

# ***The Bell Island Community Policing Newsletter***

**The Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Avalon East District - Bell Island Detachment  
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## ***From the Corporal's Desk***

Attached is the excerpt I read at the Memorial Service for the slain RCMP members at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Parish on March 14, 2005. Printed for the many who requested same:

### ***AND WE STILL DO TODAY!***

Members of the past have undertaken great amounts of responsibility, often wondering if they would ever be able to handle the tasks. They endeavoured to complete this work to the best of their ability - and we still do today.

They used various means to apprehend the wrong doers. All modes of transport were used sometimes in unique but effective ways. They suffered through cold, heat, rain and other discomforts, always staying focussed on

completing their duties. This was their goal and they kept this at the forefront of their thoughts - and we still do today.

They travelled short and more often long distances. Over land, water and air, to places others would not dare to venture. Their stamina was one half adrenalin and the other half raw guts. They knew they had to succeed - and we still do today.

They accepted the stresses of change as they knew change was inevitable. The methods they studied and knew would become obsolete. They had to adopt new ways of thinking for they knew if they didn't they would become the past. There were problems changing but with perseverance and practice they succeeded - and we still do today.

The members attended horrific acts involving the

old and the young. The blood and flesh left imprints in the minds of members that were unforgiving.. Often those affected awoke in the middle of the night finding themselves in a sweat, often in tears and never knowing why - and we still do today.

They attended to danger almost as if it wasn't there. The training flashed through their minds as if it was only yesterday. The courage they found was from a place that only seconds earlier didn't exist. Sometimes even this wasn't enough, so determination and action took over. They hoped that good would triumph but it was not always the case. They believed in God - and we still do today. They buried their dead in Reg Serge, three to a side, Stetsons in check. The Honour Guard saluted the casket thinking someday this will be their

fate...hoping it won't be too soon - and we still do today.

They watched as others paraded in front of them in unison. Thinking back to the early days, the cursed S/M (Sgt. Major) and his cursed yell. They complained of the tightness of their uniform, the wearing of the boots on their heels and the sun melting the wax on their toes. They felt Pride as they watched out of the corner of their eyes the spectators standing tall as they marched past - and we still do today.

The members met in parade rooms for camaraderie, devouring spirits, sometimes badmouthing elements of the pursuit, but knowing underneath they were simply blowing off steam. For they knew this was tradition and they were merely carrying it on - and we still do today.

And when the flag was raised and the anthem played, the members rose straight, fore-knuckles pointing straight to the ground, the sense of value and purpose clear in their minds. They recalled the accomplishments they had

made together and looked forward to the future and what it carried. For that was their only goal, to carry out the vows they made years before. This was important to God, their family and their life as members. This was how it was - Thank God it still is today.

**Boyd Merrill**

### ***On the Lighter Side***

(This is an item from the internet, author unknown)

**Question from Client--  
"I would like to know how it is possible for police officers to continually harass people and get away with it?"**

From the law enforcement side, a cop with a sense of humour replied:

"It is not easy. In Canada we average one cop for every 2000 people. About 60 percent of those cops are on patrol, where we do most of the harassing. One fifth of that 60 percent are on duty at any given moment and available for harassing people. So, one cop is responsible for harassing

about 10,000 residents.

When you toss in the commercial, business, and tourist locations that attract people from other areas, sometimes you have a situation where a single cop is responsible for harassing 20,000 or more people a day. A ten hour shift runs 36,000 seconds.

This gives a cop one second to harass a person, and three fourths of a second to eat a donut and then find a new person to harass. This is not an easy task.

Most cops are not up to it day in and day out. It is just too tiring.

What we do is utilize some tools to help us narrow down those we harass.

They are as follows:

PHONE: People will call us up and point out things that cause us to focus on a person for special harassment. "My neighbor is beating his wife" is a code phrase we use. Then we come out and give special harassment.

Another popular one on a weeknight is "The kids next door are having a party".

