



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

"If someone needed a hand he got it. No one got paid and everyone owned what they worked and borrowed or bartered the rest. Life was simple and no one complained or shunned responsibility. That came in the 1980's."

"The Town's Problem?"

"Why doesn't the town do something about it?"

"That is not my problem...it is the town's issue!"

"Someone from the council (town) should be responsible!"

Ever heard these statements? I have.

Where I grew up we never had to say things like this because it wasn't big enough for a town. In fact the road where I spent most of my growing up was 5 miles long with 27 houses. Hardly a town.

Everyone had a water well or shared one. Everyone had a garden. No one had pavement. The road was "chip seal", as it is called in New Brunswick.

It was a thick layer of thickened tar with a layer of crushed stone on top. The deal was everyone drove on the stone driving it into the tar making a hard pavement like road which I feel puts pavement to shame. It moves with heat, bends under pressure and so on.

If someone needed a hand he got it. No one got paid and everyone owned what they worked and borrowed or bartered the rest. Life was simple and no one complained or shunned responsibility. That came in the 1980's.

The only place I saw that was anything like a town was Fredericton which wasn't too far away. Now in Fredericton they didn't have their own wells, had to tie on their dog and could touch a neighbor's house on each side of them in less than 10 minutes run.

You weren't allowed on the

neighbour's yard with a horse or cart, you couldn't sit on his tractor or go in his house without asking to get a drink of water. The town idea wasn't so hot as I saw it as a kid.

As I got older I learned that places grew and collectively people did choose to live closer. They shared responsibilities through taxes.

By combining monies it was possible for one of the townsfolk to do all the plowing of the roads under salary. He became a town employee. Another looked after a common well that was pumped via pipes to each house getting rid of individual wells. The sewer lines were looked after by another. Seemed like a good system.

Everyone couldn't farm or raise animals

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anymore as the industry nearby needed workers hired by the hour.

Towns were created to meet the needs of growth but rose mostly out of the collective knowledge everyone had different jobs to do. Every Person in the town was important but everyone did not work for the town. We learned we had to be innovative to run our group project called a town. We had to come up with ideas so that numerous persons could continue to live so close together.

We chose a Mayor and councilors to represent our ideas. Not just to complain about or shove all the responsibility on them but to represent us.

Now some towns get a lot of taxpayers and others have less. Depends mostly on the economy I guess. Bottom line, there is only so much money.

As there is only so much money there are only so many town employees. Makes sense.

Now can the small amount of money and the small staff get all the needs of the greater town looked after? The answer is No. Capital N....small o. How could they. Ever try to put a two inch worm to cover a six inch hook.....don't work. See my point.

Towns are collective entities and ours is a great one. There are projects needed and some do not have the resources so they are placed on the back burner so to speak. Does that mean they are not important? No, just not possible at the time.

Where I am going here is simple. Towns are not the employees of the collective nor the machinery with the logos on the side. The towns are everyone and each person in these towns are responsible for the town's success just as much as the employees are.

The key to any town anywhere is volunteers. Volunteers and volunteer groups are the backbone of formal towns and communities that are not big enough for towns. I learned that when I was barely big enough to peddle a bike. Still there are some who do not

volunteer for anything but only complain. Shame on you! You are a small minority thank the lord!

I wish to thank the hundreds of volunteers who live in our town; the ones who belong to groups and the ones who do not. Whether you wear a club uniform or simply mow the neighbor's yard, you are a volunteer and the best part of the town. You are thanked and respected.

Each of us can take a part of the label "Town" and hang it up when we volunteer. Remember it doesn't matter what you do...only what you do for others.

As the fall approaches take the time you spend watching TV or complaining and divide it by ten and spend this time helping out someone else. When you do, it will make the great Bell Island of the future even better.

Stay Safe!

Cpl. Boyd Merrill
Bell Island RCMP



Salt Water Swim - A - Thon

September 30th, 2006 (or the next fine day)

Lance Cove Beach, Bell Island

As posted in the August issue of the Newsletter, Bell Island resident, Deanne Hiscock, will attempt to swim from Little Bell Island to Lance Cove Beach as a kick-off fundraiser for a new Community Swimming Pool. This swim has been postponed from the previously assigned date of September 9th, as Deanne has been unable to train due to illness, and will now take place on September 30th, 2006.

For years many residents of Bell Island have been talking about once again having a swimming pool and Deanne STRONGLY feels that this dream can be a reality. It is going to take a lot of dedication of Bell Islanders both local and former to get a pool on the Island but together we can do it. Imagine the joys of being able to once again swim in a public pool with all of your friends.

