

# GREATER SAINT JOHN

Crime prevention Businesses band together to ward off shoplifters C3

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### Fraud Phone scam makes rounds

SAINT JOHN – The Saint John Police Force issued a warning on Wednesday, cautioning residents about a telemarketing scam widely reported in the area over the last few days. The fraudulent calls tell people they've won anywhere from 10,000 to 100,000 free air miles, Sgt. Jay Henderson said in a release. They are then asked for personal information such as ID, credit card numbers or Air Miles identification numbers. Police are advising anyone who receives the calls to hang up and not give out any information. A warning posted on [airmiles.ca](http://airmiles.ca) also acknowledged the scam and advised they never ask for personal information in this way. Police also point concerned residents to the Canadian Antifraud Centre's website at [antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca](http://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca) for further tips to avoid being scammed.

### Notice Caution for deer, moose

SAINT JOHN – With the fall season now underway, the Saint John Police Force is reminding motorists of the increased risk involved with potential deer or moose collisions at this time of year. A release sent on Wednesday said the likelihood of animals coming closer to the roadways from the interior woods is higher in the coming months. With moose and deer collisions already accounting for a significant number of accidents on local roadways, motorists are being asked to be extra vigilant, drive defensively and at safe speeds, especially near prime areas, which are indicated by warning signs. Police note how deadly collisions with these animals can potentially be.

### Transportation Ferry out for several hours

QUISPAMSIS – The RGL Fair-weather went out of service on Wednesday at Gondola Point around 12:30 p.m. for a regular maintenance check. The ferry was expected to return to service later around 3 p.m. that afternoon. The ferry runs year-round and offers a toll-free service by the provincial government between Gondola Point (Route 119) and the Kingston Peninsula (Route 845).

### Anniversary 90 years for Brunswicker

SAINT JOHN – The public is invited to come celebrate HMCS Brunswicker's 90th Anniversary on Saturday from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. at its location on Chesley Drive. Enjoy a performance by the Stadacona Band's "Boarding Party" in the Master Seaman and Below Mess. Tickets are \$35 each. All friends and family welcome. For tickets contact Lt(N) Francesca Walsh at [francesca.walsh@forces.gc.ca](mailto:francesca.walsh@forces.gc.ca) or (506) 639-1887.

### Fundraiser Nursery school yard sale

ROTHESAY – The annual Rothersey Nursery School yard sale fundraiser will be held at the Bill McGuire Community Centre on Saturday. Donations may be dropped off at the centre on Friday, between 6 and 8 p.m.

## Investigators expand Estabrooks probe

**Crime** Private firm has located many more of the former police officer's victims

APRIL CUNNINGHAM  
TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

SAINT JOHN – Private investigators searching for new sex abuse victims of former Saint John police officer Ken Estabrooks are back in Saint John.

David Perry said his team arrived here from the Toronto area on Sunday and expects to be in the city for 10 days, "actively working on the file."

It comes the same week

Common Council approved another \$100,000 to pay Perry's company, Investigative Solutions Network, to continue the investigation.

"We've managed to locate dozens of victims, and we're still working through an investigative process to find as many more as possible," Perry said in an interview on Wednesday.

Estabrooks died in 2005, six years after being convicted of sexually assaulting three young boys and

a girl over several decades, beginning in the 1950s.

City hall hired Perry in 2012 after local officials received a new complaint that Estabrooks had abused another victim who previously had not come forward.

Since then, Investigative Solutions has been working on the file and has found "many more" victims, Perry said.

"It's an arduous process. We get names of someone who was potentially harmed by Ken

Estabrooks and we begin a search – through open-source data, through friends or colleagues, who may know where an individual is staying or living," he said. "It's all about reaching out in a face-to-face way and giving people an opportunity to disclose if they wish."

Council's new expenditure approval brings the total spent on the investigation to \$200,000 since

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## P3 NATION: FROM TORONTO TO SAINT JOHN



KURT PEACOCK  
THE NEXT CITY

In defending the use of a P3 funding model to support the massive overhaul of Saint John's aging water system, local MP Rodney Weston has always argued that there was simply no other way to get infrastructure dollars from Ottawa. The massive federal spending announcement in support of a subway to the outer Toronto neighbourhood of Scarborough will be a good test of this theory.

