prenait... dans les appels d'offres de cette envergure, ça prenait un contenu italien, point à la ligne. Il fallait être branché dans cette machine-là, dans cet appareil-là, puis il fallait travailler selon le sanctum du... le triumvirat des conseillers italophones, dans le protectorat de Frank Zampino, à l'oeil aveugle de Gérald Tremblay", a-t-il déclaré. La Presse (Le Quotidien); * Journal de Montreal

Inquiry into what?
An editorial states, "We have criticized some among the 'shale gas protest' community for crying foul when the RCMP charged a blockade near Rexton last week, but were not surprised by these sentiments. Nobody likes to be arrested, after all. What is surprising is to hear the same type of criticism being voiced by the leader of an accredited political party. What is the Leader of the Green Party of New Brunswick implying when he calls for a public inquiry into the dismantling of a blockade or, as he describes it, "a debacle?" That the Mounties shouldn't arm themselves and use physical force when charging an armed barricade? Or that there were no weapons at the site? In the first case, at least in our view, he's saying the Mounties either should not have been armed or should have been less forceful. Perhaps this could be viewed as constructive criticism by some but to us it suggests the RCMP would be more acceptable if they behaved more stupidly. If some protesters were acting within the law, they were still blended in with others who clearly were not because the RCMP determined before the blockade was charged that there was evidence some 'protesters' were armed. In that context, and admittedly it is only our best interpretation of what Mr. Coon is saying, the only other conclusion we can reach is that be believes the Mounties are liars and planters of fake evidence. It could well be that Mr. Coon does not mean either of these things, but if that is the case there is no reason for an inquiry we can think of, so he should withdraw his request." Times&Transcript, D8; Telegraph-Journal

Constable charged
A 10-year constable with the Edmonton Police Service has been charged with one count of assault with a weapon, that being a Taser. Const. Trevor Claydon was charged Wednesday with one count of assault with a weapon under Section 267(a) of the Criminal Code of Canada. The charge stems from a complaint that the member used a Taser on an individual when he had no lawful authority to do so. The charge follows an in-depth investigation by the Professional Standards Branch which was subsequently reviewed by Alberta Justice. The constable remains on active duty pending the outcome of the court proceedings. Edmonton Sun; Edmonton Journal

DNA leads to new charges
Sixteen years after an 11-year-old girl was attacked in an Ottawa park, DNA from a recent conviction has led to charges against a 45-year-old man. The girl was grabbed off a bike path by a stranger in Hampton Park in 1997. Francis Charron was charged with sexual assault, sexual interference, invitation to sexual touching, uttering threats and forcible confinement in late August. Police said a suspect was identified through DNA -- at the RCMP National DNA Data Bank -- in July, which was shortly after Charron was convicted in a sex-related case. Charron is appealing that June conviction. Ottawa police were notified of the suspect identification, and then launched an investigation, which led to charges later that summer. Charron appeared in court earlier this month and has been held in custody since that time. The sexual assault and child abuse unit is concerned there might be more victims. Police said Charron has been a resident of Ottawa and Gatineau in past years. Ottawa Sun

*** Biker charged with assaulting cop**
A member of the Darksiders Motorcycle Club in Dartmouth has been charged with assaulting a police officer. Michael Anthony McGuire, 45, was arrested last Thursday in Dartmouth. He also faces charges of resisting arrest and possessing a prohibited weapon, a knife. The Crown cons ented to McGuire's release the next day on a $3,000 recognizance, with conditions banning him from having contact with any members of an outlaw motorcycle gang," including the Darksiders, Gate Keepers, Highlanders, Niners, Saints and Sinners, Hells Angels and Bacchus. The Dartmouth man agreed not to wear or display any

clothes, stickers, posters, jewelry or paraphernalia associated with those motorcycle clubs. The bail order also prohibits him from possessing or consuming drugs and having weapons. Chronicle Herald

*** More check stops coming**
Sheriffs, Mounties and wildlife enforcement have served notice that more check stops are coming after tallying the numbers from a multi-agency blitz held near Caroline on Oct. 14. In a series of check stops held over a six-hour period, eight people were arrested on outstanding warrants and 59 additional charges were laid, including 14 speeding and seatbelt tickets, seven liquor violations, two drug charges and six wildlife violations, said Sgt. Michael Numan of the Rocky Mountain House RCMP. Police charged 12 drivers for child seat compliance failures and wrote 18 tickets on non-moving violations including failure to produce insurance and registration documents. Another 30 people were issued written or verbal warnings, said Numan in a press statement released earlier this week. Officers plan to run multi-agency check stops in the Rocky area through to the Christmas season, with emphasis on traffic safety and wildlife violations, he said. Red Deer Advocate

*** New drug called Bath Salts rears its ugly head**
The RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime (FSOC) Unit and the Canada Border Services Agency plan to release details Thursday of a significant seizure of a new synthetic drug called Bath Salts. The seizure is believed to have taken place in the Central Okanagan. Little is known about the drug, which has a number of street names including the Zombie Drug. RCMP media liason Sgt. Peter Thiessen said police are providing no further information about the size or location of the seizure or how many people were involved. Internet sites list "Bath Salts" containing synthetic chemicals that are similar to amphetamines. Most of the chemicals used to make the drug are illegal. Some of the effects may include agitation, paranoia, hallucinations, chest pain, increased pulse, high blood pressure, and suicidal behavior. American authorities have been warning of the drug for a number of years. The Province

*** Bridging a perilous abyss**
An opinion piece states, “It's disorienting to discover, by the light of a flaming cop car, that we don't even agree what "lawless" means. To most Canadians, it's burning RCMP cruisers at a New Brunswick fracking protest. But to Native activists and their sympathizers, it's enforcing Canadian law on aboriginal land. One column in the Ottawa Citizen blithely said, "The Mi 'kmaq people of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, including the Elsipogtog First Nation, have never signed a treaty relinquishing authority to the land on which the Route 134 blockade stands today, or that on which SWN Resources is conducting exploratory testing ... SWN Resources' exploration permits aren't legitimate. Nor was the court injunction criminalizing the blockade, and the police action was ridiculously illegitimate ..." In short, Canadian law doesn't apply to New Brunswick. We cannot deal with details until we sort out this basic misunderstanding. And here the politicians are, as usual, worse than useless. Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty warned protesters, "We don't have 10 laws in this country. We have one law." But the question isn't 10 laws, it's more than 600. I don't know what panderers like Bob Rae mean by parroting aboriginal claims of "nation-to-nation" relationships with Ottawa. But you can't blame aboriginals for thinking it means accepting their self-image as internationally sovereign entities.” Ottawa Sun (Calgary Sun, Toronto Sun, Edmonton Sun, Winnipeg Sun)

*** B.C. 'cottage industry' feeds illegal gun trade**
Some B.C. residents are capitalizing on the illicit gun trade by making gun parts and even firearms to sell to local criminals. Cpl. Frank Grosspietsch of the RCMP's National Weapons Enforcement Support Team said a "cottage industry" has sprung up in B.C. in recent years among people willing to arm gangsters and other criminals. B.C.-made noise suppressors - which muffle gunshots and are commonly and inaccurately called silencers - have been used in recent murders, Grosspietsch said. "We do have a cottage industry where folks are manufacturing suppressors to suppress the muzzle report of firearms that are being used in offences," he said Wednesday as he showed a Vancouver Sun reporter one of them. "And we do know for a fact that we have had a number of homicides with firearms that have had suppressors affixed to them."... NWEST held an educational day at the RCMP's E Division headquarters in Surrey Wednesday so police from around the region could "come and see and handle firearms that are seized on a regular basis," Grosspietsch said... "Really, right now our biggest issue is licensed owners who are buying guns legally and then to make a quick buck are selling those firearms on the black market

just as soon as they get them," Grosspietsch said. "They are selling them to criminals not entitled to possess who don't have licences." He said in some of the cases police have investigated, the guns have been sold in "mere hours, where we even have firearms with the price tags still attached to the triggers." Vancouver Sun, A1

*** RCMP perjury trial in Dziekanski case delayed**

The perjury trial for the senior Mountie involved in Robert Dziekanski's death at Vancouver's airport has been delayed, less than a week before jury selection was set to begin. Former Cpl. Benjamin (Monty) Robinson was scheduled to stand trial in mid-November to face charges that he lied during a public inquiry into Dziekanski's death, following being tasered in 2007. But Crown counsel Tony Paisana told a pre-trial conference on Wednesday that prosecutors have been unable to locate unspecified materials requested by the defence. Judge Nathan Smith granted Paisana's request that jury selection and trial be cancelled, with another pre-trial conference scheduled in a month. It wasn't clear when the case will proceed to trial. Canadian Press (Vancouver Sun, The Province)

*** Intelligence sharing key to countering 'sovereign citizen' tactics: police**

Training for frontline officers and better information sharing between police and government agencies can help protect law enforcement officials from potentially aggressive "sovereign citizens," says a newly declassified briefing to Canadian police chiefs. The presentation, prepared for a meeting of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, calls the libertarian-inspired philosophy "a growing concern" that poses a "threat to officer and public safety." Enforcement agencies are becoming increasingly wary of sovereign citizens, members of the Freeman-on-the-Land movement and other like-minded people who resist police and government authority. Adherents say they shun violence and merely want to live free of government-imposed shackles. However, police say those who espouse the ideology have been involved in numerous violent encounters with law-enforcement and government employees in the United States and, to a lesser extent, in Canada. Freemen commonly claim they do not require a driver's licence, insurance or vehicle registration, police say. Advocates also frequently assert a right to have weapons for self-protection and produce or possess illegal drugs, as well as demand that the Bank of Canada allow them to withdraw funds even though no account exists... It also recommended training frontline members and judicial officials on the burgeoning movement, whose Canadian devotees may number in the tens of thousands. Canadian Press (The Province, CTV News)

*** Fuel thieves plunder gas stations**

As driving costs soar, police are seeing a wave of black-market fuel thieves plundering Metro Vancouver gas stations in gutted vans altered to become "mobile Molotov cocktails." This week Vancouver police impounded two vans sloshing with massive containers of concealed gas, catching young drivers red-handed with hundreds of stolen credit cards. The cases, both occurring in south-central Vancouver, closely resemble a third incident in the same area early this month. In that case fumes from hundreds of litres of fuel stowed in a hollowed-out van caused the vehicle to ignite, leaving two Coquitlam men, aged 19 and 25, hospitalized with "life-altering" burns. Vancouver police Const. Brian Montague says cops believe crooks ranging from low-level freelancers to organized-crime members are involved in a network of black-market gas suppliers. The profits can be big, Montague said, and the risks to the public enormous. The scheme works like this. Thieves steal credit cards and load data on to phoney magnetic pay-cards. Large vehicles are gutted and rigged to hold makeshift containers - the one impounded in Vancouver on Tuesday had a 1,000-litre tank - so that thieves can steal gas while appearing to fill their engine tanks. Drivers move quickly, filling up multiple times at a single station, about $50 per pump so as not to trigger suspicion, before moving on. Within a few hours vans filled to the brim with stolen fuel drive into warehouses run by criminal wholesalers tucked away in industrial areas...Montague explained the danger by pointing to the case two weeks ago in which a van burst into flames on Oak Street near 53rd Avenue. The Province (Times Colonist)

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*** Striking inmates' supporters protest outside Remand Centre**

About 20 people rallied outside Manitoba's Remand Centre on Wednesday evening to support federal prison inmates who are protesting a 30 per cent pay cut. Inmates in several federal prisons across Canada are on strike after the government began deducting their pay as part of a move to recover costs under its Deficit Reduction Action Plan. In Winnipeg, the Prisoners' Strike Network organized a rally outside the Remand Centre in downtown Winnipeg to draw attention to the issue. Stony Mountain Institution is among a number of prisons across Canada where prisoners have taken strike action. A Corrections Canada spokesperson has said some Stony Mountain prisoners have refused to do their program assignments and are not being paid as a result. According to Correctional Service of Canada figures, the move will save about $4 million a year out of the agency's more than $2.6-billion budget. CBC News

*** No Khadr dough**

Re: Khadr 'gentlest, most decent man,' psychiatrist says, Oct. 23. A letter to the editor states, “Although strongly under his family's influence, young Khadr enjoyed his terrorist activities and thanks to the Liberal's dismal immigration policy, the family was allowed in Canada in spite of its radical ideologies which are continuing to this day. Khadr is now given the privilege to remake his life in this country which he should cherish. He should remain on a short leash and any behaviour reflecting his past should result in his deportation without all the red tape. The awarding of millions t would be outrageous and indeed torture to Canadians. Ottawa is wise to support its officials its officials and deny any monetary award.” Ottawa Sun

*** Harper demonizes Khadr**

Re: "Khadr's to stay put in federal facility, Alberta judge rules," Oct. 19. A letter to the editor states, “Omar Khadr has been the victim of a miscarriage of justice, and the recent decision by Alberta's Associate Chief Justice John Rooke will not force the Harper government to stop its political scapegoating of Khadr. Khadr was 15 years old when he was captured, tortured and transferred to Guantanamo. Five years after his capture, the United States invented new war crimes not recognized outside the U.S. and these were applied retroactively to Khadr. The most fundamental legal rights to a fair trial were denied Khadr, leaving him no choice but to enter a plea bargain. The Harper government, on the very day of his hearing in Edmonton, spoke out against Khadr. Harper abuses and demonizes Khadr in order to keep his base happy. And now, as a result of this decision and Harper's political games, Khadr will not have access to the rehabilitative programs he needs and deserves the government to change its cruel ways.” Edmonton Journal

Khadr 'gentle' man, psychiatrist says

A psychiatrist who spent five years with Omar Khadr says the former Guantanamo Bay prisoner is ready to be a part of society. Retired Army Brig. Gen. Stephen Xenakis is an anti-torture activist who spent years with prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He teared up when speaking of Khadr during a talk at the University of Alberta Tuesday night. He added he doesn't think Khadr threw the grenade that killed U.S. special forces medic Christopher Speer in a firefight in Afghanistan in 2002. Xenakis said he believes Khadr had a concussion, and he never should have been interrogated in that condition. Khadr pleaded guilty to charges of murder, spying and terrorism in October 2010. He spent a decade at Guantanamo Bay before his trial and, following an international prisoner transfer agreement, was sent first to Millhaven penitentiary in Ontario and then, after he was attacked by other inmates, was transferred to Edmonton Institution. Calgary Sun, 20

Hash oil seized at high-security prison

Staff at the Atlantic Institution seized 40 grams of hash oil Friday from a visitor to the maximumsecurity prison in Renous, N.B. The drugs are worth $5,000 inside the pris on , an institution news release says. Police arrested the visitor and an investigation is underway. Prison staff have made eight seizures worth $70,000 at the institution since April. Five visitors have been arrested. The Correctional Service of Canada has a toll-free tip line 1-866-780-3784 people can call to provide information about possible smuggling of contraband into a prison. Chronicle-Herald, A4 (New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal)

