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## Toronto deputy chief retires



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**TORONTO - One of Toronto's highest-profile police leaders - a reformer who spent most of his career trying to improve relations between police and citizens - is leaving the force.**

Deputy Chief Peter Sloly's resignation takes effect immediately, the police oversight board said in an announcement at noon on Wednesday. He has been negotiating his departure since October, according to sources with knowledge of police board affairs.

To many within the Toronto Police Service,

signs of acrimony have been showing in the top ranks since April, when Chief Mark Saunders was chosen to lead the force instead of Deputy Chief Sloly, 49, long considered a front-runner for the job. In January, the deputy chief gave a speech critical of the force and particularly its ballooning budget, leading to formal complaints from the union that represents police officers.

But he said on Wednesday he leaves on his own terms amid job offers, and that he stayed for nearly a year to help smooth the transition to a new chief.

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"I have an international network of police brothers and sisters," he said. "I have contacts within the private sector. ... It's hard to keep saying no to some of this stuff."

He is in no rush to join another police force, he said.

"There's a big, wide world out there."

The deputy chief's 27 years at the force involved him in some of the biggest recent battles over policing, from racial profiling to costs, few of which have been resolved. While many said his departure is a loss, others celebrated, including the head of the police union, who said relations between the deputy and the new chief were "not healthy."

With police facing so many "big issues," Toronto Police Association president Mike McCormack said, Deputy Chief Sloly's presence was a "distraction" and said he was "glad that that's been put to bed."

But police sources said there is a perception in the force that the past 10 months were more rancorous than they needed to be, with Deputy Chief Sloly moved to a smaller office and more administrative duties.

Until April, he headed the community-safety unit, which involved delving deep into race relations. One of his long-time projects was a report and a committee on how police interact with citizens, called the Police and Community Engagement Review (PACER).

He told The Globe and Mail in a 2013 interview that as a "brown-skinned kid from Jamaica," his experiences as a youngster helped him and the force navigate that relationship.

After Chief Saunders was appointed last year, Deputy Chief Sloly was taken off PACER and switched from commanding the community-safety unit to operational support, which included overseeing the Toronto Police College, professional standards, communications, court services, parking enforcement and other tasks.

At the same time, he was asked to move to a smaller office next door to his old office.

Considering the timing of both changes, many officers believed the deputy chief was being sidelined. It appeared that he and the chief rarely spoke or met, never reconciling after their heated competition for the job, said the police sources, who did not want to be named.

Deputy Chief Sloly's new command contained important files and should not have been seen as a step down, said a retired police inspector, David McLeod. But the office move was more odd, he said.

"In my opinion and in my experience, a change from one command to another does not usually require a change of physical office," he said.

Toronto Police Services spokesman Mark Pugash said deputies routinely move offices when their assignments change, and that Deputy Chief Sloly had moved offices when he was assigned to the community safety unit.

As for the claim that the deputy was rarely seen with the chief, Mr. Pugash said he had been in "numerous" meetings with both.

In late January, Chief Saunders said there was no animosity between him and Deputy Chief Sloly.

The deputy chief, who ascended to that rank at just 43, has a master's degree in business and did a stint peacekeeping in Kosovo and played professional soccer.

Mr. McCormack said the reforms Deputy Chief Sloly advocated, such as policing based on working with members of communities, will continue without him.

"I'm a huge proponent of community-based policing ... [but] that was around long before Peter Sloly was around," he said.

Former police board chair Alok Mukherjee, who helped promote Deputy Chief Sloly to his rank, said on Wednesday he improved community relations during "a period of crises and demands for change."

"He was creative, innovative and open to new ideas from around the world," Mr. Mukherjee said.

Current chair Andy Pringle said the deputy chief leaves "highly respected," and Mayor John Tory, a sitting member of the board, said he had served with distinction.

(Globe and Mail)

to set aside the orders in B.C. Supreme Court.

They have asked Justice Barry Davies to allow Angel Acres Recreation and Festival Property Ltd. to regain possession of the Nanaimo clubhouse pending a civil trial set for May 2017.

Davies has dismissed the application, ruling there's enough physical and expert evidence to support allegations that the clubhouse could be used in the future for unlawful activity by the Hells Angels.

His ruling notes the director of civil forfeiture is trying to seize clubhouse and its contents, including clothing, bar equipment and alcohol, as well as more than \$10,600 in Canadian currency and US\$278.

The ruling says the director of civil forfeiture will also seek the seizure of clubhouses in Vancouver's east end and Kelowna in May 2017.

Feb 04 2016

**TORONTO - The body of a Toronto police officer was pulled from Lake Ontario near Polson Pier on Thursday, not far from the scene of a fatal shooting he was involved in nearly six years ago.**

The body has been identified as Darius Garda, who had been reported missing. Garda had most recently been working out of 51 Division, but had been on leave, officers said. Police are investigating his death as a possible suicide.

Police were called to the waterfront in the Polson Street and Cherry Street area around 4 p.m. ET Wednesday for a report of a man having fallen into the water. Shortly after noon Thursday, police confirmed they had pulled a body from the lake.

"This really resonates with our officers, and we've lost a member of our policing family," police union head Mike McCormack told CBC News on Thursday.

On Thursday afternoon, Toronto police tweeted about the loss of their colleague.

(CBC News)

Feb 04 2016

**PETERBOROUGH - Lawyers representing Peterborough Police Chief Murray Rodd and Deputy Chief Tim Farquharson are claiming the City's lawsuit is an abuse of process, filed only to avoid paying \$460,000 worth of severance to the officers and to publicly discredit them.**

A statement of defence filed Thursday, which has not been proven in court, requests that the City's lawsuit be dismissed and states that it's simply a continuation of "threatening and vexatious" conduct by Mayor Daryl Bennett and other members of the police services board.

