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## Departing police board chair says 'change is necessary'



Jul 31 2015

**TORONTO** - Ten years ago, when soft-spoken Alok Mukherjee agreed to take a seat at the head of the Toronto police board table, he was warned that he was “either raving mad, hopelessly naive or too idealistic.”

“I answered that perhaps it was a combination of all three,” Mukherjee jokes.

Few would dispute that the civilian oversight board Mukherjee inherited in 2005 was a mess. Described in the months before Mukherjee was named chair as a “viper’s

pit,” a “war zone” and “a graveyard for politicians,” the police board seemed perpetually at a stalemate or embroiled in controversy.

Board members threatened each other and stormed out of rooms. A former chair, Alan Heisey, stepped down after calling the board “dysfunctional.”

Mukherjee’s decade at the helm was no less challenging. “These 10 years probably have seen some of the worst moments in the board’s history,” Mukherjee says, referencing Toronto G20 summit and several



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fatal shootings by police.

Mukherjee, who is heading to Ryerson University in the fall, said the fallout from the G20 was “a critical point of departure” with then police chief Bill Blair, who was called out for failing to address the conduct of his officers during the summit, Mukherjee says.

After being blasted in an independent review of police action during the 2010 G20 Summit, Mukherjee stood up at a police board meeting in 2012 to apologize for the civil rights abuses that took place, including the largest mass arrest in Canada’s peacetime history.

“(The G20) has had a profound impact on me about policing in peacetime civil society, people’s right to express their dissent peacefully,” Mukherjee says.

Though Mukherjee initially had a “great and fabulous” relationship with Blair, the latter half of both men’s tenures was marked by strain and tension, in part because of “fundamental differences.”

Those differences became apparent as the board faced pressure to deflate the force’s perpetually ballooning budget, Mukherjee said. There was resistance from the police service about developing a new model that “did not rely on the most expensive unit of delivering service, i.e. the uniformed police officer.”

Last July, the board denied Blair the two-year contract extension he sought, with Mukherjee saying it was time for “transformational change.”

“I think Chief Blair, being very much a product of this organization all his life, had a different attachment to it and a different understanding of how far change would go,” Mukherjee said this week.

He claims Blair’s successor, Chief Mark Saunders - himself a product of the Toronto Police Service - “has shown that he understands that change is necessary and inevitable.”

The primary challenge the police board has going forward, Mukherjee says, is “really seriously looking at doing things differently.”

That involves a massive organizational shift that the outgoing chair has previously described as involving hiring youth workers, domestic violence workers and social workers in place of officers and could even include taking guns away from some officers.

A yet-to-be-public operational review by consulting firm KPMG sets out recommendations on how the force can make changes, save money and better serve the public. Chief Saunders is expected to sit down with the consultants in the coming weeks.

“Implementation of those recommendations is probably the most important thing the board needs to do,” Mukherjee says. “This is a legacy piece, on the part of the board and the city, to now put in place a new model.”

The stalemate between the police board and former Chief Blair over the divisive issue of carding should serve as a learning experience for the board, Mukherjee says.

Much of the final year of Mukherjee’s tenure was spent mired in controversy surrounding the board’s policy on carding, the police practice of stopping and documenting people not suspected of a crime.

In April 2014, the board passed a policy many saw as progressive for including citizen safeguards, including requiring police to have a valid public safety reason for stopping individuals. But the board and Blair ended up at loggerheads over a year-long delay in implementing the new carding rules.

“I think we lost a lot of public credibility by allowing the implementation of the policy to drag on that long,” Mukherjee says.

Part of the problem, he says, was a lack of clarity about what power the board could actually wield in the circumstances. One suggestion he makes is clarifying the description of the board’s role in the Police Services Act, legislation that governs the board’s powers.

“The board needs to examine its authority, ask itself some hard questions. What does the (Police Services Act) mean when it says that the board has the responsibility to manage the police service? What does it mean when it says the board cannot interfere with operational decisions?”

(Toronto Star)



**The public should no longer expect police officers to turn up at their door if they are burgled, Britain’s most senior policewoman has warned.**

Chief Constable Sara Thornton, head of the new National Police Chiefs’ Council (NPCC), said that significant budget cuts and the changing nature of criminality meant that police had to prioritise.

She admitted that if someone had an iPad stolen from their home, “it could be” that an officer would not be dispatched to investigate.

Ms Thornton said that instead, officers were focusing on child sex offences, cyber crime and terrorism.

She told the BBC: “Crime is changing in this country.

“There are a lot less burglaries than there used to be, a lot less car crime, but the sorts of crimes that are on the increase - sexual offences, concerns about terrorism, cyber crime - that’s where we really need to focus.

“We need to move from reacting to some of those traditional crimes to thinking about focusing on threat and harm and risk and really protecting the public.

“If we’re really serious about putting a lot of effort and resource into protecting children, for example, that might mean that if you’ve had a burglary, for example, and the burglar has fled, we won’t get there as quickly as we have in the past.”