Alberta man who killed police officer arrested in B.C

A career criminal who was convicted of manslaughter in the 1990 death of an Edmonton police officer continues to rack up new charges, as he has since his release from prison. Albert Foulston, 50, is currently charged with obstruction and breach of a recognizance arising from a Sept. 28 incident in Trail, B.C. Foulston was released from custody again on Oct. 18, and has a court date set for Nov. 1 in Rossland, B.C. The Edmonton Police Association has repeatedly spoken out against Foulston's releases from prison. In 2009, then-police chief Mike Boyd wrote to the National Parole Board and Corrections Canada saying Foulston should be kept in custody. Vancouver Sun (Edmonton Journal)

Killer on the lam

Another catch-and-release criminal -- whose rap sheet dates back to 1980 and includes manslaughter -- is on the lam. Joseph Carl Pahtayken, born Nov. 28, 1963, was described in June of 2011 as a "danger to the community" for his "violent behaviour" to avoid capture. He was then put behind bars for two separate police chases. Pahtayken was serving the two-year, seven-month sentence for motor vehicle flight, assaulting a peace officer with a weapon, possession of stolen property, operating a motor vehicle while disqualified, and being unlawfully at large. He was freed into the community on statutory release on Sept. 19 and was to reside at an Edmonton halfway house. But on Oct. 18, Pahtayken fled the residence. Edmonton Sun, 4 (Calgary Sun)

Despres transfer hearing upsets victims' families

Less than six months after his case was last reviewed, killer Gregory Allan Despres is getting another hearing before the New Brunswick review board - and his victims' family isn't happy about it. Gregory Allan Despres, 31, killed his elderly next-door neighbours on Slope Road in Minto in April 2005, but after two trials, though he was found responsible for the murders, he was deemed not criminally responsible for the crimes due to mental disorder. The former Minto resident is diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. At trial, the court heard that at the time of the murders, he was operating under the delusion he was a U.S. marine, pilot and assassin. In courtroom outbursts, he also claimed affiliation with the Hell's Angels and something called the Super Space Patrol. He accused his defence lawyer of being a Jewish operative of al-Qaeda, among other statements. Despres has been detained at the Shepody Healing Centre, a secure health-care facility based at Dorchester Penitentiary. Daily Gleaner, A1 (New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, Times & Transcript)

6½-year prison term sought for doctor, 91, who abused boys

The Crown is seeking a 6½-year prison term for Dr. John Owen Slingerland, a 91-year-old former family doctor found guilty of sexually abusing four young boys decades ago. Defence lawyer Faisal Joseph replied that this amounts to calling for a death sentence for Slingerland, the former York Regional Medical Officer of Health, who has a variety of health ailments and requires heart medication. Joseph argued that the prison system isn't equipped for the medical needs of such an elderly inmate. "He would be the oldest, sickest inmate in the facilities for the province of Ontario," Joseph said. Toronto Star

Time to change 'No change' mentality

An opinion piece written by Jose Vivar, an inmate at Bath Institution states, “Funny how moments of clarity come during our pitfalls. Mine came while sitting in a tight plastic chair, the prime contributor to my recently-acquired lower back pain. Just me, my remote and a Styrofoam cup filled with lukewarm tap water, I sit in the corner of my cell. I flick through TV channels. I freeze on a song during Top 20 that plays 12 times a day and has started to drive me nuts. I change the channel. Two and a Half Men. Flick. I pause on a football replay, a helmeted behemoth rolls through three men who fall like bowling pins…What about me? I am not a gang member or a criminal anymore. I am a writer, one who sees my possibilities as endless despite being an ex-con. I have discovered happiness writing Prison Diary. But again, people do not know me for this. The smiling face that you see in this column is not the Jose that they know. Some convicts want change and wish to be successful and to have normal lives. We want to be able to look at ourselves and be proud. But how can we succeed if change is hated by the system and society?...” Kingston Whig-Standard, 5

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*** New York: UN experts on indigenous issues urge more focus on environment, women's rights**
Mr. James Anaya, the UN Special Rapporteur on indigenous rights, has said that while there have been encouraging responses to human rights concerns of indigenous peoples and to helping States and other stakeholders address them, the realities for indigenous groups remain a concern. AfriqueJet

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ASHLEY SMITH / ENQUÊTE SUR LA MORT D'ASHLEY SMITH

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Le gouvernement Harper veut restreindre le droit de grève
Pour le président du Conseil du trésor, Tony Clement, il est ridicule que le gouvernement doive négocier avec les syndicats pour désigner les services essentiels : Ottawa veut donc changer les règles et restreindre le droit de grève de ses fonctionnaires.Le gouvernement conservateur s'est servi de son projet de loi omnibus de mise en oeuvre du budget pour apporter les changements qui lui donneront une bien plus grande marge de manoeuvre. L'imposant projet de loi C-4 contient, encore une fois, une foule d'articles non reliés au budget, comme c'est devenu la façon de faire du gouvernement. Dans ses 308 pages, le projet législatif inclut notamment des changements à la Loi sur les relations de travail dans la fonction publique. (...) L'Alliance de la fonction publique du Canada estime ainsi que le gouvernement a perpétré une autre attaque contre les droits des fonctionnaires fédéraux. Presse canadienne (La Tribune, Le Droit, Voix de l'Est, La Presse) QMI Agency (London Free Press, Calgary Sun, Toronto Sun, Edmonton Sun, Ottawa Sun); * Le Devoir

"Ça a détruit ma carrière, et ma vie" : Celle qui a révélé l'existence des quotas à l'assurance-emploi déplore le sort réservé aux dénonciateurs
Pour un journaliste, c'était une source privilégiée. Pour le gouvernement, c'était plutôt une taupe à attraper. Et Sylvie Therrien s'est fait prendre. La fonctionnaire des services d'intégrité de l'assurance-emploi a été officiellement congédiée cette semaine pour avoir révélé au Devoir l'existence des quotas imposés aux enquêteurs. Elle déplore aujourd'hui le sort réservé aux dénonciateurs. " J'ai agi pour l'intérêt du public et j'en paie un prix immense, dit-elle. C'est horrible à vivre : pendant, et surtout après parce que personne ne veut donner d'emploi à une dénonciatrice. Ça a détruit ma carrière, et ma vie. " Le verdict est tombé mardi. Emploi et développement social Canada a définitivement révoqué la cote de fiabilité (ou sécurité) de Sylvie Therrien, cote obligatoire pour tout travail appelant la manipulation de " renseignement et de biens protégés ". Fin des opérations. A 53 ans, Mme Therrien se retrouve sans emploi, coupable d'avoir fait part aux médias d'une situation qu'elle jugeait inacceptable. (...)A partir d'aujourd'hui, c'est l'Alliance de la fonction publique du Canada (dont la présidente, Robyn Benson, a qualifié Sylvie Therrien d'" héroïne ") qui prend le dossier en main pour tenter de faire casser la décision. Mais le processus de contestation sera long - jusqu'à deux ans. Le Devoir A1

Harper's new omnibus budget bill a stealth blow to civil servants
An editorial states: "People have fought and died in Canada for the hard-won right to unionize and strike. More than four million workers, a quarter of the labour force, now belong to a union. And organized labour has been a powerful force for good, campaigning for living wages, safer workplaces and benefits such as child care, flexible work time and sick leave. Non-unionized workers benefit, too, as such standards become commonplace. Yet Prime Minister Stephen Harper now proposes to radically alter the balance of power between Ottawa and public sector workers in what amounts to a stealth blow to the civil service.

The Conservatives want the federal government to have the "exclusive right" to decide who is "essential" and cannot strike. Currently some 40,000 of the Public Service Alliance of Canada's 187,000 members are essential. The change would undermine bargaining rights, potentially double the number of essential workers and sap their ability to use job action to press demands." Toronto Star A26

OTHER / AUTRE

Let justice run its course in Diab case

An opinion piece states, "On the Oct. 3, 1980, a bomb exploded in front of a synagogue on rue Copernic in Paris, killing four and wounding 46. It could have been much, much worse. What prevented more carnage was a timer malfunction. Placed in the saddlebags of a parked motorcycle, the bomb was supposed to explode when hundreds of congregants were exiting the synagogue following prayer services. In line with the treaties binding the two fellow democracies, France asked for Diab's extradition from Canada on Dec. 12, 2008. The lengthy legal process that ensued ultimately led to the Ontario Superior Court's granting the extradition request in June 2011. Diab and his supporters who maintain his innocence continue to fight the extradition request. The case is now scheduled to come before the Ontario Court of Appeal on Nov. 4 and Nov. 5. In France, Diab would be offered every protection, including due process rights. The integrity of the French justice system is on par with Canada's. There is no reason to doubt its impartiality or its respect for fundamental human rights. This commonality serves as the foundation for the extradition treaty in place between the two countries. If the French case is as weak as Diab and his supporters suggest, he will have no problem mounting an effective defence when it comes to trial." Ottawa Citizen

U.S. Defence Secretary Thanks Canada For Being A Strong Ally - Ministers Look How To Preserve Capabilities While Winding Down Afghan Ops

NATO defense ministers are meeting this week as the alliance faces what many here call an inflection point: how to preserve hard-earned NATO operational capabilities while winding down operations in Afghanistan over the coming months. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel attended separate meetings today with several of his counterparts. Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said that Hagel spoke earlier with Afghan Defense Minister Bismullah Khan Mohammadi. Little said Hagel commended the progress the Afghan national security forces have made this year, as they assumed the lead in providing security for the Afghan people. "Secretary Hagel stressed there is still work to be done to address Afghanistan's security challenges, and it remains critical for Afghanistan to sign the bilateral security agreement to enable continuing partnership between U.S. and Afghan armed forces," Little said. (…)Hagel also met with Canadian Defense Minister Rob Nicholson, another first-time in-person meeting, Little said. Hagel emphasized the importance he places on U.S.-Canadian defense cooperation, and thanked Canada for being a strong ally, friend and neighbor, the press secretary reported. Little said Hagel and Nicholson discussed the two nations' close security cooperation in the Western Hemisphere and beyond, as well as the importance of investing in NATO and continuing with NATO reform efforts. Ottawa Citizen

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*** How a One-Day Jail Sentence Became Seven Years of Detention**
Michael Mvogo is one of many people to have been detained in Canada for months or years with unresolved immigration issues. In September of 2006, a homeless immigrant known to authorities as Andrea Jerome Walker was arrested by Toronto police and sentenced to jail for possessing about a gram of crack cocaine. He served his time, but was arrested again the following day by the Canadian Border Services Agency. More than seven years later, that same man, whom authorities have now identified as Michael Mvogo, is still in prison. Although Mvogo was not charged with any new offences, he remains incarcerated in a Lindsay, Ontario provincial jail with no evident path to either freedom in Canada or deportation to his native country, Cameroon. (…)*Torontoist* asked the office of **Steven Blaney**, the **federal minister of public safety**, to comment on Mr. Mvogo's situation, and on the broader issue of lengthy detentions of immigrants in Canada. There was no immediate response. Torontoist

*** Lies And Injustice: Canada's Ongoing Mistreatment Of Omar Khadr – OpEd**
An opinion piece states: "Last week, in a court in Edmonton, Justice John Rooke, responding to a habeas corpus petition submitted in September by former Guantánamo prisoner Omar Khadr, issued a ruling ordering him to remain in a maximum security federal prison rather than being moved to a provincial prison, "limiting his chances for parole," as the *Toronto Star* described it. (…)Responding to the ruling, the new **Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney** said he "***welcomed***" it, noting that the government "***will continue to vigorously defend against any attempt to lessen his punishment***." (…)Responding, in

turn, to **Steven Blaney**'s ill-advised comments, Dennis Edney said that the the **Public Safety Minister** "should read the ruling before making comments that he will fight any effort to reduce Omar Khadr's sentence. As the ruling stated it is not about reducing Omar's sentence but an issue about what type of prison he should be lodged in." Lies and distortions, however, continue to typify the government's attitude to Omar Khadr. As Colin Perkel reported for the Canadian Press in March, the government's file on Khadr contains "faulty information" — a better description might be "bare-faced lies" — which was included in a key memo drafted for the **former Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** by Liliane Keryluk, a senior policy analyst working for him. The memo, which influenced the treatment Toews authorized for Khadr on his repatriation, was drafted in October 2011, and, as Perkel put it, went "even further than American military prosecutors."" Eurasia Review

Les menaces roumaines n'inquiètent pas Ottawa
Québec inc. a fait front commun hier pour témoigner son appui à l'accord de libre-échange Canada-Union européenne. Un traité que la Roumanie menace aujourd'hui de bloquer. Explications. Ottawa ne s'inquiète pas des menaces de la Roumanie de faire dérailler l'accord de libre-échange Canada-Union européenne (UE), des représailles qui seraient, de toute façon, difficiles à mettre en application, selon des experts. Le chef de la diplomatie roumaine a menacé hier de bloquer l'entente si Ottawa ne levait pas l'obligation de visa pour ses ressortissants. De passage à Montréal, le ministre canadien du Commerce international, Ed Fast, a fait valoir qu'une solution était à portée de main. (...) Producteurs de porcs, de légumes congelés, porte-parole des PME et des scientifiques: une dizaine d'intervenants se sont relayés au micro pour applaudir l'accord, aux côtés du ministre du Commerce international, Ed Fast, et du **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Steven Blaney**. L'événement a eu lieu au Port de Montréal, qui profitera d'un regain d'activité si les exportations québécoises explosent comme prévu. La Presse Affaires S3

New app helps parents report missing kids, sends photos and info to police
A new mobile app is on the market that helps parents report missing children. The free app, called FindMeID, has been launched in Winnipeg by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. The app stores photos and information about children that can be quickly sent to police agencies. It also gives parents instructions on what to do if their children are missing. A news release says the app is endorsed by the RCMP Foundation. **Steven Blaney**, the **federal minister of public safety**, says in the release that the government supports all innovative technologies that improve children's safety. Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate, Telegram, The Province, 680 News)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Tapes show sliver of Lac-Megantic terror**
The 911 dispatcher sternly pries as much information as she can out of a frantic caller. "Sir, what is your emergency?" she asks. "Yes, there's a fire in downtown Lac-Megantic," he says, as someone screams in the background. "Okay sir, in Lac-Megantic? What address?" "Yes, it's on Laval Street." "What's burning." "It's an enormous fire." "What is burning?" the dispatcher yells, betraying her growing impatience with the caller. "All of downtown." That was the first in a series of 911 calls recorded the night of the fatal train explosion in Lac-Megantic, Que., in July. The tapes, obtained by Radio-Canada, offer a glimpse into the panic that gripped the town as flames consumed the downtown core, killing 47 people. Most of the calls sound oddly subdued, with people calmly and politely trying to explain the extent of the disaster that woke them from their beds in the middle of the night. Postmedia News (StarPhoenix, Calgary Herald)