In a lawsuit filed in December, the City is claiming general damages for misfeasance in public office; breach of fiduciary duty; breach of the duty of good faith; and breach of the Police Services Act, as well as punitive damages in the amount of \$20,000 per defendant.



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**THURSDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 4, 2016**

Feb 04 2016

**VANCOUVER - The Hells Angels have lost a bid to regain control of a clubhouse in Nanaimo, B.C., in advance of a civil trial scheduled for next year.**

The province seized the clubhouse in November 2007 under the Civil Forfeiture Act.

Orders were granted against the property by B.C. Supreme Court judges at that time and again in March 2009, meaning the building and its contents could not be used, mortgaged or sold.

Lawyers for the Hells Angels Motorcycle Corp., Angel Acres Recreation and Festival Property Ltd. and several individuals applied



The Chief and Deputy Chief have denied the allegations.

"The defendants are dedicated and proud police officers. Each of the defendants has acted consistently with his Oath of Office at all material times," reads the statement of defence. "At no time has either defendant failed to carry out his duties faithfully and impartially."

The City claims the officers neglected to mention a clause in their contract that would see each of them paid one-year salary upon the dissolution of the Peterborough Lakefield Police Service, even though they were essentially rehired by the new Peterborough Police Service in January of 2015.

The statement of defence, however, states that neither Chief Rodd nor Deputy Chief Farquharson "deliberately or willfully conceal payments arising out of the dissolution of service clauses from the City."

While the City claims Chief Rodd, in an e-mail from October 2013, deliberately failed to inform the City of the entitlements stemming from the dissolution of service terms, the defence states that neither defendant was aware at the time that the proposed de-amalgamation would trigger the severance payout.

Furthermore, the defendants "are not responsible for any failure on the part of the City and/or the (PLCPS Board) to prepare proper estimates of the cost of de-amalgamation, as alleged or at all."

The defence claims the City was aware of the terms relating to the dissolution "since at least November 2013," rather than Oct. 22, 2014 as the statement of claim states.

The date at which the City became aware of the terms is a key part of the defence, which has also stated the lawsuit should be dismissed due to a two-year limitation period.

Chief Rodd and Deputy Chief Farquharson are also requesting costs on a substantial indemnity basis – meaning they could recover nearly all of their legal costs – because the City's claims are "false" and "cannot be proven."

(Peterborough This Week)

Feb 04 2016

**The New Brunswick Police Commission is embarking on a research project to define what constitutes an "adequate level of policing" in the province.**

Steve Roberge, executive director of the New Brunswick Police Commission, says the purpose of the project is to "articulate exactly how you define what an adequate level of policing is," something he says is lacking within the New Brunswick Police Act.

Roberge says the plan is to convene a series of meetings, in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety and the New Brunswick Social Policy Research Network, to bring together academics, mayors and councillors, police chiefs, and police unions.

The New Brunswick Police Association, which has been at odds with the Commission recently, is not invited to take part, says Roberge.

"As we understand it, the police asso-

ciation is a lobby group. They're a self-professed lobby group. We're not, at this point, involving lobby groups and special interest groups," he said.

In January, the New Brunswick Police Association called for Steve Roberge's removal as executive director of the New Brunswick Police Commission over statements the association said were defamatory about the labour group's executive.

Roberge says the object of the exercise is to develop a perspective unique to New Brunswick, one that takes in demographics and geography, as well as social and economic factors unique to the area.

He says the point is to look at things such as the number of officers on the street, but that's not all.

"That won't be the only element in that equation. You'll have economics in that equation and all that will result in a formula that answers the appropriate level of resourcing that's needed," Roberge said.

He says the final report, expected by June, will be turned over to the Department of Public Safety.

(CBC News)

**FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 5, 2016**

Feb 05 2016

**WINNIPEG - The Manitoba government is promising more thorough background checks after it was revealed that a convicted sex offender had been hired by the provincial fire commissioner's office to talk to school children about fire safety.**

The office's website says the 30-year-old man was hired last summer as a public educator to accompany a female employee on visits to schools in Winnipeg and several other communities, including First Nations.

He was fired last December.

The man pleaded guilty in Brandon in 2010 for possessing child pornography and spent 90 days in jail.

A year later, he pleaded guilty to breaching his probation by accessing the Internet to contact a teenage girl.

No offences are known to have occurred during the time of his employment.

(Winnipeg Free Press, CTV Winnipeg)

Feb 05 2016

**PRESCOTT, Ont. - Provincial police say a man and a woman are facing charges arising from an incident in which an officer was struck and injured by a stolen SUV.**

Police say officers were investigating a gas theft on Tuesday in Kemptville, Ont., when they spotted a vehicle that had been reported stolen in Ottawa a week earlier.

They later saw the vehicle entering Prescott, Ont., and while attempting to stop it the SUV struck a cruiser and an officer, who received minor injuries and was checked at a hospital and released.

James Rush, 30, of North Grenville, Ont., faces numerous charges including five counts of theft under \$5,000, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, and assaulting a peace officer with a weapon.

Treasure Langevin, 19, of Augusta Township, Ont., is charged with three counts of theft under \$5,000, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, and six counts of failing to comply with recognizance.

OPP say Rush and Langevin are being held in custody pending a bail hearing.

Feb 05 2016

**NEEPAWA, Man. - An Alberta man is facing several charges after an RCMP officer was dragged by a vehicle allegedly involved in a gas and dash in western Manitoba.**

Mounties say they got a report Friday morning about a possible impaired driver who left a gas station in Gladstone without paying for fuel.

The complainant reported that the white SUV and was heading west on Highway 16.