Ms Thornton said the police had lost 70,000 posts over ten years and had endured 25 per cent budget cuts.

At the same time, she said burglaries were down but the number of arrests for terrorist offences was at his highest level since 7/7 and the number of reports about child sex abuse had increased by more than 80 per cent over three years.

She added: “We cannot do everything... The cuts are so significant, we are going to have so few officers that the public’s expectations are going to have to change.

“I don’t think it’s possible to carry on doing what we’ve always done, as we will just fail the public but also cause unacceptable stress among our officers and staff.

“Think of the threat to our children from sexual offences, from sexual abuse, from online abuse, that’s what we’ve got to prioritise.”

Asked if an officer would investigate a complaint about anti-social behaviour she suggested that it would not be treated as a priority.

She said limited resources should be focused more on preventing such crimes rather than responding to them after the event.

She said that in her view, it would also not be a top priority to go looking for cannabis in people’s homes.

Ms Thornton took the helm of the NPCC, which replaced the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) in April. She has admitted that Acpo had become “overly political” and that the NPCC was designed to be a clean slate after a tricky period of Home Office-police relations.

(UK Telegraph)

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**ST. JOSEPH, Ont. - A desire to get to the cottage before sunset was cited by an Ontario woman accused of driving at nearly double the speed limit.**

Ontario Provincial Police say a car was clocked at 150 kilometres an hour in an 80 km/h zone earlier this week on the Bluewater Veteran’s Highway near St. Joseph, on Lake Huron.

The driver told police she was speeding

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in an attempt to make it to the cottage to see the sunset.

There was just one problem with her explanation. She was pulled over at 8:20 a.m.

A 25-year-old woman has been charged under Ontario's racing legislation. Her licence has also been suspended for seven days, and her car will be impounded for the week.

She's due in court in Goderich, Ont., on Sept. 1 to answer to the charge.

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### Members of the Bridgewater Police Service are remember their former police chief.



Brent Crowhurst passed away yesterday afternoon after a battle with cancer.

He served as chief of police of the Nova Scotia service from 2003 until 2011.

Crowhurst also served with the RCMP in various posting with a policing career spanned close to 40 years.

The police service is sending condolences to his family.

(CJHK)

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### TORONTO - The provincial government says it's launching public consultations on police street checks - commonly known as carding.

The public consultations are to begin next month and include community organizations, police, academics, civil liberty organizations and members of the public.

The province is looking for input on the circumstances when police may ask people for information, the rights of those being asked, training requirements, and data collection and retention.

There's also an online document - launched Thursday - that any member of the public can complete and provide feedback on their experience with street checks, which the government has said it will regulate but not ban.

Community Safety Minister Yasir Naqvi has said it's not acceptable for police to stop and question a member of a racialized community for no reason then to record that person's information in a database.

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### BARRIE - A Barrie man has been sentenced to nine months in jail for distributing child pornography.

RCMP Const. Michael Gavin Thomander was one of three men arrested Jan. 7. during a joint investigation between Barrie city

police, the Ontario Provincial Police and a South Dakota Internet crimes against children unit.

"I'm surmising they proceeded with the conviction on one count and simply withdrew the other charges," said Det. Sgt. Terry Paddon of the OPP Child Exploitation Unit.

Paddon said a nine-month sentence is reasonable for the size of the child-porn collection Thomander had.

"Thomander had an average collection, it wasn't large or small. We often see sentencing based on both the size of the collection and they'll (the judge) will usually take into consideration the violent nature of the collection," Paddon said.

Thomander, who was posted in the Toronto area, was originally charged with two counts of possession of child pornography, one count of accessing child pornography and one count of making available child pornography.

He was released on bail, placed under house arrest at his parents' home, with restrictions to stay off the Internet and to keep away from children.

The RCMP had suspended him with pay during the investigation and it's unclear the status of his employment once he was convicted.

Calls made to the RCMP were not immediately returned on Thursday.

(Barrie Examiner)

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### VANCOUVER - The wife of an RCMP officer who killed himself two years ago claims that her husband was used by the Mounties a scapegoat in the death of Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport in October 2007.

In a statement of claim filed in B.C. Supreme Court, Sheila Lemaitre says her husband, Pierre, was told he would lose his job if he tried to correct misinformation given to the media about the night Dziekanski died.

The sergeant was the media relations officer who released information about the incident where the Polish immigrant was jolted with a police Taser and died on the floor of the arrivals area.

The lawsuit claims Lemaitre wanted to correct the information, but was ordered not to and as a result was accused by the public as being the "RCMP liar" and the "RCMP spin doctor."

The statement says the RCMP knew Lemaitre was under extreme psychological distress caused by the negligence of the force and that it could result in his becoming suicidal.

None of the allegations have been proven in court, and no specific dollar figure is mentioned in the lawsuit, but the statement says the family is seeking damages from both the Federal Attorney General and the B.C. Ministry of Justice that are liable for the RCMP actions.