*** Emotional residents pack flood recovery meeting**
The head of Alberta's flood recovery task force says the province is currently processing more than 8,000 applications for disaster recovery funding, and has made offers on homes in identified flood zones. Calgary Herald, A5

*** Three dead in float plane crash**

Three men are dead after a float plane crashed on a small, remote island east of northern Vancouver Island Thursday morning. Their identities have not been released. Representatives of the B.C. Coroners Service were being transported to the site Thursday afternoon to investigate. The Transportation Safety Board will also conduct an investigation into the accident involving an aircraft owned by Air Cab, a company based in Coal Harbour in north-central B.C. Three TSB investigators were flown into a nearby area Thursday night and will take a boat to the site Friday morning. Vancouver Sun, A5

*** Coast guard saves lives every day: assistant commissioner**
There was a full house at the latest luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of St. John's, to hear from John Butler, assistant commissioner with the Canadian Coast Guard. Butler provided an overview of coast guard operations and, within that, highlighted the search and rescue operations successfully completed by coast guard staff and auxiliary members on a daily basis. The Telegram, A5

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

*** Senate seeks answers to CSEC activities**
Senators pressed the government about why a federal spy agency has been probing telecommunications in Brazil, seeking clear answers about the activities of Communications Security Establishment Canada. Asking whether the spy agency has sufficient oversight, both Liberals and Conservatives in the Red Chamber demanded more information on Thursday about CSEC and its interest in Brazil's Ministry of Mines and Energy. A leaked CSEC "case study" from June, 2012, describes the Brazilian ministry as a "new target to develop." The presentation does not say why CSEC was looking at Brazilian telecommunications traffic, nor what information it hoped to find. Representatives of CSEC have declined, several times, to comment on the slides. Around the world, ongoing leaks about technological spying are fuelling concerns about the "Five Eyes," a group of allied intelligence agencies that includes CSEC and the U.S. National Security Agency. (...) Alleging that CSEC's "cyberhacking" was intended to probe Brazil's claims about discovering billions of barrels of oil in a new offshore-field find, Mr. Moore noted that no Canadian or U.S. corporations have joined the bidding for drilling rights in an auction that was held earlier this week in Brazil. The Globe and Mail, A3

Canada's Brazilian woes greet Premier Ghiz
An opinion piece states: “Canada's spying saga against our Brazilian friends seems to have taken on a life of its own. And it could actually get a lot worse before it gets any better. (...)We should not forget that Brazil is a major economic and diplomatic player - especially in Latin America. And the Americas have been a central foreign policy priority for the Harper government. This setback could have very negative consequences for Canada's Americas gambit. And if there is any evidence that Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC) was eavesdropping on other countries where we have a significant mining stake-such as Colombia, Mexico, Chile, Guatemala, Peru and the Dominican Republic-this could completely undermine Ottawa's standing and goodwill in the entire region. One of Canada's top policy objectives in South America has been concluding a liberalized trade agreement with the Brazil-dominated Mercosur countries. (...)In a word, we need to bear in mind that Canada needs Brazil more than Brazil needs Canada. To begin, Canada may need to come clean with the Brazilians on what CSEC was after and reassure them that such operations will now be halted. Moreover, Ottawa will need to reach out to the Brazilians diplomatically and try to smooth ruffled feathers in the president's office.” The Guardian A9

*** Espionnage 101**
(...) L'espionnage des citoyens est une pente glissante. En théorie, un gouvernement ne devrait pouvoir espionner ses citoyens qu'avec l'autorisation d'un juge, au cas par cas. En pratique, rien n'interdit, par exemple, au gouvernement américain d'espionner des Canadiens et aux Canadiens d'espionner des Américains. Le reste est un échange d'informations entre les deux pays. Beaucoup redoutent que des gouvernements démocratiquement élus soient un jour tentés d'utiliser ces renseignements pour exercer des pressions politiques et pour demeurer au pouvoir. Dans tout ce brouhaha autour des services d'espionnage, on perd de vue l'essentiel. En 2013, les plus grands collecteurs d'informations personnelles et économiques sont des compagnies comme Google et Facebook. On oublie aussi que

dans certains centres-villes, comme à Las Vegas, les moindres gestes des gens sont surveillés en permanence par des caméras. Le bon côté de ces révélations sur l'espionnage américain est que ces pratiques sont un peu plus connues du grand public. Le mauvais côté est que certains en profitent pour faire de la propagande et pour jouer aux vierges offensées. Journal de Québec

Ottawa treated terror suspect 'unfairly'
The federal government acted in bad faith in dealing with former librarian Douglas Gary Freeman when it labelled him a terrorist and linked him to the Black Panther party, a judge has ruled. The decision was announced this week by Federal Court Justice Anne Mactavish, who reviewed Ottawa's blocking of Freeman's application to re-enter Canada. Federal officials had argued that top-secret evidence not shown to him tied him to the Black Panthers. "I have determined that Mr. Freeman was unfairly treated in this process in several respects," Mactavish wrote. The judge dismissed claims he was a security threat. "No meaningful reasons were provided to explain the rationale for finding Mr. Freeman to be inadmissible to Canada on security grounds." In a Toronto hearing last week, Freeman's lawyer, Barbara Jackman, argued Ottawa withheld evidence and repeatedly denied requests for disclosure to back up claims Freeman had links to terrorist groups or that he was connected to the now-defunct militant Black Panthers. Toronto Star, GT4; National Post

Personal data still kept by federal agency
The federal agency responsible for monitoring financial institutions for evidence of nefarious activity is still collecting and keeping personal information it should not have, even though it was warned to stop gathering such data four years ago, the federal privacy commissioner says. A new audit of the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC) - the department responsible for monitoring consumer bank accounts across Canada for signs of terrorist fundraising or fraud - has found information is collected and kept seemingly without reason. Postmedia News (Calgary Herald, The Province, StarPhoenix, Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen, Edmonton Journal), Canadian Press (Red Deer Advocate, Whitehorse Daily Star, The Guardian, Waterloo Region Record, Times Colonist); CBC News; The Record; Advisor.ca (24-10-2013)

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Canada tells torture victim to pay $6,800**
A man who was tortured after he and his family lost their bid for asylum and were deported to Libya was told this week to pay $6,800 to cover their removal costs before Canada would issue their visas. Adel Benhmuda, who was brutalized at the hands of Moammar Gadhafi's security forces, was told in January that he, his wife and four children could return to Canada after Citizenship and Immigration approved their request for refugee status on humanitarian and compassionate grounds. But what was supposed to take mere weeks turned into months and early Wednesday, their Toronto lawyer received an email from the Canadian Embassy in Paris, instructing them to pay up. "I was really very taken aback by the idea that they would insist on trying to recoup the costs in this particular case," lawyer Andrew Brouwer said. "I understand it's standard policy, but this is such an extraordinary case and Canada already has blood on its hands for what it did in August 2008. To try to ask for the money to cover the costs associated with that, I think is just beyond the pale." NDP immigration critic Lysane Blanchette-Lamothe demanded Thursday her Conservative counterpart reverse his decision. "We will be looking at every possible option for waiving costs and fees and showing compassion in this extraordinary case," Immigration Minister Chris Alexander replied. Benhmuda has been living in Malta with his wife, Aisha , and young sons Muawiya, Mohamed, Omar and Adam since fleeing Libya in May 2010. Canada's decision to approve their return came less than three months after the Federal Court ruled immigration officials were biased against the family when they denied their pleas for asylum, even after the torture incident. The court ordered a 90-day review of the case. During that time, about 15,000 people signed a petition imploring the government to bring them back. The family hopes to return to Mississauga, Ont., where Benhmuda was offered a job as an optical lab technician. Court documents show the family sought refugee status because Benhmuda's brother was an anti-Gadhafi activist, which placed them all at risk of persecution. Immigration officials rejected their claim as non-credible in 2003, though it wasn't until 2008 that they

were finally deported. Postmedia News (Edmonton Journal, Windsor Star, The Province, Montreal Gazette); Toronto Star

*** Windsor sells its comeback story in Toronto**
Never mind Detroit. Its nearest neighbour, the City of Windsor, is in better shape than it has been in years. And it's looking to attract more business from the Greater Toronto Area. That's the message Windsor Mayor Eddie Francis and Windsor Essex Development Corp. chief executive officer Sandra Pupatello came to sell to Toronto on Thursday. It's not just that a four-bedroom house costs only $150,000 - a fraction of GTA prices - and the longest commute to work is under 5 minutes, Francis told the Star's editorial board Thursday. The city has cut taxes, reduced its debt, and found a way to give companies that want to relocate to Windsor a big helping hand, he said. But the city has a perception problem, Francis acknowledged after a speech to the Toronto Regional Board of Trade. Its nearest neighbour, Detroit, sought bankruptcy protection in July, owing $18 billion (U.S.) to creditors. "Without a doubt the bankruptcy in Detroit affects us from a perception perspective and from an image perspective ... but it is not an economic issue," Francis told reporters later. "But from an image perspective it does hurt and that's why we are out telling the story the way that we are," he said. Many business leaders in Toronto assume Windsor is in the same dire straits as Detroit, said Pupatello, a former Ontario cabinet minister. That's simply not the case, she said. While Detroit was collapsing under the weight of unfunded pension liabilities and a dwindling tax base, Windsor was cutting its debt load, freezing taxes and modernizing its airport and bus station and other facilities. Francis acknowledged the two cities are intrinsically linked by the busiest border in North America. The tunnel and bridge at Windsor-Detroit handle 28 per cent of all trade between Canada and the U.S., and half the trucks that cross there are headed for the GTA. Toronto Star, B2

Border gridlock battle moving too slowly, stakeholders say
A Canada-U.S. group that's supposed to be streamlining trade and travel between the world's two biggest trading partners is instead suffering from a lack of momentum, disregarding new ideas and ignoring those industries most impacted by border barriers, stakeholders say. No fewer than 28 different organizations and associations are complaining to the U.S. Federal Register about the Regulatory Co-operation Council, established as part of the Beyond the Border initiatives, announced two years ago by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama. The organizations are all signatories to a recent letter to the register, obtained by The Canadian Press, saying they aren't being consulted about how to slash red tape at the border, which thickened significantly after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. "Recent discussions by the RCC co-chairs have left many stakeholders concerned that the work being done in the RCC might not actually result in removing barriers," reads the letter, whose signatories include the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters. "We believe it is essential that industry be consulted as a true partner in this initiative rather than the recipient of results from already completed activities . . . Stakeholder involvement should also include more than regular updates. Stakeholders should be part of a proactive process to find solutions that can ease regulatory burdens." The letter also griped about the slow pace and the lack of transparency of the council's work, saying it's "unclear whether all the timelines are still on track." Beyond the Border was conceived as a way to reduce regulatory burdens on a host of industries, including the agriculture and auto sectors, to integrate inspection systems and to allow travellers to move faster across the border. Canadian Press (The Guardian, Red Deer Advocate, Times Colonist, Daily Gleaner, Montreal Gazette)

CETA agreement offers tariff relief to farmers, fishers
The devil is in the details. That about sums up the early reaction to the omnibus Canada European Trade Agreement (CETA) signed in principle last week. The deal has been five years in the making and it could be another two years before final negotiations are completed and it is officially ratified. That lengthy time frame begs the question why Prime Minister Stephen Harper felt obligated to suddenly fly off to Brussels for the signing ceremony a day after the speech from the throne opened the new session of Parliament. There was immediate speculation the PM was trying desperately to change the channel on the Senate scandal plaguing his government and unfortunately this historic trade deal was quickly knocked off the front pages and newscasts, much to the PM's utter frustration. CETA could be the crowning achievement of Mr. Harper's tenure as prime minister but it got the attention of most Canadians for all of one day. The deal to free the movement of goods, services, investment and labour was described as the biggest deal

Canada has ever made. Initial reaction from the provinces and business has been supportive. CETA is projected to boost Canada's gross domestic product by $12 billion annually, the equivalent to creating nearly 80,000 new jobs or adding $1,000 to the average Canadian family's income. The Guardian, A8

'Bath salt' drug imports from China intercepted

Charges are pending against two women from West Kelowna, after the seizure of potentially lethal drugs known as "bath salts" mailed from China. The Canada Border Services Agency seized 16 kilograms of methylone in three packages at the Vancouver International Mail Centre, where it processes mail for Western Canada. The relatively new, highly addictive synthetic amphetamines come in the form of a white or brown crystalline powder that looks like salt, the RCMP's federal Serious Crime branch said Thursday. One parcel was intercepted on Aug. 23 and the other two on Aug. 26. They were both destined for West Kelowna, where the two women were arrested on Sept. 19. Heather Ardiel, chief of the mail centre, said the parcels were declared as table salt and intercepted by two officers. She said the suspicious substance, found in a plastic bag wrapped in tin foil, tested positive for amphetamine after the two seizures. "The CBSA places a high priority on the detection and interdiction of illegal drugs at designated ports of entry, including CBSA mail centres," Ardiel said. "Upon arrival in Canada, all international mail items are sent to the CBSA to process at one of three CBSA mail centres in Vancouver, Toronto or Montreal." The so-called bath salts, which can be snorted, smoked or liquefied and then injected, started showing up in Eastern Canada as early as 2011. Mounties say users experience elevated heart rates and hallucinations and could easily overdose. Canadian Press (Times Colonist, Vancouer Sun); Vancouver Sun; * Daily Courier

How to get foreign worker policy right

A column states, “Employment Minister Jason Kenney has revealed the federal government may resurrect an immigration program it previously dumped that would allow Canadian businesses to hire foreign workers faster. Will the government get it right this time? In April, the federal government shelved the accelerated labour market opinion process. Known as the A-LMO, this process allowed Canadian businesses with a good track record of hiring foreign workers to hire more foreign workers in as little as 10 days. With the elimination of the A-LMO, the process all businesses face can now take eight weeks or longer. Resurrecting the A-LMO is a good idea in certain circumstances. Before doing so, however the government must take a number of steps to ensure the first priority is getting unemployed Canadians back to work. First, the federal and provincial governments must come to a conclusion as to how the federal job grant program will work. This program, which was touted by the federal government earlier this year as one that would help unemployed Canadians, has been received coolly by the provinces. It is time our governments put aside months of bickering and get this program working. Second, a system of matching the unemployed with Canadian employers seeking jobs finally must be developed. When Kenney was immigration minister, he talked about setting up a system in which foreigners interested in immigrating to Canada could essentially post resums online for Canadian employers to review. It is time to make sure that a similar system, which has been in the works, be finalized for Canadians. Third, Canadian businesses should still be required to show they have attempted to hire in Canada before going abroad. At present, most employers must advertise vacant positions for four weeks before hiring foreigners. If an employer is going to get expedited treatment of their application, perhaps a longer period of advertising is needed. Finally, any resurrection of the A-LMO should not include the rule that allows Canadian businesses to pay foreigners below the median wage paid to Canadians. When the A-LMO was in place earlier this year, a separate rule allowed certain employers to pay foreign workers less than the median wage paid to Canadians. This could result in a company with foreign workers getting a competitive advantage by paying lower wages than a company with a purely domestic workforce. Companies that hire domestically should be encouraged, not discouraged, to hire in Canada.” Winnipeg Free Press, A13