As police tried to stop the vehicle, it and the police cruiser collided, and the officer tried to arrest the driver, but the vehicle drove away, dragging the officer.

The officer shot his firearm to stop the suspect, but the vehicle got away.

A 27-year-old man from Fort McMurray, Alta., is in custody and charges are pending.

Feb 05 2016

**VANCOUVER - Vancouver police are warning drug users to be cautious after 11 overdose deaths in 16 days.**

Police say the spike is concerning because three people typically die each week from drug overdoses.

The high number of recent deaths occurred in the Downtown Eastside and east Vancouver neighbourhoods, and police believe fentanyl use may be the cause.

Police say the victims ranged in age from 20 to 56 and that not all of them were known or experienced drug users.

Feb 05 2016

**GARDEN HILL FIRST NATION, Man. - The mother of a Manitoba girl found dead nearly a year ago has renewed hope that police will finally catch her killer.**

RCMP is collecting up to 2,000 DNA samples from men and boys between 15 and 66 on the Garden Hill First Nation.

Teresa Robinson, who was 11, was last seen leaving a birthday party in the remote, fly-in community on May 5, 2015.

Her remains were found six days later and it was initially thought she was attacked by a bear.

RCMP later determined that although animals had likely disturbed her remains, there was no evidence to suggest they played a role in her death.

With no arrests, and no breaks in the case to date, Sandra Robinson hopes DNA will soon provide the answers she's been waiting for.

(CTV Winnipeg)

Feb 05 2016

## A Manitoba Métis leader whose grandson's murder remains a mystery stands side-by-side with the RCMP.

Leaders from both groups signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Friday to secure Cpl. Rick Sinclair's position of Métis Community Initiatives Co-ordinator for an additional two years.

Cpl. Sinclair's role is to ensure Métis citizens in a particular community have a connection to the RCMP detachment that serves their community.

Julyda Lagimodiere, the Manitoba Métis Federation's Minister of Justice, said an issue the two groups are working on together is how the province is dealing with missing and murdered indigenous people.

Lagimodiere's grandson was murdered in 2008 in Thompson, Man.

"I firmly believe that it takes a community to help solve such tragic events," she said. "Even though it's unsolved many years later, I believe that it will be resolved in time but it will take the community."

Lagimodiere said she's teaching her granddaughter that belief.

"It's important that she knows that we have this community effort and that the family bares no resentment to the RCMP for not being able to solve it at this point," she said.

"They are our friends, not our enemies," Lagimodiere said.

(CBC News)

Feb 05 2016

## The Nova Scotia RCMP is taking the public on a virtual ride-along Friday night on Twitter.

The @RCMPNS account will be live-tweeting some of the 911 calls they get between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. using the hashtag #CopCallsNS.

RCMP also say they'll be providing tips on how to use 911 services and will give a glimpse into the role 911 operators play in responding to emergencies.

Details of the 911 calls will be kept confidential in the interest of protecting privacy, but Twitter users can expect to see tweets such as "Report of a break-in in Bible Hill."

The Mounties are encouraging users to ask questions so they can learn more about how the 911 operators work together with police.

(Global News)

Feb 05 2016

## CALGARY - The Calgary Police Service is pulling its new body cameras off city streets due to safety and technical concerns - a move that could impede its goal of becoming the first major force in Canada to issue them to all front-line officers.

The timeline to have all front-line officers wearing the cameras as part of their uniforms by early 2017 may now not be feasible, according to Kevin Brookwell, spokesman for the Calgary Police Service.

"It's a new program, this was anticipated," said Brookwell. "That's why it was such a staged rollout."

In November, the service completed a piloting period with officers in the traffic unit and District 1, who had been testing the cameras ahead of the service-wide rollout.

The problems were not identified in a nearly year-long testing period.

The service is now working to determine how to fix the problem.

One of the issues identified was that the microphone on the radio portion of 14 of the cameras would get stuck open or stop working all together.

Officials have decided to test all 150 of the devices "as a proactive measure," police said in a release.

It's believed they are still under warranty, according to Brookwell, who says this likely won't cost the service any more money.

"The company we're dealing with have been very responsive to addressing our concerns," said Brookwell.

Under the current policy, officers are to activate the cameras when responding to a call or when they come across an incident requiring investigation.

Officers are also permitted to shut off the cameras at their discretion but will be expected to justify their decisions to record or not record a particular situation.

The service has been evaluating the footage and looking into how this new evidence

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will affect the court process while introducing the cameras two districts at a time.

Brookwell says while only a small number of the cameras may be affected, when safety is a concern, it's better to err on the side of caution.

"This is something that as soon as we heard ... we knew, it's just smart to bring them all in."

The 26 body-worn cameras used by police in the traffic section, which do not have built-in microphones, are unaffected and will not be tested.

(CBC News)

Feb 05 2016

### **A senator is taking a page out of the playbook in Sudbury, Ont., by proposing a tuition fund for the families of fallen police officers.**

Senator Bob Runciman is asking federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau to put aside at least \$2 million in the next budget for a fund that would help affected families across Canada.

The idea was brought forward while Runciman was Ontario's solicitor general. In 1993, Const. Joe MacDonald was killed on the job while working in Sudbury. A few years later, the Constable Joe MacDonald Public Safety Officers Survivors Scholarship Fund was established to help families affected by the workplace deaths.

"I think it's recognition of the sacrifices the families make as well, not just the officers who lost their lives," Runciman said. "I think it's a long overdue step at the federal level."

The senator said the investment would only be needed once and would go a long way to helping survivors attend post-secondary education without one of their parents there to help.

That's how the fund helped MacDonald's daughters after the police officer was killed by two ex-convicts after a routine traffic stop.

"I've emphasized this is not a significant cost item and in fact and in all likelihood would be a one time cost so that shouldn't be a concern," Runciman said.

