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Call for independent body to investigate RCMP



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There are calls for an independent body to investigate allegations of bullying and harassment inside Canada's national police force in the wake of CBC News reports about misconduct at the RCMP-run Canadian Police College.

The chair of the civilian complaints and review commission recommended three years ago that an outside body carry out a probe. Now, a senior Mountie says she feels it's a necessary step that would rebuild trust.

Chief Supt. Angela Workman-Stark said senior leaders at the RCMP always believe the problems can be fixed internally. But when it comes to persistent allegations inside the national police force about workplace harassment, bullying and intimidation, she said it's time Mounties had a place outside the RCMP to take their grievances.

"No one wants to admit that we may not be able to do this on our own.... But I do think it's probably an important step to allow that mechanism. It's part of the healing process if you will. It's part of moving forward to have some sort of mechanism so

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people can trust and feel comfortable that their allegations may be adjudicated appropriately," she told CBC News.

She admitted her candid views on the challenge the RCMP faces in changing its culture may well ruffle a few feathers. "Might there be some concern in terms of maybe a couple of the things I've said? Potentially."

Workman-Stark was the senior manager in charge of implementing the RCMP's Gender and Respect Action Plan back in 2013. She said some of the stories she heard about workplace harassment will stay with her forever.

"I know there is a concern about actually bringing the allegations forward for fear of reprisals," she said.

That was certainly the case among a group of staff and instructors who taught bomb technicians at the Canadian Police College explosives training unit. They told CBC News they waited years before bringing forth their allegations about rampant nudity, unwanted sexual touching and intimidation at work.

In light of fresh allegations of misconduct, the RCMP has suspended two employees with pay while it conducts a code of conduct investigation. Commissioner Bob Paulson has also launched a review of everything that happened at the explosives training unit, from behaviour and discipline to how managers contributed to a toxic workplace. The inquiry is being overseen by a widely respected independent observer.

Speaking to MPs at a parliamentary committee last week, Paulson didn't shy away from the challenges ahead. "It's the

culture of bullying and intimidation and general harassment that I think needs everybody's focus and attention," he said.

Ian McPhail studied that culture in-depth in 2013. The chair of the civilian complaints and review commission for the Mounties issued a report on RCMP workplace harassment and recommended independent investigations of harassment complaints.

"It appeared to us that bringing the issue of internal harassment into the arena of being independently investigated was not revolutionary, but simply the next logical step."

Paulson doesn't agree. While there may be serious, individual cases that would merit independent investigation, overall he said he sees no need for an external body to handle the vast majority of harassment complaints.

McPhail is eager to see how well the RCMP is dealing with allegations of harassment. He said he asked Paulson for an update four months ago on how the Mounties have implemented his recommendations but never heard back. Last month, the minister of public safety asked the commission to conduct a followup review.

Unlike his first report, McPhail said next time he'll be blunt about recommending external investigations of workplace harassment complaints.

"We weren't specific ... because our sense was that it was up to the commissioner and senior leadership how to implement the recommendation. I believe that in this report we may end up being more prescriptive," McPhail said.

(CBC News)

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Feb 25 2016

VANCOUVER - A 28-year-old man is facing charges after hitting and injuring a Vancouver police officer with a motorcycle.

The officer was standing beside his own motorcycle when he tried to flag down the driver for speeding Thursday morning.

"It appears as though this motorcyclist either refused to stop or was trying to evade the officers," said police spokesman Const. Brian Montague.

After striking the officer, the driver lost control of the bike and was also injured.

The man does not own the motorcycle, Montague said, adding that the bike is registered in Victoria and that police are trying to contact the owner.

Montague said he cannot remember another time where an officer was struck in a similar situation.

"I don't think this will be an incident where the individual can say that he didn't see the officer."

The injured officer, who has worked for

the force for 10 years, is in hospital with broken ribs and some lower body injuries but is in good spirits, Montague said.

The motorcyclist is also in hospital with serious but non life-threatening injuries.

He is facing at least one charge of dangerous driving causing bodily harm.

Feb 25 2016

WINNIPEG - A man who beheaded a fellow passenger on a Greyhound bus in Manitoba has won the right to eventually live on his own.



