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## BC and cities balk at paying higher policing costs



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**B.C. municipalities and the provincial government are balking at having to potentially pay substantial increases in policing costs related to the new \$1-billion RCMP E-Division headquarters in Surrey.**

According to preliminary estimates in the RCMP's Fiscal Plan for 2013-14, municipalities could pay next year \$1,200 more per regular member and \$20,000 per integrated team member as a result of the new Green Timbers headquarters.

The proposed increases, which are still being negotiated between the federal and provincial governments and haven't been finalized,

are intended to cover the administrative costs at the new 6,162 square-metre building, Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan said.

The costs would be proportionally based on the size of each municipality.

For instance Burnaby, with the second largest RCMP detachment, could see an estimated increase of \$500,000, he said, while Surrey would likely see more than twice that amount.

"We've got some information on the overall costs but nothing has been settled," Corrigan said. "This is a big increase for any of our police detachments. We're all really concerned."

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municipalities in B.C., which is home to 9,500 RCMP officers and civilian employees — more than any other province. Only 11 municipalities, including Vancouver, New Westminster, West Vancouver and Port Moody, have their own police forces.

The latest news comes a year after B.C. municipalities signed a controversial 20-year policing agreement, which promised elected officials they would have more say on controlling policing costs.

The funding formula hasn't changed, with cities sharing the costs with the federal government: those larger than 15,000 pay 90 per cent of policing costs, while smaller cities pay 70 per cent, and the federal government picks up the rest.

But since the contract was signed last year, municipalities maintain the federal government has continued to slap them with more unexpected costs, including higher-than-expected pay raises and changes to pension contributions and severance pay, along with the Green Timbers headquarters.

The Surrey Green Timbers site, which opened earlier this year, will house up to 2,700 employees and bring together about 25 E-Division operational units.

"It's this kind of thing that makes people crazy," Corrigan said.

He also questioned why the former Heather Street E-Division headquarters wasn't used to pay down the capital costs. Neither the federal government nor the RCMP would comment Wednesday.

Port Coquitlam Mayor Greg Moore maintains that while local governments are happy with their local officers, and it makes sense to have E-Division and integrated teams under one roof, municipalities should have been consulted in the decision to build Surrey Green Timbers in a public-private

partnership, rather than being hit with massive increases.

"It's not about policing on the streets," he said. "It's about the governance of it."

Both Port Coquitlam and Richmond, which joined Burnaby and North Vancouver in conducting feasibility studies to determine if they should keep the RCMP, also argue that they are already paying far more than their share for integrated policing teams.

Moore maintains Port Coquitlam is ranked on the lower end of the value of services it receives from the five specialized integrated teams, paying out \$996,870 and receiving just \$317,725 in services. In comparison, Surrey paid out \$9.3 million while it received \$12 million in services.

Municipalities can trigger a two-year opt-out clause to start their own police department, invite another municipal force to take over, or work with other cities to create a regional force.

B.C. Attorney General and Justice Minister Suzanne Anton was unavailable for an interview Wednesday but said in an email that the province is also opposed to the proposed costs.

"Surrey Green Timbers is a federal asset. We don't support the costs the federal government is suggesting to municipalities and we will not pay for space we don't require," she said.

"Our interests remain in ensuring that the Province and municipalities pay a fair share, but no more, for the building and frankly we expect the federal government to be reasonable with their partners. Discussions with the federal government on Green Timbers will continue on that basis."

(Vancouver Sun)

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, 2013

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**TORONTO - Ontario's Liberal government cannot say what the budget is for security and transportation at the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto, Tourism and Sport Minister Michael Chan admitted Thursday.**

"We don't have a finalized number on that," Chan admitted to reporters after ducking Opposition questions in the legislature.

"Look at the Vancouver (Olympics), where they had one number come out on security and they had to revise it about four or five times, so I don't want to speculate."

The final bill for security at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics came in at just under \$1 billion, almost five times the original budget.

Oct 24 2013

**REGINA - A one-time Regina police**

**officer has been given a suspended sentence after admitting he stole a gift card and computer tablet.**

Court heard the stolen items were evidence in a criminal fraud investigation led by the 45-year-old former officer.

Darryl Blampied resigned from the force in August after a Home Depot gift card seized as evidence had been used several times.

As part of his sentence, Blampied was ordered to pay for the items he bought with the stolen card.

He is also on 12 months of probation.

Blampied was an 11-year police veteran.

After he was charged, Regina police Chief Troy Hagen said the force would review how material seized as evidence in investigations is handled.

(CTV Regina, The Canadian Press)

Oct 24 2013

**OTTAWA - The Toronto Star has learned RCMP Supt. Bruce Kirkpatrick is the new officer in charge of the Prime Minister's personal security detail, replacing Supt. Bruno Saccomani who became Canada's ambassador to Jordan.**

Kirkpatrick takes on a big job of restoring cohesion and morale in the specialized unit after this summer's departure of Saccomani amid internal allegations of harassment and favoritism.

His appointment was announced internally Thursday, a source said.

Kirkpatrick won the job after an internal competition. He has worked as a prime ministerial bodyguard from 2005 when Liberal Paul Martin was in the office until 2008, a couple of years after Harper took power.

Most recently, he has been a director at the RCMP's protective services branch.