We also have special cops assigned to harass people who drive. They like to harass the drivers of fast cars, cars blasting music, cars with expired registration stickers and the like. It is lots of fun when you pick them out of traffic for nothing more obvious than running a red light.

Sometimes you get to really heap the harassment on when you find they have drugs in the car, are drunk, or have a warrant.

Some people take off running just at the sight of a police officer. Nothing is quite as satisfying as running after them like a beagle on the scent of a bunny. When you catch them you can harass them for hours.

When you can think of nothing else to do, there are books that give ideas for reasons to harass folks. They are called "codes"; Criminal Code, Motor Vehicle Act, Health Act and safety rules, business and professions regulations and other federal and provincial

statutes. They all spell out all sorts of things for which you can really mess with people.

After you read these codes, you can just drive around for awhile until you find someone violating one of these listed offenses and harass them. Just last week I saw a guy smash a car window. Well... the code says that is not allowed.

That meant I got permission to harass this guy. It is a pretty cool system that we have set up and it works well. I seem to have a never-ending supply of folks to harass. And we get away with it. Why?

Because the good citizens who pay the tab like that we keep the streets safe for them.

Next time you are in my town, give me a single finger wave. That is a signal that you wish for me to take a little closer look at you, and maybe I will find a reason to harass you. Looking forward to meeting you. (A sense of humour is invaluable!)

### ***Health Care News***

Dr. Darrell Wade will now

offer chiropractic services on Bell Island two days a week. His clinic will be located at the Family Drug Mart Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. starting May 3, 2005. Please call 579-5559 to set up an appointment.

### ***Bell Island Ferry Users Committee***

#### **Budget 2005 Impacts on Bell Island Services**

This article is being written on March 21 and the Provincial Budget has just been announced. We do not have full details. Below please find Bell Island some early observations on the budget issues and what impacts there may be for Bell Island. It appears to be a good news and bad news budget for Bell Island

**SCHEDULE PROTECTION  
(VERY GOOD NEWS)**

It appears that the 2 vessel schedule and existing trips have been protected and funded for 2005 and this is a major accomplishment. The Committee has worked extremely hard in cooperation with our MHA on this crucial service level protection.

**NEW REPLACEMENT  
VESSEL STALLED**

The replacement of the Hamilton Sound with a new 28 car vessel appears to be slowly moving forward with a somewhat disappointing \$500,000 set aside in 2005 for studies leading towards a vessel construction program. Further delays are only increasing a worsening chaos in the lack of available suitable and safe vessels.

**FERRY RATE  
INCREASES?**

While not referenced in the Budget Speech the ferry rates estimates are showing a 5% increase and a 5% increase had been scheduled for April 1. For some reason Labrador based services are exempt. The Committee is

disappointed that the Government is not honouring its commitment to phase in lower rates over 5 years and has appealed for no increase and a rate freeze

**APPLICATION OF  
FERRY RATES  
INCREASE UNFAIR**

The Committee lodged objections last year when the 10% increase approved by Cabinet was implemented at 17% in some cases by rounding up to the highest quarter and not the nearest quarter. The \$3.00 adult rate went to \$3.50 in 2004 or 17% way in excess of the 10%. This rate should not increase this year and any other rate that was rounded incorrectly. Stay tuned if a promised correction is not made and express your displeasure both with the increase and the method the increase is applied.

**LITTLE FUNDING TO  
ADDRESS UNSAFE  
DOCKS?**

Recently sections of the docks on Bell Island and Portugal Cove were declared unsafe and unusable and significant

funding is needed to make them safe. Regretfully only \$1,000,000 was allocated in the Budget for capital dock improvements to be spent on the highest priority of the 32 docks in the 16 Provincial ferry services. We are not sure what monies have been reserved to fix the life safety concerns on our docks which is not acceptable.

**PROVINCIAL ROADS  
FUNDING SHARE FOR  
BELL ISLAND  
UNCERTAIN**

The Provincial Road program has \$33,000,000 allocated and we live in hope for a fair share for Bell Island Highways Division roads. The Committee has also asked for an allocation from this pot to widen the unsafe section of the ferry line-up lane in the Cove near the Rock cut.