A Criminal Code Review Board has approved a plan that would allow Vince Li to at some point move out of the group home where he now lives.

Li — who has changed his name to Will Baker — killed Tim McLean during a bus trip along the TransCanada Highway near Portage la Prairie in July 2008.

He was found to be not criminally responsible for the murder due to a mental illness — schizophrenia.

The board reviews Baker's file annually and has ruled that he could move out on his own following an updated assessment report that would include conditions for living in the community.

Baker was originally kept in a secure wing at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre, but the board has granted him increasing freedoms almost every year.

Feb 25 2016

VICTORIA - An RCMP officer has been charged with assault in connection with the arrest of a young man nearly two years ago in northwest British Columbia.

The youth was allegedly injured during an arrest in Terrace on May 28, 2014.

No details have been released about the allegations or the injuries the young man sustained.

Terrace Mounties received a video related to the incident in October 2014 and after viewing it, reported the incident to the Independent Investigations Office, which oversees any police-involved deaths or serious injuries.

The police watchdog investigated, determined the officer may have committed an offence and forwarded the file to the Criminal Justice Branch.

Const. Bruce Lofroth has been charged with a single count of assault and is scheduled to appear in a court on March 7.

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Feb 25 2016

MONTREAL - A former Montreal police officer is facing up to six months in jail, after she was found guilty of an assault that was caught on a cellphone video recording.

Stefanie Trudeau, known to many by her badge number as "Agent 728," entered Rudy Occhietti's apartment one night in October 2012 to ticket him after she said he had stepped outside with an open beer.

When artist Serge Lavoie, who was in the apartment, attempted to verbally defend his friend, Trudeau forced Lavoie down a flight of stairs and held him in a chokehold. The judge ruled that was an excessive use of force.

Two others were also arrested that night. All four had their charges dropped after the cellphone video emerged.

That video captured a police cruiser conversation in which Trudeau called those arrested "filthy" and "guitar-scratching red squares."

The red square, often pinned to clothing, was the symbol those on side with the Quebec student protesters, who were shutting down classrooms and rioting in the streets over a proposed tuition fee hike.

'Agent 728' was already famous among 'red square' protesters before the arrest, because of a video that had circulated of her pepper-spraying an activist. The Crown decided they did not have enough evidence to lay any charges against Trudeau in that incident.

Trudeau is no longer working for the Mon-

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2016

Feb 26 2016

ST. JOHN'S, N.L. - They're among the most coercive tools in medicine: community treatment orders can force people with mental illness to accept treatment - or face arrest.

Families and mental health officials say CTOs are a lifeline in desperate situations. But critics say they are dangerously prone to misuse, and jurisdictions across Canada are confronting questions about them.

Newfoundland and Labrador is reviewing how it uses them, while in Alberta they are being studied as part of an overall review of the province's Mental Health Act.

In Ontario, meanwhile, a lawyer says such measures are being over-issued to "the point of abuse." Anita Szigeti, a Toronto-based mental health law specialist, said they have become a convenient tool of control.

"It's supposed to be limited to those who are most chronically unwell with a demonstrated history of revolving-door hospitalization," she said in an interview. "It's being used for many people, if not most people, upon discharge from psychiatric hospital. Routinely."

Szigeti said Ontario introduced community treatment orders in 2000 as a less restrictive approach that would typically help about

250 patients in the province avoid involuntary hospital stays. Today, between 5,000 and 6,000 orders are in effect, she said.

Compulsory treatment has strong proponents, especially among psychiatrists and family groups who've watched loved ones refuse help while in the throes of psychosis.

Legislation with community treatment options is in place across most of Canada. It helps ensure patients under such orders, usually renewed every six months and with varying consent requirements, follow medical regimens or be forced back in care. A task force was announced last fall in New Brunswick to craft similar measures in that province.

But Szigeti said most of her clients resent orders that are difficult to get lifted once issued.

"They are overused to the point of abuse."

A spokesman for Ontario's Ministry of Health said it would take at least two weeks to confirm how many CTOs are in effect. David Jensen also said in an emailed statement that mandatory five-year reviews assess how rights advice is provided.