Kirkpatrick was one of a number of senior Mounties responsible for organizing security at the G8/G20 summits in Muskoka and Toronto in June 2010.

(Toronto Star)

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 25, 2013

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**LONDON - British police say they have seized components of a gun made from plastic on a 3-D printer.**

The Greater Manchester Police force says a plastic magazine and trigger were seized along with a 3-D printer in a raid against suspected gang members.

The parts are being tested to see whether the gun would have worked.

Police said Friday that if the gun were viable it would be the first such seizure in Britain.

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Earlier this year a Texas company said it had successfully test-fired a handgun created with a 3-D printer. Such printers can be paired with a home computer to manufacture objects using layers of high-density plastic.

Authorities worry the technology could allow anyone to manufacture guns which would pass unnoticed through metal detectors.

Oct 25 2013

**VICTORIA - A Saanich Police spokesman says the force is disappointed about the acquittal of a Victoria-area man accused of weaving his motorcycle at race track speeds through Vancouver Island traffic.**

But Sgt. Steve Eassie says the department will use the case as a training tool for future investigations, noting many things can be learned from it.

A provincial court judge in Victoria has acquitted 26-year-old Randy Scott of dangerous driving in a case where a motorcycle rider wearing a helmet-mounted camera recorded video of a wild ride through highway traffic north of Victoria in April of 2012, as the bike's speedometer nudges 300-kilometres per hour.

An investigation began after the video was posted to YouTube and went viral, quickly tallying 1.7-million hits.

Judge Robert Higinbotham ruled that although officers were able to identify the motorcycle, the Crown could not identify the driver beyond a reasonable doubt, and the judge criticized police, saying it is frustrating that useful investigative approaches were not considered important.

Despite the acquittal, Scott and his mother, who was the registered owner of the 2006 Yamaha R-1, will not get the motorcycle back because Eassie says police only had to prove the bike was used illegally in order to seize it and sell it through the civil forfeiture process. (CFAX)

Oct 25 2013

**PERTH, Australia - A Canadian has been arrested in Australia after a local couple who "won" a free vacation package to Canada and new luggage were allegedly used as drug mules.**

The Australian Federal Police say the investigation began Oct. 13 at Perth International Airport when two local residents returning from Canada alerted customs officers about concerns they had with their luggage.

Police say the couple had recently won a competition with a prize of two tickets to Canada, seven nights accommodation and new luggage.

An x-ray examination of their luggage revealed approximately 3.5 kilograms of methamphetamine hidden in each suitcase.

Police allege the couple were victims of an elaborate scam in which older Australians

appear to be targeted by a bogus Canadian-based tour company identifying itself as AUSCAN Tours.

A 38-year-old Canadian man was arrested at Perth airport on Sunday and was charged with import of a commercial quantity of a border controlled drug.

Oct 25 2013

**BOISE, Idaho - Remington Arms Co. is in court again, this time with an Idaho lawsuit filed by a man who says he was shot through the foot by a defective weapon.**

Loren Korpi, an Oregon resident, said in U.S. District Court in Boise he was hunting a year ago in southwestern Idaho when a Remington 700 bolt action rifle wounded him without the trigger being pulled.

Korpi's case joins dozens of similar claims across the country filed against Remington over the past three decades. They contend its Model 700 bolt-action rifle, with more than 5 million sold since the 1940s, has a flawed trigger mechanism that the company has known about for years.

"It's fascinating what I believe is a truly defective product can continue to be made by a company staffed with good people," Timothy Monsees, a Kansas City-based lawyer who represents Korpi, said on Friday.

Monsees has claims pending against Remington in South Dakota, Alabama, Georgia and Oklahoma. All were brought by people who say they were injured by guns that misfired.

Additionally, he represents class-action lawsuits in Washington and Missouri filed by Remington Model 700 owners who say the company should cover their losses because faulty trigger assemblies make their rifles worthless. In August, a federal judge in

Washington refused Remington's bid to dismiss the complaint.

Remington's Model 700, manufactured at the 197-year-old U.S. company's factory in Ilion, N.Y., has attracted numerous lawsuits over the years, among them a 1994 Texas case in which a jury awarded some \$17 million to a man who lost his foot.

But Remington has also won cases, too, by blaming gun owners, not a defective trigger mechanism.

Oct 25 2013

**PETERBOROUGH - The de-amalgamation of the Peterborough Lakefield police force has sparked concerns that the jobs of 180 members of the Peterborough Police Association (PPA) could be on the line.**

PPA president Dave McFadden told The Examiner Friday that the split of the force, set to happen in December 2014, is tantamount to abolishing it.

"Effectively everyone's got to re-apply for their positions," McFadden said.

"It's not as simple as flipping over a shoulder patch."

McFadden couldn't say if anyone would actually lose a job.

But the big problem, he said, is that there's been no direction, no solution and no move to address the issue despite the looming de-amalgamation date.

"It's a concern for me and a concern for my members," McFadden said.

McFadden said he would seek legal advice on the issue.

McFadden resigned from his position as president of the Police Association of Ontario on Friday, stating in his letter of resignation that the PPA has been "thrust into a crisis" as a result of the de-amalgamation.



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"As you would well understand, this situation has created considerable alarm and concern within the local Association, the Service and community at large," McFadden wrote.