Please show your support by sponsoring Deanne for her swim. You can make a pledge to Deanne by emailing bellisland_swimmingpool@hotmail.com and leaving a message with your information or you can send a donation to:

Bell Island Swimming Pool Account
P. O. Box 864
Bell Island, NL A0A 4H0

BELL ISLAND'S FIRST ANNUAL "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEKEND" SEPTEMBER 16/17

'IT'S YOUR FIGHT TOO'!

Plans are going well, with lots of support coming from the community as we meet each Monday night to plan the weekend of September 16/17 when Bell Islanders will come together to remember those who have lost their battle with breast cancer, to encourage and pray for those currently fighting their own battle against the disease, and to celebrate our survivors!

Watch for posters throughout the community as events fall into place.

To date, here's what we have confirmed.

Saturday, September 16

Community Pancake Breakfast 9-11 a.m.

Fall Rummage Sale 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Both events held at the Wabana Boys & Girls Club

\$5.00 for breakfast

Items for our Rummage Sale Welcome!

Events for children now being planned for Saturday

Sunday, September 17

Community Concert 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

St. Augustine's Gym - \$3.00

Walkathon 5:30 p.m. from Wabana Complex

Ecumenical Service – St. Michael's at 6:30

We invite each and every Bell Islander and those now living off the island to get involved, to attend the events or to make a donation. We especially ask community groups and businesses to consider doing a project for this cause or making a donation. There will be time set aside during the concert in which to present all donations on behalf of friends and loved ones. Brenda Beitenman, Provincial Community Development Coordinator, Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation – Atlantic Chapter will be present at our concert and will accept the donations from Bell Island to be used for cancer research and treatment. A beautiful and touching tribute is being planned at the Ecumenical

Service, which will be led by island Pastors from the Anglican, Roman

Catholic and United Church parishes. The Committee planning this special weekend will host a reception for all participants at St. Michael's Parish Hall following the ecumenical service.

Letters have gone out to all community groups and businesses on Bell Island – and if we missed you, please plan to participate anyway! Plan a project or a contribution – several business have already confirmed they will do so. Donations will be accepted during the concert on Sunday, and a full list of all contributions will be included in our final report in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Anyone wishing to donate to the breakfast or items to our Rummage Sale please call one of the Committee – we'd love to hear from you! Let's all work together to make this a real success as we raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research and treatment in Atlantic Canada. To all who have agreed to

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participate in the concert, we extend our thanks and look forward to enjoying all our great local talent on Sunday afternoon.

Thanks to the RCMP who have offered full support, to the three pastors who will participate in the ecumenical service, and to everyone who has offered their support of this important fundraiser.

You're the best! We'll be at the Black & White Lounge enjoying the dance with us on September 9th when the owners have graciously allowed us to sell a round of tickets to kickstart our local fundraiser. Come out, enjoy the great atmosphere at the Black & White and help us raise funds to fight breast cancer!

Volunteers planning the first annual "Bell Island Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend" are your friends and neighbors; they believe that our combined efforts make a difference and ask for your help in the planning, and your support during the

events planned for the island. If you have any ideas, please get in touch – because it's YOUR fight too!

Marg Cahill, Angie Cobb, Kay Coxworthy, Dale Fitzgerald, Deanne Hiscock, Donna Kubik, Tracey Merrill, Karen Seward and Gail Sweeney.

Watch for posters in outlets throughout Bell Island; you'll hear us on radio as we get closer to the date and finalize our events, and you can always call one of our committee if you have comments or ideas.

Walkathon sheets are now available from any of the committee; they're in the coffee shop and I will leave some with Sharon on the "Flanders". We want as many people as possible to join us in our "**Walk of Hope**" from the Wabana Complex to St. Michael's for the Ecumenical Service on Sunday, September 17th.

Our thanks to all who've offered their support to date – and we look forward to many more from this community coming forward to help fight this dread disease. Always remember – breast cancer hits us indiscriminately. It is no respecter of persons. No one is immune to breast cancer. It strikes young and old, rich and poor, humble and powerful. Few of us have not been touched in some way by this disease - by the illness or loss of a loved one, a friend or co-worker, a member of our community. Let us come together on September 16/17 to fight back, to remember and honor those who have lost their battle, and those still fighting the disease. Come together with us too as we share the joy of survivors in our community! Remember together we can make miracles happen – IT'S YOUR FIGHT TOO!