The honorary fund has been in place in Ontario for 19 years.

(CBC News)

**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2016**

Feb 06 2016

**VANCOUVER - The union representing Vancouver's police officers says members are raising serious questions about the process and transparency behind the city's rapid push to license up to a dozen marijuana dispensaries by this spring.**

At a union meeting last week, Tom Stamatakis, the president of the Vancouver Police Union, said members identified several areas of concern with the city's controversial move to regulate the dispensaries - including who is involved, the degree of

scrutiny being applied to applications, and issues of disclosure.

Also raised as a concern, said Stamatakis, was the general confusion that exists between the current federal legislation, which views dispensaries as illegal, and the approach city council is taking toward them.

"It's just a general concern that creates a lot of confusion and conflict with a lot of members as they are trying to keep citizens safe in our community," said Stamatakis.

"There is (also) a huge concern around ensuring that we don't have people who are involved in criminal activity or organized criminal activity involved in the establishment or the operation of licensed marijuana dispensaries."

The city expects to offer decisions on 14 development permit applications for pot dispensaries by the end of the month, according to a recent information bulletin sent out by the city.

One of those applicants is EVO Medi Society, whose director is listed as Rocco Di-

popolo, a former Hells Angels prospect.

In a recent interview with the Globe and Mail, Dipopolo, who does not have a criminal record, said he turned away from that lifestyle a long time ago and is now a businessman. He also owns a gym, boxing clinic and tattoo parlour, according to the newspaper.

However, one of his staff members, Patrick Bluejacket, is listed in organized crime files as having an association with the Independent Soldiers, a police source told the Sunday Province.

Bluejacket, who does not have a criminal record, is listed as providing EVO with "consulting services" and counter support.

As part of the development permit application process, criminal record checks are not required.

However, should any of the 14 applicants make it through, they will then have to apply for a business licences, which requires submission of an up-to-date criminal record check from each applicant and their staff.



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One of the other points Stamatakis said union members found troubling was the redaction of the names of some of the other applicants in the operational letters posted on the city's website.

"That was one of the issues that was brought up: the inconsistency around how the information is being publicized," he said.

"And you know, why are some names included and others not? Given the nature of the activity and what is being proposed, it just seems like what happens in most other areas, it should be more transparent."

In an emailed response to this question, the City of Vancouver said that personal information that is not already publicly available is "automatically redacted before the city makes these records public."

(The Province)

under the Traffic Safety Act after the crash.

He also acknowledged nine counts of professional misconduct during a lengthy police disciplinary proceeding.

Braile was on street supervision and driving a marked vehicle on Dec. 15, 2008, when he tried to pull over a suspected drunk driver in a pickup truck.

The driver sped off and, contrary to police policy, Braile pursued him through residential streets and the downtown core for almost an hour at speeds that reached 145 km/h.

It was while Braile was driving the wrong way during the pursuit that the truck T-boned the cab in an intersection.

A hearing determined that Braile provided misleading and incomplete information to a sergeant and duty inspector who were

working that night.

It was also found that he had told dispatch he was not following the truck and that he messaged another unit off the air to help in the pursuit.

He was officially found responsible for multiple Police Service Regulation offences and ordered dismissed from the service last Wednesday.

Feb 08 2016

## Quinte West - A constable with Quinte West OPP was injured in a serious collision Friday night south of Stirling.

Quinte West OPP and other emergency officials were called to a report a driver was ejected from a vehicle.

An air ambulance was dispatched to the

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Feb 08, 2016

### BRAMPTON, Ont. - An explosives disposal robot retiring from the Peel Regional Police after 12 1/2 years won't be idle.

Const. George Tudos says the robot will be donated to the Peel District School Board.

Tudos says the robot will be used as a teaching aid for students in the board's robotics program at Central Peel Secondary School.

The robot spent most of its police career at Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

Tudos says it was used primarily to move suspicious packages to a place where they could be safely X-rayed.

The decommissioned robot will be officially donated to the school board at an event on Tuesday in Brampton, Ont.

Feb 08 2016

### An RCMP officer with the Buffalo Narrows, Sask. detachment has pleaded guilty to sexual assault and sentenced to a conditional discharge.

Const. Randy McKay was sentenced on Jan. 20 in Dillon, Sask. to a 12-month conditional discharge. He was also ordered to give a DNA sample.

The incident happened last May at a social gathering in Dillon, which is approximately 500 kilometres north of Lloydminster.

Police launched a criminal investigation after receiving a complaint on June 1, 2015.

Const. McKay was charged on Oct. 21 with one count of sexual assault.

He was suspended with pay during the investigation.

(CBC News)

Feb 08 2016

### CALGARY - The Calgary Police Service says it has dismissed a member who admitted his role in a high-speed collision that seriously injured a taxi driver more than seven years ago.

Police say Sgt. Anthony Braile pleaded guilty to careless driving when he was charged

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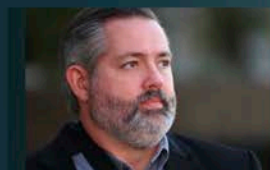
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scene but was not needed.

Const. Allan Detlor was taken to hospital for treatment but there were no further details provided about the collision.

There is no word on his condition following the latest incident.

(Belleville News)

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Feb 09 2016

**CHARLOTTETOWN - Brad MacConnell has been named Charlottetown's new deputy police chief, filling a position left vacant when Richard Collins retired.**



MacConnell began his extensive career in law enforcement in 1990.

"Brad's an excellent choice, he's got 20 years experience working with the Charlottetown Police Services," said Jason Coady, chair of Charlottetown's Protective Services committee.

MacConnell has been a supervisor of the Major Crime Unit, managing teams of investigations and dealing with high-profile criminal investigations, Coady added.