**HOSPITAL SERVICES  
APPEAR TO BE  
SPARED**

It appears no reductions have been made to the Bell Island Hospital operation and the Federal Study

Group's report due soon is being anxiously awaited with hoped for positive recommendations for the future.

**MUNICIPAL PROJECTS FUNDING UNKNOWN**

Monies to support water supply, town municipal road paving projects and recreational projects for 2005 are not allocated in the Provincial budget separately and the Town of Wabana has to negotiate these funds. For further into contact the Town Council.

**DEVELOPMENT FUNDS ALLOCATIONS FOR RURAL AREAS SEEMS TO BE SUBSTANTIVE AND COULD BENEFIT BELL ISLAND**

As the deadline for this month's newsletter is upon us we have had no time to follow-up on the Budget impacts on Bell Island and would suggest contact be made with MHA Minister Whalen and Mayor Gosine for further details.

**WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU FOLLOW-UP YOUR QUESTIONS AND**

**CONCERNS ON THE PROVINCIAL BUDGET WITH YOUR MHA'S OFFICE**

**Update received from Bell Island Ferry Users Committee on March 29, 2005**

Ferry rates to rise on April 1, 2005

We have just received from the Ferry Manager a copy of the new ferry rates that he has been directed to increase as of April 1, 2005 as part of a 4 year planned rate increase program.

**1. POLITICAL COMMITMENT NOT KEPT**

We were not successful in convincing Government to honour the pledge in their 2003 Blue Book to lower rates to the equivalent cost of road travel to be phased in over 5 years.

**2. ROUNDING TO THE HIGHEST QUARTER NOT FAIR- 5% vs 9%**

We were not successful in convincing Government to apply the rate rounding

based on the NEAREST QUARTER versus the HIGHEST QUARTER. Thus some increases in 2005 are greater than the 5% approved by Cabinet. Example, a vehicle/driver goes from \$5.50 to \$6.00 which is a 9% increase versus the 5% approved.

**3. ADULT RATE UNCHANGED IN 2005**

There was one small concession on the adult rate which was raised from \$3.00 to \$3.50 in 2004 or 17% versus the 10% approved. In 2005 the rate was left unchanged at \$3.50 as the rate was raised in Year 1 by 17% which was greater than the approved increases of year 1 and year 2 combined.

Thus the rounding rule being applied is to round up to the highest quarter using the 2003 base rate and applying the increases to that base. Based on that principle, the \$5.00 car rate in 2003 has already been raised to \$6.00 or 20% even though the first year increase was approved at 10 % and the second year increase was approved at 5% creating a

5% overcharge in 2005 on the vehicle/driver rate.

**4. \$50,000 EXTRA FARE REVENUE FROM BELL ISLAND SERVICE.**

Overall, the increase will likely yield Government a further \$50,000 in revenue on the Bell Island service in 2005 over that received in 2004.

**5. IMPACT EXAMPLE:**

A tourist coming to Bell Island with his spouse and 2 children will have to pay \$14.50 for passage per trip in 2005 and the same would apply to a Bell Island family of 4 coming to the City for a visit. With a round trip distance of 10 km this works out to \$1.45 per kilometre or triple the EQUIVALENT COST OF ROAD TRAVEL that was promised.

See form attached at back of newsletter for complete listing of new rates.

**Submitted by Ed Kent**

***Kiwanis 2005 Curling Bonspiel a huge success!***

This years Bonspiel was a huge success with over 16 Teams participating. The Brendon KEOUGH rink being this years Champions. Many prizes were awarded to all that took part in this community event. The supply of prizes donated by numerous contributors seemed endless.

And speaking of endless, the girls from “The Fishplant” haven’t stopped bragging about beating Gary Gosine’s team in a real squeaker! Rumours around suggest the fishplant team sprayed “teflon” on their stones and were taking food supplements to get themselves an edge over the powerful Gosine team. Well it paid off for them but there is next year!