The most recent review in 2012, by research firm R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd., noted that orders can be issued for patients who have not been reminded of their legal rights, so long as advisers "make their best effort to contact the consumer."

It also found the number of orders had grown to more than 3,200 by 2010 from an estimated 459 in 2003. It cautioned that with

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increased comfort with their use “comes the risk of straying from the original purpose of the CTO.”

Feb 26 2016

SAGUENAY, Que. - Thierry LeRoux's family and friends bid an emotional farewell to the slain Quebec police officer today, remembering him as a loving man who always saw the best in people.

The 26-year-old LeRoux was just six months into his career in the Lac-Simon police force when he was shot February 13th as he and another officer responded to a domestic call.

Hundreds of officers from Quebec and parts of Canada and the United States attended today's funeral, with his widow, brother and father among those who spoke about him fondly.

His father Michel told the service in Chicomoutimi Cathedral in Saguenay -- “You never saw bad in anybody.”

He called his son “my champion, my hero.”

After completing a police technology degree, LeRoux graduated from Quebec's police academy in November 2013 - excelling in sports and physical conditioning.

Investigators have said officers did not return fire on the fatal night in Lac-Simon, a small Algonquin reserve in northwestern Quebec.

Twenty-two-year-old Anthony Raymond Papatie, the man identified by police as the shooter, was found dead, inside the home, of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

LeRoux's widow, Joannie Vaillancourt, struggled at times as she addressed the funeral service, which lasted about two hours.

She called it an incredibly difficult day because she was forced to say goodbye “to the great love of my life.”

Vaillancourt says they had a beautiful future mapped out and were supposed to have children, grow old together and watch their grandchildren grow up -- but today, she's having trouble breathing.

LeRoux's brother, Steffan, also delivered an emotionally powerful tribute -- asking his brother to send him a sign from time to time, just to say he's still there.

CORRECTION

Feb 26 2016

VANCOUVER - The Canadian Press erroneously reported on Feb. 25, in a story included in *Blue Line News Week*, that city council in Williams Lake, B.C., voted to implant GPS trackers in high-risk and prolific offenders. In fact, the motion passed by council made no mention of implanting a device but a councillor did express his support for the idea.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2016

Feb 27 2016

Otto Binder, the Mackenzie Delta's legendary reindeer herder, game warden and RCMP special constable, has died.



He was 93.

Born in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, Binder herded reindeer at Reindeer Station, N.W.T., during the 1940s and 1950s. But the reindeer business was always a marginal one and in the early 1950s Binder moved his family to Aklavik, where he began working as a game warden.

“He was a realist about change,” said his son Lloyd. “Otto understood that times were changing, were going to change, and realized that an education was important. So he felt that a job in town was better for the children [so they could] go to school.”

But Otto was especially at home on the land. He became an RCMP special constable, a job that made use of both his knowledge of the bush and his fluency in Inuvialuktun, the language of Mackenzie Delta Inuit.

Otto taught southern RCMP officers how to survive on the land and acted as an interpreter. Lloyd said his father travelled thousands of kilometres by dog team with the RCMP and was expert at quickly converting foreign English words into Inuvialuktun.

“He was just a natural fit for the job,” Lloyd said. “He was a bit of a loose end. The other job seemed to be a bit of drudgery and a dead-end, not much of a challenge, so he certainly found something he enjoyed doing with the RCMP.”

Otto's role as crucial liaison helped bridge the gap between the Inuvialuit and the police, said Gerry Kisoun, who used to go hunting with his father and Otto.

“Otto was a man from the land,” he said.

Kisoun became an RCMP officer in the 1970s at Binder's urging.

“Them days sometimes our relationship with people in authority wasn't the best,” Kisoun said. “And if Otto happened not to be there, I'm not sure I would've been able to join the RCMP.”

After around 25 years as a special constable, Otto retired from the RCMP and worked as a barge captain on the Mackenzie River for a decade, before retiring to spend time in the bush.

(CBC News)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Feb 28 2016

Municipal police agencies in Saskatchewan say they're currently not using - and have no plans to use - “stingray” technology employed by other law enforcement agencies for tracking cellular devices.

