



# Bell Island Community Policing Newsletter

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

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Tiiiiiiiiimber! Have you heard the joke about the RCMP member who tried to save the woods on the Island? Well it is no joke in fact the RCMP, town council, our MHA, our MLA and the residents of the Island are all trying to keep those who are pillaging the Island's resources from continuing. In addition all these stakeholders are trying to set a protection plan in place for the future! Welcome to the fourth story about this same topic in the last two years.

### **Background:**

It was over two and a half years ago, or so, that police received the first report from the council that residents of the town of Wabana and the outer communities on the Island were making complaints about people taking wood from Crown Lands without a permit. Secondly, they were taking wood from

private property without permission. Both can be described as theft hence the involvement of police.

The council asked the RCMP to intercede in this type of behaviour and take appropriate action. Since that time (and probably before according to old police files) the police have investigated private claims of theft and public claims of cutting on crown land. For the most part the private land matters hinged a great deal on proper registration of land and the public matters were straightforward. **One vital recommendation police can make to the public before we go further is to register your land or the deed. If you can't prove ownership then police cannot prove theft!** If land is not deemed council land or private land then it is for all intents or purposes crown land.

The number of offences

seemed to rise in the fall winter period and re-emerge in the summer months when property owners from away came home on vacation. In spite of recent events, this type of thing has been going on for some time and the police have had an ongoing investigation.

This was not a spur of the moment type event that happened recently. Things like this have been going on for years. It is now time to resolve these issues before there is no wood left.

### **Rumours vs Facts:**

There have been rumours about about the RCMP chasing ATV's in the woods on the back of the Island, ATV's seized and items illegally obtained etc....these rumours are not worth repeating.

The real story is two members on patrol heard chainsaws

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**(From the Corporal's Desk continued...)**

coming from a wooded area so they went in to investigate. They found and spoke to two members of the community who are known as outstanding citizens not criminals. Both these men were co-operative and friendly to police as police were to them.

A number of legal issues arose so the detention and seizure of three wood carts prevailed. No ATV's were seized, no arrests were made or needed, no chases ensued, no lights or sirens were blaring, no one was in any kind of danger. Unless you are referring to the other men in the area on ATV's who took off like scared bandits and endangered themselves. That reminds me.....Why did the others take off if they were doing no wrong?

This particular matter was simple and the remedy has yet to be completed. There have been no charges. No requests for forfeiture, no summons issued, no court briefs completed.

Basically the investigation is continuing. The part of the investigation that is ongoing concerns the future not just the event.

**Using Common Sense:**

Contrary to popular belief police cannot arbitrarily do as they please. Ask any member of this unit (or others), what is the most common thing you hear from the boss? That would be; "What is your authority under law?" Every Federal Statute and Provincial Statute or for that matter

Municipal By- law, has or makes reference to authorities, powers of arrest and punishment section or references to remedies.

Police must know this and use same in the many federal laws and the hundreds of provincial and municipal laws. To those who sometimes comment "Police can't do that" I would counter "If a law says we can then we can", plain and simple. To those who feel police act without thinking....you are wrong!

In this case there were at least two provincial legislations giving police the power to detain, arrest and seize items.

The police then decide what is needed, what can be done and then go with what is necessary only. If a seizure of some items are required but not all then that is done. If an arrest is not needed then it does not take place.

Why? This is because the law inputs a lot of common sense. Police do not even have to decide if charges are going to be laid at the time an offence is found, only that they have "reasonable and probable grounds to do so". The remainder comes down to discretion and its application. Can you imagine if police didn't use

discretion? How many times have you passed a police car with no seat belt on and didn't get stopped? You just witnessed first hand discretion. You never fooled the police by putting your shoulder close to the window and raising you arm to cover....you just simply got a warning without being stopped.

Yes, the policeman noticed your speed. He just thought you learned enough by the major gulp you just had in your throat or other body parts.

Common sense was used in this and all incidents and for anyone to slander the police or one of its members in public is just wrong. I would have preferred a call or visit.

**The Future:**

As far as this incident goes the future will probably be in the past at the time this newsletter comes out. However, you can rest assured the consequences for two co-operative law abiding individuals will not have required the Supreme Court or equivalent or maybe any court. The police have a mandate to correct behaviour. Whatever works...works well. A court is not the answer to everything.

The bigger picture is what the police, council and government are more  
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concerned with. The residents of the Island deserve property protection, environmental protection and protections from having things such as this occur again. That is why we collectively, will be setting up meetings with officials from Minister Diane WHALEN's office (at her request), the Forestry officials, Town officials, Crown Lands and the Town Council and residents. These meetings will be used to explain what the issues are, what the responsibilities are and where we can head together to preserve the resource but possibly allow for some harvesting in a protected management model.

Why do we need to involve so many partners? Well each has a stake in the outcome and each has a part to play in achieving a successful conclusion to this and future matters.

It took a long time to get to this point and it will take some time to ensure the right decisions are made.

**Immediate Needs:**

I have said this many times in relation to the Food Bank,

“if you need help please advise us so we can help”. If you are able to manage without help we will help others.

The same principal applies to those who are in dire need of heat. If this wood issue is causing you to have no heat we will get it another way for now. If you are harvesting wood illegally just because it is free then you don't need assistance. We want to make sure (Gov't officials, Council, Social Services and police) that you are not suffering in any way by this situation.

**Everyone deserves to be fed and warm without exception.**

**In Conclusion:**

The recent matter of woodcutting was not an isolated incident but rather a single event of a long-standing behaviour. Police who have jurisdiction in this matter will put this recent event into perspective. The future of the wood resources on Bell island will be discussed and determined by a consultative process to be announced very soon.

Police will be meeting with various partners to discuss

immediate issues and the planning of town meetings to see if there is a way to have a limited legal harvest and reforestation of the wood resources in Bell Island. To determine that we have to talk....not argue. I can assure you that all partners such as Minister WHALEN and her assistants have been kept up to date on these matters and that they have maintained valuable input. We will need the support of Government in the future to develop our Island's resources of which wood products are but a few. Their support is invaluable.

**We will send out a warning to those who feel they will continue to remove wood from the resources that are protected here. You will be caught and police will take action so that you cannot continue.**

Discretion seems to get a smaller usage after numerous warnings. If you know what I mean.

**Cpl. Boyd Merrill  
Bell Island RCMP**

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*A rumor without a leg to stand on will get around some other way.*  
*John Tudor*  
*A groundless rumor often covers a lot of ground.*  
*Anonymous*  
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## Greetings From St. Michael's Parish



*"Many youth and others say, " the church is too slow and dead." Well, now is the time to change this thinking and get involved."*

### Dear Parishioners and Friends:

We are already past the first month of the new year and I am sure you are all very active in the usual activities of church and community within our town. Volunteers are the heart of our community and I continue to encourage all of you to stay active participants.