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**TORONTO - "As I knelt beside her and took her head on my lap she quieted right down. I stayed with her until she passed away at 3 p.m. She died peacefully and I knew that I had lost the best friend I ever had. I loved that old gal and she loved me."**



It was a poignant illustration of the bond between officer and horse when Princess drew her last breath in the arms of Metro Police Const. Tom Frazer in 1966.

Bill Wardle, himself a mounted police officer for almost 20 years, captured Frazer's account of the moment in his 2002 book *The Mounted Squad, An Illustrated History of The Toronto Mounted Police 1886-2000*.

The maned members of the unit, which turns 130 next year, have long been revered by citizens as well. (Miscreants on the wrong end of a baton two metres up or fleeing felons outpaced by flying hooves, however, could be forgiven for not sharing that view.)

In 1886, the year of the mounted unit's inception, Chief of Police Frank Draper summed up their value after a mob protesting the use of scab labour turned violent during the Toronto Street Railway Strike.

"One mounted man is worth 10 on foot," he said after officers on horseback charged the crowd to defuse the explosive situation.

"From that point on, (the unit's) future was secure," Wardle wrote.

Female officers didn't join the mounted unit until 1986 - 100 years after its inception.

In the beginning, officers were more cowboys than cops, rounding up stray cattle, heading off runaways and patrolling outlying areas.

But labour unrest and rowdy crowds clinched their need.

The Toronto Daily Star described their actions during another riot in 1902: "Out came their blacksnake whips and they rode into the crowds, slashing as fast as their arms would move. The effect was the crowd swept back like the turning of a tide."

The outbreak of the First World War in 1914 saw 18 of the city's best police horses travel overseas for the Canadian artillery's use. Like the troops, the animals endured horrific conditions in the muck and misery of the front lines. Only one survived, never to return to Canada.

On the city's mean streets some years later, a horse named Mayflower galloped to a bloody scene as a knife-wielding assailant fatally stabbed an 11-year-old girl on Elizabeth Street before slashing four others.

Equine intervention prevented further tragedy as Mayflower and her partner, Const. Charles Whitford, captured the suspect, according to a Star story about the 1927 event. One witness described the "rearing steed" and arrest of the "demented" man as something out of a movie.

"She's a wonderful mare," Whitford told the Star when the pair were hailed as heroes.

When the four-legged crime fighters spring into action, it's a testament to their training, which has changed little over the years. "No whips are cracked, no voices raised, over these horses," the paper reported in 1937.

But duty is not always as kind.

Whether quelling mayhem at riots or drug-fuelled rock concerts, horses have come under fire from bricks, eggs, paint, ball bearings thrown under their feet and even tulip bulbs dug up by rowdies during a 1970 protest against the U.S. invasion of Cambodia.

In June 2000, eight horses and nine officers were injured when anti-poverty protesters at Queen's Park hurled rocks and smoke bombs. More pacifistic but no less crazed were the masses of Beatles fans reined in during the group's three visits to Toronto in the mid-1960s.

Encounters with vehicles have proven more deadly. When a beloved Belgian cross named Brigadier died after being struck in a deliberate hit and run in 2006, more than 1,000 mourners turned out for his hero's send-off.

Over the years, the unit has been beefed up or downsized depending on social and economic conditions. Ranging from a handful to more than 60 steeds, the squad has been housed in all corners of the city including Casa Loma, Toronto Zoo and Sunnybrook Stables.

While law enforcers maintain nothing controls a crowd better than four long legs and a tail, consultants on a cost-cutting mission in 1982 wanted to reduce horsepower by two-thirds, spurring the newspaper to set up an opinion hotline.

"Star telephone lines were flooded yesterday as hundreds of callers urged the chief to trim his budget anywhere else, but not from the 75-man, 55-horse unit that costs \$3 million a year," read the followup story. "Save our horses, at all costs, was the nearly unanimous verdict."

At the same time, news editor Simon Wickens revealed a secret: as a young boy he'd ridden off-duty police horses in Balfour Park. "I don't mean a policeman walked the horse a few steps while I sat in the saddle, but that a good half-dozen policemen who will go unnamed . . . let me take their mounts and ride them around the ravine bottom," Wickens wrote in a personal reminiscence.

Thanks to the public outcry, horse sense prevailed and the police board backed down on the proposed cuts.

Today, 27 equines, most of which have come from Mennonite farms north of Toronto, are kept at the Horse Palace on the grounds of Exhibition Place, riding herd on

the hordes in times of chaos but also serving as ambassadors for the city. If you're lucky, you might snag one of their "trading cards," which officers have been handing out during public appearances since 2004.

Whether they're performing in musical rides, appearing in parades - Santa Claus and Stanley Cup way back when - or pulling dignitaries in landau carriages, there isn't a one-trick pony among them.

(Toronto Star)

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**VANCOUVER - Former Vancouver police chief Jim Chu has moved from crime fighting to private enterprise.**

Chu has joined the Aquilini Investment Group (AIG) as vice president of special projects and partnerships.

An announcement from the company says he will ensure safety standards are upheld and meaningful partnerships are developed with First Nations across B.C., in relation to various agricultural, energy and development projects.