The technology has come under criticism south of the border; about 60 police agencies across 23 states and the District of Columbia in the U.S. have been reported to use the devices.

According to a 2015 report from the ACLU, “stingrays,” also known as cell site simulators, are considered “invasive cell-phone surveillance devices that mimic cell-phone towers and send out signals to trick cellphones in the area into transmitting their locations and identifying information.”

Richard Peach, executive director of the Saskatchewan Police Commission, said the technology has not emerged as an issue in the province.

“It's not a matter that's being considered or has ever been examined to this point, to be honest.”

Peach said he was unable to answer whether or not the technology would be useful as a policing tool. He said no talks about using the technology in Saskatchewan cities are planned.

Saskatoon police spokeswoman Alyson Edwards said officers in the city don't have access to the device.

(Saskatoon StarPhoenix)

Feb 28 2016

VANCOUVER - The RCMP spent just over \$900,000 in overtime pay over the course of a five-month undercover operation that led to the arrests of two terrorism suspects in British Columbia.

Documents obtained by through a freedom-of-information request show the Mounties paid at least 200 people, mostly police officers, \$911,090.54 for overtime work during the investigation, which was code named Project Souvenir.

The operation culminated in the arrests of common-law spouses John Nuttall and Amanda Korody on July 1, 2013. They were found guilty last summer of plotting to blow up the B.C. legislature on that Canada Day.

Their convictions have not been entered while defence lawyers argue in B.C. Supreme Court that the couple were manipulated by police into planting homemade pressure-cooker bombs on the legislature grounds.

Defence counsel has described Nuttall and Korody as poor, methadone-dependent former drug addicts, while the Crown has said they embraced a radicalized form of Islam and were ready to kill and maim innocent people.

The court heard earlier that the operation

involved more than 240 police officers, most of whom worked behind the scenes. Many were involved sporadically in the investigation.

The bulk of the project's overtime expenses, \$519,039.55, went to 100 constables involved in the case, while 30 corporals were paid \$128,369.76 and 24 sergeants received \$69,494.65. Records show the Vancouver Police Department was given \$92,397, though it's unclear how that money was divided.

The overall cost of the operation was not provided.

The RCMP declined comment on its anti-terrorism operations.

Feb 28 2016

AURORA, Ont. - Police say a man accused in a string of Canadian bank robberies who was arrested in Switzerland has been returned to Canada to face charges.

York Region Police, a suburban Toronto force, issued an international arrest warrant and Jeffrey James Shuman was picked up in Geneva last September.

Police allege the 53-year-old suspect is the bank robber who became dubbed the "Vaultier," so named because the robberies involved a man jumping over bank counters "like a hurdler" during robberies.

A police news release says Shuman is accused in connection with 21 bank robberies over the last five years, 15 in the Greater Toronto Area, four in Calgary and one each in Hamilton and Ottawa.

Shuman appeared in court Sunday and will remain in custody until his next court date on March 11.

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Feb 29 2016

BELLEVILLE, Ont. - Ontario's police watchdog is investigating the death of a man in Belleville.

The Special Investigations Unit says officers responded to a disturbance call at a residence in the city just before seven o'clock Saturday evening.

The SIU says the officers encountered two men, and that during the ensuing encounter one of the men fell from a 9th floor window.

The man, whose name has not been released, was pronounced dead in hospital.

Four investigators and two forensic investigators have been assigned to the case.

Feb 29 2016 Quebec's Justice Department has confirmed that the lawyer who agreed to file an appeal on behalf of convicted cop killer Justin Bourque has been appointed as a judge in Quebec.

A department spokeswoman says Joelle Roy, a lawyer with the law firm Gagne & Roy in Saint-Jerome, Que., was appointed to the criminal division in Montreal in early February.

Roy could not be reached for comment.

In October, she confirmed she was representing Bourque and was working on an appeal of his case.

In August 2014, Bourque pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree murder for killing RCMP constables Dave Ross, Fabrice Gevaudan and Doug Larche during a shooting rampage in Moncton on June 4, 2014.

Bourque was later sentenced to life in prison with no eligibility for parole for 75 years, a sentence that some legal experts say could constitute cruel and unusual punishment.