To our youth, I ask that you give consideration to become more active in our church. We are inviting our youth to become involved in our church and hopefully through your time and talent, our parish will become more alive and be a place of celebration for all. I ask you who are gifted musically to consider forming a youth choir for our church. I know many youth play guitar, drums and other musical instruments and I trust you will use this talent to celebrate our faith.

I am hoping that our youth can become involved and help our praise of God to be more engaging for them. Please invite your friends to participate and " it can be great fun"!

Many youth and others say" the church is too slow and dead"; Well, now is the time to change this thinking and get involved.

Partents/Guardians , please encourage your sons/daughter to become involved.

The second hope for the New Year is to encourage new members of our parish to be involved in our Bereavement Team. Our parish has a bereavement ministry in place to help those who are experiencing the death of a loved one. The ministry invites you to support the family in their time of need and help them prepare for the funeral liturgy and guide them in their

planning. We are very anxious to have new people involved. Think about it...maybe give it a try . You may be glad you did; if you find it's not for you, we understand that as well.

To those who are interested, we will have a workshop to assist us gain greater insight and understanding of this ministry and thus give you necessary support as required.

Our parish is always very thankful for the faithful people who serve and participate in the many activities of our parish. I invite others to share in the mission and it's through your support that we will remain a strong and vibrant parish.

Let us continue to keep the Lord part of our daily living and promote our church and a place that is important in our town.

**Sincerely :**  
**Father Wayne Dohey**



## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY!

This month, I thought I'd take a look back at significant anniversaries from the early days of mining to some events we all remember. Walk with me, back through some dates that stand out in the one hundred and eleven years since the first ship carrying Bell Island iron ore left our shores:

### **100 years ago in 1906**

– sixteen Chinese workers were “imported” to work in the mines. Many other Chinese families were to set up successful businesses on the island during the life of the mining operations. I'm presuming this was the beginning of a significant Chinese presence on Bell Island; many of you will probably remember several who operated businesses here – and many still shop at Jimmy Yik's Service Store!

### **75 Years ago in 1931 –**

VOGT, “The Voice of the Gaiety Theatre” went on the air in May of that year on Bell Island, presumably in the old Gaiety Theatre on the Green?

The “*Maneco*” built in Mahone Bay, N.S. for the Bell Island Steamship Company went into service on the Tickle on July 1, 1931. Many of us, I'm sure, can still remember stormy rides on the old *Maneco*!

A start began in the fall of 1931 on the new cinder track and sports field. During a mine shutdown at the time, 1736 miners gave over 13,000 hours of free labor to complete the field. There were also horses, most provided by “the company” which also supplied picks, shovels, dynamite for blasting as well as the services of the company surveyors.

### **50 years ago in 1956 –**

A beloved pastor, Msgr. George F. Bartlett passed away on September 22, 1956 at the age of 58.

### **40 years ago in 1966 –**

Wabana Mines, Canada's oldest operating iron ore mine, ceased production. Despite a world-wide search for new owners, Hawker Sidley closed the last of the four mines at the end of June 1966. The closure left Bell Island devastated with thousands of men out of work, and led to the single greatest mass exodus of families in the history of the province to that time. Although the Hawker-Sidley company was the owner of the mines at the time, Bell Islanders to this day refer to “Dosco” closing the mines!

### **25 years ago in 1981 –**

a young moose crossed the Tickle, swimming ashore at Bell Island.

Originally named “Belle”, the moose was later found to be a bull, but the name stuck! Belle became a favorite with local residents and visitors alike, and was to remain on the island until its death from natural causes in 1994.

### **15 years ago in 1991**

– the first of the Bell Island Murals, “Billy Parsons” was unveiled on the old Vocational School Building by then Minister of Tourism, Chuck Furey

**Submitted by  
Kay Coxworthy.**

**ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF THE LANCE COVE MARINA RESTORATION COMMITTEE**



The Lance Cove Marina which could be an important component of a tourism development plan for Bell Island is currently in a state of disrepair.

the near future to begin the necessary planning and to oversee its completion.

This Committee has no interest in other developments, which may occur on Lance Cove Beach – our primary concern is the restoration of the Marina.

To ensure that both levels of government and other interested stakeholders realize the importance of this Marina, and come onside to assist with its redevelopment, a "Lance Cove Marina Committee" will be struck in

Confirmed members of the Committee to date are:

- Sandy Bennett
- Ed Coxworthy
- Bill Bennett
- Byron Smith
- Rick Stanley of Ocean Quest Tours
- Ron Bennett

Members of the public on Bell Island who may have an interest in serving on this Committee or anyone who wishes to receive additional information are invited to contact Ed Coxworthy at 488-2271 or Sandy Bennett at 488-2939.

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● A farmer named Clyde had a car accident. In court, the trucking company's fancy lawyer was questioning Clyde.

● Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, "I'm fine" asked the lawyer?

● Clyde responded, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favourite mule, Bessie, into the..."

● "I didn't ask for any details", the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question? Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, "I'm fine!"?

● Clyde said, "Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer and I was driving down the road...."

● The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the RCMP officer on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

● By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Clyde's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite mule, Bessie".

● Clyde thanked the Judge and proceeded, "Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favourite mule, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my truck right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurting real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear ole Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans.

● Shortly after the accident the RCMP came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her.

● After he looked at her, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.

● Then the officer came across the road, gun in hand, looked at me, and said "How are you feeling?"

● " Now what the heck would you say?"

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## TAX SCHEDULE FOR 2006, APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON DEC. 15, 2005