The Kiwanis Club has benefited greatly this year as so far we have had the interest of 5 possible new members. We hope more people will join our club. We meet weekly at the Trade School in the Kiwanis Room for fun and laughs.

All monies raised by the Club will be used as always to the benefit of the youth.

Your contributions and donations were greatly appreciated. A list of all sponsors was proudly displayed all weekend at the bonspiel.

See you all next year and thanks from the Kiwanis Club!

**Submitted by Boyd Merrill**

***Bell Island History***

We asked you to rise to the challenge and submit a historical story of Bell Island and you did! Please don’t stop here.....keep them coming!

***The Treaty of Kelligrews***

Since Mining operations began on Bell Island in 1896, there had been several important strikes by the miners, but perhaps none as important as the one of June 11, 1900 called by the newly formed Wabana Workmen and Laborers Union. The men demanded that their wages be increased from 10 to 15 cents per hour. The Union was represented by Thomas St. John,

President, Vice- President Eugene Sheppard and Secretary, Daniel J. McCarthy. The strike began when the Dominion Company, changed the shovelling practice in the pits by assigning 3 men to load two ore cars instead of 2 men for each car.

The threat of violence greatly increased when replacement workers from St. John's arrived to load the S.S. Glanton, which had been sent away empty the previous week. The government of the day ordered every policeman that could be spared from the city to report to Bell Island, leaving only four officers and a few special constables to police all of St. John's.

Meanwhile behind the scenes negotiations had continued and a tentative deal had been worked out between the Union and the company manager, Mr. Grammar after whom Grammar St. is presently named. It was agreed that the men would load the steamers at the pier for an hourly rate of 12.5 cents but would not work in the pits for less than 15 cents an hour. While the workers awaited the

company's approval of the new deal, the S.S Glanton was loaded and headed for Philadelphia with 4500 tons of ore. The police were withdrawn to St. John's, leaving only Sergeant Peet, and Constables Fitzgerald , Brown and Bright to maintain law and order. By June 23, the tentative deal had fallen apart and another attempt was made to use 12 replacement workers from St. John's by Harvey and Company to unload coal from the ship, Regulus, which was forced to go to Harbour Grace instead. While the strike continued, about 1600 miners began to return to their homes all around Conception Bay. The three members of the House of Assembly for St. John's East, Mr. Furlong, Mr. Dwyer, and Mr. Murphy who represented Bell Island, tried in vain to help both sides reach a settlement. Business firms in the city who depended heavily on the money earned by the miners began a collection to aid the Bell Island workers. It was estimated that \$25,000 in wages had already been lost as a result of the strike. The threat of violence arose again when the Dominion

Company ordered its office staff to unload a schooner of coal at the pier. When the strike committee of 22 men tried to prevent this, an armed squad of police with fixed bayonets under the direction of Judge Conroy, Inspector-General McCowen and Superintendent Sullivan, were dispatched to the Island. The Union executive was placed under arrest and was held at police headquarters in Costigan's Hotel. An angry mob carrying black flags paraded through the streets, gathered at the Hotel and demanded their release. Fortunately, the expected attack did not materialize and St. John, Sheppard, and McCarthy were transported to the penitentiary without incident where they were remanded for 8 days, released on bail and ordered to stay away from Bell Island. By July 19<sup>th</sup> both sides to the dispute began serious negotiations "on neutral ground" at Mrs. Walsh's hotel in Kelligrews. The Union was represented by Mr. E.M. Jackman, uncle of Mr. D.I. [Nish] Jackman who later founded and led the

Wabana Mine Workers Union. The two mining companies were represented by Mr. R.E.Chambers and Mr. W.S. Grammar who kept in touch with their head office by telegraph. On July 23<sup>rd</sup> a settlement, known as the *Treaty of Kelligrews*, was reached, giving the Union 12.5 cents for skilled workers and 11 cents an hour for other labourers. As a result of the strike, the government recognized the urgent need to construct the very first police station and court house on Bell Island. Within a month the Dominion Company was urging the government to establish a telegraph cable from Portugal Cove to the Island to insure continuous communication to the mainland. With these developments, Bell Island moved into the twentieth century.