More join suit against bridge firm

Three new civil suits filed Thursday by homeowners accusing the Ambassador Bridge company of turning their neighbourhood into a slum have pushed total damages sought past the $100-million mark. The lawsuits, filed in Ontario Superior Court by Windsor lawyer Harvey Strosberg, follow a suit he filed in August on behalf of three property owners who reside in the midst of dozens of bridge-owned homes which have been abandoned, boarded up and left to rot. The additional lawsuits bring the number of

properties involved to 22 and the damages sought to $117 million. Sharon Strosberg, who is also involved in the legal fight for the Windsor-based firm, said she expects more suits to be filed shortly. "For the first time they see an opportunity to effectively turn the tables on the CTC (Canadian Transit Company)," Strosberg said. "To date, all they've seen is the CTC suing everyone." Among the new claims are a lawsuit brought by a group of homeowners living on Edison Street who for years have been forced to deal with boarded up homes purchased by bridge owner Matty Moroun. More than a dozen abandoned homes on that street were purchased by the bridge because they back onto the Essex Terminal Railway corridor, which Moroun touted as possibly being converted into a truck feeder route for his nearby border crossing. Windsor Star, A1

After seven years in jail, Canada's 'Man With No Name' may be ready to reveal true identity and regain freedom

Every 28 days for the past seven years he has sat through a detention review hearing and each time he has been ordered back to jail despite facing no criminal charge. On Thursday, Canada's "Man With No Name" again sat slumped in a chair in a prison-issue orange jumpsuit, just as he did three years ago when the National Post first revealed his bizarre state of limbo. And, once again, he was ordered to return to his cell because border agents are unable to confirm his name. Until the government knows who he is and where he is from, it cannot deport him. And until it can deport him, it is unwilling to release him. "It is virtually certain that if I released you, you would simply go underground, obtain another identity and obtain false documents like you have been doing since 1986," said Andrew Laut, an Immigration and Refugee Board adjudicator presiding over what is perhaps the 90th detention review for the man officially known as Andrea Jerome Walker, even though that is not his name. If I released you, you would simply obtain another identity and obtain false documents like you have been doing since 1986 "If I was to order your release," Mr. Laut said, "I would have to do so knowing you will disappear." This time, however, immigration consultant Macdonald Scott, who is now representing him, said things are different. His client is finally co-operating with authorities, he said, and has provided his true name - Michael Mvogo from Cameroon. He also petitioned the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights asking for international intervention into what he calls "arbitrary and indefinite detention." "He's been out of Cameroon so long he just didn't want to go back. His time in jail, though, has broken him down," said Mr. Scott. But any new hope for truth is tempered by his past. National Post

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RCMP arrest four in coke import ring

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and Canada Border Services Agency announced the arrests of three men and a woman on charges they were part of an "organized crime group" importing and distributing cocaine to the Hamilton area. The RCMP did not return phone calls on the case. However, in a media release Thursday, it was announced they'd seized five kilograms of cocaine at Pearson airport and "dismantled" several local marijuana grow operations during the course of the six-month investigation. The arrests, and a series of search-warrant executions took place on Thursday morning and police said they expected more arrests to follow. Hamilton Spectator, A7

Stephen Harper says Nigel Wright told others about cheque to Mike Duffy

The admission has sparked new allegations of a cover-up in the Prime Minister's Office because Harper insisted earlier this year that no one on his staff other than Wright was aware of the March 25, 2013 cheque. The $90,000 payment that allowed Duffy to pay back his inappropriate living expense claims led to Wright's resignation as PMO chief of staff and touched off an RCMP investigation of Wright and Duffy. "Mr. Wright has been clear. The decision to repay Mr. Duffy with his own money was his and his alone. He informed very few people," Harper said when pressed about who in the PMO knew about the secret

effort to provide money for Duffy. Yet Harper told the Commons on June 5 that Wright's decision to write the cheque was "not communicated to me or to members of my office." "We still have the prime minister not answering our questions and changing stories," NDP MP Alexandre Boulerice told reporters. He said Wright did not act alone if he told a few others in the PMO about his decision. "So we asked how many was the few, who were they? And we don't have any answers." Harper repeated that he knew nothing of the deal until it became public knowledge. An RCMP court document indicates that Wright's lawyer informed the Mounties during the course of their investigation that Wright told four people about his decision to personally provide $90,000 to Duffy. Those named were Benjamin Perrin, formerly Harper's legal adviser; Wright's assistant David van Hemmen; then-PMO issues manager Chris Woodcock, and Sen. Irving Gerstein, one of the Conservative party's top fundraising officials. Toronto Star (Hamilton Spectator); * La Presse; * Postmedia News (Ottawa Citizen, Windsor Star; * Times&Transcript

Tory ranks showing deeper split in Senate scandal

The Harper government's bid for summary execution of disgraced senators Mike Duffy, Pamela Wallin and Patrick Brazeau has turned into an agonizingly slow soap opera that is exposing a nasty - and increasingly personal - family feud within the ruling Conservative caucus. Debate over government motions to suspend, without pay, the three erstwhile Conservatives continued to rage in the Senate for the third straight day - with no end in sight. Thursday's debate saw Marjory LeBreton, former government leader in the Senate, fire back at Duffy for alleging she was part of a "monstrous" conspiracy to intimidate him into accepting a secret deal to pay back ineligible expenses or face being disqualified from sitting in the Senate. She variously described Duffy's claims as "utterly preposterous," "blatant falsehood" "a whopper" and "stretching credulity." And, although LeBreton didn't directly question Prime Minister Stephen Harper's judgment in appointing Duffy to the upper chamber, she revealed that she was never a fan of the former broadcast journalist, who hosted a daily show on federal politics until his elevation to the Senate in 2009. "I sometimes found myself ... frustrated by his style of journalism, trading as he did, more often than not, on gossip and the latest hot rumour," LeBreton told the upper chamber. "And sometimes I was so disgusted that I felt like putting my foot through the television set." When anyone complained, Duffy would say, "It's showbiz," LeBreton said, implying that Duffy has taken the same approach to justifying his role in the Senate expenses scandal. Duffy and Brazeau, along with former Liberal senator Mac Harb, are under investigation by the RCMP for allegedly fraudulently claiming Senate housing allowances and living expenses. The Mounties are also investigating the fact that Duffy accepted $90,000 from Harper's former chief of staff, Nigel Wright, to reimburse his ineligible expenses... A Senate committee has also asked the RCMP to investigate Wallin's allegedly improper travel expenses. Canadian Press (The Guardian, Times Colonist, Waterloo Record, Calgary Herald, Daily Gleaner, Hamilton Spectator); * Times&Transcript (New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal); * QMI Agency (Toronto Sun, London Free Press, Edmonton Sun, Ottawa Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard, Calgary Sun); * Globe and Mail

*** 'Please do the right thing' Suspension plan for senators meets Tory opposition**

The turmoil that has wracked the Senate this week over the fate of three embattled members was laid bare Thursday as a former president of the federal Conservative party told the upper chamber he would vote against his party's plan to summarily suspend Mike Duffy, Pamela Wallin and Patrick Brazeau. With debate expected to go late into the night, Sen. Don Plett - appointed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper three years ago - told his colleagues he was ready to buck the party line for the first time in his Senate career. "What we are trying to do oversimplifies a complex issue with a quick fix at the expense of three individuals," Plett said, his hands trembling as he read his notes. "Just because it is within our rights, doesn't make it the right thing to do. "I cannot support my leader's motion." Plett's remarks brought into unmistakable relief the unease that exists among some Conservatives at the notion of abruptly stripping the three senators of their pay, privileges and even their health benefits for up to two years, as punishment for their inappropriate expense claims. As the spending affair widens, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has cast the issue as one of justly punishing people who mistreat taxpayers' money. His foes have suggested the proposed suspensions are a case of political expediency that ignores due process and robs the accused three of a proper hearing... She said Duffy misled the Senate when he implied in a speech Tuesday that LeBreton had approved his expenses soon after he was appointed. She said she could find no trace of a two-page memo Duffy says she wrote in January 2009 that approved his secondary housing allowance claims, and she added that he mischaracterized a meeting between

himself, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Harper's then right-hand man, Nigel Wright. That meeting took place on Feb. 13, 2013 - "just the three of us," Duffy said Tuesday - in which Harper told Duffy to repay any improper expenses. LeBreton said the conversation in fact took place after a caucus meeting, suggesting it was less formal or private than Duffy made it out to be. She also said that she called Duffy on May 16, a day after Harper's office publicly confirmed that Wright had secretly given Duffy a $90,000 cheque to cover repayment of his expenses. She said she made the call with Harper's current chief of staff, Ray Novak, and that the two of them told Duffy he needed to leave the caucus. LeBreton said Duffy was presented with two options: Announce that he had informed LeBreton he was stepping out of caucus, or have LeBreton tell the public Duffy had been booted from the Tory ranks. "Mike, do the right thing and get out in front of this," LeBreton said she told Duffy. Postmedia News (Ottawa Citizen, Canada.com)

Pistol at murder scene had no DNA from accused killers

A Glock handgun found at the scene of the Surrey Six murders had no DNA on it from either accused killer Matthew Johnston or Cody Haevischer, an RCMP expert testified Thursday. In fact, the only DNA sample large enough to process on the 9-mm Glock was a match to someone dubbed Person Y, Thomas Suzanski told B.C. Supreme Court Justice Catherine Wedge. Suzanski said the link to Person Y - who is expected to testify at the trial of Johnston, Haevischer and co-accused Michael Le and whose name is subject to a publication ban - was first discovered just two months after the Oct. 19, 2007 murders. The Crown said in its opening statement that Johnston, Haevischer and a man known as Person X arrived at the Surrey highrise that day to kill rival drug trafficker Corey Lal and ended up shooting five others as well. The Crown said the Glock was one of two murder weapons found in suite 1505. Suzanski told defence lawyer Brock Martland Thursday that he compared the DNA from the Glock to "castoff" samples from two chopsticks and a napkin that police had seized after Person Y used them. He said he also tested the DNA from the Glock to castoff samples obtained from a cigarette discarded by Haevischer, a straw used by Johnston and a piece of napkin obtained from Red Scorpion gangster Kevin LeClair, who was later executed in another shooting. He got no other matches. Vancouver Sun

Personal data still kept by federal agency

The federal agency responsible for monitoring financial institutions for evidence of nefarious activity is still collecting and keeping personal information it should not have, even though it was warned to stop gathering such data four years ago, the federal privacy commissioner says. A new audit of the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC) - the department responsible for monitoring consumer bank accounts across Canada for signs of terrorist fundraising or fraud - has found information is collected and kept seemingly without reason. The commissioner's office said, for example, the personal financial information of a store owner was found in FINTRAC's systems after a financial institution filed a report on the person. The report was filed because the person deposited $570 in $100, $50, $20 and $5 bills. No reason was given about why the transaction was considered suspicious...FINTRAC, which works co-operatively with various law enforcement agencies across Canada, was created under the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act in 2000... The information includes such things as social insurance numbers, which FINTRAC does not have the authority to collect, and reports about individuals carrying cash across the border, even though these amounts did not exceed the $10,000 reporting threshold. The Privacy Commissioner audits FINTRAC every two years to ensure it is adhering to privacy law. The last audit publicly reported by the commissioner was released in 2009 and pointed out many of the same problems reported Thursday. Postmedia Neaws (Calgary Herald, The Province, Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen, Red Deer Advocate, Whitehorse Daily); * Canadian Press (Waterloo Record)

Veteran RCMP officer in charge of Stephen Harper's security detail

The Star has learned RCMP Supt. Bruce Kirkpatrick is the new officer in charge of the Prime Minister's personal security detail, replacing Supt. Bruno Saccomani who became Canada's ambassador to Jordan. Kirkpatrick takes on a big job of restoring cohesion and morale in the specialized unit after this summer's departure of Saccomani amid internal allegations of harassment and favoritism. His appointment was announced internally Thursday, a source said. Kirkpatrick won the job after an internal competition. He has worked as a prime ministerial bodyguard from 2005 when Liberal Paul Martin was in the office until 2008, a couple of years after Harper took power. Most recently, he has been a director at the RCMP's protective services branch. Toronto Star

Groups urge outside review of Matters shooting probe
Several justice groups want an outside review of an investigation by B.C.'s independent police watchdog that cleared RCMP in the fatal shooting of a former Canadian soldier after conflicting reports about whether the man was shot in the back or in the chest. A coroner's inquest has heard Greg Matters was shot in the back by a member of the force's emergency response team, but the report by the Independent Investigations Office says he was shot in the chest. The discrepancy raises questions about the investigation, say the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, Pivot Legal Society and Justice for Girls. "The evidence in question ... is crucial and basic," said the letter sent Thursday to agency director Richard Rosenthal. No matter whether the evidence would change the finding of the investigation team, it is a fact that should have been publicly reported by the independent civilian agency, it said. "The fact that your public report fails to present this evidence accurately raises significant questions about your investigation into the fatal shooting of Mr. Matters by the RCMP." Matters' family echoed the call. Canadian Press (The Province, Vancouver Sun, Times Colonist)

*** Protester denied bail as hearings continue**
A Moncton judge has denied bail for one of six people still in custody a week after police and shale gas protesters clashed in Rexton. Judge Camille Vautour handed down his decision yesterday morning after a two-day bail hearing for Coady Stevens of Nova Scotia at Moncton provincial court. Defense lawyers Gilles Lemieux and Alison Menard requested Stevens' next appearance be put over for about a week, to give him time to retain counsel. He is scheduled to return to court on Nov. 1 to enter a plea and has been remanded until that time. Stevens is charged with assault, uttering threats, assaulting a police officer, resisting a police officer, unlawfully confining security employees in Rexton and two counts of uttering threats. A publication ban, requested by the defence, prevents the reporting of any evidence given during the hearing. Yesterday morning, the bail hearing for Jason Michael Augustine began. By late afternoon, the bail hearing was still ongoing. Augustine is facing charges of unlawful confinement, escaping lawful custody, obstructing a police officer, assaulting a police officer, two counts of mischief and three breaches of undertaking. Both men were arrested on Oct. 17, along with 38 other people, during a clash between the RCMP and shale gas protesters on Route 134 in Rexton. The protest began on Sept. 29, when a compound containing SWN Resources Canada's trucks and equipment was blockaded by protesters to prevent shale gas exploration. Times & Transcript