Earlier this week, the Harper government continued its political support for controversial Toronto mayor Rob Ford, in the form of a substantial monetary commitment for one of Ford's pet causes. The mayor of Canada's largest city has obtained most of his support from the suburban-style post-war neighbourhoods that surround the downtown, and Ford has long committed to building subway lines for those voters. Now, thanks in large part to a whopping \$660-million pledge from Canadian taxpayers courtesy of the federal government, the City of Toronto is ready to extend its subway system to Scarborough.

Because of the sheer size of the proposed federal financial contribution, the Scarborough subway scheme has set the Toronto media into a chattering frenzy. The potential consequences of this transit deal influence all sorts of political decisions: it provides a much-needed municipal win for Ford, who has been plagued by accusations of drug use in

PLEASE SEE → COLUMN, C2

### FEATHER IN HER CAP



Taryn O'Neill, a second-year Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick student, has completed research that focused on identifying plant compounds used by First Nations communities and have shown promise for fighting cancer. Ultimately, her work could contribute to the discovery of new treatments for breast cancer. PHOTO: SUBMITTED

## UNB grad receives award for cancer research

JENNIFER PRITCHETT  
TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

SAINT JOHN – A graduate of the University of New Brunswick's Saint John campus has been recognized for her research with plant compounds that may ultimately lead to the discovery of new treatments for breast cancer.

Taryn O'Neill has received the Carol Ann Cole Comfort Heart Studentship Award presented by The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation for the Atlantic region.

The biology graduate, who's now a second-year med student at Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick, spent this past summer working at the medical

school in Saint John, under the supervision of Dr. Christopher Gray and Dr. Duncan Webster.

"We were able to collaborate on a project in which I was able to use the laboratory facilities at the (Saint John Regional) hospital so that I could carry out the (research)," she said.

Her work focused on several plants that are indigenous

to New Brunswick, including common cow parsnip, skunk cabbage and yellow water lily. Some of the plants, used medicinally by local aboriginal people, showed promise as anti-cancer properties, she found.

For example, First Nations peoples used the ground-up

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## Jet boat business up for sale

KARISSA DONKIN  
TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

SAINT JOHN – The owner of one of the city's most popular tourist attractions plans to sell his business.

Marc Gosselin, owner of the Reversing Falls Jet Boat rides, won't operate his business next spring, even if he doesn't find a buyer.

Gosselin's announcement comes as the city's summer tourism season wraps up. This could be the last season for one of the province's most highly marketed tourism activities if Gosselin doesn't find a buyer. The rides have been operating in the city since 1995.

The business is listed for sale at \$449,000, a price that includes five, 12-passenger jet boats used for thrill rides and sightseeing tours. It also includes an ice cream counter, gift shop, office and even the docks the boats are

tyed up at.

In July, thieves broke into the business, taking a \$1,000 cash register and the money inside. It was the second break-in at the business in two years. Gosselin told the Telegraph-Journal at the time that business was hurting before the break-in, thanks to a rainy June and fewer cruise ship passengers using his service.

A month later, Gosselin estimated his equipment is used to rescue two people from the rapids annually, but said he isn't reimbursed for the fuel and repair costs associated with the rescues.

Gosselin didn't return several calls requesting comment on why he's decided to sell his business now.

Coun. Shirley McAlary said losing the jet boat rides would be a loss to visitors because it's an experience no other city can offer.

"It's just a very unfortunate thing," McAlary said. "I don't

know what can be done to avoid it until the economy takes a turn. Anyone that's operating a tourist business is having it a bit tough.

"I feel very bad for him because he's worked very, very hard."

A seasonal operation like Gosselin's depends largely on the weather and the economy. Those factors, McAlary said, will affect anyone who buys the business.

Though it may feel like tourism business is down, Discover Saint John executive director Ross Jefferson said the city had a strong season.

The city saw a 2.7 per cent increase in visitors staying overnight this past June compared to June 2012. Visitors were also up in July and August, by 4.7 per cent and 1.1 per cent, respectively, Jefferson said.

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Marc Gosselin is the current owner of the Reversing Falls Jet Boat Rides, now up for sale. PHOTO: TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL ARCHIVE

# GREATER SAINT JOHN

“They are not saying nice things to each other and things degenerate into a fight.” PATRICK WILBUR

## Man charged with assault no-show in court

**BRUCE BARTLETT**  
TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

SAINT JOHN – Hayden Francis Verner’s attempts to clean up his legal problems took a turn for the worse when he failed to show up for a sentencing hearing on a serious assault charge dating back to May 2012.