The 36-year police veteran retired this spring after just over seven years as Vancouver's first non-white chief constable.

President of Aquilini Development and Construction, David Negrin, says Chu's proven leadership experience, prominence in the community, and business acumen make him an ideal candidate for the job.

Vancouver-based AIG is best known as the owner of the NHL Vancouver Canucks, but the family-run business also includes everything from commercial, industrial and residential construction to sustainable agriculture, renewable energy projects and food, beverage and hospitality enterprises.

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**WINDSOR, Ont. - Canada Border Services Agency says its officers have made a major cocaine bust at the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor, Ont.**

CBSA says a commercial truck and trailer were sent for secondary examination where officers discovered 52 bricks of suspected cocaine inside three duffel bags and a tote located in the storage areas of the truck.

CBSA officers seized the suspected cocaine and arrested a 26-year-old Toronto man in the July 27 incident.

RCMP have charged Lavdrim Mehmeti with importing cocaine and possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking.

Mehmeti remains in custody and is scheduled to appear in court in Windsor on Aug. 4.

Since January 2014, the CBSA says it has made 57 cocaine seizures with a combined total weight of 302 kilograms in the southern Ontario region.

## SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2015

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**WEST KELOWNA, B.C. - Crews have been forced to halt air operations on a wildfire burning near West Kelowna, B.C., due to multiple drones flying overhead.**

The B.C. Wildfire Service says a helicopter supporting ground crews and involved in water delivery in the Westside Road fire has now been grounded.

The service says all wildfires are flight-restricted under the Canadian Air Regulations and the operation of any aircraft not related to fire suppression efforts is illegal.

It says drones, also known as unmanned aerial vehicles, pose a significant safety risk to crews, especially when low-flying fire-fighting aircraft are present.

The RCMP is working with the service in relation to the incident.

## SUNDAY AUGUST 2, 2015

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**EDMONTON - Police in Edmonton say a driver and one of his passengers are dead after spotting an RCMP check-stop and making a U-turn.**

Investigators say the Toyota Camry was heading east on Yellowhead Trail early Sunday, but then turned and drove west against traffic.

They say the car collided head-on with a Mercedes-Benz SUV, and also hit a Chevrolet Cobalt, before coming to rest on its roof in the median.

The 21-year-old man at the wheel of the Camry and a 21-year-old woman in the rear seat died at the scene, while a 22-year-old man in the front passenger seat suffered serious injuries.

The 33-year-old man driving the Mercedes was also seriously injured.

## MONDAY AUGUST 3, 2015

Aug 03 2015

**MONTREAL - The trial of seven alleged Hells Angels members accused of murder and conspiracy after a massive police operation in 2009 has been postponed until Aug. 10.**



It was scheduled to start today in Montreal but one of the jurors couldn't participate due to professional reasons.

The trial is the result of a 2009 police operation called SharQc that netted more than 150 people, including 111 suspected mem-

bers of the Hells Angels biker gang.

Two people charged in the case pleaded guilty Friday to conspiracy to commit murder, bringing the total number of people who have pleaded out to 103.

In May 2011 a judge released 31 of the accused due to unreasonable delays in the court proceedings.

Another two accused, who are anglophone, will have a separate trial, in English, beginning in January.

Eight people wanted in the case are still on the lam and three accused have died since 2009.

Aug 03 2015

**The driver of an all-terrain vehicle accused of hitting and dragging a Saskatchewan environment ministry park officer on Saturday is now facing five criminal charges.**

He's also been charged with four Criminal Code driving offences plus assaulting a peace officer following alleged incidents in Duck Mountain Provincial Park on Sunday.

According to the Kamsack RCMP, just after 3:30 p.m. CST, environment ministry officers were trying to stop an ATV that had a driver and one passenger. It was a "side-by-side" ATV, police said.

The suspects fled, but were located later on a trail in the park.

Two park officers who were on foot tried to stop it. One was struck by the ATV and was dragged for a short distance.

He received minor injuries and was treated and released from hospital.

The other officer got out of the way and wasn't injured.

(CBC News)

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## Big city police chiefs on Monday met to discuss rising U.S. crime rates, especially homicides, and blamed repeat offenders, drugs and guns with larger magazines for part of the increase.

The meeting of the Major Cities Chiefs Association, attended also by some prosecutors, came as cities face a recent upturn in violent crime after it fell starting in the 1990s to half-century lows in 2013.

"We came together to help identify ways to interrupt this violent trend and ensure that our cities continue to thrive," the association's president, J. Thomas Manger, said at a news conference.

Homicides in 35 big cities are up 19 per cent this year on average, according to an association survey. Sixty-two percent of cities reported increases in non-fatal shootings.

Manger said repeat offenders who have no education or job skills are behind most violent crimes. They should be kept behind bars, while reforms can provide alternatives to prison for low-level offenders, he said.

Police are finding more rounds are being fired from more guns during shootings, meaning more people are hit, Manger said. The association, which groups 66 police chiefs or sheriffs, called for increased penalties for gun crimes and for shooters using high-capacity magazines.