MacConnell will work with the Charlottetown force's other deputy chief, Gary McGuigan, under the direction of chief Paul Smith.

MacConnell's title is Deputy Chief of Administration, Support Services.

He begins his new position February 16 and his duties will include staffing, scheduling, planning and budgeting.

(CBC News)

Feb 09 2016

**OTTAWA - Nearly 18 months after the deadly shooting on Parliament Hill, members of the RCMP and the House of Commons Protective Service were publicly honoured for their role in stopping the attack.**

The ceremony took place at Rideau Hall in Ottawa, where Gov. Gen. David Johnston presented nine Medals of Bravery and six Stars of Courage.

"None of you asked to be decorated with Stars of Courage or Medals of Bravery. Indeed, being good Canadians it probably makes you more than a little uncomfortable," Johnston said at the ceremony.

"(But) we're here because on a day of great tragedy and suffering you gave us something different. You reminded us that while human beings are indeed capable of doing the worst to each other, we're also capable of the best."

Another RCMP officer, who could not attend, will also be presented with a Star of Courage.

On Oct. 22, 2014, Michael Zehaf-Bibeau fatally shot Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, who was standing guard at the Canadian National War Memorial on Parliament Hill.

Zehaf-Bibeau was eventually gunned down by , Sergeant-at-Arms Kevin Vickers and six RCMP officers who fired dozens of shots, 31 of which hit their target, after the gunman entered Centre Block.

The RCMP faced criticized for waiting to honour the Mounties who helped corner and take down Zehaf-Bibeau prior to a private ceremony in November.

The officers also did not receive an invitation to the official commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the shooting last October.

Meanwhile, Vickers received a standing ovation in the House of Commons and was appointed ambassador to Ireland for his role in the gunfight.

At Monday's event, Const. Louis Letourneau, who tracked the gunman down the Hall of Honour and fired several times, said that he was just doing his job.

"From the first shot till the last, I was there ... I never took my eyes off him till the end," Letourneau told CTV Ottawa.

RCMP Const. Michelle Bergeron, who was one of the officers who entered the Centre Block in a tactical formation and cornered Zehaf-Bibeau, said she lives with the memories of the attack "everyday."

"Some members that I've worked with

will hopefully never experience anything like that," said Bergeron.

"I have, so it will be with me the rest of my career."

Here's a full list of security personnel honoured on Monday:

RCMP Const. Curtis Barrett, who will be awarded the Star of Courage at a future ceremony. RCMP Const. Michelle Bergeron RCMP Const. Gary Bubelis RCMP Const. Somoza Celestin RCMP Cpl. Dany Daigle RCMP Const. Martin Fraser Const. Louis Letourneau Cpl. Maxim Malo RCMP Const. Sylvie Marcoux RCMP Const. Michel Palmer RCMP Sgt. Richard Rozon  
(CTV News)

Feb 09 2016

**MONCTON, N.B. - More than 3,300 RCMP officers across Canada have been trained in the use of patrol carbine firearms and that number is expected to double over the next year as the force responds to recommendations stemming from the shooting deaths of three Mounties.**

Deputy Commissioner Janice Armstrong said Tuesday the force has completed 42 of the 64 recommendations contained in a January 2015 report by retired assistant commissioner Alphonse MacNeil.

"The priority ones for us really focused on those surrounding officer safety, equipment and training," Armstrong told reporters in Moncton. "Those are the areas where we spent a tremendous amount of time and produced a

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lot of products and videos, training, and the work we are doing through our academy.”

In his review of the June 2014 Moncton shootings, MacNeil called for better access to shotguns and rifles, and training to better prepare supervisors for critical incidents.

RCMP Chief Supt. Eric Stubbs said nearly 4,000 carbines have been acquired so far, and officers will be provided with adequate ammunition for training each year.

“This includes 300 carbine rounds, 200 9-mm pistol rounds and 25 shotgun rounds,” he said.

Armstrong said they expect to have 50 per cent of officers trained on the carbines by April 2017. A revised course is being offered across the country and to cadets as they graduate.

MacNeil’s report also called for standard equipment for emergency response teams and improvements in radio communication.

The review highlighted a number of problems the Mounties faced when they were searching for Justin Bourque, who was arrested following a 28-hour manhunt.

Bourque killed constables Dave Ross, Fabrice Gevaudan and Doug Larche. Constables Eric Dubois and Darlene Goguen were injured.

New Brunswick’s commanding officer, Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown, said the force’s goal is to protect officers and the public.

“Our job is to ensure that we continue to do what we can to reduce the risk. We can’t eliminate it. It is the nature of our profession, the nature of our careers, a career that we chose,” he said.

Brown would not divulge how many carbines he now has for use in New Brunswick but said he has enough officers trained to respond to any incident.

“Those members could be on call, they could be in another detachment area, and we can move them around. So it’s not about the numbers of the equipment, it’s about our ability to respond,” he said.

Armstrong said she expects another 10 recommendations will be completed by April, but others, such as new encrypted radio systems, will require more time.

Stubbs said there is a five-year plan to deliver the new radios to all divisions in the country.

“While this may not solve all of our coverage gaps, our ability to communicate with each other will be enhanced,” he said.

Armstrong said other changes include new training programs and videos for dealing with rapid deployment situations, enhanced support and training for supervisors to respond to critical incidents, and improved services related to the care of those impacted by such events.

Rob Creasser of the Mounted Police Professional Association said the improvements announced in Moncton show the force is moving in the right direction, but it’s unfortunate it takes incidents like Moncton in 2014 and the deaths of four RCMP officers near Mayerthorpe, Alta., in 2005 for things to happen.