The 21-year-old Saint John native pleaded guilty on Sept. 3, 2013 but then disagreed with the version of events from the police file, accusing him of assault with a baseball bat.

Verner said he came out of an apartment on Queen’s Square and swung the bat at people because he felt threatened in the early morning hours of May 6, 2012. The case was set over to Sept. 24 for a sentencing hearing.

The Crown had three people ready to testify when it became clear Verner was not in the building so provincial court Judge Henrik Tønning issued a warrant

for his arrest.

According to the witness statements taken by police in May 2012, Verner was part of a group walking down Charlotte Street around 2:30 a.m. when they met a group coming out of Julius Pizza.

“As they converge they are not saying nice things to each other and things degenerate into a fight,” said prosecutor Patrick Wilbur.

The ruckus gets the attention of people in an apartment near the corner of Duke and Charlotte who come out on the street and one of them was punched in the face by Verner, knocking the victim’s glasses off, Wilbur said.

The two fought with each other and then, according to a witness, Verner bit the victim on the top of the head and drew blood.

Verner then took off for the apartment he was staying at with his friends, about a block away, and came out with a baseball bat, which he swung at the people who

followed him. The bat did not connect with anyone but Verner hit the ground so hard with the bat that he broke it, according to witnesses.

At the Sept. 3 hearing the judge asked Verner why he just didn’t stay inside after he got to the apartment following the fight. Verner said he got home ahead of his friends and he was afraid for their safety so he went out with the bat.

“I was on a number of drugs that night,” he also said.

The case has dragged on because Verner failed to attend court last year. But in April of this year he turned himself into police after getting off a plane from Alberta and was given more time to deal with his drug addictions.

Verner presented two letters to the court in April. One was from a recovery centre in Alberta showing that he had recently completed a substance abuse course and a life skills course. The other was from the Portage Addiction

Treatment Centre at Cassidy Lake offering Verner a space beginning that week.

He was released on signing a promise to the court to keep the peace and be of good behaviour, to not possess any non-prescribed drugs, attend Portage and notify the Saint John City Police of any change of address 24 hours before moving.

In 2011 Verner received a substantial break when he was given a suspended sentence with six months of probation and a stand-alone restitution order for \$1,500 for his part in a break and enter into a west-side home. Verner was involved with others and the money amounted to about one-third of the homeowners’ loss of more than \$4,000 worth of property, including heirloom jewelry.

At the time of that sentence, Verner had been in treatment at Portage and appeared to be doing well. He told the judge he planned to go out west to look for work once he completed treatment.

### IN THE COURTS

#### Accused agrees to follow curfew

SAINT JOHN – Rio M. M. Cameron, one of two people charged with an armed robbery at the Best Western Hotel in east Saint John earlier this month was released after spending seven days in jail. The 27-year-old was charged along with her co-accused, Chad Ellsworth, 35 of Prince Edward Island, who is still in custody. Cameron was originally released to live at the Coverdale Centre in Saint John but was taken back into custody when she failed to follow the 10 p.m. curfew at the centre. After spending seven days at the jail for women in Miramichi, Cameron is ready to live at Coverdale and follow the rules, said duty counsel Wes McIntosh. Cameron was on a downward spiral after losing her children to the province but now wants to get off drugs and back on track, he said. Her next court appearance is Oct. 17

### WORDS IN SEASON

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **1 John 2:1 (King James Version)**

### ALMANAC

#### Lotteries

**Keno for Tuesday, Sept. 24:** The unofficial winning numbers were: 03-10-11-13-14-29-32-45-47-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-59-62-63-65. The tag number was: 390943.

**Bucko for Tuesday, Sept. 24:** The unofficial winning numbers were: 02-11-15-34-35.

**Lotto 6/49 for Saturday, Sept. 21:** The unofficial winning numbers were: 07-19-21-29-31-36. Bonus number was: 42.

**Atlantic 49 for Saturday, Sept. 21:** The unofficial winning numbers were: 13-22-24-25-39-48. Bonus number was: 37.

**Lotto MAX for Friday, Sept. 20:** The unofficial winning numbers were: 02-14-15-24-40-43-44. Bonus number was: 45. The tag number was: 481728.

#### Today in history

1888 – American poet T. S. Eliot was born in St. Louis, Mo.