### TOWN OF WABANA (Taxes due before Mar. 31, 2006)

<b>Property Tax</b>	11.5 mills (min.\$300.00)
<b>Business Tax</b>	15.5 mills -Local commercial (min. \$250.00) (Also for first year of operation 30 mills - dental and medical for new businesses). 150 mills - banks 150 mills - oil companies 2.5% of gross revenue - utility companies 2.5% of gross revenue - no fixed place of business
<b>Poll Tax</b>	300.00 per year for non property owners in the town, and those who work the town but live outside the town.
<b>Water Tax</b>	180.00 per year - residential 360.00 per year - commercial 6.50 per year per student - schools 10.00 per month per occupant - hospital
<b>Sewer Tax</b>	Same as Water Tax
<b>Permits</b>	10.00 General Repairs - residential 20.00 General Repairs - commercial 10.00 Demolition Permit - residential \$100 deposit 20.00 Demolition Permit - commercial \$200 deposit 100.00 Permit to build - residential (houses) 20.00 Permit to build sheds, garages, etc.-residential 50.00 Permit to build sheds, garages, etc. - commercial 20.00 Permit to extend building - residential 50.00 Permit to extend building - commercial 20.00 Permit to change nature of business. 100.00 Permit to connect to waterline - residential 150.00 Permit to connect to waterline - commercial 300.00 Permit to connect to sewer line - residential and commercial 1% of value - commercial projects 50.00 Occupancy permit 30.00 Water Reconnection fee 1st time 60.00 Water Reconnection fee 2nd time 325.00 Sewer Reconnection fee
<b>Tax Certificates</b>	50.00
<b>Dog Licenses</b>	10.00 per year 20.00 pick up and impounding fee 1st offense dogs 30.00 pick up and impounding fee 2nd offense dogs 40.00 pick up and impounding fee 3rd offense dogs
<b>Cattle, sheep, etc.</b>	50.00 pick up and impounding fee 1st offense 75.00 pick up and impounding fee 2nd offense 100.00 pick up and impounding fee 3rd offense
<b>Peddler's</b>	75.00 Permit fee per year. (for specific locations)
<b>Car Wrecks</b>	25.00 Fee per vehicle to be removed by council first time 75.00 second occurrence 100.0 subsequent occurrences

Diane C. Butler, Town Clerk

## KLONDIKE NIGHT 2006



**RCMP announces Klondike Night Charities St. John's Friday, February 24th, 2006.**

Each year members and employees of the RCMP and their friends hold a Klondike Night at "B" Division Headquarters.

Funds raised at this event go to different charitable organizations. This year the charities who will benefit from Klondike Night are The Newfoundland and Labrador Down Syndrome Society and The Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp in Bishops Falls.

Each year in order to help raise funds for these charities tickets are sold on some type of trip. **This year the trip is a Trip for Two to the Dominican Republic (1<sup>st</sup> prize), 32" Flat Screen Colour TV (2<sup>nd</sup> prize) and a Surround Sound System with DVD (3<sup>rd</sup> prize).**

Anyone who is interested in obtaining a ticket on these prizes for such a worthwhile cause is

encouraged to **contact our office at 488-3312 or see one of the members of the Bell Island Detachment. Cost of each ticket is \$5.00 and even if you don't win, it is a donation to a very worthwhile cause.**

**Thank you for considering buying a ticket. Deadline for the tickets is February 17th.**

The NL Down Syndrome Society (NLDSS) will use the Klondike donation to maximize the benefits for individuals with Down Syndrome in this province.

The funds raised will improve and expand their existing speech and occupational therapy programs, help with social development programs and physiotherapy/recreational services for children.

The Klondike funds will also be used to research post secondary and employment options for young adults in this province with Down Syndrome. The NLDSS will also use the funds to expand and enhance their Awareness campaigns,

including participation at the 2006 World Congress on Down Syndrome in Vancouver.

The Lion Max Simm's Memorial Camp is designed for physically and mentally challenged individuals of Newfoundland and Labrador. It is located on the east bank of the Exploits River at Bishops Falls. Approximately 80 campers and chaperones can be accommodated at a time in 32 rooms.

The Lion Max Simm's Memorial Camp gives challenged individuals an enriching and rewarding camping experience. The camp has existed for 25 years and is in need of many repairs. The Lions will use the Klondike donation to replace sports equipment, buy a big screen TV for the common room, upgrade the fire alarm system and make repairs to the camp overall.

Klondike Night has been held since 1983. Last year, it raised \$38,000 for the NL Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Centre and Special Olympics (each received a cheque for \$19,000.05).



## The Sports Field

My brother-in-law returns to Bell Island every summer from Ontario where he has lived for 40 years. He grew up here on the Island and held several track and field records for most of the 1950's.

When we drove past the Sports Field last year, he recalled how important track and field had been in his early life. I began to think about the tremendous community effort that must have taken place to establish what was to be the best cinder track and sports field in the country. It was truly a case of 'build it and they will come' for the grounds would become the center of amateur sporting events not only for all Newfoundland but for the American military bases in later years.

Construction of the field actually began 75 years ago on October 12, 1931. Plans called for a circular cinder track, a football, baseball, and cricket field, tennis courts and a special playground for children.

The track enclosing the field was to be oval in shape, 120 yards long and 20 feet wide, covering a distance of a quarter of a mile.

The area inside the track was 550 feet by 200 feet wide.

The western part of the field was set aside for tennis courts but was later used instead for a Kiwanis swimming pool. The mining company donated the land and supplied picks, shovels, dynamite, horses and carts as well as surveyors to map out the project which would cover almost 7 acres.

The committee in charge took advantage of a three week lay-off in the mines and sent out an appeal for free labour. The community response was overwhelming. More than 1700 men volunteered their time and talent over the life of the project. It was reported that some people who were unable to work themselves actually paid unemployed workers to take their place.

Those who worked on the playground section were able to observe, for the first time, the use of a new tractor plough on loan from Tom Neary's ten acre farm where the airstrip is now located.

Excavation of thousands of cubic yards of marshland was finished before the winter of 1931 and the sodding of the field was finished the following year.

By the summer of 1934, dressing rooms for athletes and a large grandstand for

the public was completed. By that time, eight football teams and three baseball teams used the field regularly.

The field had been transformed into a modern athletic facility and had become the pride of Bell Island.

All was now ready for the Island's first all Newfoundland track and field competition which took place on September 2nd 1936. The following year, the entire area was fenced at a cost of \$1600.

One of the volunteers, laughingly remarked later that he worked on the place for months and then they put up a fence and charged him ten cents admission. My guess is that he, like the others who contributed, already knew that their reward was their gift to future generations of Bell Islanders.

**Submitted by Bern Metcalfe**

**Source: Newspaper History of Bell Island**



## Canadian Blood Services Soci t  canadienne du sang

Canadian Blood Services is asking **Bell Island** residents to make a special New Year's resolution to become a blood donor in 2006. What better way to kick off your New Year than by helping to save lives! With just one donation of blood, you can save or improve up to three lives.

If you have ever thought about donating blood in the past, please consider acting on it in 2006. Your blood donation is a gift that can be given every 56 days throughout the year to



In January the Food Bank board met and the following were the highlights of this meeting:

1) The board wishes to pass along a great big thank you to Helena HIGHMORE and Wally for their efforts in establishing the Food Bank over 8 years ago to wish them the best in the future. A further story from our manager will be in this newsletter.

2) The FB was able to raise over \$700.00 for a ticket draw on a TV and DVD player donated by Brian BYRNE just prior to Christmas. Thanks Brian!