You & Him

Your alarm goes off, you hit the snooze and sleep for another 10 minutes.

He stays up for days on end.

You take a warm shower to help you wake up.

He goes days or weeks without running water.

You complain of a "headache", and call in sick.

He gets shot at as others are hit, and keeps moving forward.

You put on your 'Anti war/Don't support the troops' shirt, and go meet up with your friends.

He still fights for your right to wear that shirt.

You make sure you're cell phone is in your pocket.

He clutches the cross hanging on his chain next to his dog tags.

You talk trash about your "buddies" that aren't with you.

He knows he may not see some of his buddies again.

You walk down the beach, staring at all the pretty girls.

He walks the streets, searching for insurgents and terrorists.

You complain about how hot it is.

He wears his heavy gear, not daring to take off his helmet to wipe his brow

You go out to lunch, and complain because the restaurant got your order wrong

He doesn't get to eat today.

Your maid makes your bed and washes your clothes.

He wears the same things for weeks, but makes sure his weapons are clean

You go to the mall and get your hair redone.

He doesn't have time to brush his teeth today.

You're angry because your class ran 5 minutes over.

He's told he will be held over an extra 2 months.

You call your girlfriend and set a date for tonight.

He waits for the mail to see if there is a letter from home.

You hug and kiss your girlfriend, like you do everyday.

He holds his letter close and smells his love's perfume.

You roll your eyes as a baby cries.

He gets a letter with pictures of his new child, and wonders if they'll ever meet.

You criticize your government, and say that war never solves anything.

He sees the innocent tortured and killed by their own people and remembers why he is fighting.

You hear the jokes about the war, and make fun of men like him.

He hears the gunfire, bombs and screams of the wounded.

You see only what the media wants you to see.

He sees the broken bodies lying around him.

You are asked to go to the store by your parents. You don't.

He does exactly what he is told.

You stay at home and watch TV.

He takes whatever time he is given to call, write home, sleep, and eat.

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You crawl into your soft bed, with down pillows, and get comfortable.

He crawls under a tank for shade and a 5-minute nap, only to be woken by gunfire.

You sit there and judge him, saying the world is probably a worse place because of men like him.

If only there were more men like him!

In a world where some do nothing, some do very little and a few do everything....

some do what needs to be done so we can choose.

In a perfect world there would be no wars.

We do not live in a perfect world.

Thank You

We would like to say a special thank-you to everyone that made it a great success for the beer bottle drive and hot dog sale.

Over the past couple of months we were raising money to help with repairs to the old town council office.

With some volunteer help and the generous donations from the people of Bell Island & St. John`s we raised over \$1200.00 with these two fund raisers.

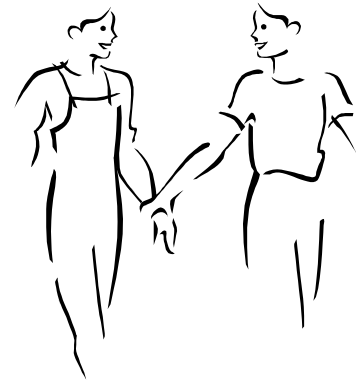
Thank you to everyone that made this possible, there are too many to list everyone`s name but you know who you are.

Regards:

Bill Lahey & Wayne Curnew

REAL FRIEND TEST!!

- A simple friend, when visiting, acts like a guest.
- A real friend opens your refrigerator and helps themselves.
- A simple friend has never seen you cry.
- A real friend has shoulders soggy from your tears.
- A simple friend doesn't know your parents' first names.
- A real friend has their phone numbers in their address book.
- A simple friend brings a bottle of wine to your party.
- A real friend comes early to help you cook and stays late to help you clean.
- A simple friend hates it when you call after they've gone to bed.
- A real friend asks you why you took so long to call.
- A simple friend seeks to talk with you about your problems.
- A real friend seeks to help you with your problems.
- A simple friend wonders about your romantic history.
- A real friend could blackmail you with it.
- A simple friend thinks the friendship is over when you have an argument.
- A real friend calls you after you had a fight.
- A simple friend expects you to always be there for them.
- A real friend expects to always be there for you!



LABOUR DAY GREETINGS FROM YOUR MHA

Labour Day weekend is usually the last celebration of the summer holidays. I hope all of you have experienced a very pleasant and enjoyable summer vacation.

During the summer we experienced another record number of visitors to the Island. Except for a few short mechanical interruptions the two ferries operated on schedule.