The association called for more accurate field tests for synthetic drugs that have been linked to violent behavior.

Manger, who is the police chief in Montgomery County, Maryland, repeated a call by the chiefs for a national commission to review the criminal justice system. The last was done in 1965.

The association said increased cooperation among police, prosecutors and community organizations was essential to reducing crime.

Manger said there was no sign that the crime upturn had come from police "backing off" after protests over the deaths of unarmed black men by officers in Missouri, New York and elsewhere.

Among U.S. cities, Washington has recorded 87 homicides this year, up from 69 in the same period last year. Milwaukee posted 74 homicides in the first half of 2015, more than double the number from the same period in 2014.

Baltimore had 45 homicides in July, the highest monthly total since 1972. The rise follows rioting in April over the death of a black man injured in police custody.

Ten federal agents are joining the Baltimore homicide unit, and the focus of police now is on "highly motivated, violent repeat offenders," interim Baltimore Police Commissioner Kevin Davis told a news conference.

(Reuters)

# TUESDAY AUGUST 4, 2015

Aug 04 2015

## MISSISSAUGA, Ont. - Ontario's police watchdog says they are satisfied an officer who arrested a woman resulting in her sustaining "serious" injuries didn't commit a criminal offence.

Special Investigations Unit director Tony Loparco says the arrest of Maria Farrell on April 2, 2013 by OPP Sgt. Russell Watson was lawful and he did not use excessive force.

The SIU says Farrell was arrested on Colborne Street East in Orillia after an altercation with Watson who was responding to a report of an assault in the area.

She sustained injuries including a fractured left tibia as the two struggled during the course of the arrest.

Watson was originally cleared of any criminal offence in May 2013 after the SIU concluded there were no grounds to believe he used excessive force.

The SIU says it reopened the investigation in March after a judge made critical comments of the officer in the case against Farrell for obstruction and assaulting a police officer that resulted in her acquittal.

Aug 04 2015

## WINDSOR - Windsor police Chief Al Frederick thinks the best way to cut police costs is to join forces.



"To reduce costs we have to regionalize," he said Tuesday. "There's no question in my mind that regionalization is the most efficient, and just as effective, model of policing.

"We can service all the surrounding communities without increasing manpower."

Frederick raised the idea of cutting administrative costs in the region Tuesday night at city council.

Frederick attended council to answer questions about a report that, among other recommendations, called for more civilian oversight and investigation of police forces in Ontario. But the chief thinks that report should largely be shelved.

Frederick said he had hoped for more concrete proposals from the 44-page Association of Municipalities of Ontario report

called "Building a new public safety model in Ontario," which was three years in the making.

"It's light on specifics," said Frederick, noting that police forces across Canada have been hiring more civilians for 50 years. "We've been down this path before.

"I was expecting more from the report."

For example, Frederick said the Windsor Police Service has civilianized the 911 call centre, prisoner care and control, information technology, finance, human resources and more. He suggested that more civilianization of white-collar crime investigation may be possible, but only a little.

"Civilianization is a nice buzz word but really, police services have been engaged in that for decades," he said.

The Windsor Police Service currently has 440 sworn officers and 140 support staff, which he said roughly matches the provincial average. He said the force has managed to reduce its sworn officer ranks by eight per cent over the last four years, a rare feat in the province, thanks largely to attrition.

Frederick said his officers now spend 80 per cent of their time dealing with social situations stemming from mental-health issues, and only 20 per cent on criminal investigations.

"Each and every day there are suicides, drug addictions, missing persons, and most of those are related in some way to mental health," he said. "It's happening with such regularity that it's difficult for us to keep up with calls for service.

"It's a huge drain on our resources. If you transport one person in acute mental-health crisis to the hospital, that takes two officers out of commission for four or five hours."

So for now he supports regionalization, but not much more civilianization.

(Windsor Star)

Aug 04 2015

## TORONTO - The Toronto Police Service has launched a mobile app that will allow users to report crimes and quickly get information about crime prevention across the city.

Using their smart phones, residents will be able to file certain police reports, get safety alerts, locate police stations, file traffic complaints, and receive notifications from police social media accounts, among other features.

"We feel that this will help with the relationship we have with victims," said Const. Hugh Ferguson during a press conference on Tuesday morning.

Specifically, residents can use the app to report incidents that include damage to property or vehicles under \$5,000, fraud under \$5,000, theft under \$5,000, graffiti and driving complaints, among others. Users can also contact Toronto Crime Stoppers anonymously through the app, police say.

"It gives the public an opportunity to report crime when it's convenient," Ferguson said.

The TPS Mobile App also includes a virtual police officer, to whom users can direct

questions, and police safety tips.

The app was launched in partnership with MobilePD, a Texas-based developer that specializes in smart phone applications for law enforcement agencies.

The Victoria, Ottawa, Edmonton and Calgary police services have also launched similar mobile apps.