3) In March the FB will be holding an election of officers to update the executive. We are actively looking for support for the committee by getting new persons from the community to join. **Please contact the FB or chair if you have any questions @ 488-2656 (FB) or 488-3312 (RCMP).**

4) The FB will be holding a Valentine's Day ticket draw on a basket of goodies. Please contact for details!

5) There was discussion on the topic of the name of the FB. The word "bank" does not accurately describe what this organization does. A bank is more in line with concrete and security and

help hospital patients in need. Call 1 888 2 DONATE (1 888 236-6283) to book an appointment at the following blood donor clinic:

**Bell Island  
Tuesday, February 7th 2006  
St. Michael's Regional High  
Gymnasium**

**1 pm - 3 pm, and 5 pm - 8 pm**

### **NEW DONORS AND WALK-INS WELCOME**

Every minute of every day, a blood product is needed by someone in Canada. Over 50 % of Canadians say they or a family member have needed blood or

blood products for surgery or for medical treatment. Despite the number of people who have been touched by the need for blood, less than 4 % of the eligible population donated blood last year.

This is your opportunity to ensure that hospital patients in Newfoundland and Labrador receive the blood and blood products they require!

**Please take a little of your time  
this year to give someone else a  
lifetime!**

**Blood. It's in you to give.  
Call 1 888 2 DONATE or visit  
[www.bloodservices.ca](http://www.bloodservices.ca)**



## Bell Island Food Bank

loans and terms and interest. The only interest we have is giving to those who need a hand. In that light we will be consulting specialists who originally designed our logo - the elementary school kids. We will be holding a contest to rename our volunteer service to more aptly describe what we do. The kids will be asked to name an organization that has a mandate to feed children who need assistance and to feed families who need a hand.

The contest will involve a cash prize and will be announced further in the next newsletter.

6) If you are aware of something that we could change or do better please call. We are more

interested in your idea then your name. If you want to make a suggestion to me just drop a note to:

Boyd MERRILL  
Chair BI Food Bank  
Box 1179, Bell Island  
AOA -4H0  
or  
[boyd.merrill@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:boyd.merrill@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) for emails.

I will respond to each idea with a response to the person who sent the idea or if no name is given

I will bring up the idea at a board meeting.

You will be heard!

# Bell Island Food Bank



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our projects we had during the summer and all the year. Our DVDs and books that we had out went very well, again thank you to our supporters. We have some upcoming events and we look forward to your continuous support.

Well, this is probably one of the saddest days we will encounter at this food bank. After 8 years of service we are about to lose two of the founders of the FOOD BANK. We are talking about Wally and Helena HIGHMORE.

For those of us who have been involved with them from the beginning and those of us who have been here for years and worked with them, we want to sincerely wish them a wonderful life in their future endeavors.

Even though they are leaving the Island very

soon, something tells me we haven't heard the last of them.

We have grown to what we are today because of these people, in fact we would probably not even exist without their involvement. The hours of endless work, the dedication, devotion, and the love they put into what they were doing was incredible.

The people of this Island will never realize what these people have done for them. They will leave their legacy behind for us. For the FB things will never be the same without them. A part of all of us will be missing.

The HIGHMORE's never wanted to receive any praise and glory for doing something for the people here, especially the kids. They did it from the kindness of their heart and the love of what they were

doing.

For 9 and a half years their life was dedicated to making this food bank work and to help those who used it in that period of time.

**FROM ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN CONNECTED TO THE FOOD BANK ON THE INSIDE AND FROM:**

MARILYN,  
(Love you both, good luck) EILEEN,  
(Never be the same.) SHIRLEY,  
(Your kindness will never be forgotten.)  
IDA,  
(We'll miss both of you.)  
and  
OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
(We wish you both all the happiness and love you deserve.)

Just a little memory from when we started...Remember all the nights we were up worrying if we were doing

everything right especially when you were on the main land, the late night calls. I think that was the time Wally sent you home because he figured it would be cheaper than paying the phone bill and to get a good night's sleep.

All those things that frustrated us can be looked back at as experience. Without our teamwork it would have been a lot worse.

**WALLY AND HELENA HIGHMORE, THANK YOU FOR THE MOST MEMORABLE YEARS OF MY LIFE. REPLACEMENT WILL BE VERY HARD TO FIND.**

**GOOD LUCK, GOD BLESS, ON YOUR NEW JOURNEY. YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN BY ANY OF US.**



## MORE THAN JUST FOOD!

Recently the Bell Island Food Bank was able to put more than food in someone's belly; we were able to keep their hands warm too!

More than 2 dozen pairs of homemade mitts were dropped off to St. Augustine's Elementary School and another couple dozen were dropped to the Social Services building to be given to children in need of a warm set of "mitties."

The FB is proud of being able to help in any way we can. We take our Responsibility seriously.

We ask that anyone looking to assist us please call and let one of our volunteers

know. In addition we are in need of donations to assist us in our operations.

I am available at any time to discuss the FB and the great work we do.

**Boyd MERRILL  
Chair**



# Wabana Boys & Girls Club "Every Kid Has Potential"



Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada  
A good place to be

Clubs Garçons & Filles du Canada  
Un bon endroit où se trouver

We would like to remind our members to renew their membership for 2006 and register for the winter programs. The fee will remain the same, ages 5-13 (\$3.00) and ages 14-18 (\$5.00).

Some of the programs that will be offered are: Soccer, Hockey, Volleyball, Dodgeball, Basketball, and many other low organized games. We ask that the parents encourage their children to participate in the programs that they sign up. It is very important that they attend their games so the teams will not be short.

Girls Decide Phase 3, Kids ArTalented, V.I.E.W. (Visioning Interest in Education and Work), and a Jump Start program (volleyball skills and a fitness program) are the new programs that we will be offering to our members in early February.

**Girls Decide Phase 3** will focus on three areas:

**(1) Outreach:** we intend to get more girls involved who are in need of this project. The staff will be planning social events that will entice girls into initial involvement during which they can learn more about the program and the opportunities participation in this program provide. Our goal is to reach as many girls as possible and keep them involved through encouragement, training opportunities, and rewards.

- (2) Empowerment for Social Change:** As the girls' self-esteem grows through participation in recreation and leadership, they become empowered to advocate for a future free from gender inequities.
- (3) Education:** The educational component will center on job skills and readiness, with focus on non-traditional female jobs. Regular participations in this component of the project will qualify the girls to attend an end of program special event.