“We’ve had multiple recommendations about equipment and training and resourcing

of the RCMP workplace for years and I think it’s unfortunate that it takes RCMP members’ deaths to really speed things along,” he said.

Creasser, a retired member of the RCMP who now works with the professional association representing Mounties, said he constantly hears complaints that the force doesn’t have enough resources.

Feb 09 2016

### **A First Nation in southern Alberta is asking the province for funding to help build a courthouse and hire police officers as the band copes with a burgeoning population and a big caseload of serious crimes.**

Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley and Indigenous Affairs Minister Richard Feehan were on the Blood Tribe this week as part of wider efforts to connect with First Nations across Alberta and understand their challenges.

Band councillor Billy Wadsworth said the tribe is seeking government support for a provincial courthouse that would also house a restorative justice program, bringing offenders and victims together to repair the harms of crime.

Wadsworth said courthouses surrounding the reserve are often filled with Blood Tribe members facing charges. He said having a courthouse on reserve would avoid onerous and expensive travel for members while giving them access to traditional healing and peacemaking practices under one roof.

Blood Tribe officials have long argued

they can turn members away from crime and address high populations of First Nations in prisons by reintroducing them to their traditional culture.

Alberta’s justice minister said she supports the project - estimated to cost \$14 million in 2010 - though it will have to be negotiated with the federal government and evaluated against other infrastructure priorities.

The Blood Tribe Police Service had 31 members in 2004. Last spring, it secured funding from the province to cover a school resource officer to work in middle and high schools, mentoring young students and steering them away from crime.

The full cost of hiring one Blood Tribe officer, including salaries, benefits and equipment, is \$177,000 annually.

Boyd wants to hire eight more officers, three of whom would work in a new criminal investigations unit responsible for homicides, serious assaults, major thefts and arson, among other serious crimes.

(Calgary Herald)

Feb 09 2016

### **PETERBOROUGH - Lawyers representing Peterborough Police Chief Murray Rodd and Deputy Chief Tim Farquharson have lodged suits against the predecessor and current police services boards, as legal action between the City of Peterborough and the two officials continues.**

Request for comment from lawyers rep-

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resenting the defendants were not immediately returned, nor was a request for comment from Peterborough Police Service Board Chair Bob Hall.

In the statement of defence filed Feb. 4, which has not been proven in court, lawyers for Chief Rodd and Deputy Chief Farquharson claim the City's lawsuit is an abuse of process, filed to avoid paying \$460,000 worth of severance to the officers and to publicly discredit them.

Furthermore, the defence requests the City's lawsuit be dismissed, stating it's simply a continuation of "threatening and vexatious" conduct by Mayor Daryl Bennett and other members of the police services board.

In a lawsuit filed in December, the City is claiming general damages for misfeasance in public office; breach of fiduciary duty; breach of the duty of good faith; and breach of the Police Services Act, as well as punitive damages in the amount of \$20,000 per defendant.

The Chief and Deputy Chief have denied the allegations.

(Peterborough This Week)

Feb 09 2016

### **Halton Regional Police wants its officers to be aware and sensitive to the needs or differences of the members of the public it deals with on a daily basis.**

The service is beginning to provide additional specialized training to some of front-line officers with the goal to have all of its more than 1,000 uniform and civilian officers receive the instruction.

It's part of a new partnership with the non-profit organization the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion (CCDI).

CCDI's goal is to increase competence and promote excellence in diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

Halton police is one of four police agencies across Canada - the others are Ottawa, Toronto and the Ontario Provincial Police - utilizing CCDI's expertise to improve organizational capacity.

(Burlington Post)

Feb 09 2016

### **B.C.'s police watchdog has cleared Fort St. John RCMP of any wrongdoing in the death of a man in Charlie Lake late last month.**

Mark Delawski, aged 33, died following an 11-hour standoff with RCMP at a home on Rimrock Drive Jan. 31.

The Independent Investigations Office of BC (IIO) was called in after Delawski was found dead at the scene. A two-year-old child was found safe and escorted to family members.

The IIO concluded its investigation of the standoff Tuesday and found "no connection between the male's death and actions/inactions of police," spokesperson Marten Youssef said in an email. The BC Coroners Service earlier confirmed Delawski was not killed police.

RCMP were called to the home following a domestic disturbance. Delawski, who had

a young child in the home, refused to leave. The North District Emergency Response team was called to establish a perimeter around the residence, and evacuated several other homes in the area.

The IIO continues to investigate the shooting of Dawson Creek resident James McIntyre outside a Site C open house event in July.

(Alaska Highway News)

Feb 09 2016

### **Three Roanoke Valley, Virginia localities are moving forward with a concept to handle fender-bender crashes based on a program that has never been tested in the United States.**

Roanoke, Salem and Roanoke County are partnering to create a Regional Collision Center based on a 20-year-old Canadian program in which people report injury-free traffic collisions to a local center and not the police.

Roanoke County supervisors will vote on final approval for the program later this month. The agreement also will go before Salem and Roanoke city councils for approval.

If accepted, the three localities will participate in an 18-month pilot program to streamline reporting car wrecks and filing insurance claims starting June 1. Roanoke Accident Support Services, a company formed by the Canadian company that provides similar services, would staff and operate the crash center at no cost to the local governments.

An executive committee formed by rep-

resentatives from each locality would oversee operations of the crash center that was first proposed in July by Roanoke County Police Chief Howard Hall.

(The Roanoke Times)

## **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

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### **EDMONTON - Alberta's auditor general says the province has lost its way with its fund for victims of crime.**

Merwan Saher says the fund is racking up millions of dollars in surplus cash, while at the same time cutting money to aid groups.

The fund pays out compensation to injured victims and uses what is left over to help police and other community groups with victim-support programs.

The fund raises money from surcharges on provincial and federal fines - a growing pot of money that is expected to hit \$56 million this year.