(Toronto Star)

Aug 04 2015

### **SASKATOON - A Saskatoon police dog attacked while trying to make an arrest is expected to make a full recovery.**

The dog, named Kato, was tracking a man who had jumped out of a car that police had tried to pull over early Sunday.

Police spokeswoman Kelsie Fraser says the suspect ran into a backyard and slammed a gate on the police dog.

The man also allegedly ordered his three dogs to attack the police dog and his handler.

The officer suffered minor injuries and Kato was taken to an emergency veterinary clinic and treated for bites and bruises.

Fraser says the dog is doing well and will be back at work.

Aug 04 2015

### **VANCOUVER - A Vancouver police officer has been convicted of assaulting a cyclist during an arrest.**

Const. Ismail Bhabha's actions were captured on video that surfaced on the Internet.

Bhabha was placing handcuffs on Kharazi Akhavan when he punched the man in the face.

Akhavan was stopped in March 2013 for allegedly running a red light and not wearing a helmet.

The Office of the Police Complaints Commission ordered West Vancouver police to conduct an investigation.

Bhabha is expected to be sentenced in November, and Vancouver Police spokesman Const. Brian Montague says he will remain in his current position as a patrol officer for now.

(CKNW)

Aug 04 2015

### **TORONTO - The owner of a Toronto nightclub where an overnight shooting left two people dead and three in hospital says dozens of guards and police officers were providing security.**

In a statement released by Muszik nightclub, owner Zlatko Starkovski says "73 professionally trained" security guards were on duty.

He says that included 15 specially trained guards who conducted body searches and used metal-detecting wands on all guests.

Starkovski also says 10 armed Toronto police officers on paid duty were part of security efforts.

The nightclub was hosting the official after-party for OVO Fest, which featured Toronto rapper Drake.

## **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5, 2015**

Aug 05 2015

### **SAINT JOHN'S - Saint John has a new police chief.**



The appointment of John Bates, who is currently the chief of police in Stratford, Ont., was officially announced during Tuesday night's council meeting.

Bates brings 30 years of policing experience and a wide range of skills to his new role, which takes effect on Nov. 9, said Nicole Paquet, chair of the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners.

"When we went through the process, we were very impressed with Chief Bates and as a commission, we passed this appointment unanimously," she told city council.

Bates replaces former chief Bill Reid, who retired at the end of April after 37 years of service, including seven years at the helm.

"I am honoured to have been chosen to lead the Saint John Police Force," Bates said in a statement.

"The organization has a storied history and it is going to be a privilege to be part of its future," he said.

"My wife, Sandy, and I are very much looking forward to joining the Saint John community."

Reid's term as chief of the Saint John Police Force was marked by budgetary stress and an occasionally testy relationship with city council, which he expected would continue under the new chief.

"He or she will have those type of challenges as well," Reid had said.

Saint John Mayor Mel Norton has previously said the new chief should be someone who "restores a level of confidence" in the budget management of the police force.

The Saint John Police Force's 2015 budget is \$24,269,759. Reid was predicting a shortfall of about \$320,000.

Bates began his policing career in 1985 in Brantford, Ont., doing uniform patrol.

In 2006, he was named Stratford's deputy chief, and then chief of police in 2012.

He has experience in uniform patrol, traffic enforcement, collision investigation and reconstruction, criminal investigation and tactical response, according to the police commission.

Saint John Deputy Chief Glen McCloskey has been serving as acting chief.

(CBC News)

Aug 05 2015

### **KAMLOOPS, B.C. - The man accused of shooting a Mountie during a traffic stop in Kamloops, B.C., is slated to have his preliminary inquiry in December.**

Ken Knutson, 36, has pleaded not guilty to various offences including the attempted murder of Cpl. Jean-Rene Michaud.

He was shot last Dec. 3, and Knutson was arrested following a manhunt that lasted more than 12 hours.

Knutson remains in custody and was recently transferred to a facility in Surrey.

Michaud is recovering at home after being shot in the elbow and torso and spending several months in hospital.

The RCMP has launched an internal investigation in an effort to prevent similar shootings in the future.

(Kamloops This Week)

Aug 05 2015

### **SUMMERSIDE, P.E.I. - The CEO of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada says the president of one of its Prince Edward Island chapters has resigned after being charged with impaired driving.**

Andrew Murie says David Griffin, who was a police officer for 45 years, was charged with impaired driving in June and immediately resigned as volunteer president of MADD's East Prince County chapter.

Murie says formal charges were laid this week.

He says he was shocked and disappointed, but also has some compassion for Griffin, who he says did great work for the organization during his three years as president.

Murie says in his 18 years as CEO of MADD, he's never dealt with an incident like this.

Aug 05 2015

### **SASKATOON - The president of the union representing Saskatchewan jail guards says overcrowding has reached a crisis point in facilities across the province.**

Bob Bymoan of the Saskatchewan Government Employee's Union, says two riots at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre at the end of July should be a wake-up call to what happens when too many inmates are put in aging buildings.

Bymoan says his members have serious concerns about overcrowding, especially when bunks are installed in spaces not originally designed to house people.