**Kids ArTalented:** is an exciting new initiative offered through Boys & Girls Clubs of NL. Art programs positively affect the skills, attitudes, and behaviors of youth in high risk environments. Findings show that youth who participated in art programs:

- Could express anger appropriately and communicate effectively with adults and peers.
- Gained an increased ability to work on tasks from start to finish.
- Engaged in less delinquent behavior than their non-participating peers.
- Displayed an improved attitude towards school, improved self-esteem,

- and greater self-efficacy, and
- Showed greater resistance to peer pressure.

This program is a comprehensive approach to encouraging youth to examine culture, to get creative, and to experience new forms of art. Kids ArTalented builds assets in youth, offering a sense of belonging and ownership to the artistic outcomes.

**V.I.E.W.:** In our clubs we regularly see youth who have incredible potential, but do not pursue post-secondary education or work that help them reach their goals. The aim of V.I.E.W. is to deliver information on post-secondary options, to motivate youth to achieve their goals and to link youth with resources they need to explore options on their own. Benefits of this program are:

- To set goals to guide futures plans, gain literacy skills,
- Learn about different work and school options,
- Learn about how to finance education, and
- To earn \$25.00 and an Achievement Certificate, which can be noted on scholarship applications.

Each parent must sign a permission slip stating they understand the commitment involved before the program begins.

We encourage our members to

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**(Boys and Girls Club continued ....)**

enter into these programs. Anyone looking for information on these programs, drop into the club. These programs will be starting in early February.

The staff at the Boys & Girls Club has once again started the Club Lotto. In the past, this lotto has been a great fundraiser for the club and therefore we are trying it again.

We started our first lotto on January 28<sup>th</sup> and we are hoping to have lotto every 6 weeks.

We had over 120 people in our 1<sup>st</sup> lotto and the take home prize was over \$600.00. The cost of the lotto is \$10.00 and you have to enter 6 numbers (1-49). The first person to have their 56 numbers called will win half of what is taken in. If there is more than one winner then they will also share half of the take in prize. We will be using the regular 6/49 numbers that are drawn on Saturday & Wednesday nights except the bonus number. You might be too late for the first draw but we will be having more and if you re interested in

supporting the club and having the opportunity to win some money, call the club and we would gladly enter your number in the next lotto.

For anyone interested in the Bingos. Our Bingo's are not cancelled completely, they will be starting up again one some inside renovations have been completed. We ask that you bear with us and we are looking forward to your support of the bingos.

The club still has some shirts for sale. This will be the last chance to get a club shirt with this logo, a new club logo have been designed from Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada.

Our Ladies Auxiliary will still be having their monthly card game on the last Monday night of the month. We ask that the younger people who know how to play 120 to come out on this night and support the club. This will be another social event that will die out if the younger generation doesn't start supporting it. We have people complaining that there is never anything to do. If you sit down and think about it, there are plenty of things to do, if you want to do them.

Mr. Gary Hunt & The Green Depot will be sponsoring **"RECYCLE FOR REWARDS"**.

Starting immediately until February 28<sup>th</sup>, any members who bring a recyclable to the Boys & Girls will have the chance to win a prize valued at \$100.00. For every 5 recyclable items a member brings in to the club, they will receive a ticket and this ticket will make them eligible for a Grand Prize. The Grand Prize draw will be for a bike, one for a girls and one for a boy. If these prizes are not suitable to the winner they are permitted to spend up to \$100.00 in other merchandise in the store (Clarke's Home Hardware). You cannot receive cash. Collecting these recyclables not only gives you the opportunity to win a prize but it also help keep your island environmentally friendly. There will also be another draw taken place at the end of March.

We encourage all to participate in this program and notice the difference that you can make to the environment.



## The Lions Club

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Portugal Cove - St. Philip's Lions Club - 24 January 2006.

Meeting called to order at 7:35. Present: Nancy, Mary, KL Randy, Bradley, Fred, Olive, Josephine, Gladys, Bert Absent: Dot, Sharon, Daphne, Boyd, Roxanne. Lions Invocation said by all.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Lion Bradley. Motion Lion Fred / 2nd Lion Gladys that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from minutes:

Senior's party went well, the Club should maybe look at unisex gifts next year as some women received men's prizes etc.

Brittany Churchill's mom picked up the cheque for her trip, and she is going to Ottawa. Lion Mary could not attend the Rec. Committee meeting due to illness.

The Committee is going to meet on the 26th of January to discuss the Winter Carnival. Lion Fred to attend.

Klondike night tickets have all been sold. Date is 24th of February at 4 p.m. with a

meal served. Lions are encouraged to turn out. KL Randy will communicate numbers from our club to Lion Gerald Hutchings. Lion Fred will check on whether vests are to be worn.

Committees:

VOCM Bingo:

Lion Bert submitted a report to the Club regarding VOCM Bingo for Sept-Dec. 2005.

Motion made by Lion Fred a \$400 donation be made to Foodbank in Bell Island, 2nd and carried. Lion Bradley to advise Lion Boyd of this for publication in the Bell Is. Newsletter.

Bert's Pennies:

Lion Bert submitted Bert's pennies in the amount of \$50.00 in addition to \$87 already provided to Lion Mary.

Membership:

Lion Bradley reported that there is a gentleman from Texas who may be interested in attending a meeting this term. Lion Fred knows of a Lion from South Africa who may be coming to a meeting at some point this term. Lion Bert suggested Aidan Denine. KL Randy will speak with him about possibly joining our club.

Lion Fred reported that International offered brochures (2000) for mail out in the

community. A possibility is to send some to the Town for inclusion with the newsletter.

Lion Bradley to write to Lion Daphne Baggs to ask for dues and ask what her intentions are. NE Avalon Times has not fallen off the map, Lion Bradley to contact them.

Lion Sharon has been feeling a little better lately and getting back to working full time. The Club sends its best to Lion Sharon.

Lion Bradley entered the Super 8 Contest to try to win 25 room nights for the club at Super 8 Hotel.

Correspondence:

Letter from Pouch Cove Lions re: Charter Night 25 February 2006. Card of thanks from Sharon Spurrell, widow of the late Lion Gary Spurrell, for our donation.

New Business:

Late February (Tuesday 28th) scheduled for Kirk Leach from Senior's Resource Centre re: "ABC's of Fraud." 50+ Club will be informed and members of the public will

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**(The Lions Club continued.....)**

be welcome to attend.  
Dinner will be served.

Lion Fred advised that the Max Simms Camp is in need of dishes and that we have a surplus. Motion by Lion Fred, 2nd by Lion Josephine that we donate the extra dishes we have on hand to the childrens Camp.

Lion Fred advised that the ATV Federation is having their "Run for the Max" again this year.

Last year \$450 was raised. Lion Fred will bring in some pledge sheets for members to assist in this worthwhile ATV run to benefit the Max Simms Camp.