Saher notes that the surplus can't be spent, because the government has ordered the fund to reduce spending in tight economic times.

The auditor says the province needs to sort out what it wants to do with the surplus and figure out how to best use the cash in years to come.

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**VICTORIA - Victoria police say a cell-phone text message held the confession of a driver who rear ended a police car.**



Const. Matt Rutherford says the collision occurred Saturday night at a busy intersection northeast of the city's downtown.

He says police recovered the phone of the suspect driver, and on it was a text message that said, "I just got into an accident, OMG. I was trying to txt u. Ran into a cop car. OMGGG."

Rutherford says the officer and police dog were uninjured, but the female driver and a child were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The suspect's car suffered damage to its front end, and the driver was issued a \$167 ticket for using an electronic device while driving. Rutherford says the accident should remind motorists to leave their phones alone while driving, a message police will continue to hammer home in and around Victoria.

Feb 10 2016

**RED DEER, Alta. - A suspect has been arrested a week after someone in a stolen truck rammed two cruisers and aimed the speeding vehicle at police officers in central Alberta.**

Red Deer RCMP say the truck narrowly missed hitting the officers, who had laid down two spike belts to try to stop the driver.

They say he also rammed a garbage truck before speeding away on flattened tires.

The driver ran a red light and collided with two other vehicles, but no one was injured.

RCMP issued multiple warrants after the stolen truck was found a short time later in an alley.

Jared Michael Lee McLeod, who is 22 and from Red Deer, was arrested on Tuesday and faces more than a dozen charges.

Feb 10 2016

**CALGARY - Taxpayers helped pay out over \$700,000 to a Calgary Police officer who was fired last week for misconduct.**

Sgt. Anthony Braile was suspended at the end of 2008, but continued to be paid for seven years with benefits, until September 2015.

It seems no one, even the Calgary Police Service, is denying the process took too long.

CPS Spokesperson Kevin Brookwell said Monday, they can certainly improve the

timelines involved.

"I don't think anybody in the service here believes that that amount of time is an acceptable amount of time, that's certainly one of the things we'll need to look at," he said. "We'll have to look at what we can do to prevent that from happening, and we are always looking at, do circumstances warrant with or without pay, but again it's innocent until proven guilty, it's something that is taken very seriously."

He calls the case an anomaly, saying it took considerably longer than others have since then.

(660 News)

Feb 10 2016

**SASKATOON - Saskatoon's police chief says the Liberal government needs to clarify Canada's marijuana laws to combat serious misunderstandings about the legality of the drug.**

"The police aren't anti-marijuana," Chief Clive Weighill said. "But we are in a situation right now that is a very grey zone."

Weighill said despite Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's election promise that pot will be legalized for personal use, smoking, growing and selling weed in Canada is still against the law.

Weighill, who is also president of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, said the government needs to offer clarity to people - especially those who believe that because of the election promise, the drug is already legal.

"We've been asking the government to send a strong message out: the laws have not changed yet," Weighill said.

Trudeau has tapped former Toronto police chief and now Liberal MP Bill Blair as the person who will lead consultations about the future of Canada's pot laws.

Weighill said Blair has strongly indicated that Canada's legal marijuana market will be heavily regulated and taxed.

"I think there is a big misunderstanding here that people think it's going to be a free-for-all," Weighill said.

He believes the pot industry will likely operate similar to the alcohol industry - producers and sellers will have to be licensed and there will be restrictions on who can buy the drug, he said.

Weighill said until legalization happens, the laws about who can sell marijuana are clear - people who are unlicensed are not allowed to sell the drug even to patients who have marijuana prescriptions.

(Saskatoon StarPhoenix)

Feb 10 2016

**VICTORIA - The City of Victoria has laid out some ground rules as it moves to regulate medical-marijuana businesses and included is a licensing fee that is a fraction of the Vancouver charge.**

The city is asking for public input on more than a dozen proposed regulations, in-

cluding a fee ranging from \$4,000 to \$5,000, that no one under the age of 19 be on the premises, that health-warnings signs be posted and that there be no consumption of the product in the store.

Vancouver is further ahead in its regulation process and plans to charge \$30,000 for a business licence.

There are about 30 medical-marijuana-related businesses in Victoria currently and 26 of those are storefront retailers.

The city says the purpose of its regulations is to reduce the impact on the community, while letting clients maintain access to medical marijuana.

Feb 10 2016

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Car-locking systems have stopped more than 1.77 million people from driving drunk since states first passed laws requiring offenders to install them in 1999, Mothers Against Drunk Driving said in a first-of-its-kind report on the devices nationwide.**

The data come from the 11 major manufacturers of the ignition interlock systems, and the report was released Wednesday.

Twenty-five states have laws that require ignition interlocks for all offenders following any drunken-driving offence. Every state has enacted some kind of ignition-interlock law, but some require the devices only for certain levels of offences and blood alcohol levels, or give judges discretion. MADD is calling on those other states to tighten their laws.

"MADD knows ignition interlocks save lives, and they could save even more lives if every offender is required to use the device after the first arrest," said Colleen Sheehy-Church, MADD's national president.

Feb 10 2016

**Two teenagers have been credited for pulling out an RCMP officer from a flipped car in northeastern B.C.**



Kaiden McGowan and Tanner Merrick were eating supper when they saw a truck rush past McGowan's home in Pouce Coupe on Tuesday night.

"We saw a cop car pursuing it and then the power went out," Merrick told CBC. "We just knew someone had been in an accident, so we rushed out."

That's when they saw the flipped, mangled car resting on the driver's side.

"My buddy Tanner pried the door open, and we got the officer out," McGowan said.



"And then we threw a bunch of snowballs to put out a small engine fire."