**Submitted by Bern Metcalfe to The Bell Island Community Policing Newspaper.  
Source: Newspaper History of Bell Island**

***KNOW YOUR ISLAND***

This article comes from a

column “Know Your Island” by Mr. A.R. Tucker” quoted from an old Bell Island Newsletter:

Bown Street - Named after one time Manager, Mr. Bown (Father of well known Addison Bown).

Grammar Street - The Church of England Academy was situated at the top of this street, now housing Local 4121 Office, etc. (The subject of Grammar inspired this).

McDougall Street - named after former Company Manager of that name.

Ten Commandments - So named because the Company erected their first ten housing units there - five on either side. With the exception of one house last occupied by the Hookey family the original nine still stands today.

Chapel Hill - Because of the R.C. Cathedral standing at the top of this hill.

Court House Hill - The old Bell Island Court House stood near the top of this hill for years.

Quigley’s Line - A number of families named Quigley lived in this area and the area became known by the family name.

Second Street - So named because it was the second street of any worth, next to the street known as Bennett Street and lying horizontally to it.

Bennett Street - So named because the name of Bennett long occupied this street and land, the names of J.H. Bennett and Ruben Bennett were familiar and today still retain holdings on land in and around this area.

Bridal Avenue - At one time in the history of this short street, the houses were occupied by three or four couples that were just married.

The Front and East End - “Direction” was the motive for these.

Beach Hill - Because it lead to the Beach.

West Mines - Direction and No. 4 Mine was in that area.

East No. 1 - Describing Mine in that area.

Scotia No. 1 - The old Scotian holdings were in that area.

The Valley - Because of the formation of a valley, low land.

Theatre Avenue - because an old Theatre stood in that area for years, known as "The Gaiety".

No. 6 Range - Because it lead to the area of No. 6 mine.

Church Road - Because the Church of England Church is beside this road.

Compressor Hill - A company building standing to the East housed a Compressor Hoist in connection with mine workings known as simply "25".

**Submitted by Don Squires**

***Health and Community Services, Bell Island***

The Health and Community Services Office, Bell Island, is seeking individuals

and/or families, interested in providing accommodations for people with developmental disabilities, on an ongoing basis. We are looking for people who are interested in providing board and lodging in a warm, supportive and safe environment, and are willing to work with social work staff.

Accommodations may be required for short and long term placements. Health and Community Services is seeking to compile a potential list of interested people. Information packages are available.

**Please call Lori Hann at 488-2707 for more information.**

***50 Plus "PUFF" Club***

Hello again! Just an update to inform our 50 plus ladies that the program is going like gang-busters. We continue to meet every Monday and Thursday evening at 7pm at the Wabana Complex, (unless cancelled or postponed for some reason) and we are always delighted to see new

members join us.

Our program consists of: warm up exercises, low-impact aerobics cool down, weight lifting meditational readings by me, Diane, lots of fun and laughter.

Our numbers are growing all the time and I am very pleased to report that many of our ladies are showing significant improvement in their overall health. Blood pressures are reduced, blood sugars are under control, cholesterol levels are reduced, and of course those with joint and muscle problems are feeling better, and improving all the time.

There is no cost to join, just come along, try it out, or just observe for a night and see if you would like to return, I am sure you will.

If anyone would like more information please contact me at 488-2239.

I am looking forward to seeing many new members in our group.

**Happy Easter to you all.**

**Diane Butler,  
Instructor - 50 Plus  
"PUFF" Club  
PUFF - Project Upright  
Fun and Fitness**

***Alternative Measures  
Program/Youth  
Diversion***

Alternative Measures, Youth Diversion.....many people are unsure of what to call the program. Many are unsure as to what the program even does. The few who know the work the program does are the youth who avail of the services.