Lion Fred advised that the Kilbride Lions Club will most likely be closing up. 4 Lions from that Club will be moving to other Clubs. Lion Fred mentioned the Lions Speak Out and whether any Lions would be

interested in looking after it. No takers. Lion Fred also mentioned Lions World Service Day and that St. Pat's Mercy Home might be a good site to go and have a Bingo. Lion Josephine will contact the home to see if we can come over in March.

**Thanks for support of the Lions Club!**

**Job History**

*My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. I couldn't concentrate.*

*Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.*

*After that, I tried to be a Tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it – mainly because it was a sew-sew job.*

*Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.*

*Then, I tried to be a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme.*

*I attempted to be a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it I couldn't cut the mustard.*

*My best job was a Musician, but eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy.*

*I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but I didn't have any patience.*

*Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. I tried but I just didn't fit in.*

*I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income.*

*I managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.*

*So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.*

*After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.*

*My last job was working in Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind.*

**SO, I TRIED RETIREMENT AND FOUND THAT I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!**

## Wabana Town Council News



### **New Truck**

It is now official. The tenders are in and the decision is made. The Town has ordered a new **2007 International** single axel dump truck. The truck will be built to the specifications which were determined by the Town Manager and Council Mechanics. The order will also include a new spreader which will be attached to the truck before delivery. We feel that this will provide us with a much more dependable piece of snow clearing and sanding equipment.

### **Tax Bills**

All tax bills for 2006 have now been mailed and are now due. All taxes should be paid by March 31. Any seniors who pay their taxes by the due date are eligible

for a 5% savings on their 2006 taxes. If you have an overdue account from previous years, you should make arrangements with the Town Clerk as soon as possible. Overdue accounts are subject to water disconnection, legal action or a collection agency. Please remember that a balanced budget is based on the concept of all taxes being paid.

### **Buying Property**

Are you planning to buy a piece of property in the Town of Wabana? If anyone buys a piece of property in the town, he/she should make sure the taxes are paid before the sale. When you buy a piece of property, you are

responsible for any outstanding taxes on that property.

### **Snow Clearing**

Since winter seems to have arrived on the Island, we are asking all residents to comply with our *Snow Clearing Regulations*. Please make sure that vehicles are parked so as not to impede snow clearing. This means that all vehicles must be removed from all roads in the town over night. If vehicles are found to be blocking or interfering with snow clearing equipment the vehicles will be impounded at the owner's expense. The greater danger is that vehicles left on roads during a snow storm could interfere with the movement of emergency vehicles.

## From the Desk of Capt. Sandy Crosbie 2410 RCACC



Can you imagine a month has already gone by in 2006. Time sure flies when you keep yourself active.

We are back at cadets after our Christmas break. I am gratified to see so many of our cadets return in 2006, **welcome back**, and I am delighted to see some new cadets join our ranks, I hope you will stay with us and enjoy yourself.

As I mentioned in our previous article, we had a float in the Christmas Parade. I would like to thank Mr. Kevin George and Mr. Brian Kent for enabling us to do so. Mr. George donated the flatbed and Mr. Kent drove it.

On Sunday we held a meeting with the parents of our cadets who are interested in attending summer camp and filled out their applications to be forwarded early in February. To those parents who attended, thank you very much, to those who did not, please contact us as early as possible in order that you child

be given an opportunity to attend summer camp. If the application is not filled out and submitted, the cadet will not have a chance to attend.

The cadets of 2410 usually attend summer camp in Argonaut, New Brunswick, however, we have had cadets attend other camps throughout Canada, as well as overseas. Imagine being given the opportunity to travel throughout Canada and the world and being paid to do so. All that is required of you is to do your best, apply yourself, and compete with youth of your own age. You are given the same opportunity as any other cadet your age within Canada regardless of where you come from, either a big city or a small community such as Bell Island.

We have had cadets from 2410 attend camps such as Banff, Alberta, Vernon, B.C., Germany, England, and we have even had two cadets earn their wings by parachuting from an Aeroplane. How much better

than this can it get.

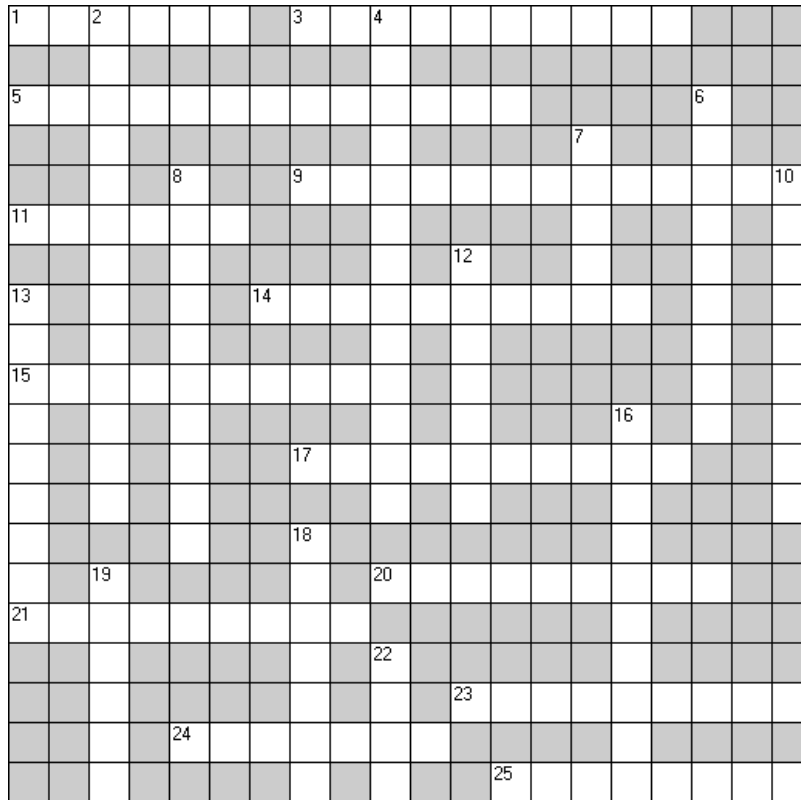
Coming up in February we have our shooting competition, a weekend exercise, the NSCE exam. Eight cadets are eligible to write this exam. The NSCE exam enables our cadets to attend such camps as England, Wales, Ireland, Germany, Rocky Mountain, etc. Our NSCE cadets are eligible also to work at various camps throughout Canada, such as Whitehorse, Yukon, Rocky Mountain, Banff, Alberta and elsewhere.

This year we hope to have our Annual Review in early May. Watch for the exact date and please attend.