This, he says, combined with cuts to programs available to inmates, has created a powder keg in provincial jails.

Bymoan says the union has been talking about overcrowding for 10 years to no avail.

"Somebody's going to get hurt, somebody's going to get killed and somebody needs to be responsible when this happens. Because nobody's believing it today and nobody's doing anything about it today," he said.

Bymoer added that workers also need better supports after incidents occur.

"These are highly stressful, highly emotional situations," he said.  
(CKOM)

Aug 05 2015

### **WINNIPEG - Winnipeg police have laid charges against the owner of a controversial medical marijuana shop that was raided earlier this week.**

Glen Price, 54, the owner of Your Medical Cannabis Headquarters, was charged Wednesday with a number of drug-related offences including possession and trafficking before being released from custody.

Const. Jason Michalysen says it's illegal to sell medical marijuana unless you are a licensed producer and have the proper documentation, saying otherwise it's just selling street drugs.

On Tuesday, police moved in to close the store and even removed the sign hanging from a shingle.

Price had been warned his business would be closed because he was not properly licensed, but his supporters held a rally last month and he reopened the store in defiance of the police order.

He has said he only provides the product to people with appropriate medical documentation and said he's helped hundreds of people since opening on July 1.

Earlier this year, Health Canada moved to make it legal for licensed providers to sell marijuana in everything from brownies to lip balm.

Vancouver became the first Canadian municipality to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries, requiring operators to pay a \$30,000 licensing fee and locate at least 300 metres away from community centres, schools, and each other.

However, Michalysen said officers don't know where Price's marijuana comes from, adding police are concerned for the public's safety.

(CJOB, CTV Winnipeg)

Aug 05 2015

### **CALGARY - An investigation into the Calgary Police Service's apprehension of two suspects in July 2013 has determined the CPS member who discharged their weapon into the suspect vehicle will not face criminal charges.**

In the early hours of July 28, 2013, officers responded to a location following reports of a suspicious person trying to steal a Dodge Caravan. When a CPS member confronted the man in the minivan, the suspect drove forward, dragging the officer approximately 1.5 metres.

During the getaway, the stolen minivan struck three parked vehicles.

CPS units pursued the minivan. Two CPS vehicles were damaged while attempting to stop the stolen vehicle. A third CPS unit collided with the minivan causing the stolen vehicle to spin before it stopped.

The CPS unit pinned the suspect vehicle

on the bridge and the officer in the passenger seat fire three shots into the minivan.

Raymond Germaine Troy Jacobson, the driver of the stolen minivan, suffered a cut to his lower back, a graze wound that is believed to have been a gunshot injury.

Jacobson and his passenger, Stephanie Karyn Staples, were arrested and charged with possession of stolen property. Jacobson faced additional charges in connection to the attempted getaway.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team, ASIRT, has completed its investigation into the incident and determined the responding officer "will not be charged with any criminal offences arising out of this incident".

(CTV News)

Aug 05 2015

### **TORONTO - The Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) is helping high school students in Toronto stake out their future career paths.**



In 2006, the Ministry of Youth and Children's Services partnered with the Toronto Police Services Board and the Toronto Police Service (TPS) to implement the YIPI as part of an Ontario government youth opportunity strategy.

The employment initiative focuses on diverse youth between the ages of 15 and 18, who reside in the 39 priority-identified neighbourhoods within Toronto.

Each summer, approximately 150 students work full-time within Toronto's 17 police divisions, 48 support units and external agencies.

Along with assisting officers with daily tasks on the road and in the office, the students, referred to as "YIPIs," gain practical experience writing for TPS newsletters, assisting the IT department with installations, and handing out crime prevention flyers.

Youth are also privy to first-aid training and help managing their personal finances.

Program co-ordinator Melva Radway said the initiative exposes youth to real work environments and educational assignments. She said it benefits young people interested in any field, not solely policing.

"For some of them, this is their first time being employed," she said. "They are learning new skills and how to interact with people."

Radway said the revolving door of new people and experiences often leads to per-

sonal transformations within the YIPIs over the summer.

"We have some shy kids who start with us and by the end you're wondering 'Okay, is this the same person?'" she said.

During training, YIPIs gain a solid understanding of the rank structure and the inner workings of the service by touring the TPS Emergency Task Force, K-9, forensics, homicide, marine and mounted units, as well as the Toronto South Detention Centre.

The youth in the summer portion of the program will receive a certificate of completion at their graduation ceremony Aug. 22.

The YIPI continues throughout the fall and winter with afterschool programming.

(Metroland)

Aug 05 2015

### **An abuse complaint against the Yorkton RCMP by a 42-year-old Cote First Nation woman has been settled out-of-court.**

In February 2012, Ethel Lynn Pelly was stopped by police and arrested on hydromorphone trafficking charges.

In her statement of claim, Yorkton attorney Thomas Campbell lays out a disturbing tale of abuse starting with handcuffs being so roughly and tightly applied that, the statement says, Pelly still suffers from the injury caused.