McFadden joined the PAO in 2007, initially serving as chairman before becoming director from August 2007 to May 2009. He then served as chairman again until August 2011, when he became president.

His term was up in May.

McFadden hasn't fully informed the PAO board of his resignation, but plans on speaking with them early next week.

The move was done at the behest of the officers he represents, he said. The PPA held its annual general meeting Wednesday, and McFadden said some members expressed concern that he was spending more time focusing on his provincial duties instead of concentrating on issues at home.

(Peterborough Examiner)

Oct 25 2013

**EDMONTON - Edmonton Police used a Taser three times on a man who was resisting arrest late Thursday night, according to a woman who says she witnessed the incident.**

Debbie Paradis watched as police tried to break up a fight between a 39-year-old man and a woman just after 11 p.m.

"The one cop come out. Tried to talk to the guy and told him to put his hands on his head," Paradis told CBC News on Friday.

"The other cop got out and he tried to put the handcuffs on him and he resisted."

Paradis said the man was fighting the officers.

"They had him up against the car. Wriggled away from them. They grabbed him again. This is when they started to Taser him."

The man was screaming in pain, Paradis said. She said the man stayed down on the ground only after police used the stun gun a third time.

"Two or three other cop cars showed up and then they started massaging him and I guess he went into cardiac arrest."

Sources told CBC News that the man's heart stopped. He was rushed to hospital where he remains in serious condition.

The man had recently been released from jail and was causing problems in Edmonton's inner city, those sources told CBC.

The matter is now under investigation by the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team.

(CBC News)

Oct 25 2013

**VICTORIA - A Victoria police constable who is also a vocal supporter of drug legalization is pursuing a human rights complaint against the VicPD and Chief Jamie Graham.**

Const. David Bratzer, the current coordinator of the department's bait car program,

filed the complaint early this year, claiming his superiors infringed on his freedom of speech because of his political beliefs.

In a decision Friday, the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal accepted the bulk of Bratzer's complaint for filing, despite protestations from the police department that the allegations contained within it fell outside of a six-month time limit.

Bratzer is the president of the Canadian branch of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) and supports the eventual full legalization and regulation of all drugs. He regularly participates in public forums on drug policy and writes opinion pieces on what he views as the failures of the War on Drugs.

According to tribunal documents, when Bratzer first joined LEAP in 2008, he told his bosses that he would let them know when he performed any public work on behalf of LEAP, and promised he would always make clear that his views were personal and did not represent those of VicPD.

Despite those pledges, which he says he has kept, Bratzer alleges that he has been barred from participating in a panel discussion on harm reduction, ordered not to publicly comment on the Washington State's successful marijuana legalization referendum and repeatedly reminded of Graham's disapproval.

Those actions, Bratzer told the tribunal, "demonstrate repeated efforts to restrict, prevent or deter him from the responsible public expression, outside working hours, of his political belief."

The complaint also names Insp. Jamie Pearce, who last year wrote a letter to Bratzer informing him that he must get advance permission from his officer in charge before giving a public opinion that is "contrary to positions that the executive of Board of the Victoria Police Department is taking, or is reasonably expected to take on behalf of the Department."

Bratzer's allegations have yet to be argued in front of the tribunal.

(Vancouver Sun)

Oct 25 2013

**Two members of the Halton Regional Police Service were bestowed with a prestigious award during the 2013 International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Philadelphia.**

The "Excellence in Police Aviation" award, sponsored by Bell Helicopter, was accepted by Detective Dave Banks and Constable Andrew Olesen for their efforts in the concept, research, formation and operation of a small Unmanned Aerial Vehicle program for the police service.

Halton has been using a small unmanned aerial vehicle since 2009 following the establishment of a partnership with the University of Toronto - Forensic Science Program and

Waterloo Company, Aeryon Labs Inc.

The initial pilot project involved over 200 hours of research and was funded through a grant from the Canadian Police Research Centre - Defence Research Development Canada.

Use of the U.A.V. has resulted in improved efficiencies for the Police Service and the enhancement of service delivery in a multitude of scenarios, including: search and rescue, crime scene forensics, traffic collision reconstruction and marine operations.

The unit is not used for surveillance and can only be operated in accordance with current legislation and strict Transport Canada Regulations.

(HRPS)

Oct 25 2013

**VICTORIA - Saanich has once again reached within the ranks of its police department to hire a new chief constable.**



Bob Downie, who has 31 years of experience with Saanich and is the deputy chief, will take over from Mike Chadwick when he retires Feb. 1, 2014.

Chadwick, a 35-year veteran of the department, also rose through the ranks, taking over as chief of police when Derek Egan retired in 2009.

The 53-year-old Downie's journey to the chief's office began as a volunteer reserve constable in 1979, with his regular police service starting in 1982.

Downie said he doesn't anticipate doing things differently now that he has been hired as chief. He said the senior managers at the department will continue to stress a team concept in running their 154-officer department.

"The direction that we're going is the direction that we all believe in, have all created and all stand behind," he said.

Saanich Mayor Frank Leonard, who chairs the Saanich Police Board, said Downie emerged from the job competition as the best choice.