Feb 29 2016

FREDERICTON - Fredericton Police Chief Leanne Fitch has been cleared of a complaint over "discreditable conduct" by the New Brunswick Police Commission.

The commission said in a statement released on Monday that a complaint was filed from a person who was attending an arbitration into the conduct of Const. Cherie Campbell on Dec. 16.

The allegation was that Fitch's interaction with that person was "discreditable conduct."

The individual, who filed the complaint, was not a witness at the Campbell hearing.

Once the complaint was filed, the commission named Tim Quigley, the former commander of the RCMP in New Brunswick, to investigate the allegation.

The police commission said that none of the allegations were sustained.

This isn't the first time that Fitch has been cleared by the commission.

She was also cleared by the commission in October of any wrongdoing in the Const. Jeff Smiley case.

Smiley had filed the complaint, alleging Fitch was attempting to end his career.

(CBC News)

Feb 29 2016

WINNIPEG - Newly unsealed RCMP documents suggest the owner of the company that built Winnipeg's new police headquarters wrote cheques to former mayor Sam Katz.

The search warrant papers were filed days before police raided Caspian Construction in December 2014.

Mounties allege Caspian forged, inflated and manipulated invoices for work on the headquarters - a project that's more than \$75 million over budget.

The documents say a former accounting employee from Caspian told investigators that Katz had received two personal cheques from the company's owner worth as much as \$6,000 each.

Other employees told police money paid to the former mayor was for Winnipeg Jets and concert tickets at the MTS Centre.

None of the allegations in the documents has been proven in court

(CTV Winnipeg)

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Mar 01 2016

CALGARY - Calgary police have new cars hitting the streets over the next few years featuring a technological device that ensures officers are not only seen and heard, but felt.



"The howler" is a low frequency, bass tone siren that emits vibrations, capable of traveling up to 60 metres.

This siren is secured at the front of the car, tucked underneath the push bumper, which allows it to be heard at full decibels.

Police are hoping that even if you're blasting the radio or miss the flashing lights, there's no chance you won't notice your entire vehicle beginning to lightly vibrate. They say this will help them travel through traffic more efficiently when responding to a call, and hopefully keep everyone safer.

As of September 2015, there were 90 new police cars on the road that also include multiple cameras, a radar system that records speeds of vehicles both approaching and moving away from police, and a computer-aided dispatch (CAD).

The CAD acts as an on-the-go administrative system for officers, allowing them to stay connected to their colleagues and work on their paperwork throughout the day.

(Global News)

Mar 01 2016

GODS LAKE NARROWS, Man. - Manitoba RCMP says concerns raised by a First Nation about an officer-involved fatal shooting shows police must do more to prevent such incidents.

The Mounties said in a statement that it has been working with the God's Lake First Nation since an officer shot and killed Paul Duck in 2011.

The force also said it recognizes that what happened has been extremely difficult for the family and for the community.

Mounties were reacting to comments by God's Lake First Nation Chief Gilbert Andrews about the inquest report into the death.

Andrews said the inquest judge didn't condemn the shooting or make any recommendations to prevent a similar tragedy.

He said his community questions whether the shooting was fuelled by racism, and people fear it could happen again because the officer was never held responsible.

Duck had used a gun to scare off some children who were vandalizing his sister's home.

He was walking toward some RCMP officers guarding a nearby fatal fire scene when an officer asked him three times to drop the firearm before he was shot.

Duck's family says in a statement that the tragedy could have been avoided if the officer hadn't been so quick to use his gun.

WEDNESDAY
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Mar 02 2016

MISSISSAUGA, Ont. - A Toronto police officer is facing a sexual assault charge after a probe by the province's Special Investigations Unit.

The SIU says it was asked to look into an incident that took place in September.

They say the Toronto sergeant picked up a 27-year-old woman in the heart of the downtown core and gave her a ride to her home.

The SIU alleges that the woman was sexually assaulted in the officer's police car.

Sgt. Christopher Heard is now facing one count of sexual assault.

Mar 02 2016

TORONTO - Canada Border Services Agency says it has seized about 118 kilograms of cocaine at Toronto Pearson International Airport.