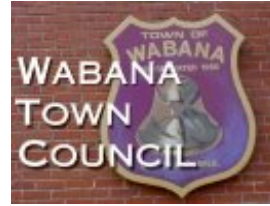
I wish to thank all of the workers in my district for the very valuable contribution they make to the economy and success of our province. It is an honor for me to serve as your MHA.

The Labour Day weekend results in heavy traffic on our highways and I encourage everyone to respect our traffic laws and drive safely. Remember it is illegal to operate a cell phone while you are driving.

I wish every constituent a safe and enjoyable Labour Day weekend holiday.

Dianne Whalen, MHA
Minister of Government Services

Wabana Town Council News



Water Improvements

We would like to congratulate the Town plumbing staff for finding and repairing a major leak in the Front area. In the process of looking for leaks, the workers found a major leak in the water main in Pitt's lane. After this leak was repaired, there was a noticeable improvement in quantity and pressure of the water at The Front.

Even though there have been improvements, the **partial water ban** is still in place. We ask all residents to be vigilant in the use of water and to report any suspected leaks immediately.

Congratulations

On behalf of the people of the Town of Wabana, we would like to offer congratulations to Father John Cole. Father Cole was ordained to the Roman Catholic Priesthood on August 15 at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in St. John's. Father John celebrated his first Mass in his home community at St. Michael's Church on Sunday, May 20. Father Cole was a Councilor

with the Town of Wabana for the period 1997-2001.

Swimming Pool

Ms Deanne Hiscock made a presentation at the Council Meeting of August 22 concerning her plans to have a community swimming pool developed in the Town. She is in the process of forming a committee which will develop a strategy for raising money and determining the feasibility of such a project. This is a very ambitious project and has the support of the Town Council.

Human Resources

The Human Resources Committee is currently examining proposals from consultants for an analysis of the human resources and management structure of the town. We hope to be able to award a contract for this analysis in the near futures. We anticipate that the consultant will report to the Human Resource Committee within 2 months of being awarded the contract.

Council Web Page

Who was the first Mayor of Wabana? Who was the

longest serving Mayor of Wabana? You can find the answers to these questions and get a lot of information on the Town Council webpage. If you go to <http://www.bellisland.net/council/> you can look up a list of all the mayors of the town and be up to date with the minutes of council meetings. You can also look up the schedule for garbage collection and the current tax schedule.

Back to School

It's that time of year when the young people of our community will return to school and some will be attending school for the first time. We ask all drivers to be especially vigilant at this time of year as young people get back to classes. We wish all our students every success in the year ahead. We would also like to welcome all teachers back to the class rooms for another year.

Submitted by:
Councilor Patrick Craig



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

"It is proven time and time again that the more activities a child become involved in the less likely they become in troubled behavior."

All summer programs have ended and we would like to thank the student workers for a great job. Although it got frustrating at times because of the low attendance they managed to keep the members focused. We would also like to thank them for the many extra hours, over and beyond their work hours, it was greatly appreciated. We wish them luck with their education for the coming year.

Congratulations to the Boy & Girl of the month for July (**Logan Hurley & Vanessa Penney**) and August (**Stephen Cole & Tasha Brazil**). These four members showed good sportsmanship towards their peers and also showed up each day to participate in the programs during these months.

The club took 13 members to Aquarena for swimming lessons as part of the Canadian Tire Jump Start program. These members had a great time and learned some swimming skills and water safety rules.

Congratulations to our 11-13 boys' softball team who traveled to Torbay to take part in the Killick Coast Games. The team won a silver medal and enjoyed playing against other teams from surrounding areas.

Members of the team were:
Brendon Fowler,
Shane Lahey,
Jordan Blackwood,

Paul Murphy,
Rielly Mitchell,
Wayne Parsons,
Dylon Boone,
Zachery Mitchell,
Bradley Butler,
Shawn Carroll,
Stephen Cole, and
Christopher Carbage.

We would also like to thank **Cst. Derek Rayner, Keith Neary, & Clifford Vokey** for also making the road trip to assist with the coaching.

Registration for the Fall Programs will start on Monday September 11th. Some of the programs that are being offered are: Floor Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Badminton, and many other organized games. There will also many other games offered upstairs in the main area of the club.

We ask the parents to encourage your children to get involved in some of these activities. It is very important that children take part in some fitness activities. It is proven time and time again that the more activities a child become involved in the less likely they become in troubled behavior.