*** Experts say RCMP was right to kill coyote**
A Moncton-based nuisance-wildlife control operator said there are several methods for dealing with pesky animals that cause problems in residential areas and sometimes quick actions are needed. Wesley Knight is the owner/operator of Knight's Wildlife Nuisance Management and he said he has no issue with how the RCMP handled a recent situation involving a coyote on the loose in Moncton, if it was in fact a danger to public safety. "A lot of these wild animals, it's not normal for them to be wandering the streets or in somebody's backyard in the middle of the day. If they are doing that, then the fear of humans, which they should have, is gone. So there's definitely something wrong with that animal, I'd say. We want to have that fear there, it protects the animals, it also protects the population," he said. "I think that the RCMP's job is to keep us safe. So if they did not do what they did, and somebody would have got hurt, then that would have caused more concern than what it did. "If (animals) feel threatened they are going to retaliate ... Those type of animals, they need to be dealt with." A coyote that wandered into the heart of Moncton's downtown was purposefully killed by being run over by a Codiac Regional RCMP squad car on Tuesday. Codiac RCMP spokesman Const. Damien Thï¿½riault reiterated yesterday that the actions were taken with the public's safety in mind. "In some cases shooting the animal is not the safest thing to do and in this case in particular, the officer that was at the scene had the opportunity to end the risk and he took it and in the interest of public safety," he said. "If the animal does not leave safely and we fear for public safety, then we take the action that we deem necessary to make sure no one is injured." Times & Transcript, A1

*** Call in Mounties, police union says**
THE union representing Winnipeg police officers wants the RCMP to investigate the way the City of Winnipeg procures capital projects. In the wake of the scathing review of Winnipeg's $18.3-million fire-paramedic station replacement program, the Winnipeg Police Association wants the Mounties to

investigate the construction of four new fire-paramedic stations -- as well as any other major capital projects that may be of concern, including a Winnipeg police headquarters conversion that may cost as much as $211 million. Police association president Mike Sutherland said Thursday only the RCMP can restore public confidence in the way the City of Winnipeg handles major construction projects. "You know what Montreal has been dealing with for decades. It got out of control there," said Sutherland, referring to the ongoing inquiry into corruption in municipal construction in Quebec's largest city. "Given the amounts we're talking about now missing from the public purse (in Winnipeg) and the belt-tightening that may have to occur as a result, the taxpayers are owed a full explanation."... Sutherland said the RCMP have more resources to conduct such an investigation -- at no cost to the city. The Winnipeg Police Service cannot conduct such an investigation because it's a department of the City of Winnipeg, he said. "I have the utmost confidence in our own members do to it, but the apparent conflict would mean it would be a lose-lose for our people to get involved," Sutherland said. "That's why an independent agency has to come in." Sutherland said the RCMP should start with the fire-paramedic stations but also look at other projects. Winnipeg Free Press

*** Airport exercise People may have...**
People may have seen some increased police presence in and around Yellowknife Airport on Thursday morning. RCMP confirmed they were conducting an exercise at the airport. Earl Blacklock, Department of Transportation spokesperson, said the scenario involved firearms by a hostile individual, but no real shooting. The exercise is a regulatory requirement for airport security. Blacklock said they gain valuable experience working with RCMP that enables them to respond to real incidents in the future. Yellowknifer

*** Tough development stance taken**
Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo says aboriginal peoples will not support resource development at any cost, affirming his support for the Elsipogtog First Nation, which he says is asserting its treaty rights and responsibilities over lands and waters. Atleo was in New Brunswick on Thursday where he spent the morning on the Elsipogtog First Nation meeting with the Mi'kmaq Grand Council and other aboriginal leaders, exactly one week after an anti-shale gas rally along a highway near Rexton turned violent as angry protesters lashed out against officers trying to dismantle their blockade. Atleo then travelled to Fredericton to receive an honorary degree from the University of New Brunswick at a convocation ceremony where he used a podium speech to call for traditional ceremonies and treaties to be honoured. Premier David Alward was also seen Thursday evening approaching Atleo just minutes before the convocation in hopes to meet privately with him after the ceremony. Atleo's message throughout the day was one of support for the Elsipogtog First Nation along with a call for dialogue between governments and First Nations across the country. "The people of Elsipogtog, like indigenous nations across Canada, have a right to free and prior and informed consent for all aspects of their lives, including on issues of resource development," Atleo said. "This is not about the development approach of one particular project. "This is about First Nations having the right to have a say over how lands are developed or how to shape an economy and to do so based on sustainability. It doesn't mean First Nations are opposed to development. They're just not supportive of development at any cost." ... Atleo also said Thursday that the federal government must work with all bands to ensure treaties are implemented in the aftermath of violent clashes last week between the RCMP and members of the Elsipogtog First Nation. Six police vehicles, including an unmarked van, were burned in that confrontation and the RCMP said they had Molotov cocktails tossed at them. In response, police fired non-lethal beanbag-type bullets and used pepper spray to defuse the situation. There were roughly 40 arrests. Atleo said First Nations are not against resource development - but they won't agree to development at any cost. Telegraph-Journal, A1 (Daily Gleaner); Canadian Press (The Guardian, Times Colonist); QMI Agency (Kingston Whig-Standard)

*** Reporters Threatened On Reserve**
Another Sun News journalist said he was threatened by Native anti-fracking protesters Thursday while covering a gathering featuring Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo. Joshua Skurnik said he was outside a community hall on Elsipogtog First Nation near Rexton, N.B., when a man shoved him and, along with others, told him to leave. "A large guy came up to me and said, 'I know you're a fighter, but you've never met me before'." Skurnik said the man was likely referencing his cauliflower ear

injuries from when he was a wrestler at the University of Missouri. The man then grabbed his arm and pushed him, Skurnik said. That's when he decided it was best to leave the area. This comes after Sun News reporter Kris Sims and four other members of the media were swarmed by Native protesters Saturday while filming razed cop cars that were set ablaze by anti-fracking protesters a few days before. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) said Thursday the AFN doesn't condone violence. QMI Agency (Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun)

*** Green leader calls for free vote on shale gas issue**
The Green party is calling for a free vote on suspending shale gas licences when the legislature resumes next month. "It is vital that each member of the legislative assembly stand and be counted on this issue, unscripted by their party and bearing no obligation to vote with their party," Green party Leader David Coon said yesterday. Coon's call comes a day after the People's Alliance of New Brunswick demanded a referendum on whether shale gas development should move ahead in the province... Coon's call comes in the wake of clashes between police and protesters last week in Rexton. That came as Mounties moved in to enforce a court injunction giving SWN Resources, the company that has been searching for shale gas deposits in the area, a chance to move heavy equipment out of a compound that protesters had surrounded for weeks. Mounties used pepper spray and beanbag rounds to subdue the crowds. They also reported that Molotov cocktails and rocks were thrown and that shots were fired from within the protest camp. Six police vehicles were later burned. Police seized three firearms. More than 40 people were arrested, and bail hearings continue in Moncton today. Times&Transcript (Daily Gleaner)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES / SERVICE CORRECTIONNEL

*** Drugs seized from Renous prison visitor**
Correction officials at the Atlantic Institution in Renous say they successfully intercepted a visitor last week who was attempting to bring drugs into the maximum-security federal penitentiary. The incident occurred Oct. 18. The seizure included 40 grams of hash oil for a total estimated institutional value of approximately $5,000. Police were notified and the institution is investigating. "**Correctional Service Canada (CSC)** has a number of tools available that are consistently used in efforts to control the flow of drugs into our institutions," stated the news release. "These tools include ion scanners and drug dogs to search buildings, offenders and visitors." **Correctional Services Canada** has set up a telephone tip-line at all federal institutions to provide an additional source for receiving information about activities that relate to the safety and security of institutions. These activities may be related to drug use or trafficking that may threaten the safety and security of people visiting, working at, or housed at a **Correctional Services Canada** facility. Daily Gleaner, A5 (Times & Transcript); New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal

*** Decommissioning attracts protesters**
Even on the day it was closing, Kingston Penitentiary was still attracting protesters. Staff and guests arriving for Thursday morning's private ceremony to officially decommission the prison had to walk past a small group of demonstrators, including a trio dedicated to keeping the opposition to the closure of the prison farms alive. Norma Graham, with Save Our Prison Farms, wanted those going inside for the ceremony to know the issue was still very much in the minds of the people who had worked to keep the farms open. The federal government had ordered the prison farms in Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick closed, believing the money would be better spent on teaching other skills to the in-mat es who looked after the herds. Kingston Whig-Standard, A6

*** Son of suspected Pickton victim given 5-year prison sentence for manslaughter**
The son of a woman suspected of being a victim of serial killer Robert Pickton was sentenced Thursday to five years in jail for manslaughter. In April, a B.C. Supreme Court jury found Donald Denis Cote, 27, guilty in the October 2011 slaying of Jessie David Daniel Thomson, 22. Cote, who was 15 when his mother Dianne Rock was believed to have been slain by Pickton, was also convicted of assault with a weapon and assault. Prior to the slaying, he had joined a small group of people travelling on SkyTrain from Surrey to Vancouver. The judge noted Cote's "chaotic" family background in which both his parents had substance abuse problems and he was moved through a series of foster homes. He sentenced Cote

to five years in prison but reduced it to just over three years after giving him credit for pre-sentence custody. Cote also received one year of jail for each of the assault counts, to be served concurrently with the manslaughter sentence. The judge said he hoped that Cote would get programs in prison that would help him with his substance abuse issues and provide him with the skills to foster his employment prospects. The remains of Rock, Cote's mother, were found on the Pickton farm in Port Coquitlam. Rock, who was identified on one of the 20 Pickton murder counts stayed by the Crown after the killer was convicted of six murders, is believed to have been Pickton's last victim. Pickton received a life sentence with no parole eligiblity for 25 years. The Province, A9

*** The face of fear**

Every time Janice Kachman sees Albert Foulston's face in the news, she's filled with anger and fear. She's seen his eyes in the flesh. They filled her with so much fear, she decided to leave her job at a bank in the area of 107 Avenue and 124 Street 23 years ago. It was a Tuesday in June 1990 when Kachman was emptying a bank machine and two armed men stormed inside the branch. One of them pointed a sawed-off shotgun at Kachman, and told everyone to get down on the floor. Foulston, who was on parole at the time, was convicted of manslaughter and handed a 20-year sentence for his role in the slaying. His partner, Jerry Crews, who shot the 33-year-old officer, was convicted of first-degree murder. A robbery charge in 1990 against Foulston was dis-missed. After serving two-thirds of his sentence, Foulston was let out of prison in September 2009, but his statutory release was revoked due to a number of parole violations. Foulston's sentence was completed in January 2012, but the career criminal -- with a rap sheet of more than 50 convictions -- has continued to re-offend. Edmonton Sun, 4

*** Time served has been difficult for home invader, judge told**

A Quebec Court judge will decide next month whether a man who committed a home invasion in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce should be sentenced to anywhere between time served to an additional two years behind bars. Both lawyers who made arguments during the sentence hearing of Dominik Angeli Grou on Thursday acknowledged that the case is an unusual. The 27-year-old is believed to suffer from Asperger Syndrome, an autism spectrum disorder that affects a person's social interaction. Prosecutor Maxime Lacoursière told Quebec Court Judge Louis Legault that he concedes the time Angeli Grou has already served has been difficult for him because of his condition. When he convicted Angeli Grou in June, Legault ruled he did not have enough evidence to have him declared not guilty by reason of mental illness. Lacoursière also asked that Angeli Grou serve an additional two years in a federal penitentiary, followed by three years of probation. Lacoursière said it would leave Angeli Grou with a total sentence of six years, and the probation would be used to ensure he is getting help. Montreal Gazette

*** Fobbing off sex off ender**

Re: "Sex offender who fled An opinion piece states, “As a former Edmontonian and Canadian citizen now living in the U.S., I was horrified Canada allowed sex offender Michael Stanley to escape and basically wrote off any attempt to extradite him. This is not how a friend acts. Now we learn that Stanley has been arrested here, accused of assaulting a boy. I'm not a defender of the U.S. justice system, but it is outrageous that he served such a short time in the Canadian prison system after his horrific crimes. Those crimes would have earned him decades, if not life, in U.S. prisons. The victims' families in Canada are owed an apology.” Edmonton Journal, A23

Four people charged in death of inmate

Police have laid charges against four people in connection to a homicide that occurred at the Edmonton Institution on Sept. 26, 2013. Ryan Holteen was found unresponsive in his cell at the maximum-security facility. Staff members performed CPR and called emergency services, but could not resuscitate him. Holteen, 32, died as a result of multiple injuries. On Thursday, homicide detectives announced charges have been laid against four people in connection with Holteen's death. Kimani Crawford, 20, and Roderick McNeil, 26, were charged with second-degree murder. Christopher Macoon-Evans, 24, and Randy Tuccaro, 33, were charged with accessory after the fact to murder. Holteen had been serving a four-year-and-two-month sentence that commenced Aug. 28, 2013, for offences including disguise with intent, break and enter, robbery and use of a firearm. The homicide is Edmonton's 18th of 2013. Edmonton Journal; * Edmonton Sun; * Canadian Press (Leader-Post)

Police issue warning about sex offender
Police are warning the public about a sexual offender who will be living in the Edmonton area following his recent release from the Bowden Institution. Cyle Austin Larsen, 22, completed a two year and nine month sentence for sexual interference, after a December 2009 incident in Sherwood Park, Edmonton police said in a news release. Police say Larsen is considered to be an "untreated child sexual offender who poses a risk of significant harm to the community," especially minor girls and boys. Police believe Larsen is a high risk to reoffend. He will be closely monitored by officers in the police behavioural assessment unit. Larsen is described as five-foot-six and 119 pounds, with blond hair and blue eyes. Police say they issued the warning after weighing privacy concerns against the public interest. Edmonton Journal

New home for 'balaclava rapist'
A serial rapist dubbed the "balaclava rapist" responsible for dozens of sexual assaults against women in Edmonton in the late 1970s and early 1980s will be living in a halfway house in Victoria, B.C. Despite serving three life sentences, Larry Takahashi, 61, has been granted an unescorted temporary absence from jail and will be residing in Victoria until Dec. 24, Victoria police said Thursday. "The warning is being issued as (the Victoria Police Department) believes that Takahashi poses a significant risk of harm to adult and teenage girls," spokesman Const. Mike Russell said in a news release. After Dec. 24, he will return to custody and his behaviour during that absence will be reviewed by Corrections Canada and the national parole board. Edmonton Journal, A4; Edmonton Sun; Times Colonist