1950 – A “blue moon” that appeared over various parts of Britain was said to be the result of forest fires in Alberta and British Columbia.



Dave Perry of Investigative Solutions in Toronto is back in Saint John. PHOTO: TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL ARCHIVE

## “We could be at this quite a while”

**PROBE ← C1**

Perry’s firm got involved. City Manager Patrick Woods has also said that the city would set no limit on paying for victims’ counselling.

Perry said it’s not clear how long the investigation will take.

“We do have a fair bit of work to do,” he said. “We could be at this quite a while.”

Perry is a well known former police investigator, who secured a confession from Michael Briere, the man who murdered 10-year-old Holly Jones in Toronto in 2003. He declined to comment further but he is expected to address the media early next week.

Allegations against Estabrooks first surfaced in 1975 when he was a 22-year veteran of the Saint John Police Force. But

Estabrooks wasn’t charged at the time, even though he signed a statement confessing to having sexual relations with two young boys.

Instead, he resigned from the force and was quietly transferred to the city’s public works department. He continued abusing children.

It was only much later, in the late 1990s when allegations surfaced again, that Estabrooks was finally brought to justice. He was sentenced to six years in prison.

Perry has previously said that some victims are at home with their families, others are living in hostels. Some are in mental health facilities or in prison, while others have committed suicide or passed away.

Anyone with information to contact Investigative Solutions at 506-608-3447 or 1-866-790-4764.

## P3 market largely undeveloped

**COLUMN ← C1**

recent months, and it will make for some interesting provincial politics, as the minority Liberal government had its own distinct transit plan for Scarborough. The Scarborough scheme also has reverberations that extend well beyond Toronto’s city limits – it may even produce greater scrutiny for Saint John’s own P3 water plans.

Here’s how Martin Regg Cohn, the provincial columnist with the Toronto Star, described the subway funding announcement: “What happens in Scarborough goes beyond Scarborough,” wrote Cohn. “When politicians from all three levels of government and all three major parties shamelessly outbid each other with our money, pandering to Scarborough’s subway psychosis, they are hurting all taxpayers in the pocketbook.”

While the media frenzy over the proposed subway may appear to be irrelevant to New Brunswick voters – after all, we’re not part of Ford Nation, the resilient political movement that supports the mayor of Canada’s most important urban economy – Cohn has a valid point. What happens in Scarborough does have a real influence elsewhere. If the Scarborough subway expansion gets built, the federal funding will be subject to a P3 screen; if it does in fact fit the funding model (and Rob Ford has already commissioned a study suggesting as much), then it might turn out to be one of the largest, and most significant, infrastructure projects ever undertaken using P3 financing in Canada.

In Saint John, the question of P3 financing for water renewal was never really the subject of drawn-out debate; most of the oppositional activity was limited to the odd lawn sign or hastily-organized community meeting. Given the multibillion-dollar price tag attached to the Scarborough scheme, the public scrutiny over P3 financing will likely be much, much more severe in Toronto. Adding to the drama?

Ford’s most-well-known potential opponent in next year’s mayoral race – at least in this early stage – is Toronto MP Olivia Chow, the widow of former NDP leader Jack Layton. If Ford sees the Scarborough subway as a key re-election plank, expect Chow to make the P3 financing of the subway a key issue in her own election platform.

That debate should be followed closely here in Saint John. For a city that is about to commit millions of dollars toward a scheme of water renewal, the local P3 file has been surprisingly quiet as of late. This isn’t to state that P3 doesn’t have some attractive features – Vancouver recently built a substantial transit link to its airport under a public-private model, a massive project that was delivered on time and on budget.

Yet what worked in Vancouver may not work in Toronto, or for that matter in Saint John. The P3 market in Canada is still largely undeveloped, and that is why every project that is initiated under this model deserves close scrutiny. Significant public dollars are involved, and even if P3 financing may seem to be the most attractive model for governments today, no municipal taxpayer (or water utility ratepayer, in the case of Saint John) wants to be the laboratory guinea pig.

So let’s proceed with our city campaign for water renewal, but pay close attention to the public debate over P3 financing in other parts of Canada. If Ottawa is forcing every major municipal project in the country to embrace P3, let’s at least learn from each other on the file. If there’s going to be any mess-ups surrounding the actual delivery contract, I’d rather they take place in Scarborough than in Saint John. Our monthly water bills are already a lot higher than Toronto’s monthly subway pass.