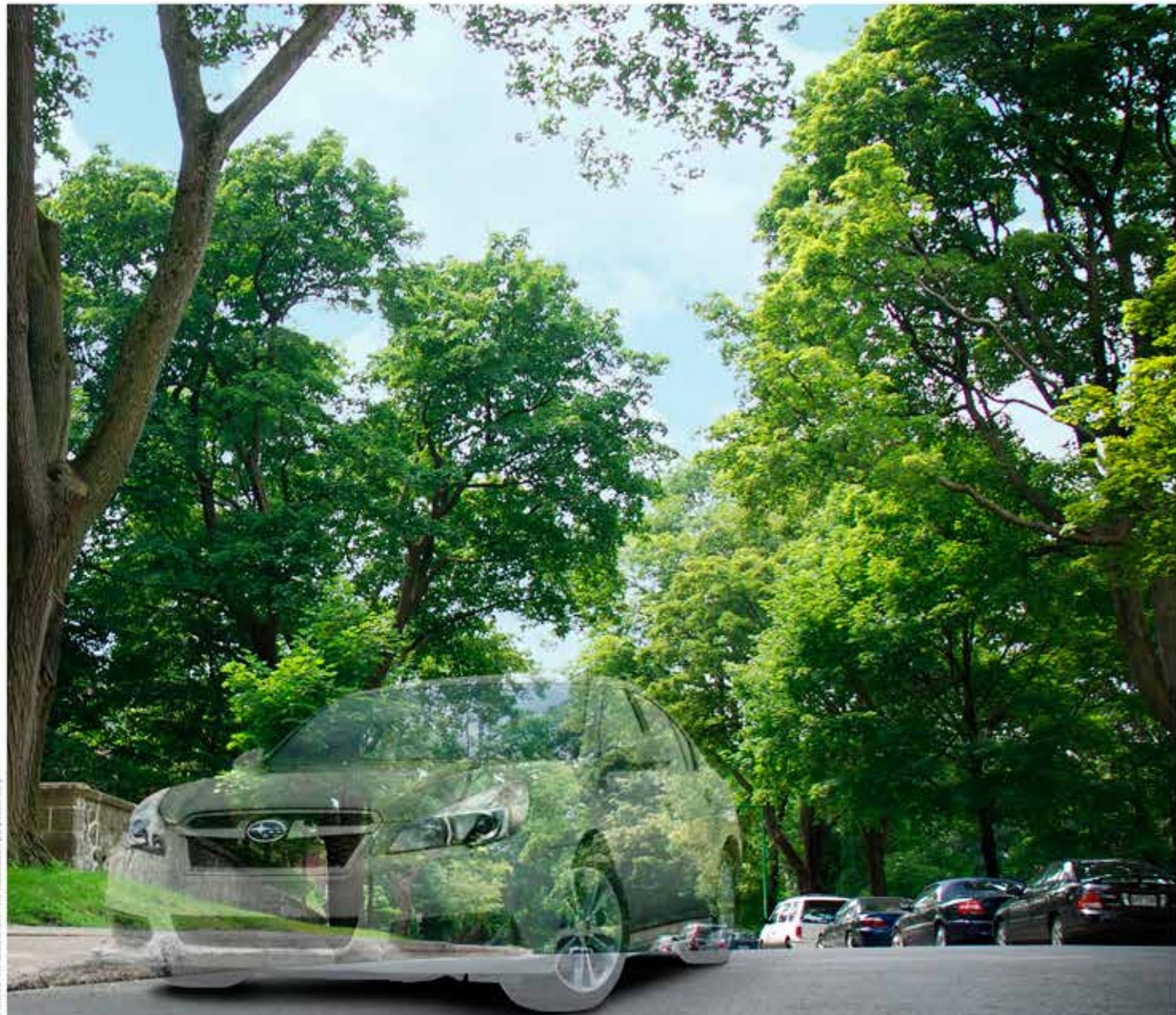
"He's got the experience we need on the administrative side and operational side — he's worked in all aspects of policing," Leonard said. "We're very fortunate to have literally grown someone like that within our ranks."

Chadwick, 59, announced his retirement in September.

(Victoria Times Colonist)



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## SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 2013

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### **HALIFAX - At least one complainant in a sex abuse case doesn't accept a federal government apology over the fact the man accused escaped punishment.**

The complainant, who's identity is protected under a publication ban, wants a public inquiry into the handling of the case against Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh.

In April the Supreme Court of Canada upheld a lower court decision that quashed 17 sex offence convictions because it took too long for the case to come to trial.

In 1995, the Nova Scotia man, who maintains his innocence, was living in India when he was first accused of sexually abusing boys in the 1970s.

But the former Cape Breton businessman wasn't extradited until 2007.

Yesterday Justice Minister Peter MacKay released the findings of an internal review that points to human error and breakdowns in communication by both provincial and federal officials.

He also apologized on behalf of the federal government, but says a public inquiry would not add to what has been learned by the federal review.

Oct 26 2013

### **ELSIPOGTOG FIRST NATION, N.B. - New Brunswick RCMP say a fire was deliberately set outside its detachment in Elsipogtog First Nation Friday evening.**

Spokesman Sgt. Andre Pepin says the fire started on the outside of the building around 8 p.m. and was quickly contained by members of the community and firefighters.

Pepin says the damage to the building is minimal.