Cadets is the best kept secret in the world. Imagine, it costs you nothing to be a cadet other than your time and energy and dedication. The rewards are great... Money, travel and experience, the list goes on. Please come and join our ranks.

**Capt. Alexander (Sandy)  
Crosbie  
709-488-2155**

## Monthly Crossword Puzzle



### **Across:**

1. Began two million years ago in NF and Lab.
3. Prehistoric mining site in NF
5. 360 million years ago (Period)
9. First link in the marine food chain
11. Site of coldest recorded NF temperature (-41C)
14. Delayed heating and cooling
15. Type of tree which grows in taiga biome
17. Site of large nickel discovery in 1995
20. Made an UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987
21. Stone used by many NF and Lab. aboriginal societies
23. Ancient North American continent
24. Site of NF pyrophyllite mine
25. Site of mid-19th century whaling factory

### **Down:**

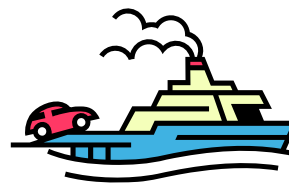
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4. 200 million years ago (Period)
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7. Melted mantle rock
8. Subsoil which remains below freezing point
10. NF bay rich in copper showings
12. First european whale hunters in N.A.
13. A tree that sheds its leaves
16. Uses the energy of flowing water
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### **Abbreviations Used in Clues:**

- NF - Newfoundland
- Lab. - Labrador
- N.A. - North America
- UNESCO - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

(see solution on page 23)

## FERRY USERS COMMITTEE REPORT



### STAKEHOLDER INPUT DENIED/BELL ISLAND HEARING CANCELLED ON VESSEL STRATEGY:

Transportation Minister has denied Committee request to contribute to the ferry vessel strategy consultants BMT Fleet and as a result BMT have cancelled a promised hearing scheduled for Bell Island. The Committee has written the Minister to protest and have advised the Minister that with stakeholder participation the Report would have no credibility. We are distressed over this turn of events, as this Report will guide Provincial ferry policy without the consultants have even reviewed or considered the concerns/issues of the communities serviced.

### TRANSPORTATION MINISTER AGREES TO MUNICIPAL FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Following 2 years of lobbying the new Transportation Minister had agreed to set up a Ministerial Provincial Ferry Advisory Committee with the Municipalities Federation with Mayor Gosine being one of the 4 municipal leaders on the Committee. The Committee has yet to meet or set up a terms of reference. The Minister has suggested that the new Committee weigh in on the new Ferry Vessel Strategy. However, our Users Committee views this effort as no substitute

for the denial of stakeholders to contribute to the report before it was finished (equivalent to closing the barn door after the horse has wandered away)

### "2" VESSEL SERVICE/BACK-UP VESSELS:

Government's commitment to a year round 2-vessel service for Bell Island in 2003 was very encouraging and much welcomed. Problem is that the sad state of the Provincial ferry fleet is such that having 2 vessels only helps ensure one vessel operates. The Nonia's appearance on the scene this past Fall has seen the vessel miss half of its scheduled trips due to problem after problem. New bow thrusters are being promoted as the cats meow but that remains to be seen and due to lack of an available vessel backup the installation of the thrusters keeps being delayed. It looks pretty certain that the Nonia will be on the Bell Island service in its crippled state for another 3 to 4 months as the Flanders in February and the Beaumont Hamel in April have annual refits. The Hamilton Sound is needed in other services and is not available.

We were pleased with Government's commitment to allocate funds to fix safety issues etc at the docks. However, a \$2,000,000 Bell Island-Portugal Cove wharf rehabilitation contract with Mariner Construction appears to be stalled as the contractors and the Nonia need to use the same dock. The Nonia is unable to use the main ferry dock.

The ferry vessel strategy may address our long-standing request for a new ferry but even if approve

it will be 2008 before a new ferry is built. The Committee requested the Transportation Minister to charter a new support ferry for 3 years but that request was denied

### UNSAFE FERRY LINE-UP LANE:

Provincial road funding has been again sought in 2006 to fix and widen unsafe ferry lineup lanes at Portugal Cove which forces a major highway to share its lane with a ferry line-up in the rock cut area. It is an invitation for a major accident if not addressed.

### ESSENTIAL SERVICE DECLARATION:

Government has still not responded to a request for an essential services designation for Provincial ferry runs The Need for Provincial Legislation to declare Provincial ferry routes essential services –like BC Government and Marine Atlantic to minimize chaos and economic damage of another strike is long overdue.

### PURCHASE OF ADVANCE COMMUTER TICKETS MAKES SENSE (CENTS):

Commuter pass holders should seriously consider the many benefits on purchasing the 12 uses advance ticket-\$30.00 for 12 uses. It makes sense in that wasted time selling tickets at peak periods can be avoided and the ferries turnaround time much reduced allowing workers and others to get home much quicker, especially with load and go. It also makes cents in that vehicle ferry users are likely burning several dollars each day idling their cars for 20 minutes or more for one or more trips waiting for tickets to be sold.

**(FERRY USERS COMMITTEE REPORT continued .....**)**ALL COMMUTERS ARE URGED TO PURCHASE THE ADVANCED TICKET.****PROMISED LOWER RATES NOT DELIVERED-BLUE BOOK COMMITMENT:**

In 2003 Government announced ferry rate increases of 27.5 % in total over the period 2003 to 2007. A 5% increase has been approved for April 1, 2006. These rate increases violate the PC Blue Book commitment to lower rates to the equivalent cost of road travel equivalent cost of road travel. In our Pre-Budget presentation to Minister Sullivan we requested that in 2006 rates at least be frozen as Marine Atlantic has done and that the promised policy be phased in over the committed 4-year period.

**COMMUTER PASSES MUST BE RENEWED:**

As of a current date commuter pass rights to the line-up lane and the commuter rate will be denied to those not holding and producing a 2006 pass. Increased enforcement can

be expected. Please get your applications in if you wish to continue to have these benefits  
**500 PLUS COMMUTERS PASS USERS IN 2005**

Thanks to the 2-vessel ferry service and the 20 round trips a day schedule Bell Islanders use of the ferry service to commute to work has soared. This points to the validity of the contention that a reliable and affordable ferry service make economic sense and pointing to the soundness of the investment. We can be thankful that the Government have listened to the Committee pleas and invested in the continuance of the 2-vessel ferry service and provided a vote of confidence in the future growth of our Island.

**PROGRESS MADE IN SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS BUT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE:**

The Committee continues to work hard to help improve services and achieve a reliable and affordable service. We need your lobbying and support as well to make the case to retain what we have as service and improve it including:

- Funding for a new vessel;
- Funding to charter a back-up vessel when other vessels

are on refit or broke down;

- Terminal and dock improvements and replacements;
- Ferry road realignment safety improvements;
- Promised lower rates based on the equivalent cost of road travel;
- An essential ferry services route designation; and
- Meaningful stakeholder input into the ferry services strategy.