When she was lodged in cells, the water was turned off to the toilet and sink. She was strip-searched by two female officers and her bra was taken from her. Pelly said she was wearing a see-through shirt leaving her breasts clearly visible, including to male officers she claimed were present, causing her "extreme anxiety and embarrassment."

Furthermore, the statement continued, Pelly was menstruating at the time, and the officers took away her extra pads. With no water for up to 15 hours, the stench in the cell became "nauseating and unbearable causing severe distress to the plaintiff."

Pelly complained throughout the night about the treatment, but was ignored and denied the opportunity to talk to counsel, she said.

In the Attorney General of Canada's statement of defence, the Crown expressly denies all of the allegations except that Pelly's bra was removed for her own protection and that the water was turned off, which the AG said was justified.

"This created a dry cell intended to allow the Plaintiff to discharge any drugs that she may have internalized and to prevent the Plaintiff from disposing of them," the defence statement reads.

Police had long ago admitted to the water having been turned off and apologized in a letter to Campbell.

"Normal practice is to turn off the water so they can't flush any evidence," Morton said. "The guys got tied up with other calls and didn't get the water back on. It happened; she was probably in there longer than she should have been."

The settlement precludes either side from revealing the details.

(Yorkton This Week)



Aug 06 2015

**SHREVEPORT, La. - Police expanded their search Thursday for a cop killer to at least one additional state about 12 hours after an officer here was shot and killed.**

In Jackson, Miss., officers have searched at least two Greyhound buses that arrived from Louisiana in a manhunt for Grover D. Cannon, 27, accused of shooting a Shreveport police officer multiple times.

Cannon is wanted for first-degree murder in the Wednesday night death of Officer Thomas LaValley, 29, who joined the department in 2011. Cannon also is wanted for attempted second-degree murder for a July 15 shooting, Shreveport police Chief Willie Shaw said.

Cannon is accused of killing LaValley as the officer responded around 9:14 p.m. CT to a call of an armed man making threats toward a family member.

LaValley was taken to a Shreveport hospital with critical injuries and died just after midnight, police spokesman Marcus Hines said.

LaValley is at least the 71st US officer to die in the line of duty this year, the 19th killed by gunfire, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page. The number is down by nine from the same time last year.

Six others have died in Louisiana. (Shreveport Times)

Aug 06 2015

**CHARLOTTETOWN - Police in Charlottetown say they are installing video cameras throughout the city's downtown as part of a public safety initiative.**

The department will install somewhere between 60 and 80 video cameras.

Deputy chief Gary McGuigan says there are currently five to six cameras installed in the downtown core.

McGuigan says people will be able to see them and know that they are there.

He says the cameras are intended to act as a crime deterrent.

McGuigan says police looked at the use of cameras in a number of other cities and thought it would be a good idea for Charlottetown. (Charlottetown Guardian)

Aug 06 2015

**VANCOUVER - Vancouver police Chief Adam Palmer says he supports the officer who was convicted of assault and defended the decision to keep him on as a patrol officer.**

Palmer said Const. Ismail Bhabha - who was convicted Tuesday for assaulting a cyclist in 2013 - should be judged on the totality of his record.

"He's a good police officer and he's highly regarded by his co-workers and a decorated officer. And, just recently, he saved

somebody's life," Palmer said on CKNW.

Palmer was referring to a 10-hour armed stand-off in the lobby of the Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel with a deranged, suicidal man that ended with officers using a stun grenade and Taser to take him into custody.

About a year later, Bhabha was commended for his work that day, along with 70 other officers who received a Chief Constable Unit Citation for defusing the tense situation.

Bhabha joined the Vancouver police in 2008 after emigrating from London.

Before he left Britain, he received an award of excellence from the British Transport Police Federation for coming to the rescue of a woman and her daughter who were being harassed by a mentally ill man at King's Cross station in London in 2007.

He was off-duty at the time, but Bhabha confronted the assailant. During the ensuing struggle he was bitten in the cheek and required surgery to repair the wound.

Since word of Bhabha's conviction in the Vancouver incident, there's been a deluge of calls on social media for him to be fired.

Still, Palmer defended the police officer.

"People may make a mistake on a certain day, but I don't think they should be judged for their entire career on just one thing," said Palmer.

"We're not talking about a situation of an officer who has been in trouble before. This is a one-off thing and I look at the totality of the circumstances and I support this officer."

A police investigation into the case involving the cyclist has been reopened and Bhabha is scheduled to be sentenced in November.

Legal experts say most likely he'll get a discharge so he won't have a criminal record. (CBC News)

Aug 06 2015

**MOOSE JAW, Sask. - Moose Jaw police are changing their procedures after a man escaped from the city court house.**



Police chief Rick Bourassa says two guards will now escort prisoners when they go to court, with a police officer also on hand.

A suspect was re-captured close to the courthouse about nine hours after the escape.

Police say a man facing a dangerous driving charge got away by overpowering a guard and taking the keys to his cell door.

Jamie Munroe, who is 20, is to appear in court on new charges later this month. (CKRM)

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