In a release Wednesday the agency says the seizure was made on Jan. 17 when 100

brick-shaped bundles of suspected cocaine were found during a routine cargo inspection of a plane arriving from Mexico.

The CBSA says the bundles were found in cardboard boxes which were being shipped in two large wooden crates.

The cocaine has been turned over to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The CBSA says it made 149 cocaine seizures totalling close to 700 kg last year in the Greater Toronto Area.

Mar 02 2016

MISSISSAUGA, Ont. - The province's police watchdog says there are no reasonable grounds to charge two police officers who shot and killed a man inside Guelph General Hospital.

The Special Investigations Unit says 36-year-old Brandon Duncan entered the hospital just after noon last May 20th and waited about 45 minutes before approaching a nurse about an issue with his colostomy bag.

After he told the nurse that a particular component needed to be cut in order to remedy the problem, he was given a pair of bandage scissors and he went to the washroom area.

Two minutes later, Duncan returned to the triage area, bleeding profusely from fresh cuts on both of his forearms, grabbed a young woman by the back of the neck and attempted to jab her with the scissors.

Her boyfriend intervened, pushing him away. Two police officers heard the woman

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scream and rushed towards Duncan, who was still brandishing the scissors.

The SIU says the officers drew their firearms and shot Duncan as he continued to advance on them.

Mar 02 2016

Toiling quietly in a University of Alberta lab, a group of Edmonton scientists developed a synthetic opioid in the early 1980s with jaw-dropping properties.



Tests indicated W-18 was 100 times as potent as Fentanyl, a prescription painkiller blamed for hundreds of overdose deaths across Canada in recent years.

Never actually studied on humans or picked up by a pharmaceutical company, the Alberta invention languished in obscurity for 30 years - a forgotten chemical formula.

Suddenly, though, W-18 is back and causing a stir, as a fearful Health Canada moves to make the drug a federally controlled substance - illegal to sell, possess, manufacture or import.

The experimental medication - readily available online from vendors overseas and in Canada - has surfaced here, in Europe and the United States as a recreational drug, a new street narcotic of unprecedented lethality.

"Now we have another drug that we know is here, that is 100 times more toxic than Fentanyl," said Staff Sgt. Martin Schiavetta of the Calgary police drug unit, which made Canada's first seizure of W-18. "Of course, we're very concerned."

The emergence of W-18 also underscores an evolving trend in narcotics: labs in China that find off-patent chemical formulas and make a range of synthetic drugs — including versions of amphetamines, cocaine and opiates — then sell them over the Internet.

Even a Toronto company that supplies research and law-enforcement labs offers Chinese-sourced W-18.

Given the drug's origins, it's ironic where it first appeared on the streets. Calgary police submitted a sample of 20 tablets seized last August to Health Canada and got the results in December: three were Alberta-designed W-18 - via China - though disguised as the less hazardous oxycodone.

That deeply disturbs police, given the toll taken lately by Fentanyl, a powerful prescription opioid usually delivered in patches through the skin. More than 270 recreational users suffered fatal overdoses last year in Alberta alone, the central-nervous-system depressant causing breathing to slow to a halt, then stopping hearts cold.

A couple of salt-like grains of Fentanyl is enough for a single hit, said Brian Escamilla, a California-based forensic chemist who has briefed RCMP investigators on the synthetic-opioid threat. At 100 times the potency, W-18's effect on humans has never been scientifically gauged, but would clearly be colossal, he said.

"They've never been tested on humans, until now, and these (users) are voluntarily, or involuntarily ... doing it," said Escamilla. "We're seeing a lot of deaths."

Canadians should not experiment recreationally with the drug, given the "significant risk of overdose and death," said Sean Upton, a Health Canada spokesman.

Of course, the prospect of addicts using and possibly dying from the substance was far from the minds of Prof. Ed Knaus and colleagues at U of A when they developed a string of drugs, their names all starting with W, three decades ago.

The goal was to create powerful painkillers that were not habit-forming, but it turned out they acted on the brain's mu-opiate receptors, meaning they would actually be highly addictive, said Knaus in an email interview.