You can contact Committee members with your concerns/suggestions and our phone numbers and email addresses can be found on the Bell Island web site as well at [www.bellisland.net](http://www.bellisland.net) under the Ferry Users section. Representations can and should be made to MHA Minister Diane Whalen's Office and Transportation Minister Trevor Taylor's Office. Their contact information is also on the web site.

**Submitted By  
Ed Kent  
Committee Consultant**



## R.C.M.P Community Concerns



This month's submission has to do with pedestrians. We are in the middle of winter, although it might be hard to believe it with the warmer weather we have had, but it still gets dark early in the evening. Motorists are responsible to keep an eye out for pedestrians but pedestrians must also take it upon themselves to be safe. This includes facing traffic when walking along the side the road, and walking with no more than two people wide. In many cases I have seen groups walking 4 or more wide, taking up an entire lane of roadway. This is very dangerous and pedestrians have to realize that they will not win a battle with a vehicle.

**See Sections 128(1) & 128(2) of the Highway Traffic Act below.**

Pedestrians should also try and make themselves as visible as possible. This might include wearing a reflective vest or jacket with reflective tape. Light and bright coloured clothing should also be worn to help the pedestrian stand out. I have also seen a couple of pedestrians using a flashlight to make themselves visible. My hat goes off to those who are

doing what they can to be safe, as you should not count on the driver always seeing you. As motorists we must be cautious and keep our eyes open for pedestrians, as there are many here on Bell Island.

The following is a copy of the relevant sections out of the Highway Traffic Act.

**Pedestrians to comply with signals**

1. 124. Except where a traffic authority has otherwise provided, where traffic-control signals are operating, pedestrians shall comply with them in the manner provided in accordance with section 106.

1988 c33 s123

**Pedestrian in crosswalk**

125. (1) Where traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation where a pedestrian is crossing the roadway within a crosswalk, a driver of a vehicle approaching the crosswalk in either direction shall yield the right of way to the pedestrian.

(2) A pedestrian shall not leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impracticable for the driver of the vehicle to yield.

(3) Where a vehicle is stopped at a crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of a vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

1988 c33 s124

**Pedestrian to yield**

126. Where a pedestrian is crossing a roadway at a point other than within a crosswalk, the pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to an approaching vehicle.

1988 c33 s125

**Duties of driver**

127. A driver shall

(a) exercise due care to avoid colliding with a pedestrian who is upon a highway;

(b) give warning by sounding the horn when necessary; and

(c) observe appropriate precaution upon observing a child or an apparently confused or incapacitated person who is upon a highway.

1988 c33 s126

**Pedestrians to use sidewalks**

128. (1) Where there is a sidewalk that is reasonably passable on either or both sides of a highway, a pedestrian shall not walk on a roadway.

(2) Where there is no sidewalk, a pedestrian walking along or upon a roadway or the shoulder of a highway shall, where practicable walk only on the left side of the roadway or the shoulder of the highway facing traffic approaching from the opposite direction and no more than 2 persons shall walk abreast on the roadway.

(3) A person shall not be on a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment or business from the occupant of a vehicle.

1988 c33 s127

**Be Safe!  
Cst. Rayner**

## DON'T MESS WITH MOM

### The Child's Comments and Thoughts

My son came home from school one day, with a smirk upon his face. He decided he was smart enough, to put me in my place.

"Guess what I learned in Civics Two, that's taught by Mr. Wright? It's all about the laws today, the 'Children's Bill of Rights.'

It says I need not clean my room, don't have to cut my hair, and no one can tell me what to think, or speak, or what to wear.

I have freedom from religion, and regardless what you say, I don't have to bow my head, and I sure don't have to pray.

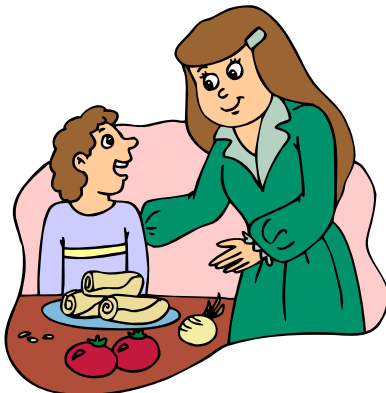
I can wear earrings if I want, and pierce my tongue & nose. I can read & watch just what I like, get tattoos from head to toe.

And if you ever spank me, I'll charge you with a crime. I'll back up all my charges, with the marks on my behind.

Don't you ever touch me, my body's only for my use, not for your hugs and kisses, that's just more child abuse.

Don't preach about your morals, like your Mama did to you. That's nothing more than mind control, and it's illegal too!

Mom, I have these children's rights, so you can't influence me, or I'll call Children's Services Division, better known as C.S.D."



### Mom's Reply and Thoughts

Of course my first instinct was to toss him out the door. But the chance to teach him a lesson made me think a little more.

I mulled it over carefully and I couldn't let this go. A smile crept upon my face; he's messing with a pro.

Next day I took him shopping at the local Goodwill Store. I told him, "Pick out all you want, there's shirts & pants galore.

I've called and checked with C.S.D. who said they didn't care if I bought you K-Mart shoes instead of those Nike Airs.

I've cancelled that appointment to take your driver's test. The C.S.D. is unconcerned so I'll decide what's best."

I said "No time to stop and eat, or pick up stuff to munch. And tomorrow you can start to learn to make your own sack lunch.

Just save the raging appetite, and wait till dinnertime. We're having liver and onions, a favorite dish of mine."

He asked, "Can I please rent a movie, to watch on my VCR?" "Sorry, but I sold your TV, for new tires on my car.

I also rented out your room; you'll take the couch instead. The C.S.D. requires just a roof over your head.

Your clothing won't be trendy now; I'll choose what we eat. That allowance that you used to get, will buy me something neat.

I'm selling off your Jet Ski, dirt bike & roller blades. Check out the 'Parents Bill of Rights', it's in effect today!

Hey hot shot, are you crying, Why are you on your knees? Are you asking God to help you out, instead of C.S.D.?"

**Crossword Solution**

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**Lost and Found:**

This month a mountain bike was found along Lance Cove Road and it was turned into the Police. If you are missing your bike and can describe it to us, we might have it here at the detachment.

Cst. Rayner



**Contact Us:**

If you have any comments, concerns, or questions about the newsletter please contact us:

Cpl. Boyd Merrill at:  
**boyd.merrill@rcmp-grc.gc.ca**

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

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