The officer eventually put out the fire with an extinguisher, said Cpl. Dave Tyreman in an email.

He says the officer was trying to catch up with a "suspected violator" and as he applied the brakes while approaching an intersection to see which the way the truck had gone, the car slid off the road.

The officer was injured and McGowan and Merrick said he thanked them for their help.

(CBC News)

Feb 10 2016

**WINNIPEG - The Winnipeg Police Service wants to replace a key system on the Air1 helicopter - at the same time the province is reviewing whether the chopper is needed in the first place.**



The police say the thermal imaging system on the aircraft has been repaired several times and needs to be replaced.

Winnipeg Police Patrol Sgt. Rob Duttchen said on Wednesday the equipment has come to the end of its life cycle.

"After five years of use and ... over 4,000 almost 5,000 hours of operational deployment for the camera, it just has worn itself out," Duttchen said.

A City of Winnipeg report to the finance committee notes it has set aside its share for a new \$360,000 thermal imaging system.

The purchase, according to the finance documents, would require a 50/50 funding split between the city and the province.

A spokesperson for the province wasn't able to confirm whether a request for the funding had been received. The spokesperson did say it "is possible the request has been made, but hasn't been located."

Justice Minister Gord Mackintosh told reporters in early January the province would conduct a review of the Air1 program.

"It's always important to have an outside look at the operation and make sure that it's doing the best it can do," Mackintosh said at the time.

Under an agreement, the provincial government pays for the operations of the helicopter. In 2014, the province paid \$1,752,514.89.

(CBC News)

Feb 10 2016

**METRO VANCOUVER - A woman who stole \$2,800 from police exhibits at the Chilliwack RCMP detachment has been sentenced to a year in jail.**

Jaime Melanie Dawn Tiller, now 39, was working as a casual exhibits custodian at the time of the thefts and had full access to all

exhibits at the detachment, according to court documents.

The thefts "represented crimes of forethought and repetition. This cannot be understated," B.C. Supreme Justice Miriam Gropper wrote in her sentencing decision last month.

Stealing the cash put criminal investigations at risk and threatened the public's confidence in justice, the judge added. Charges had to be stayed in connection to two police investigations - including a homicide - because of the missing cash.

In all, Mounties estimated that the investigation into Tiller's actions cost the force about \$1 million.

Officers first noticed the missing money in August 2011. A full audit was ordered, and officers discovered that cash was missing in connection to 19 investigations. Whoever took the money had apparently attempted to destroy the evidence by putting the exhibit bags, file documents and file evidence into sacks headed for the incinerator.

A jail guard who worked the graveyard shift pointed the investigation toward Tiller, saying that she had seen the exhibit custodian entering the exhibit area after midnight.

When Mounties looked into Tiller's bank records, they discovered three deposits totaling \$2,800 - the exact amount that was missing from the exhibits.

Tiller has maintained her innocence, but investigators could find no other plausible source for the deposits. They discovered that Tiller and her police officer husband were in serious financial trouble, and she had sought bankruptcy protection in the past.

Gropper handed Tiller a four-month sentence for theft and a 12-month sentence for breach of trust; the two jail terms are to be served concurrently. Tiller was also ordered to pay a \$200 victim surcharge and to pay back the money she took.

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**Thousands of Australian firefighters will boycott the annual World Police and Fire Games in Montreal next year due to an ongoing dispute between the city and its firefighters over pension reform.**

Montreal firefighters are also boycotting the games and their union has appealed to their international colleagues to do the same.

On Thursday, the union issued a news release stating its appeal was heard by 6,200 firefighters in New South Wales, who have vowed to boycott the games.

The Fire Brigade Employees' Union in Sidney, Australia, and the Fire and Rescue New South Wales Sports Association, are also in favour of the boycott, the union says.

Originally, around 12,000 firefighters from 70 different countries were expected at

the games, but the union says it expects only a few thousand will come.

(CBC News)

Feb 11 2016

**QUEBEC - The Quebec government is rejecting the idea of selling pot in provincially run liquor stores.**

Finance Minister Carlos Leitaó says he has no intention of integrating marijuana into the sales provided by the province's liquor authority.

Independent stores in Quebec can sell beer and some types of wine, but the province's liquor commission has a monopoly on the sale of hard liquor.

Leitaó wouldn't comment today on the federal government's role in selling marijuana in Quebec.

Feb 11 2016

**SAINT JOHN, N.B. - Dennis Oland has been sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 10 years for the second-degree murder of his father.**

A jury found Oland guilty of the crime in December following a trial that lasted four months and captured widespread public attention.

Richard Oland's body was found face down in a pool of blood in his Saint John office on July 7, 2011.

He had suffered 45 blunt and sharp force blows to his head, neck and hands, although no weapon was ever found.

The Olands are an establishment family in the history of the Maritimes, having founded Moosehead Breweries, though Richard Oland left the family business in 1981.

The key piece of evidence for the Crown was a brown jacket worn by Dennis Oland that had a number of small blood stains and also DNA that matched the profile of Richard Oland.

Feb 11 2016

**OTTAWA - The Liberal government has broken a promise to immediately implement firearm-marking regulations to help police trace guns used in crime.**

On the eve of the Trudeau government's Friday milestone of 100 days in office, the pledge had not been fulfilled.

Just before the August federal election call, the Conservative government quietly published a notice deferring the firearm-marking regulations until June 1, 2017 - the seventh time the measures had been delayed.

The measures would require that specific, identifiable markings be stamped on firearms and had been slated to take effect Dec. 1 of last year.

A July 29 notice from Public Safety Canada said the delay would allow the government to continue consultations, despite six previous delays in enacting the regulations, first drafted in 2004.

In their election platform, the Liberals said they would immediately implement gun-marking regulations.