Large fine for illegal tobacco still remains unpaid
Whether or not a man fined more than $1 million for possessing more than two million illegal cigarettes several years ago will have to pay, has still not been decided. Trevor Howie Dow, 26, appeared in Moncton provincial court yesterday afternoon in front of Judge Anne Jeffries for a default hearing for not paying the fine. Dow is currently serving time in prison for drug trafficking offences, and represented himself at the hearing, while Nicole Poirier was the Crown prosecutor on the file. Dow was brought in for the hearing because the Crown said they'd come across information that would show Dow has money to pay the fine, even though he is currently not paying any of it. Poirier called on one witness during the hearing, Sylvia Belliveau, Dow's parole officer at Dorchester Penitentiary, to speak to this extent. Times & Transcript, A4

Surrey teen's killer back in jail for breaching conditions of release
One of four people convicted of killing 14-year-old Justin Vasey is back in jail after seven days of statutory release. It's the second time Cody Allen Pelletier has been released and then sent back to jail for failing to follow conditions, which include not using drugs. Earlier this month, the Parole Board of Canada revoked the 25-year-old man's statutory release after he disappeared from a halfway house in June. While awaiting his parole board hearing in jail, Pelletier attempted to assault a guard with a "shank" made from a razor blade and plastic utensil. He was convicted of carrying a weapon and sentenced to six more months behind bars. Pelletier is serving a four-year sentence for manslaughter. He was arrested in 2008 after Justin was found dead under a tree in the back yard of an abandoned house in Surrey. On Feb. 25, 2008, Vasey, who was described in court as a shy, socially awkward foster kid, met up with a group of older males, including 17-year-old Jordan George, 16-year-old Jade Pollard, 15-year-old Danielle Wood-Sinclair and Pelletier, who was 20. The Province

Will the real Khadr please stand up?
An opinion piece states, “Perhaps the psychiatrist who recently commented on convicted terrorist Omar Khadr's nature as the "gentlest, most decent man" is the one who needs his head examined. Ret'd Brig. Gen. Stephen Xenakis believes that Khadr is now ready to be part of society. This is more than what Khadr has requested. He simply wants to be moved to a provincial prison, for now. Xenakis also believes Khadr did not throw the grenade that killed an American soldier in 2002. He stated all this in a teary-eyed lecture he delivered at the University of Alberta, Tuesday…Omar Khadr admitted to charges of murder, terror and spying. It is appropriate that he should serve his sentence under stringent conditions.” Toronto Sun, 23

Man convicted in Beauchamp slaying says he was mistreated in custody
Despite a seemingly sincere apology to Jack Beauchamp's family for fatally shooting the Calgary businessman in his downtown office more than seven years ago, Mohamed Ali Karim nevertheless portrayed himself as a victim as much as a cold-blooded killer. Karim handed out a stack of handwritten apology letters on Thursday, to be distributed to Beauchamp's widow Debra, her two children and several others, then said he wanted to address them directly in court after he is handed down his final sentence by Court of Queen's Bench Justice Beth Hughes on Oct. 31. Following that formality, Karim decried the "inhumane" treatment he received from guards at the Calgary Remand Centre on several occasions, including alleged assaults and cell searches in which they tore his Q'uran and other personal documents and left his cell in disarray. Karim targeted Crown prosecutor Mike Ewenson, who argued he should serve 18 years of his life sentence because of the planning, execution and subsequent coverup of Beauchamp's targeted slaying on Jan. 16, 2006, by saying remand officials and police swept physical and emotional abuse of him under the rug. Calgary Herald, A11; * Calgary Sun

*** 22 ans à enquêter sur la mort de sa soeur**
La vie d'Hélène André s'est littéralement arrêtée en 1991, lorsque sa soeur Danielle a été sauvagement assassinée. elle a frappé à toutes les portes, même celle des Hells Angels, pour trouver le coupable. On l'a menacée avec des armes pour qu'elle se taise, mais elle n'a jamais renoncé. Elle ne croit pas que Jean-Pierre Duclos, en prison depuis 21 ans pour le meurtre, soit le vrai tueur. La femme de 60 ans critique le travail de certains policiers dans cette affaire. Quatre d'entre eux ont d'ailleurs fait l'objet d'accusations criminelles et d'une plainte devant le Commissaire à la déontologie policière. Ancienne journaliste dans un hebdomadaire de Laval, Hélène André n'a pas hésité à quitter son emploi pour se lancer dans cette croisade. Épaulée par son mari Jean Séguin, leurs économies de retraite y ont passé. Menacés, le couple et leurs cinq enfants ont dû déménager une trentaine de fois pour assurer leur sécurité. En mai 2013, Jean-Pierre Duclos est laissé sans surveillance à l'hôpital de Verdun pendant que l'agent correctionnel va faire sa carte d'hôpital. Le prisonnier prend la fuite, mais est retrouvé à Magog en juillet. C'est pendant cette évasion qu'Hélène André se met à recevoir de nouvelles menaces, après des années d'accalmie. Elle dit s'être fait pirater ses comptes Facebook et Twitter. Journal de Montréal, 12

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*** Mandatory victim fine surcharge now in effect**
Judges no longer have the discretion to give convicted offenders a pass on paying the victim fine surcharge after changes to the law doubling the amount of the fee went into effect Thursday. The Increasing Offenders' Accountability for Victims Act now requires judges to impose a victim fine surcharge equivalent to 30 per cent of any fine imposed by a judge. In cases where no fine is levied, judges must impose a $100 or $200 fine depending on whether it is a summary or indictable offence. Under the new legislation, the victim fine surcharge is mandatory. Anyone who can't pay will have the option of working off the debt as part of a fine option program, according to the Department of Justice. Victim fine surcharges have existed since 1989, but previously judges had the choice of waiving the fee if it could be demonstrated that it would cause undue hardship to the offender. In many cases, the fine was never imposed. The money collected from the fine is given to the provincial or territorial government to fund services to victims of crime. Ottawa Citizen, A6

*** Zombies star in police crime warning**
Halton police are employing zombies to bring a crime prevention message to the public. The service has created a two-minute video and the first in a series of eight posters focusing on encouraging the public to lock their vehicles and homes, and report suspicious persons or activity in their neighbourhoods. However, unlike the usual crime prevention images produced by police, this one has a Halloween twist - it will feature zombies committing the criminal acts, with the tag line "Don't be a zombie to crime prevention." The campaign is being launched as part of the annual Ontario Crime Prevention Week, which runs Nov. 3 to 9. Hamilton Spectator, A9

*** Women's support group slams 'victim-blaming' message**
Women who take the bus, walk alone or are out at night are not asking to be attacked, says an open letter to women in Ottawa from several sexual assault support and crisis groups. In light of several recent sexual assaults in the city, the letter, published online Thursday, discusses concerns over the messaging being sent to women. Messaging such as "Women -- watch out. Be vigilant. Be suspicious. If you don't, you only have yourself to blame when you get attacked," states the letter. Backed by nine local groups, advocates say the idea of the letter is two-fold: They hope it raises awareness to people who may need support, as well as challenge the "mainstream idea" that women should police their behaviour to avoid being attacked. Ottawa Sun, 5

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ASHLEY SMITH / ENQUÊTE SUR LA MORT D'ASHLEY SMITH

NIL

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

*** Clement refuses to provide details on public service essential**
Tony Clement is defending plans to wait until after the latest budget bill becomes law before fully detailing how Ottawa will block some public servants from going on strike. The President of the Treasury Board is at the centre of controversy this week after the Conservative government tabled a budget bill that includes sweeping changes to federal labour laws and procedures. The legislation would give the employer the exclusive right to declare jobs as essential services where workers could not strike, removing unions from that decision. It would also limit the role of arbitration for resolving disputes. Arbitration would be allowed only in cases where bargaining units have 80 per cent or more of their positions designated as essential, or if both parties mutually consent to binding arbitration. In an interview with The Globe and Mail, Mr. Clement played down concern these powers would be used arbitrarily. He said unions would be consulted, but the government will have the final say. "Ultimately we believe the decision to protect the public is the government's decision. It's not a negotiating point that can be traded off for other things with the unions," he said. The Globe and Mail, A4

*** Dénonciation à l'assurance-emploi - Un congédiement justifié, dit Ottawa**
Le gouvernement conservateur a approuvé jeudi la décision de Service Canada de congédier la dénonciatrice Sylvie Therrien. Celle-ci a toutefois reçu le soutien des trois partis d'opposition et du Conseil national des chômeurs, qui a lancé une campagne de soutien financier en faveur de l'ex-fonctionnaire. Questionné à la Chambre des communes sur les révélations du Devoir, le gouvernement a rappelé à l'opposition que " la décision de renvoyer cet individu a été prise par des représentants du ministère. Nous soutenons cette décision ", a indiqué la ministre d'État au Développement social, Candice Bergen. Le Devoir, A3

*** Tories turning clock back on worker protections, unions say**
Federal unions are preparing to go to war over major labour changes the Conservative government unveiled this week. Changes to health and safety rules, essential services and bargaining are among the many changes contained in Bill C-4, the newest budget implementation bill that spans 320 pages.
One section of the act, on page 176, strongly restricts the definition of “danger” in the Canada Labour Code, which opponents say could limit an employee’s ability to refuse a job for safety reasons.
“They’ve turned the clock basically to the last century,” said Bob Kingston, president of the agricultural union with the Public Service Alliance of Canada. “Anybody who actually understands health and safety in any way, shape or form is simply shocked by this.” The new definition of danger will only include hazards expected to be “an imminent or serious threat to the life or health of a person.” (…)“I think that this government is creating conditions that are going to pull unions together, because it seems like an affront

on all unions and all labour," said Gary Corbett, president of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada. Chronicle-Herald, Canadian Press (660 News)

*** Sask. strike law not best option**
An opinion piece states, "If imitation indeed is the sincerest form of flattery, almost lost in the Senate soaps and a 322-page budget implementation omnibus bill was a federal nod to Saskatchewan's controversial essential services law. The law basically gives the government disproportionate power in determining which employees should be deemed essential in case of a strike. Although the Brad Wall government had legitimate reasons to be concerned about threats from its unionized workers that they would, for example, stop snowplowing highways during a blizzard, the legislation was so heavy-handed that it created instances where more workers were deemed essential than actually worked in some offices. To his credit, Labour Minister Don Morgan wrote to Saskatchewan Federation of Labour president Larry Hubich on Valentine's Day last year suggesting that while the government remains committed to protecting the health and safety of citizens in case of a public-sector strike or lockout, the best way to do that is "for government and organized labour to work together." That said, Premier Wall made it clear in the throne speech Wednesday that his government is committed to amending the Saskatchewan Employment Act this session to include the essential services law. One hopes the commitment to consult was sincere. Even so, the federal government may not be following the best practice by emulating Saskatchewan's essential services law with its commitment, laid out with minimal details, in its budget omnibus bill. To be fair, it is difficult to know just what the Conservative government has in mind, considering Saskatchewan's law is being tested before the Supreme Court - a body the Harper government also committed to change in the same omnibus bill. In an interview with an Ottawa radio station, Treasury Board President Tony Clement, whose duty it will be to carry out the essential service law, insisted he won't release any details about who it will affect or how it will be implemented until after the law is passed." StarPhoenix, A12

Critics complain more debate is needed on budget implementation bill
Treasury Board President Tony Clement says details on how the Harper government's omnibus budget bill will affect public servants won't come until some time after the legislation becomes law. Clement, responsible for negotiating contracts with the public service, refused Thursday to spell out which public servants would be deemed as essential, and therefore banned from going on strike. The Public Service Alliance of Canada, one of the country's largest unions, warns that Bill C-4 will irreparably damage relations between the government and its employees. Red Deer Advocate A7; * Le Droit

Canadians support vets, government does not
In a press release dated Sept. 26, 2013, by Julian Fantino, the Minister of Veterans Affairs, he states that "Our Government remains fully committed to providing veterans with the support they need to lead successful lives beyond their service to Canada in uniform." These words, however, are not reflected in the government's decision to close down nine Veterans Affairs offices across Canada in February of next year. Two of those offices are located here in Ontario, one in Windsor and the other in Thunder Bay. The Public Service Alliance of Canada represents workers at Veterans Affairs, who provide much-needed support to veterans. Yet, with the closure of these offices, veterans in the Windsor area will have to travel two hours away to the next closest office located in London, Ont. Veterans in the Thunder Bay area will have to go even farther, nearly 10 hours away. Windsor Star A9

OTHER / AUTRE

Why spy on friends? Here's why the U.S. does it ...
German Chancellor Angela Merkel complained to U.S. President Barack Obama in a phone call this week after receiving information that her cellphone may have been monitored by U.S. intelligence agencies. The White House said the U.S. isn't monitoring and won't monitor Merkel's communications - but didn't address what might have happened in the past. Here is a look at some of the questions swirling around overseas surveillance by the National Security Agency, which has angered allies on two continents and caused concern domestically over the scope of the intelligence-gathering. The NSA spy programs that former analyst Edward Snowden revealed were focused on finding and stopping terrorists, but what other kinds of NSA espionage has he revealed? (...)Snowden's cascade of leaks initially concentrated on how the agency scoops up millions of U.S. phone records and Internet. That is authorized by the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which allows a secret court to authorize U.S. electronic surveillance of people engaged in espionage or international terrorism against the U.S. on behalf of a foreign power. Ottawa Citizen, A9; The Globe and Mail

INTERNATIONAL

*** EU says distrust of US on spying may harm terror fight**
EU leaders meeting in Brussels say distrust of the US over spying could harm the fight against terrorism. A statement agreed by the leaders says that "a lack of trust could prejudice" intelligence-gathering co-operation. BBC News

*** La criminalité a augmenté aux États-Unis l'an dernier**
Le taux de crimes violents a progressé de 15 % aux États-Unis l'an dernier, tandis que les crimes contre la propriété augmentaient de 12 %. Cela pourrait vouloir dire que le déclin de la criminalité constaté aux États-Unis depuis 20 ans tire à sa fin. Le sondage réalisé l'an dernier a témoigné d'une deuxième hausse annuelle consécutive. La hausse de 2012 a été alimentée par une augmentation des crimes qui n'ont pas été déclarés à la police, une catégorie qui englobe souvent des crimes moins graves. L'Acadie Nouvelle, 29 (La Tribune)

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Thank you very much for this information, we have forwarded it to the GOC.