Alternative Measures, Youth Diversion, whatever name you wish to give it, is a voluntary program for a young offender between the ages of 12 – 18 years to get a second chance. If a youth is accused of committing a crime, this program gives them the opportunity to avoid going before a judge and to instead meet with neutral volunteer mediators, sometimes even with the victim of the crime.

The meeting with the volunteer mediators and victim gives the youth the opportunity to discuss the

offense, how it affected the victim, how it affects the youth and even the community. This youth program is of a voluntary nature where the youth has to admit responsibility for the alleged crime.

Once the youth has taken responsibility for his or her actions, a contract is written between the youth and the mediators to determine what the youth has to do to make up for the crime. The written contract can include: a verbal or written apology, work for a community agency, work for the victim, educational sessions, other terms agreed upon by the victim and the offender. Many of the young offenders agree that admitting to the crime, completing community service and giving a sincere apology to the victim, for example, is a good way to achieve their second chance and to avoid have a permanent blot on their legal record.

The Alternative Measures/Youth Diversion program is beneficial to go through because once the youth has completed the contract and finished the

program there is no criminal record. Other benefits are that the youth has a role in deciding the consequences for their actions and they are more likely to comply with the contract from Alternative measures than a sentence from the court.

The program has been in existence since 1998, with young offenders going through the program since 1999. Since that time, the Alternative Measures program has had an 82.7% success rate. This means that 82.7% of the youth that have completed the Diversion program on Bell Island have NOT re-offended.

Keep an eye out for events through the Alternative Measures program in the schools in the near future. If anyone wishes to become a volunteer with the program or has any ideas as to how we can help throughout the community please contact Lori Hann at 488-2708.

**JoAnn Power  
Bell Island Alternative  
Measures/ Youth  
Diversion Program**

***Charges and Convictions***

On 2005-02-15, a 15 year old female from St. Philips was arrested and charged with Uttering Threats after an incident involving police on the Green that date. Plea date is set for 2005-05-17.

On 2005-02-24, charges against a 26 year old male from St. John's were withdrawn by the Crown. This male was charged with Breach of Probation, Failure to Appear for Identification Act and two charges of Failure to Appear in Court.

On 2005-03-01, a 32 year old male from the Green, appeared in court on a charge of Impaired Driving from a August 1, 2004 incident. A guilty plea was entered and this male was prohibited from driving for one year, fined \$700 and ordered to pay a Victim Fine Surcharge of \$105.

On 2005-03-01, a Supreme Court trial date was set for a 43 year old male from The Green and his 23 year old son for 2005-05-24. The Supreme Court trial for the 21 year old friend of the son is scheduled for 2005-04-11.

The 23 and 21 year old male were charged with Assault Causing Bodily Harm, Breach and Enter, Mischief and Breach of Probation. The 43 year old male was charged with Assault Causing, Break and Enter, Mischief and Assault. These charges stemmed from a 2003-03-08 incident in the East End residence of the 30 year old victim.

On 2005-03-02, a 24 year old East End male plead guilty to Mischief and Possession of a Controlled Substance. The charges arose from a 2004-10-04 incident at his parent's residence. This same 24 year old male also plead guilty to a charge of Assault and a charge of Mischief from a May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 incident at the medical clinic. The judge gave him a Suspended Sentence and placed him on Probation for three years.

On 2005-03-03, three males (two age 14, one age 15) were arrested at a Lance Cove residence they had broken into. All three were charged with Break and Enter with intent to commit theft and Break and Enter

with intent to commit damage. Their first court date is 2005-05-17.

On 2005-03-15, one of the 14 year old males, from Lance Cove (mentioned above), was arrested and charged with two counts of Breach of an Undertaking. He was released the next day and is set to appear in court on 2005-04-12 to answer to these two charges.

On 2005-03-04, a 22 year old female from the East End was charged with Assault after an incident at Belle's Bar on 2005-02-20. Plea date is set for 2005-05-04.