He says a 14-year-old boy and a 15-year-old boy were arrested, but later released.

The investigation is ongoing.

The Elsipogtog First Nation was the site of violent clashes a week and a half ago between protesters of shale gas development and RCMP.

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2013

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### **TOWNSHIP OF LEEDS AND THOUSAND ISLANDS, Ont. - A Montreal man is under arrest after police seized more than 65 pounds of cocaine from a car east of Kingston, Ont.**

Provincial police say the drugs were found Saturday morning inside a sedan pulled over in a traffic stop on Highway 401 near the Township of Leeds and Thousand Islands.

There's no word yet on charges against the 27-year-old man, who is due in court Sunday.

Police are investigating with help from the force's organized crime enforcement bureau.

(The Canadian Press, CKLY)

## MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2013

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### **TORONTO - Disciplinary charges laid against one of two police officers who have pleaded not guilty to illegally arresting a lawyer during the violent G20 summit of June 2010 have been dismissed.**

The prosecution conceded there was no evidence to support a guilt finding against Const. Jason Crawford.

Lawyer Nicholas Wright was cycling on Toronto's Bloor Street when an officer stopped him, and said he was under arrest.

He says Const. Ryan Simpson gave him no reason for the arrest, but he was searched, handcuffed, and placed in the back of a cruiser.

Wright says he hadn't done anything to warrant his detention.

Simpson is currently testifying in his own defence following the dismissal of the charges against his co-accused.

Oct 28 2013

### **Eating on the run can lead to indigestion. Eating on the lam can get you arrested, especially if you leave a trail of curly fries behind you.**

Police in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania followed a trail of curly fries to nab a suspect, according to NBC New York. A female employee of fast-food chain Arby's called the cops to announce that a man, who appeared to be intoxicated, had groped her through the drive-thru window as she handed over his order, including the incriminating curly fries.

The woman gave the cops a description of the man's car, and presumably, his food order. Police were able to track car to the parking lot of a nearby motel.

Police then followed a trail of Arby's curly fries and sauce from the parked car to the hotel room of 36-year-old James Cowan of Fitzgerald, Ga.

Cowan, who was believed to be intoxicated at the time, was taken into custody without incident and charged with a single count of indecent assault, according to court records. No word on whether he was able to finish his curly fries before being taken to central booking.

(Time)

Oct 28 2013

### **VANCOUVER - A special prosecutor has decided the officers involved in a fatal police shooting in Vancouver that was captured on a cellphone video will not be charged.**

Paul Boyd was shot multiple times after police responded to a 911 call about a disturbance in August 2007.

Const. Lee Chipperfield, the officer who shot Boyd, told a coroner's inquest he believed Boyd was armed with a bicycle chain and possibly wearing body armour when he fired the fatal shot.

But the case was handed over to an outside police force after a previously unreleased video surfaced, showing Boyd crawling on the street after the initial shots and indicating he was no longer holding the chain when the ninth and final shot was fired.

The criminal justice branch says in a news release that special prosecutor Mark Jette (jet-ay) determined Chipperfield would be able to argue self-defence, meaning there was no reasonable likelihood of conviction.

The statement notes the video does not show the initial confrontation or the first six gunshots, and the camera's view of Boyd is blocked by a car at the moment of the final shot.

Oct 28 2013

### **PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. - A Saskatchewan judge has ruled that the father of a convicted Mountie killer had his rights breached when RCMP officers searched his home for weapons.**

Judge M. M. Baniack said Monday in Prince Albert provincial court that the guns were confiscated from Art Dagenais's property under false pretences.

The judge said because conditions of the search warrant used by RCMP were not met, the search was illegal and the guns can not be used as evidence.

Dagenais is on trial charged with unsafe storage of firearms and ammunition.

The Crown will return to court on Nov. 5 with a decision on whether to proceed with the trial.

Curtis Dagenais is serving a life sentence for the 2006 first-degree murders of RCMP constables Marc Bourdages and Robin Cameron.

This summer, Art Dagenais was found not guilty of mischief relating to an incident at Saskatchewan Penitentiary, where his son is serving his sentence, in August 2012.

The Crown alleged he refused to leave prison property, even though he was asked repeatedly.

(CKBI, The Canadian Press)

Oct 28 2013

### **TORONTO - Toronto police Chief Bill Blair says it's time to have a conversation about how technology can help**

**keep traffic moving during rush hour, including the expanded use of traffic cameras at intersections.**



Blair told reporters Monday that there are more than 2,000 signal-controlled intersections in Toronto where turns are prohibited during rush hour, each of which can be a problem if drivers are not obeying the law.

"If people ignore those signs and make the turn, then everybody behind them is going to have to wait," Blair told reporters, after addressing an audience at the Canadian Club.

In his mind, the best way to ensure that drivers are following the rules is to use technology to monitor their compliance.

The police chief said that the city would need to back such an initiative for it to become a reality.

"There has to be enabling legislation passed by the province, but I think there has to be a strong commitment from the city that this is the right thing to do," said Blair.

"And so I think it's important to initiate that conversation and that's what I've done."

Blair said that his concern is about keeping people safe and not about generating revenue for the city.

"I just want to make sure that we get people thinking about the best way to get this done and I think using technology, it makes sense," he said.