The team still hoped the drugs might be of use for terminal cancer patients, where addiction is not an issue, said the professor emeritus.

The W-drugs' patents eventually expired, however, no company choosing to develop the compounds.

Enter the Chinese labs, which have built a reputation in recent years for producing synthetic versions of illegal narcotics, tweaking them slightly to try to circumvent laws in such countries as Canada and the U.S., Escamilla said.

W-18, in fact, is currently not expressly banned here.

Numerous online businesses offer to sell it for as little as \$2 a gram, a huge quantity given the potency.

"It is disturbing to learn that there are individuals in society who will sell non-regulated compounds ... in spite of their danger," said Knaus about his creation.

W-18 is also offered for sale by Toronto Research Chemicals (TRC), which supplies thousands of drugs and other substances to universities, research institutes, forensic labs and law-enforcement agencies.

TRC first listed the compound in 2014 - at \$45 per milligram - and would source it from China, but has yet to get an order for any, company president David Dime said.

It's probably a good idea for Health Canada to make it a controlled substance, though "all the paper work" of obtaining the required licence will make it harder to sell, Dime said.

Listing a controlled substance is a good first step, said Schiavetta of Calgary police. But what is really needed is a crackdown on the "thousands" of synthetic drug labs in China, and the import of their products into Canada, he said.

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MONTREAL - Montreal city hall has set aside \$418,738 to hire an outside law firm to represent it in arbitration with its municipal unions and in court over the application of Quebec's public pension law because it says the city lacks the staff to do so.



On Wednesday, the city executive committee voted at its weekly meeting to retain the services of the firm Bélanger Sauvé and to set aside the money for legal fees.

The city is heading to arbitration with some of its unions over Law 15. It will also fight a challenge to the law by the Montreal Police Brotherhood in Quebec Superior Court.

The police union has applied for a ruling saying the law doesn't apply to its members' pension plan.

The city's human resources and legal departments "don't have the necessary internal resources to ensure the city's representation in all of these files on top of all those currently in the works," reads an executive summary accompanying the resolution passed by the executive committee.

The document also says that the labour lawyer in the city's legal department who was handling the arbitration file and the Police Brotherhood motion has just quit.

Outsourcing all of the files related to the pension-plan law to the same law firm, which has experience in municipal labour law, will save the city "the time devoted to explanations and instructions given by representatives of the human resources department to lawyers," the executive summary says. It adds that the city's policy on paying legal fees provides for "discounts on volume."

The outside lawyers will be paid up to \$285 an hour, according to a fee schedule adopted by the executive committee. "The lawyers that have been retained normally work for higher fees," the executive summary notes.

Law 15, which the National Assembly passed in December 2014 at the urging of Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre and Quebec City Mayor Régis Labeaume, requires all municipal employees retroactively to start contributing half the cost of their pensions, while municipalities pay the other half, despite agreements municipalities had negotiated with the unions.

It also calls for employees and municipalities to share the costs evenly of any accumulated deficits in their pension plans, forbids pension plan costs to exceed 18 per cent of the municipal payroll and allows municipalities to freeze cost-of-living increases in

pension payments to already retired workers.

A coalition of 79 municipal unions in Quebec launched legal action in January 2015 to have the law declared unconstitutional. The unions say it limits their right to bargain during contract negotiations by preventing them from using salaries and other conditions as trade-offs for their pension plans, or from finding savings in one area and balancing them with gains in another.

The law gave municipalities and their unions one year starting on Feb. 1, 2015 to negotiate the terms of how to apply the law to each union, with the option of a three-month extension. If there was no agreement at the end of that time, the law called for binding arbitration between the municipality and its union.

The four Montreal unions heading to arbitration are the city's largest, representing white-collar professionals such as lawyers and architects as well as police.

Montreal notified most of its unions that it didn't intend to seek an extension of the negotiating period and would let the matter be settled in arbitration, the executive summary says. The white-collar union made the decision not to seek an extension in its own case, it adds.

The city will ask for arbitration imminently, the executive summary says.

The Police Brotherhood's motion will be heard in Quebec Superior Court on May 30, May 31 and June 1.