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Please add this event to the list of locations for events over the period of 17-19 Oct 2013.
It may also be worth mentioning all the events nationwide scheduled as part of Global Frackdown, October 19th".
http://www.globalfrackdown.org/events/

Yukon Region - Whitehorse
IDLENOMORE - A GATHERING IN SOLIDARITY WITH ELSIPOGTOG, OCTOBER 17, 2013

WHEN:
October 18, 2013 at 5pm - 6pm

WHERE:
Healing Pole (1st and Main Street)
Whitehorse , YT Y1A
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Executive Summary

A number of First Nations protests or demonstrations in response to the 17 Oct 2013 incident in Rexton, NB, are planned for 17-19 Oct 2013 across Canada. Organizers have called for peaceful actions.

Please find attached **ST232-13B – Shale Gas, NB.** Information valid as of 18 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT. For your convenience, new information has been bolded.

Situation report provided to: F/P/T Contacts.

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Résumé

Un certain nombre de protestations et de manifestations sont prévues du 17 au 19 octobre 2013, partout au Canada, en réaction à l'incident survenu le 17 octobre 2013 à Rexton (Nouveau-Brunswick). Les organisateurs ont demandé que les actions demeurent pacifiques.

Vous trouverez en pièce jointe le document **ST232-13B – Manifestation contre les gaz de schiste - Rexton, Nouveau-Brunswick**. Les renseignements ont été mis à jour le **18 octobre 2013, à 12h00 (HNE)**.

Rapport de situation distribué à : Personnes-ressources FPT

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Les ministères et organismes ayant d'autres renseignements au sujet de cet événement sont priés de les signaler au COG.

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Situation Report

Incident Number: ST232-13**B**

Incident: Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB

Date: Information valid as of **18 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT**

Description of current incident: On the morning of 17 Oct 2013, the RCMP served an injunction on protesters at an anti-shale gas protest blocking a rural highway near Rexton, NB. Due to violence which occurred later in the afternoon of 17 Oct, the RCMP arrested at least 40 people for various offences. At least one shot was fired by someone other than police. Molotov cocktails were thrown at police, and at least five RCMP vehicles were destroyed by fire. In addition, the RCMP is also investigating suspected explosive devices at the scene.

Media reports that a majority of the police left the scene of the protest at around 18:00 EDT. **Overnight, equipment has been removed and roads are open. The 40 individuals that were arrested yesterday will appear in court on 18 Oct in three separate locations (Moncton, Shediac and 3rd site TBC). Protesters are expected at each location.**

On 18 Oct, approximately 12 people returned to the Rexton site. According to media reporting, an Elsipogtog First Nation councillor, who was among those arrested on 17 Oct, has stated that protesters will try to stay at the site, despite the injunction.

According to media reports, Chief Aaron Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation will be meeting with the Premier David Alward of New Brunswick on the afternoon of 18 Oct in Fredericton.

Following these events, various supporters of the protest called for peaceful actions of solidarity in support of the protesters at Rexton using social media sites like Twitter and Facebook.

The following is a list of locations for events over the period of 17-19 Oct 2013:

18 Oct 2013:

- **Hwy 104, NS, Time NFI**
- **Hwy 102 (exact location not known), NS, 12:00 EDT**
- **Auld's Cove (near the Canso Causeway), NS, 12:00 EDT**
- **Sydney, NS, 12:00 EDT**
- **Halifax (the corner of Robie and Charles streets), NS, 14:00 EDT**
- **Hwy 134, NB, Time NFI**
- **Hwy 105 near Kingsclear, NB, Time NFI**
- **Fredericton, NB, Time NFI**

- **Moncton Courthouse, NB, Time NFI**
- Montreal, QC, 17:00 EDT, Cabot Square
- **Montreal, QC, lane blockage of Highway 132 near the access to the Mercier Bridge and leaflet distribution**
- **Road 132 (near Gaspapegiag), QC, ongoing**
- **Pointe-à-la-Croix (J.C. Van Horne Bridge), QC, ongoing**
- Eagle Lake First Nation, ON, 19:00 EDT, 1220 Ojibway Drive
- Sault Ste. Marie, ON, 12:00 EDT, at the teaching lodge at Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig
- Kitchener-Waterloo, ON, 18:00 EDT
- Alderville First Nation, ON, 10:00 EDT, at Highway 45 in Alderville, ON
- Saskatoon, SK, 10:30 EDT, corner of College Drive and Wiggins Avenue
- Fort McMurray, AB, 16:00-19:00 EDT, at RCMP Station
- Edmonton, AB, 16:00 EDT
- Vancouver, BC, 18:30 EDT, at Vancouver Art Gallery
- Victoria, BC, 14:00 EDT, Centennial Square to Provincial Parliament

19 Oct 2013:

- Kitchener-Waterloo, ON, 17:00 EDT
- Nanaimo, BC, 17:00 EDT

Source(s) of reporting: Media/open source reporting, PS QC, NB, NS and PEI regional offices, RCMP, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

Current actions:

The GOC continues to monitor the situation closely and has established contact with partners and PS Regional Offices in order to maintain cohesive information sharing. **GOC hosted a conference call with partners on Friday, 18 OCT 2013.**

Event management of the protests falls under the purview of local jurisdictions and local law enforcement agencies, as appropriate.

Future actions: The GOC will be hosting a conference call with partners on morning of Friday, 19 OCT 2013 to coordinate efforts and to assess impacts.

Assessment/Analysis: While this incident was an environmental protest, it is linked to ongoing First Nation dissatisfaction with resource development and extraction in Canada, as well as general dissatisfaction embodied in the Idle No More movement. Most of the protest activity to date under the Idle No More banner or related environmental or First Nations issues activities have been peaceful.

Departments and Agencies with further information on this incident are asked to report to the GOC.

Additional situation reports: Further situation reports will be issued as more information becomes available.

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Situation Report

Incident Number: ST232-13C

Incident: Events Related to Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB

Date: Information valid as of **19 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT**

Description of current incident: On the morning of 17 Oct 2013, the RCMP served an injunction on protesters at an anti-shale gas protest blocking a rural highway near Rexton, NB, resulting in the arrest of approximately 40 people for various offences. At least one shot was fired by someone other than police. Molotov cocktails were thrown at police, and at least five RCMP vehicles were destroyed by fire. In addition, **the RCMP seized a number of firearms, ammunition and improvised explosive devices at the scene.**

Chief Aaron Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation and Premier David Alward of New Brunswick met late on 18 Oct and agreed to a cooling off period. Protest activities are expected to be minimized as all parties resume negotiations.

Following these events, various supporters of the protest called for peaceful actions of solidarity in support of the protesters at Rexton using social media sites like Twitter and Facebook. A number of peaceful demonstrations took place on 17-18 Oct at various locations in Canada and at the Canadian Consulate General in New York and the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC. **These resulted in a number of road closures and traffic restrictions, particularly in NB. An expected blockade on the Confederation Bridge linking NB and PEI did not materialize on 18 Oct.**

On 19 Oct 2013, at approximately 01:30 EDT, protesters claiming solidarity with the Elsipogtog First Nation in NB temporarily shut down southbound traffic on the Seaway International Bridge linking Cornwall, ON, and Massena, New York. The protest lasted until 01:30 EDT, and included tires on fire. The protesters were removed but are camped in the area. Police are monitoring the situation and expect more protests later today. There is also a small blockade on Highway 134 in NB.

A number of events (e.g. protests, marches, rallies, round dances, vigils, workshops) are scheduled for 19 Oct at various locations in BC, AB, SK, ON, QC, NB and NS. The GOC is distributing a list of known activities related to the events in Rexton, NB, under separate cover.

The Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) reports that Idle No More and Occupy Minnesota will stage a protest on 21 Oct 2013 at the Canadian

Consulate General in Minneapolis in solidarity with the Mi'kmaq Warriors of Canada. Similar protests are also possible elsewhere in the United States.

Source(s) of reporting: PS QC, NB, NS, ON and PEI regional offices, RCMP, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Transport Canada, DFATD, Canada Border Services Agency, New Brunswick Public Safety, Media/open source reporting.

Current actions:

The GOC continues to monitor the situation closely and has established contact with partners and PS Regional Offices in order to maintain cohesive information sharing. GOC hosted a conference call with partners on 18 and 19 Oct.

Event management of the protests falls under the purview of local jurisdictions and local law enforcement agencies, as appropriate.

Future actions: The GOC will be hosting a conference call with partners on morning of Sunday, 20 Oct 2013 to coordinate efforts and to assess impacts.

Assessment/Analysis: While this incident was an environmental protest, it is linked to ongoing First Nation dissatisfaction with resource development and extraction in Canada, as well as general dissatisfaction embodied in the Idle No More movement. Most of the protest activity to date under the Idle No More banner or related environmental or First Nations issues activities have been peaceful, **and so far, activities in response to the 17 Oct event in Rexton have been peaceful. The cooling off period negotiated between Premier Alward and Chief Sock may serve to calm the situation as negotiations continue. Although a number of planned protests and or related have been identified, some activities may occur without notice (e.g. Seaway International Bridge).**

Departments and Agencies with further information on this incident are asked to report to the GOC.

Additional situation reports: Further situation reports will be issued as more information becomes available.

Additional Products: A geomatics product **and matrix of events** will follow under separate cover.

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Government Operations Centre (GOC)

Situation Report

Incident Number: ST232-13D

Incident: Events Related to Shale Gas Protest – Rexton, NB

Date: Information valid as of **20 Oct 2013, 12:00 EDT**

Description of current incident: On the morning of 17 Oct 2013, the RCMP served an injunction on protesters at an anti-shale gas protest blocking a rural highway near Rexton, NB, resulting in the arrest of approximately 40 people for various offences. Following these events, various supporters of the protest called for peaceful actions of solidarity in support of the protesters at Rexton using social media sites like Twitter and Facebook. On 18 Oct, Chief Aaron Sock of the Elsipogtog First Nation met with Premier David Alward of New Brunswick and agreed to a cooling off period. Protest activities are expected to decrease as the parties resume negotiations.

A number of generally peaceful demonstrations took place on 17-19 Oct at various locations in Canada and at the Canadian Consulate General in New York and the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC. These resulted in a number of road closures and traffic restrictions, particularly in NB. Southbound traffic on the Seaway International Bridge linking Cornwall, ON, and Massena, New York, was briefly interrupted early on 19 Oct 2013. The protesters were removed, but camped in the area. **There were also short-lived blockades on Highways 11 and 134 in NB. Alternate routes were established and protesters worked with police to ensure safety. Media reported that a small group of protesters surrounded and seized equipment and vehicles belonging to a news media organization.**

A number of other events (e.g. protests, marches, rallies, round dances, vigils, workshops) took place on 19 Oct at various locations in BC, ON, QC, NB and NS. In Toronto, protesters caused the cancellation of a National Energy Board hearing on the Enbridge Line 9 pipeline. Although not directly related to the shale gas protest, protesters also expressed solidarity with protests in NB. The GOC is distributing a list of known activities related to the events in Rexton, NB, under separate cover.

It is expected that 20 Oct will be relatively quiet. A gathering is expected on Highway 11 in NB. There is also a potential threat from the hacktivist group Anonymous against a Canadian energy company and/or a law enforcement agency, but there is no time frame available for this potential activity.

On 20 Oct, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) reported that all was quiet at Cornwall Island, but that there may be some sort of activity planned for 26 Oct. The nature of the activity is undetermined at this time.

The Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) reports that Idle No More and Occupy Minnesota will stage a protest on 21 Oct 2013 at the Canadian Consulate General in Minneapolis in solidarity with the Mi'kmaq Warriors of Canada. Similar protests are also possible elsewhere in the United States.

On 19 Oct, media reported that Assembly of First Nations chiefs in NB urged shale gas protesters to rally peacefully and stop blocking roads. They condemned the seizure of news media equipment and vehicles. A meeting is planned at Elsipogtog First Nation on 20 Oct to, according to news reports, discuss next steps.

Source(s) of reporting: PS QC, NB, NS, ON and PEI regional offices, RCMP, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Transport Canada, DFATD, CBSA, Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre, New Brunswick Public Safety, Media/open source reporting.

Current actions:

The GOC continues to monitor the situation closely and has established contact with partners and PS Regional Offices in order to maintain cohesive information sharing. GOC hosted a conference call with partners to coordinate efforts and to assess impacts.

Event management of the protests falls under the purview of local jurisdictions and local law enforcement agencies, as appropriate.

Future actions: The GOC will be hosting a conference call with partners on 21 Oct 2013.

Assessment/Analysis: While this incident was an environmental protest, it is linked to ongoing First Nation dissatisfaction with resource development and extraction in Canada, as well as general dissatisfaction embodied in the Idle No More movement. Most of the protest activity to date under the Idle No More banner or related environmental or First Nations issues activities have been peaceful, and so far, activities in response to the 17 Oct event in Rexton have been peaceful. The cooling off period negotiated between Premier Alward and Chief Sock may serve to calm the situation as negotiations continue. Although a number of planned protests and or related have been identified, some activities may occur without notice (e.g. Seaway International Bridge) **due, in part, to the use of social networks to communicate with and mobilize supporters.**

Departments and Agencies with further information on this incident are asked to report to the GOC.

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'We are woefully under resourced' says Clark

Michael Smyth

British Columbia is not prepared for a large coastal oil spill and the spill-prevention-andresponse system needs a major upgrade, especially before any new oil pipelines are approved.

That will be the bottom line in a new report on the province's oil-spill system to be released this week by the Christy Clark government.

As B.C. debates two major oil-pipeline projects - Enbridge's Northern **Gateway** pipeline and Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline - the government hired Alaska-based Nuka **Research** to investigate our coastal-spill system.

The company's report has been received by the government, I'm told, and Clark hinted at its contents in comments last week.

"We are woefully under resourced," Clark said, adding the spill-response system must be improved, especially "before any more heavy oil comes off the coast."

British Columbia already has hundreds of oil tankers passing through coastal waters and this week's report will question whether the spill-response system is adequate even for existing tanker traffic, I'm told.

The report will echo earlier concerns raised about B.C.'s inadequate preparation for a major coastal oil spill.

"Even a moderately sized spill would overwhelm the province's ability to respond and could result in a significant liability for government," said briefing notes prepared in June for B.C. Environment Minister Mary Polak and obtained by The Canadian Press.

"The Canadian Coast Guard's national emergency management plan is out of date, and the organization has not fully assessed its response capacity in over a decade," Scott Vaughn, then Canada's independent environment commissioner, said in 2010.

"Because the Coast Guard does not have a reliable system to track spills, it cannot accurately determine the number of spills that occur each year, their size and their environmental impacts.

"We note several areas of concern, from incomplete assessments to out-of-date emergency response plans. These must be addressed to ensure the federal government is ready to respond to any ship-source oil spill occurring in Canadian waters."