"This is a sensible way to apply technology to a job that is otherwise very labour intensive."

The alternative is to use police officers to enforce traffic rules, which Blair said means that on-scene officers can only deal with a limited number of cases and can end up having to attend court as a result.

"It's an expensive, not terribly efficient way of getting that job done," said Blair.

"Technology enables to do that far quicker and with greater level of certainty — and where there is certainty, I think there is greater compliance."

(CBC News)

Oct 28 2013

**Tech giant IBM said Monday it is pioneering a new data analysis program with the city of Fort Lauderdale's police department to help anticipate crime and security needs.**

IBM said the project represents "first-of-a-kind" research and development (known as FOAK) for a partnership over one year, which started in January. The project is known as the

City Resource Optimization Solution.

"This will allow us to not just cull the data but also clean it. It's beyond predictive analysis," said Alex Aizenberg, media relations manager for IBM's global government and education industries.

"It's not just about crime prevention but also allocating resources, such as recognizing a spike in data of new building permits. In response, for example, the city might beef up patrols in that neighborhood regarding potential theft of construction materials."

The project will crunch data from 911 call records, crime records, special events information, public transportation routes, code enforcement and building permit activity. The emphasis is on spotting patterns in

location and timing of events, such as a growing frequency of certain events in one area. The program will not predict who will commit a crime, Aizenberg said.

According to the release, IBM will use advanced analytics technologies, including pattern recognition and discovery, factor/causality analysis and anomaly detection.

The big goal is to better identify where the city should deploy its resources for maximum impact, with an initial focus on increasing the likelihood of deterring crime

IBM's description of the program said the police chief, command staff, and officers will get a "deeper level of knowledge regarding possible contributing factors of crimes and foresee the demand for service at a more

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granular level of time and location,” allowing the city “to move operations from reactive to proactive, leading to a safer city.”

(South Florida Business Journal)

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**EL CAJON, Calif. - The family of a murder victim has demanded an apology from a San Diego Superior Court judge who performed a wedding for the killer minutes after sentencing him to a lifetime in prison.**

In a letter to Judge Patricia Cookson, the family of Kevin Santos asked her to explain her action and warned they will file a complaint with the California Commission on Judicial Performance, which investigates judicial misconduct, UT San Diego reported Monday.

Performing the ceremony showed partiality to the killer's interests and “displayed insensitivity to the victim's family,” the letter said.

Cookson did not respond to the newspaper's request for comment.

The judge performed the wedding for Danne Desbrow and the mother of his son on Sept. 17 shortly after sentencing him to a maximum term for killing Santos in 2003.

The bride said she and Desbrow rekindled their romance while he was in jail, and that during trial she asked Cookson if she could marry the couple at sentencing.

Destiny Desbrow said Cookson agreed, and even gave the newlyweds two slices of cake that the judge had baked after vows were exchanged.

Santos' relatives said they were rushed out of the courtroom after the sentencing, and were insulted when they later learned about the ceremony.

“It was just wrong,” Santos' younger sister, April Santos, said. “That day was not for him. That was our day, that was Kevin's day.”

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**OTTAWA - The federal minister for social development says efforts to fight homelessness are paying off.**



Candice Bergen says cities across the country are seeing their homeless populations

shrink thanks to efforts by the federal government and its partners to provide housing to people on the streets.

She says homelessness in Edmonton dropped by 20 per cent between 2008 and 2010 and about 4,000 people in Toronto have moved into permanent housing in the last eight years.

Bergen is telling the National Conference on Homelessness that the federal government is committed to expanding the so-called Housing First program that is driving the progress.

This means that communities with the worst homelessness problems will have to put much of their federal government funding into Housing First.

An estimated 30,000 people are homeless on any given night, while as many as 200,000 Canadians a year confront homelessness.

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**WINNIPEG - The Manitoba Court of Appeal has overturned a lower court ruling that acquitted an HIV-positive Winnipeg man of spitting bloody saliva in the face of a police officer.**

Clifford Bear, who is 43, was found not guilty of aggravated assault last year by a judge who ruled there was no significant risk of harm to the officer during an August 2009 arrest.

But the appeal court has overturned that decision and replaced it with a conviction, saying the trial judge didn't properly weigh the key medical evidence.

Court heard that Bear was being taken into custody for stealing computer discs when he told an officer about his condition and spat directly at him.

The officer was hit in the eye with bloody saliva and had to undergo medical treatment, but he was given a clean bill of health.

Bear was initially found guilty of the lesser charge of simple assault and given a 20-month sentence, but he will now return to court to be sentenced for aggravated assault.

(Winnipeg Free Press)

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**MONTREAL - A 71-year-old man appeared in court Monday in connection with a bomb scare at Montreal's Trudeau Airport Sunday.**

Anthony Piazza is facing three charges, said Crown prosecutor Alexandre Gauthier, after he allegedly tried to slip bomb-making materials past security in carry-on luggage while planning to take a U.S.-bound flight.

The materials were discovered and any threat was averted. Piazza was arrested Sunday.

“There are three counts: being in the possession of explosive substances, secondly to be in possession and attempting to get those substances inside of a civil airplane and thirdly of mischief for the use of

the airport,” he explained.

Piazza's defence lawyer elaborated on the suspicious items found by U.S. screening officers in a carry-on bag at Trudeau Airport at 5:45 a.m. Sunday.