BINGO: We are still continuing to have our Thursday Night bingos. We tried it for the summer months and it went well, so we will continue to have them during the fall.

We have noticed that we are missing a few regulars from last year and are hoping that you consider coming back to the BINGO and support the club. This is one of our main fund raisers for the help and we would appreciate your support. We are also looking for some volunteers for our bingo night. **Anyone interested in volunteering call the club, 488-3801.**

Winners of our summer ticket draw will be in the next newsletter. Tickets will be drawn on Sunday September 3rd.

During the summer months the Boys & Girls Club and the RCMP held a helmet safety program were incentives were given out to the children of our community for wearing helmet when riding on their bikes. I would like to thank the members of the RCMP for helping out with this program.

We would like to welcome Cst. Stephen Pike to our community. We hope you enjoy your stay on the island and we look forward to seeing you at the club for some programs against our members.

Submitted by:
Joe Somerton

School News

St. Augustine's Elementary

School Opening Times:
 Tuesday, September 5
 School reopens for teachers.
 Wednesday, September 6,
 School reopens for the
 children of Grade 1 to 6.
 Thursday, September 7,
 School opens for the
 Kindergarten children.

The following lunch menu will
 be prepared for that week:
 Wednesday: Grilled
 Cheese/Spaghetti
 Thursday: Soup and
 Sandwiches
 Friday: Chicken/Hamburgers
 and Fries

Your child will bring home a
 new menu during the first
 week of school. The cost of
 lunches will remain @ \$2.00
 per day.



St. Michael's High School

School Opening Times:
 Wednesday, September 6,
 (a.m. session 8:40 – 10:00) -
 school reopens for Sr. High
 students. Registration will
 take place at this time.
 Busses will start picking up
 students at 8:00 a.m. at the
 usual stops.

Wednesday, September 6,
 (p.m. session 12:30 – 1:30) -
 school reopens for Jr. High
 students (grades 7 – 9).
 Busses will start picking up
 students at 12:00 p.m.



Thursday, September 7, will be
 a regular day for all students. It
 will be Day 1 on the schedule.
 The Awards Assembly
 scheduled for the last day of
 school in June will take place
 on Friday afternoon.

For more information on either
 school please visit the school
 web sites.

www.staugustines.k12.nf.ca or
www.stmichaels.k12.nf.ca

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Please be advised that meetings are set every Wednesday and Saturday evening at 8:00 - 9:00 at the Hospital in Bell Island for those interested.

For more information contact Tom Mugford
 Phone: 488-2830.

Thanks for supporting this valuable service.

In Loving Memory of Wanda Cummings

Sincere Thanks and Appreciation

We the family of our beloved Wanda would like to send a special thank you to family & friends for the many flowers, cards, food, condolences, and all donations made to Jessica's Trust Fund, and most of all the support you all have shown during this very difficult time your caring support and thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

Special thanks to St. Augustine's Staff and students for all the support you have given to Wanda's precious daughter Jessica.

Thank you to Father Dohey and Pendergast Funeral Home for all your support.

A Special thanks to all who made a donation or supported the Benefit Dance we had in Wanda's Memory on August 5th, 2006. All Proceeds went to Jessica's Trust Fund.

Bell Island Curling Club

Paul Butler (Slam)

House of Stoyles

Slade's Foodtown

Ridgeway Variety

Linda's Grill

Hurley's

Mr. Home Movie

Tina's Unisex Styling

Home Hardware

Wal-Mart Kelsey Drive

Wal-Mart Aberdeen Ave

Wal-Mart Mount Pearl

West Side Charles Hamlyn Rd

Oceaneering Canada Ltd

Waddens

Diageo

Labatt

G.D. Byrne Foodex

Campbell's Rentals

Crafts & Décor

Foodland

Any one who would like to make a donation in Jessica's Trust can contact Jennifer Cummings at 579-8261 to access the account information for any CIBC Branch.

We would like to send a special thank you to Bell Island Community Policing Newsletter for giving us this opportunity to thank everyone who was there for our family in any way during this time.

Greetings from St. Michael's Parish



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

For the past few months many events have taken place in our town and many activities will unfold in the months ahead.

I sincerely thank all who shared in the various activities of our parish during the summer months especially our Cemetery masses and annual Dinner Theater. To all who beautified our cemeteries, I sincerely thank you for your hard work. To the youth of our parish and town who assisted, it was a job well done.