On 2005-03-14, a 24 year old male from Kitchener, Ontario, formerly of Bell Island, was charged with Failure to Provide a Breath Sample after a motor vehicle accident on 2005-02-24 on Davidson Avenue. This male appeared in court on 2005-04-01 and the matter has been set aside until 2005-04-15.

On 2005-03-16, a 21 year old male from St. John's appeared in court for one

charge of Breach and Probation from a 2004-05-09 incident on The Ridge. A Not Guilty plea was entered and a trial has been scheduled for 2005-05-24.

On 2005-03-17, a 26 year old male from St. John's, charged with Assault With a Weapon and Causing a Disturbance from a June 29, 2004 incident outside West Mines Sports Bar and his father's West Mines residence, entered a plea of Not Guilty. A trial has been scheduled for 2005-09-14.

On 2005-03-18, a 14 year old female from the Green, appeared in court on one charge of Assaulting a Police Officer from a 2004-12-10 incident at St. Michael's High School. A trial was set for this date, but the Crown decided to Stay the charge and send the matter to Alternative Measures.

On 2003-03-21, a 44 year old Wabana male was charged with Assault and Breach of Probation from a 2005-03-19 incident at a residence in the East End. First court date is set for 2005-05-04.

On 2005-03-23, a 59 year

old male from Lance Cove, appeared in court charged with Having Care or Control of a Motor Vehicle While Impaired and Having Care or Control of a Motor Vehicle With a Blood Alcohol in Excess of 80 mg. The charges arose from a 2004-10-15 incident outside his residence. The matter has been set aside until 2005-04-27.

On 2005-03-24, a 19 year old male from the East End was charged with one count of Assault. The charge was the result of a 2005-03-23 incident involving his girlfriend. The first court appearance is set for 2005-05-11.

On 2005-03-27, a 44 year old Wabana male, was arrested and still remains in custody. This male has been charged with two charges of Uttering Threats, one charge of Mischief and three charges of Intimidation. The charges arise from a number incidents over the past year involving a female from the Front. A court date is set for 2005-04-13. Further charges may also be laid pending investigation.

On 2005-03-28, a 25 year old Wabana male convicted of Break and Enter into Belle's Bar on 2004-11-15 appeared in court for sentencing. He also entered a Guilty plea for an outstanding charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance from a 2004-10-13, search of his residence on Bennett Street. This male received one day in jail, time served, for the drug charge. The sentence for the Break and Enter conviction was a Conditional Sentence of three months, placed on Probation for three years and ordered to pay \$8619 in restitution.

On 2005-03-30, a 42 year old female from Wabana charged with Assault, Causing a Disturbance and Public Mischief (Making a false complaint to police) after a 2005-01-13 incident at a friend's house, appeared in court. The matter has been set aside until 2005-04-28.

On 2005-03-30, a 30 year old male from the East End, charged with Cruelty to Animals, appeared in court. The charge arose from two separate

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incidents on 2004-11-09 in the East End. The matter has been set aside until 2005-05-04.

On 2005-03-30, a 44 year old male from Bell Island appeared in court for a charge of Assault from a 2004-12-11 altercation at his girlfriend's residence on the Ridge. This male received an Absolute Discharge.

### ***Thank You***

We have a new method of distribution thanks to the town of Wabana! The newsletter is now being placed in every mail box on Bell Island. If you would like extra copies or you do not have a mail box, extra copies will still be available at the R.C.M.P. detachment on Memorial Street.

Thanks to Reg Durdle , the newsletter is also available on the internet at website: [www.bellisland.net](http://www.bellisland.net).

Look for changes in the Bell Island newsletter. We have received offers of assistance with the newsletter over the past year or two and we will attempt to avail of that help over the next year. If you are

interested in assisting with this newsletter in any capacity, or have any suggestions, please contact us:

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We can also be reached at the RCMP Detachment at 116 Memorial Street, (709) 488-3312.