“We're talking about bullets, we're talking about powder, lighters,” said attorney Louis Morena.

Police say the carry-on baggage contained components of an explosive device, without any actual explosive materials.

(CTV Montreal)

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**VICTORIA - Concerns about the amount and type of personal information disclosed in police record checks have prompted an investigation by B.C.'s privacy commissioner.**

Elizabeth Denham says citizens and civil society groups have raised questions about the scope and sensitivity of personal information that's accessed and disclosed to police, often for employment-screening purposes.

She says thousands of record checks are processed every year by municipal police forces and the RCMP but the relevance of the information collected in the public and private sector needs to be scrutinized.

Denham says that while a criminal record check is a report of someone's prior convictions, penalties or outstanding charges pulled from a national police database, such information can also reveal details that have not been proven in court.

She says some of the issues include a person's mental health, investigations that did not result in charges and charges that did not end up in a conviction.

Last year, the commissioner issued a report saying the B.C. government did too many criminal record checks for employment-related purposes in March 2011 and that while some were valuable for people working with children, for example, others were an invasion of privacy.

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**TORONTO - Police in Toronto say five men are facing charges after officers seized more than 50 kilograms of drugs.**

Police made the seizures while executing six search warrants in connection with a two-week investigation into an alleged illegal drug distribution network.

Among the drugs seized were 30 kilograms of marijuana, more than 17 kilograms of ecstasy, two kilograms of cocaine, and a kilogram of ketamine.

The five men - four from Toronto and one from Richmond Hill - face a total of 59 drug-related offences.

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**CALGARY - The secrecy behind the**



## charging of a Calgary police officer with assault has one veteran lawyer in Alberta demanding answers.

In a letter to Chief Rick Hanson Tuesday, Airdrie lawyer Alan Pearce asked why the officer's identity is being protected.

In his letter, Pearce noted media coverage of the charge indicates "that your office is refusing to name the accused."

"Of course, this is highly unusual," wrote Pearce, the chair of the Policing Committee of the Criminal Defence Lawyers Association in Calgary.

"My own experience has been that, when a civilian is charged with an offence, their name is not withheld from the press," Pearce said.

He went on to note a recent case out of Edmonton where a young lawyer was charged with trafficking a narcotic at the remand centre there.

In that instance, not only was the accused named, Pearce said, but the Edmonton Police Service publicly stated he should be suspended.

"I note that the CPS member will apparently be reassigned to another section, with pay," he wrote.

As a result, Pearce has asked Hanson to disclose the officer's name and "advise as (to) what policies your office has when an accused's name is to be released to the public.

"For example, is there a specific rule about treating a CPS member's name as confidential," Pearce asked.

Police announced last Friday a veteran officer had been charged over allegations he used excessive force while restraining a man at the downtown arrest processing unit.

The alleged on-duty assault happened Dec. 11, 2011, shortly after midnight when the man was being booked on outstanding warrants.

Police could not be reached for comment late Tuesday.

(QMI Agency)

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## Provincial police have broken up a fraud ring based in the Montreal suburbs.

Police from the Surete du Quebec as well as those of Laval and Longueuil surrounded several homes on the north and south shores Tuesday morning before moving in with search warrants.

Officers arrested 16 people in Montreal, Laval, and as far east as Magog, including the Boucherville arrest of the group's alleged ringleader, 33-year-old Zobair Javard.

The group is accused of masterminding \$12 million in fraud by skimming about 30,000 debit cards from unsuspecting users in Europe, then decoding the encrypted information.

Police say the gang would then create new cards and used them to drain bank accounts.

"We seized over 30,000 debit card numbers with personal identification numbers and we evaluated that every time a person had his debit card cloned, they lost \$400. So multiply \$400 by 30,000, it comes to \$12 million. So it's a minimum that we seized today. Our investigation is not finished," said SQ Capt. Richard Gauthier, who specialized in economic crimes.

The suspects face charges of fraud, trafficking in stolen goods, conspiracy, and theft.

Project Spyglass was launched in August 2012 as a joint operation with the SQ, the Canadian Bankers Association, and regional police in Paris.

(CTV Montreal)

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## MONTREAL - A 12-year-old from Notre-Dame-de-Grâce was charged in youth court last week for hacking government and police websites during last year's student protest, the Journal de Montréal reported last week.

The Grade 5 student traded pirated information to the hacktivist group Anonymous for video games, the court heard. Some government sites were out of service for two days and damage amounted to \$60,000, according to police.

On Thursday, the boy pleaded guilty to three counts of hacking into websites, including that of the Chilean government. He will

be sentenced next month.

The court heard the boy used three different methods to hack into websites. One flooded servers, preventing users from accessing the websites, a second created a false home page and a third exploited gaps in security to access servers.

Other people have also been arrested and charged in connection with the scheme.

In 2000, a 15-year-old hacker in Montreal known as Mafiaboy caused \$1.7 billion in damage.

(Montreal Gazette)

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## PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. - The only correctional centre for women in Saskatchewan is now bigger.

The Pine Grove Correctional Centre in Prince Albert has opened the doors to a new 30-



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Corrections Minister Christine Tell says the new unit will help promote safety by incorporating a more modern design.