The alarm bells are ringing as debate rages over the two proposed pipelines that would pump heavy crude oil - diluted bitumen - from the Alberta oilsands to the B.C. coast for shipment by super tankers to Asia.

Enbridge, the Calgary company behind the proposed $6.5-billion Northern **Gateway** pipeline, has launched a new ad campaign touting the environmental safety of the project.

Leaked planning material from the ad blitz includes a "mood board" showing pictures of breaching whales and migrating salmon alongside photos of people and cars.

The proposed text for one commercial compares Enbridge vice-president Janet Holder to an orca, saying they both love "clean oceans and a full life" and both hate oil spills.

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An Enbridge official said the material came from an early draft of commercials that were not produced, but convey the company's commitment to preventing a spill.

"What we are saying to the public is that our focus and concern aligns with their focus and concerns: the environment," said Holder, the B.C.-based Enbridge executive in charge of the project.

Premier Christy Clark has laid down five conditions for supporting the Enbridge and Kinder Morgan pipelines, including addressing **First Nations**' concerns, ensuring B.C. gets a "fair share" of the profits and establishing "world-leading" environmental protection standards.

The government told a federal environmental panel in the spring it officially opposes the Enbridge project because it has not met those conditions. But Clark has stressed the conditions were always meant to be a "path for success" and not meant to permanently block **economic development**.

This week's report on the province's oil-spill system will include recommendations on how to bring it up to the world-leading standards Clark has demanded.

A report produced by the government last year singled out Alaska and Norway for having leading oil-spill regimes, pointing out superior standards for training, spill-response technology, and permanently staffed and equipped emergency depots and vessels.

Holder, the Enbridge vice-president, said the company is willing to meet the government's world-leading standards.

"We can still make changes to the project," she said.

A key question, though, is whether any oilspill system will be adequate in the dangerous waters of B.C.'s north coast.

"For most open ocean spills, no oil from a spill is recovered," the B.C. government said in legal arguments on the Enbridge pipeline in May, adding oil recovery could be even more difficult in the fall and winter months in confined and treacherous waters.

"There are significant periods during which spill response will be impossible or severely constrained," said the legal brief.

Art Sterritt, leader of anti-pipeline Coastal **First Nations**, is dubious any oil-recovery system can be put in place that would convince **First Nations** groups to support the pipeline.

"This industry has spent trillions of dollars on longer pipelines and bigger super tankers to ship more oil to more destinations than ever - but they've spent hardly anything on a system to clean up a freaking spill," he said.

"If you can't prove to us that you can clean up your own accident - because we know you'll have one at some point - then we will fight you to the wall."

The government's report on B.C.'s oil-spill response system and how to improve it is bound to crank up the debate even higher this week.

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Iain Hunter

Will oil erase explorer's inscription?

Iain Hunter

I suppose Alexander Mackenzie started it all. When the Scottish explorer finally reached tidewater on the Pacific Coast, he left his mark on a rock at the **water's** edge that's there still.

"Alex Mackenzie from Canada by land 22d July 1793," it says. Others have followed him, some filled with wonder as he must have been; some determined to make something of what he discovered.

A few more than 200 kilometres away from his rock as a seabird flies lies Kitimat, the designated terminal for the Northern **Gateway** pipeline from which tankers would carry Alberta bitumen down the constricted Douglas Channel to Asia if the project turns out to be more than a pipedream of Enbridge and other members of the pipeline consortium.

The project is a nightmare for many coastal dwellers, as it is for many inlanders who dread the iron snake moving, segment by segment, to tidewater across supernatural land they cherish.

They fear the bile that that snake would carry. They don't dream of seabirds flying from Mackenzie's rock; they imagine seabirds on a shore suffocating in a shroud of heavy oil, drowning in what makes mighty engines run.

People knowledgeable about all this keep saying the **Gateway** is blocked. They say that though Premier Christy Clark might persuade others to meet one of her five "conditions" for supporting the project - that B.C. get a fair share of profits - the other four conditions can't be met.

They include approval by the federal environmental review, meeting **aboriginal rights** requirements and the development of "world-class" oil-spill response strategies.

"World-class" as used by Clark makes the last condition sound achievable. But it's not nearly as strong as the insistence by the B.C. government at review panel hearings in June that the consortium must come up with an "effective response" to any spills.

Last week, in an interview with the CBC's Peter Mansbridge, the premier left the oil-spill response responsibility with Ottawa. She said that the federal government hasn't the resources to handle a large tanker spill off the B.C. coast today, let alone when 525,000 barrels of Alberta bitumen a day are being offloaded at Kitimat.

"We're woefully under-resourced," Clark said. She found it "encouraging" that the feds have begun to look at coastal safety and coast guard resources, but made it clear more has to happen "before any more heavy oil comes off the coast."

Enbridge, as part of its revamped PR campaign, is boasting about what it intends to do to keep the birds, animals and fish and forests, plains and waters of B.C. thriving when it has built a better pipeline and provided expanded marine safety measures.

Yet the company testified before the pipeline hearings that its liability ends at the end of the pipe. Is good faith enough?

Besides, if there's a large spill, what can be done? The coast guard has been decimated in the interests of fiscal responsibility. It can't perform cleanup, only supervise it.

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Western Canada Marine Response Group Corp. says it has skimmers, booms and absorbent pads in coastal caches and 28 response vessels. But in the event of a big spill, it would have to call for help from other spill response outfits.

And it would take 72 hours to respond, longer in storms. There's even talk of conscripting fishboats and other craft. Then what?

"No current cleanup methods remove more than a small fraction of oil spilled in marine waters," said a U.S. National Academy of Sciences panel in 2003.

Chemicals used to disperse oil are toxic to the environment and human beings. Scientists in Europe are wondering if freeze-dried oil-eating bacteria might work better.

"In most open ocean spills, no oil from a spill is recovered," B.C. testified before the pipeline hearings. And heavy crude sinks.

Yet Clark said she's "confident" her five conditions can be met, that "effective response" is possible.

Enbridge says it's confident that oil will be flowing through its pipes in five years.

The company sounds as if it's planning another historic marker at Kitimat: "Enbridge from Alberta by land 22nd July 2018."

How long before it and Mackenzie's rock would be obliterated by an oilsands slick?

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Ring of Fire mining project no magic bullet for aboriginal communities

Rae

TORONTO _ Former Liberal leader Bob Rae says natural resource projects such as Ontario's massive Ring of Fire aren't a "magic bullet" to eliminate **poverty** in remote **aboriginal** communities.

Rae told a conference on Saturday that several approaches are needed _ including jobs training, **education** and **governance** _ to help the resource-rich but underdeveloped areas raise themselves up.

"If you want to see conditions of real underdevelopment, and see what the impact is on people and families, on children and on adults, you do not have to go very far," he told the crowd.

The former MP recounted his experiences from a trip to northern Ontario trip that he returned from on Friday, which included a visit to the community of Marten Falls **First Nation**. Rae said roughly 300 people live with intermittent electricity, $8 cartons of milk and no Internet access.

Marten Falls lies within the 5,000-square kilometre boundary of the Ring of Fire, a mining project that the Ontario and federal governments hope will attract billions of dollars in private **investment** to extract valuable minerals such as stainless-steel ingredient chromite.

But Rae said money from the massive proposed mineral project can't be counted on to fix the community's woes.

"The way this situation is now described in the north is to say, 'we have the magic bullet, it's called the Ring of Fire,'" Rae said.

"It's seen as the solution _ (that) we now have the answer to underdevelopment. But everyone has to understand that this is not the magic solution to **poverty**, because you've got to get people ready for jobs and for work," he added.

"You've got to create the conditions under which people are able to participate in the **workforce**," Rae said, adding the effort could include targeted loans to help **aboriginals** launch businesses in traditional trades and crafts.

Rae stepped down from federal politics this year and is acting as chief negotiator for Matawa **First Nations Tribal Council** in talks with the province over Ring of Fire development. Marten Falls is one of the nine communities in the council.

He said that while Canada has the experience and know-how to help impoverished communities abroad, it should start applying that knowledge domestically.

"Think of about what you know... of how what we're doing in Canada compares to what we've learned (internationally) over the last 60-70 years about what works and doesn't work," Rae said in his speech.

He said resource developmental money that floods into **aboriginal** communities can't be counted on to "trickle down" to improve the lives of average residents.

The northern Ontario communities he's visited are not against the Ring of Fire plan, but are worried about its negative effects, Rae said.

"They're expressing strong concerns about how do we protect the **water**. How do we protect the heritage that we

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N.B. Natives: What the frack!

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The Assembly of **First Nations** says the federal, New Brunswick and **First Nation** governments must resolve the issues surrounding the shale gas protests in New Brunswick.

A protest against shale gas and hydraulic fracking has been underway near **Elsipogtog First Nation** in New Brunswick since early June.

The community says fracking threatens groundwater supplies and native **treaty rights**.

Protesters set up a barricade on a highway on Monday but a judge ordered its removal on Thursday.

"This is about governments respecting and recognizing **First Nations** rights and that we have a right to free, prior and informed consent on any proposed development that could affect our lands, our waters or our people," AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo said in a statement. "All parties must commit to a sustained process of engagement to set sustainable plans for responsible **economic development** that are acceptable to all. This is the approach we want to see going forward in all parts of the country." ILLUS: photo of SHAWN ATLEO Shale gas

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When the system fails

Jail not the answer for young man with learning disability

Put yourself, even for just a moment, in Christopher Ferland's shoes. The random lottery that is birth has you come into the world with a learning disability. You live on a remote, impoverished Manitoba reserve, are apprehended by the **child-welfare** system as a kid, bounced in and out of foster care, then transported to a large, strange city.

At 16, a relative punts you out of her home because social assistance cuts off the benefits they're willing to spend on you. You're cast onto the streets. You find temporary shelter at the Salvation Army hostel and, at times, with a another relative, but essentially, you're now a periodically homeless street kid.

Perhaps remarkably, you don't fall in with a gang or take up a criminal lifestyle to get by. Instead, you find help from a school offering a special class and a counsellor willing to work with you so you can try to overcome some cognitive challenges you live with.

But then everything changes. You find yourself arrested for a domestic assault that allegedly occurred many months before, one you deny happened. For the first time, at 19, you're thrust into an unfamiliar justice system, initially without a lawyer to guide you. Because you have no prior record, police release you to appear in court at a later date.

You turn up for that first court date, but are confused and can't navigate the bureaucracy of the courts building.

You wind up with a warrant out for your arrest for non-attendance. Over the coming months, you're rearrested several times -- a couple of them because you're not living where you told the court you would be. One rearrest comes after police see you shaking hands with someone at a downtown mall and they suspect you are dealing drugs. You're not.

Police and prosecutors give you chances to get out of custody without opposing your release, but after your fourth rearrest, the Crown now wants to see you held in custody until you deal with your charges.

A judge grudgingly gives you a fifth shot at freedom, saying he can't believe he is, but is doing so largely because he doesn't believe you're a risk to the public.

But you soon get collared as a break-and-enter suspect after being found with others in a vacant home. Police concede it's a case of "victim unknown." No damage other than to the rear door has occurred. It's not clear who broke the door.

After sitting in custody for a couple weeks, this time a different judge refuses to let you out again.

Notably, her concerns are "not so much for the safety of the community as it is a concern you won't follow court orders."

You're out of chances. Now you sit in locked custody until you resolve your charges, despite the fact you have no prior criminal record. You won't finish school this year, and you've lost the placement at where you were living.

How long resolution of your charges will take, who knows? You're contesting the initial assault allegations that put you in this predicament in the first place. Trials take time to arrange.

It's safe, however, to say you'll spend longer behind bars on remand than you would for any sentence that may get noted on your new criminal record at the end of the day.

Let's summarize the key points: You're poor, cognitively challenged, essentially homeless and without much support in

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life through no fault of your own.

And now, to a great degree, those factors, which are beyond your control, are preventing you from being able to follow court orders and let you stay out of jail, where you're being exposed to violence and the influence of concentrated criminality.

This is Christopher Ferland's story, by and large. It's similar to many seen in Manitoba's justice system.

I'm not going to pretend I don't agree with Judge Catherine Carlson in her decision to keep Ferland in custody this time.

It's pretty apparent giving Ferland a sixth shot at bail would make, as she felt it would, a mockery of the bail system as it exists today.

Neither can I fault newly minted Court of Queen's Bench Justice Sheldon Lanchbery for refusing to overturn Carlson's ruling this week.

Judges have a job to do, and front and centre is their responsibility to uphold the rule of law and the administration of justice.

We can, however, ask ourselves if maybe the bail system they work within -- as set out by the Criminal Code -- is broken in cases like Ferland's.

The argument can easily be made -- as it was this week by defence lawyer William Marks -- that we're criminalizing and incarcerating **aboriginal** people at the bail stage because of background factors they have zero control over. Remember, it was just a few weeks ago that one judge agreed to release Ferland because he didn't pose a safety risk.

If there's no risk to public safety, why are we locking him up?

It's well-established by now that **aboriginal** people comprise a staggering percentage of the inmate population in provincial jails. In Manitoba, it's more than 70 per cent.

Anyone with half a conscience would say this shows something is fundamentally wrong and has to change.

I believe a major issue in Manitoba is our lack of a so-called "Gladue court" where cases like Ferland's could be diverted and reassessed at all stages -- from bail to pretrial to sentencing.

If we had one, the background factors influencing why Ferland keeps getting rearrested could be examined in depth.

Detailed plans could then be put forward to secure his freedom. Those plans would try to address his unique background factors while keeping him in compliance with the law.

And our laws are clear, at least when it comes time to dish out a sentence, that "all available sanctions other than imprisonment that are reasonable in the circumstances" should be on the table, especially for **aboriginal** offenders.

Yes, setting up a Gladue court would mean we'd have to pony up the dough for an adequate community-resource and supervision regime.

But consider this: If we keep Ferland locked up for a total of six months, we'll have spent more than $31,000 (at the provincial estimate of $174 a day) just to keep him in jail.

And what for? Judges have already indicated he's not a risk to public safety.

That's precious taxpayer money that could have gone to providing Ferland resources to help address his homelessness and learning disability. No doubt that would be less expensive.

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It's odd. In Manitoba, we're not strangers to trying innovative, problem-solving justice methods. For years, we've had drug-treatment court and recently saw the addition of a mental-**health** court.

These are really, at root, collaborative responses to serious social problems.

What could be a more serious social problem than people rotting in jail -- not because of serious, violent criminality, but because we refuse to innovate?

It was more than 20 years ago the **Aboriginal** Justice Inquiry made several recommendations regarding fair treatment of **aboriginal** suspects at the bail stage.

One was that provincial judges should guard against placing inappropriate release conditions, such as financial guarantees and cash deposits, on people who are destitute.

Ferland's case shows we still have a long way to go.

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