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## Award is presented annually

**AWARD ← C1**

root of the cow parsnip as a tea for a variety of illnesses, including respiratory ailments, she said.

“We had a huge list (of plants), but it’s whatever we could find in New Brunswick to work on,” she said.

Despite the fact that cow parsnip didn’t turn out to be a good plant for its anti-cancer properties, both skunk cabbage and yellow water lily showed promise for this type of research.

“They are showing very promising activities, especially yellow water lily,” she said.

O’Neill, 25, said her research focused on plants that hadn’t been investigated to a great extent previously for their anti-cancer properties.

The student said she worked with collaborators not only at the Saint John Regional Hospital, but also in Moncton for the project.

“With natural products research, to be successful, you want to include as many collaborators as possible,” she said.

Each year, the CBCF – Atlantic Region Studentship Awards program provides young researchers an opportunity to take their learning from the lecture hall to the laboratory while fostering an interest in breast cancer research. These awards ensure that a young researcher studying in Atlantic Canada will receive funding for their work on a 14-week breast cancer research project.

The award allowed O’Neill to do her research this summer at the Saint John Regional Hospital. The Carol Ann Cole Comfort Heart Studentship Award will be presented in perpetuity to the top ranked applicant of the annual CBCF – Atlantic Region Studentship Awards Program. Cole is founder of the Comfort Heart Initiative, which has raised more than a quarter of a million dollars for CBCF – Atlantic Region, and more than one million dollars for cancer research overall.

Since 2006, more than 45 students have received CBCF – Atlantic Region Studentship Awards for their work in the breast cancer field.

### Public Notice

City of Saint John

**NOTICE to the Residents of Saint John North (Millidgeville)**

**FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING**

The City of Saint John is proceeding with a program of fire hydrant flushing to clean the water distribution pipes in Saint John North. Over the next few weeks flushing will be performed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. This may affect water customers in the areas north of the Sandy Point Rd. and the intersection at Millidge Ave. and Somerset St. This includes neighbourhoods and subdivisions off Boar’s Head Rd., Woodward Ave., University Ave., and Kennebecasis Drive.

Customers may experience dirty water for up to 20 minutes if they use water during the time that the line on their street is being flushed. Though customers may encounter a drop in water pressure, at no time should they be without water.

For further information please contact 658-4455. TTY Service 632-6172

### Avis Public

City of Saint John

**AVIS aux citoyens de Saint John Nord (Millidgeville)**

**NETTOYAGE PAR CHASSE D’EAU DES BOUCHES D’INCENDIE**

The City of Saint John entreprend un programme de nettoyage par chasse d’eau des bouches d’incendie afin de nettoyer les conduites d’eau dans Saint John Nord. Le nettoyage sera effectué au cours des prochaines semaines entre 8 h et 20 h. Cette activité pourrait toucher les consommateurs d’eau dans les secteurs situés au nord du chemin Sandy Point et à l’intersection de l’avenue Millidge et de la rue Somerset. Les secteurs en question comprennent les quartiers et les lotissements à proximité du chemin Boar’s Head, de l’avenue Woodward, de l’avenue University et de la promenade Kennebecasis.

Il est possible que les clients remarquent que leur eau est souillée pour une période allant jusqu’à 20 minutes pendant la durée du nettoyage de la conduite d’eau sur leur rue. Quoique les clients puissent constater une diminution de la pression de l’eau, ils ne devraient en aucun cas manquer d’eau.

Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements, veuillez composer le 658-4455, ou le numéro de l’ATS 632-6172.

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Please note in the September 20 flyer, page 17, the Acer AMD Quad-Core A8-5557M APU Laptop (V5-552P-8646) (WebCode: 10254571) may not be in stock. This model is only available while quantities last as it is end of life. Please see a Product Specialist for assistance. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers. 6717431R

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In the September 20 flyer, page 11, the HP Pavilion PC Featuring AMD Quad-Core A10-6700 Accelerated Processor with AMD Radeon Graphics (500-089) (WebCode: 10258648) was advertised with incorrect specs. Please be advised that this PC comes with 2GB dedicated Radeon HD graphics NOT 2TB, as previously advertised. Also on page 12, Office Mac Home & Business (WebCode: 10236840) was advertised with an incorrect price. Please be advised that the price should be \$249.99, NOT \$229.99. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers. 6717517R

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