The new unit is designed for direct supervision where 10 cells are grouped together around a common living space, called a pod.

The design is supposed to encourage interaction between guards and inmates.

The Pine Grove expansion project began in 2011 at a total cost of \$13.4 million over two years.

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## **HALIFAX - Nova Scotia's police watchdog is investigating the actions of two officers who arrested a homeless man accused of stabbing another officer outside a Halifax shelter.**

The Serious Incident Response Team initially decided not to investigate why 31-year-old Alexander Welch suffered a broken nose and cuts to his face during the Sept. 20 incident.

Ron MacDonald, the head of the agency, says under normal circumstances a broken nose that occurs during an arrest falls below the threshold of what the team will review.

However, he says an internal review by the Halifax police revealed more information about how the injuries occurred, prompting his office to reconsider and begin an inquiry.

He says the probe will look at how Welch was handled from the time he was arrested until he was brought into a police cell.

Welch has been charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault, resisting arrest and failing to attend court.

The officer who was stabbed was wounded in the neck and forearm.

## **THURSDAY OCTOBER 31, 2013**

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**TORONTO - Toronto police have seized a video of Mayor Rob Ford "consistent" with allegations that have been previously reported in the press," though the chief said they have no "reasonable" grounds to criminally charge the mayor.**



Allegations of a video appearing to show Ford smoking crack cocaine surfaced in May when reporters from the Toronto Star and the U.S. website Gawker reported they were shown the video.

Newly released court documents show Toronto police opened an investigation into those allegations, headed by a senior detective.

Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair announced Thursday that earlier this week officers examined a hard drive seized in "Project Traveller," a drugs and weapons investigation and recovered a digital video file of Ford.

"That file contains video images which appear to be those images which were previously reported in the press," Blair said.

The mayor has repeatedly said he does not use crack cocaine and the video does not exist.

Alexander Lisi, a friend of Ford's, was charged earlier this month with four drug offences. As a result of discovering the video, Lisi is now also charged with extortion and the video will be presented in that case in court, Blair said.

Blair, who has personally watched the video, said it's believed it relates to events at a home on Windsor Drive. The home is referred to in court documents released Thursday in Lisi's drug case by a confidential informant as a "crack house."

"As a citizen of Toronto I'm disappointed," Blair said. "It's an issue of significant public concern."

Asked whether Ford could face charges, Blair said there's nothing in the video that would allow police to "form reasonable grounds" to support the laying of a criminal charge.

The police document shows that friends and former staffers of Ford were concerned that Lisi was "fuelling" the Toronto mayor's alleged drug use.

The lengthy document details evidence police collected in order to get a search warrant for Lisi, Ford's friend and occasional driver. The document contains police allegations used to obtain search warrants, and those allegations have not been proven in court.

Ford former staffer, Chris Fickel, told police he didn't know where Ford got marijuana from, but "has heard that 'Sandro' may be the person who provides the mayor with marijuana and possibly cocaine," the document alleges.

However, Fickel added, he has never seen Lisi provide the mayor with drugs. The mayor would call Fickel and tell him to tell "Sandro" that "I need to see him," Fickel told police.

Payman Aboodowleh, a volunteer football coach at Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School, where Ford coached the team, told

police that Lisi met Ford through him. He told police he was "mad at Lisi because he was fuelling the mayor's drug abuse," the document says.

A photograph of the mayor with three men, one of whom - Anthony Smith - was gunned down on a city street, accompanied the Star story published in May. The other two men in the photo, which was taken in front of a house, were arrested as part of "Project Traveller."

On March 28, the day Smith was killed, the document says Ford and Lisi spoke on the phone seven times, with the mayor initiating five of the calls.

The document says police compared that photograph to an address that a confidential informant told police was a "crack house," and found it had the same colour, overhanging light, white trim, brick colour and pattern.

Hours after the Gawker article was published, phone records show Lisi called Mohamed Siad, who the police report says "is believed to have been one of the people trying to sell Mayor Ford crack video." He also called one of the residents of the "crack house" several times.

The Toronto Star has identified Siad as one of the men it says showed its reporters the alleged video. Siad was arrested in June as part of Project Traveller, a massive sweep targeting gang activity.

According to the document, police were conducting surveillance on Lisi and on June 26 saw him meet with Ford at a soccer field.

They spoke for a few minutes then Lisi returned to his vehicle, retrieved a white plastic bag appearing to contain some items, put some cans of Minute Maid in it, then Lisi put the bag in Ford's SUV, then walked back to meet up with Ford, the documents allege.

On July 11 Ford is seen on surveillance cameras parking at a gas station then walking straight to the washroom. Shortly after, Lisi arrives at the gas station. Lisi is seen walking near the mayor's SUV holding a manila envelope.

"Lisi appears to be looking around, possibly scoping out the area," the document says.

Lisi is then seen walking along the passenger side of the mayor's vehicle then goes out of the surveillance tape frame and isn't seen again. Ford spends about six minutes in the washroom then buys a pack of gum and drives away.

On July 28 police watched Lisi and Ford meet behind a school. After they left police seized garbage that Ford threw out and it contained two empty vodka bottles.

An Ontario Superior Court judge ordered the release of the document Wednesday following an application by media lawyers who argued it contains information that is in the public interest.