I realize many youth assisted from the many other programs in our town and I offer thanks. In a special way, I wish to acknowledge thanks to the youth working for the parish: **Chris Cole, Shawn Hynes, Nick Whelan, Robert Seward and to the faithful leader, Tom Cole.** These guys deserve great praise for their great work.

To the cast of the Dinner Theater under the direction of Bonita Power, I say thank you for a celebration of inspiration. You truly helped us appreciate the history and culture of our town and instilled within us a greater hunger to learn more.

To all who participated, attended and prepared the food, I offer you sincere gratitude.

There are some dates/programs I wish to ask you to take note of during the coming weeks:

Parents / Guardians are asked to register your child/teenager for the various religion programs offered this year. All youth must complete a religious education program to prepare for the sacraments of Eucharist, Penance and Confirmation. Also, we have a Religion program for kids ages 5.

It is very important to register for these Home Religion Programs and registration forms are available at the church or parish office. Please note that kids in grade 2 or age 7 can celebrate First Eucharist and Confirmation together. For more information, consult the parish bulletin or call the parish office.

In conclusion, I wish to offer sincere thanks for all your support with the many events in our parish. May all our visitors have a safe return home to their place of residence and we look forward to seeing you in the summer of 2007.

We will continue to do our best to serve all parishioners and we pray that all we do will be for the greater glory of God.

**Sincerely ,
Father Wayne Dohey**

R.C.M.P Community Concerns



Do I own my license? What type of vehicle can I drive? What happens if my name or address changes or I lose my license. These will be covered in this month's Highway Traffic Act. The relevant Sections of the Highway Traffic Act are Sections 50, 51, 57 and 58.

Licence property of Crown

50. (1) Each driver's licence that the registrar issues is and remains the property of the Crown and shall be returned to the registrar on the request of the registrar.

(2) A finder of a valid driver's licence shall return the licence to the person to whom the licence was issued where the finder knows that person or, where the finder does not know or cannot locate that person, he or she shall deliver the licence to the registrar or the nearest traffic officer.

(3) A traffic officer who receives a driver's licence under subsection (2) may deliver it to the person to whom it was issued

where the traffic officer is satisfied as to the identity of that person or shall notify the registrar who may issue to the traffic officer instructions respecting the disposal of the licence.

1988 c33 s50; 1998 c16 s4

Licence issued for class of vehicle

51. A driver's licence is not valid to authorize the holder of it to drive other than the class of vehicles specified in the licence but the registrar may by endorsement on the licence authorize the holder to drive the other classes of vehicles that the registrar specifies in the endorsement.

Licence lost

57. Where the driver's licence of a person is lost or becomes mutilated or illegible, the person to whom the licence was issued shall notify the registrar who may, on payment of the fee prescribed by the minister, issue a duplicate or substitute a new licence.

1988 c33 s57; 1998 c21 s10

Change of name

58. The holder of a driver's licence who changes his or her name or address or both shall within 10 days notify the registrar in writing of the change.

So the answers to the above questions are: No, your licence is the property of the Crown, and is to be returned upon request. If you have a class 5 licence you cannot operate a taxi, if you have a class 5 licence you cannot operate a tandem truck (or dump truck), nor can you operate a motorcycle with a class 5 licence without the proper endorsement. If you lose your licence, a duplicate may be issued once the appropriate fees have been paid. Lastly, if you change your name and/or address you have 10 days to notify the registrar in writing.

Drive safely!

Cst. RAYNER

Gambling

What is gambling?

When people think of “gambling” they often think of places like Las Vegas or big casinos – places that are far away from our everyday lives. The truth is that gambling activities are everywhere. They include things like “machines” or Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs), scratch tickets, other lotto tickets like 649 and Super 7, Nevada tickets, bingo, Texas Hold'em games, betting on sports events or other things, and card games for money. These are common in Newfoundland. For most people, these activities are fun and a way to socialize, but I'm sure everyone knows someone who spends a little too much time or money on one or more of these activities. Maybe you do.

Is it a problem for you?

Honestly answer these questions for yourself.

1. Have you ever felt the need to cut down on your gambling?
2. Have you ever felt annoyed because others criticize your gambling practices?
3. Have you ever had guilty feelings about your gambling?
4. Have you ever borrowed money from anyone to finance your gambling?
5. Have you ever gambled more than you intended?
- 6.

If you answered “Yes” to two or more questions, then you might have a gambling problem.

If you would like to talk about this or get more information, please call your local mental health/addictions counselor Daphne Casey at 488-2701.

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.

The newsletter is also available on the internet at website:
www.bellisland.net