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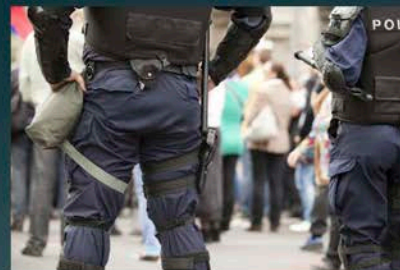
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Homicides outside Edmonton and Calgary nearly doubled last year, spiking from 36 in 2014 to 65 the following year, according to Alberta RCMP.

This statistic is also “much higher” than the 10-year average of 40 homicides per year investigated by Alberta RCMP.

By the end of 2015, the Mounties had resolved 45 of the 65 homicide cases. Seven “perpetrators” killed themselves before police could arrest and charge them. Investigations were still ongoing in the remaining 20 cases.

The RCMP says it has not identified any factors to suggest the upward trend will continue this year.

So far this year, RCMP officers have only been called upon to investigate six homicides across the 112 jurisdictions it polices.

There have been six homicides in Edmonton.

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TORONTO - Toronto police are bringing reinforcements in an ongoing battle to rid their boathouse of winged invaders they say pose a threat to officers' - and possibly the public's - safety.



For years, the force's marine unit has struggled to deal with an infestation of barn swallows, which nest in the boathouse and leave it covered in droppings.

The birds are a protected species and cannot be disturbed during nesting season. Moving their nests requires permission from the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources.

In a letter to city officials last year, the Toronto Police Services Board called for prompt action on what it called an issue with “potential impacts on operational resources and public safety, as well as on the health and safety of members of the Marine Unit.”

The infestation “necessitates costly cleaning operations and utilizes the resources of the unit unnecessarily,” the letter said.

“It can also have an adverse effect on public safety as it can at times impede emergency response due to the need to remove bird feces from boats and equipment.”

The droppings can also increase the risk of exposure to some diseases, it said.

A new three-year project set to begin this month aims to find the birds a new home and discourage them from returning to their current nesting grounds, a spokeswoman for the city said.

Officers will have to deal with their unwelcome guests at least another season, however: the first year of the project consists mainly of consulting with experts and surveying the barn swallow population, Natasha Hinds Fitzimmins said in an email.

Next year, an alternate nesting site will be set up within a kilometre of the boathouse, as laid out in the ministry's requirements, she said.

Existing nests will also be removed and additional measures taken to deter the birds from returning, she said.

The last year will be spent surveying the birds to see how they respond to the change.

Mar 03 2016

The RCMP in Labrador have issued a reminder to officers that a court hearing is needed to approve the shackling of prisoners appearing before circuit courts in the region, in the wake of a judge's decision that garnered national media attention.

“We're committed to the protection and the safety of the people and the communities we serve,” said Cpl. Rick Mills, the RCMP media liaison in Labrador.

Mills told Labrador Morning on Wednesday that the force explained its policy again “along with further guidance” after a decision by Judge John Joy last week that was critical of RCMP practice.

Joy wrote, in response to a specific May 2015 case involving a woman in Nain, that the practice of restraining prisoners during

court appearances — without proving the need to do that — is humiliating and undermines the presumption of innocence.

Mills said the practice is to conduct a full risk assessment, and make the arguments for restraints through a hearing with the Crown attorney.

“A misinterpretation of the process that we follow” is how he described the Nain case.

There are no courthouses on the coast of Labrador, and Mills said police have to transport prisoners to sites that are used by the public.

“As an example, Nain is above the local bar, a community meeting place above a conference room,” he said.

“So when we're escorting back and forth accused people, of course we're bringing them into that environment which is open to the public and so we have to assess each situation differently.”

(CBC News)

Mar 03 2016

LA LOCHE, Sask. - A northern Saskatchewan community where a deadly school shooting occurred is getting more help to recover.

The Ministry of Justice is giving an organization called North Sask. Victims Services \$60,000 for a second police-based victim services position in La Loche.

A teacher and a teacher's aide were killed and seven others wounded in a shooting at the La Loche high school in January, and two teenage brothers were shot dead in a nearby home.

Victim services employees work with police and provide information and support to help lessen the immediate and long-term effects felt by victims of crime.



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