

■ Safety first at the rodeo



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Constable Scott Mosher, the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary's media relations officer, checks over the bike of Jillian Andrews, 8, during a Safe Kids Week bike rodeo held Tuesday by the RNC and Western Health at J.J. Curling Elementary School. Safe Kids Week runs May 4-10. The annual public awareness campaign is designed to raise awareness about the frequency and severity of preventable childhood injuries.

■ STATUS OF WOMEN

Equality, empowerment focus of two-day conference

CORNER BROOK

The Corner Brook Status of Women Council will celebrate its 40th anniversary by hosting a provincial conference focused on gender equality and empowerment.

The two-day event will take place May 27 and 28 at Grenfell Campus, Memorial University of Newfoundland. A press release from the council says the conference will engage and motivate all genders to handle situations/challenges in the workplace and life in general.

The agenda features a combination of local and invited speakers. The presentations will include a variety of knowledge and skill sets that can easily be shared with others and would ultimately result in healthier and more productive relationships at home and in the workplace.

In addition to the conference, the council will be hosting a gala dinner on May 27 with a keynote address by Gerry Rogers. Emma

Peckford will provide musical entertainment.

During the past 40 years the council has tackled many issues, including pay equity, reproductive choice, child care and equality in the workplace.

The release says the council and the staff of the Corner Brook Women's Centre remain committed to promoting the values of equality, advocacy and empowerment. This is accomplished through the provision of crisis intervention, referral services, public awareness and education, individual and systemic advocacy, supportive housing for women and other projects and services.

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■ SWIMMING

'It's a hardship'

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Shirley Hull said she expected a rate hike, but suspected a reasonable amount. She could understand a \$10 or even \$15 increase, but is upset it more than doubled in one shot. She swims daily, and sometimes more than once a day, five days a week, so a 20-swim pass lasts her less than a month.

She feels \$55 a month to stay fit is a costly endeavour, and suspects she will have to cut back on the number of times she attends.

"Especially when you are on a fixed income, government might give you a \$1.50 increase once a year, but what's that? It's nothing," she said.

"It's a hardship, \$55 for 20 swims."

A single swim is now \$3 for a senior, up from \$2.

Irene Zreick also felt the increase was too much.

"Considering there are a lot of older people who come here, I'm sure they really can't afford to spend that much money," she said.

Some couples come to the adult swim together, they said, so that could cost up to \$110 a month.

Hull said swimming and exercising in the water also has therapeutic value. For some, she said, the water is the only place they are physically able to exercise.

The women think the increase should be revisited by government and lowered.

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Corner Brook Arts and Culture Centre pool

General Swims:		Pool Rentals (per hour):	
2014/2015	2015/2016	2014/2015	2015/2016
Child (U18) \$1	Child (U18) \$2.25	Private/sport/for profit \$68.85	Private/sport/for profit \$60
Adult (18+) \$2	Adult (18+) \$3.25	Pool rental schools \$25	Pool rental schools \$30
Senior (60+) \$2	Senior (60+) \$3	Competitive swim club \$0	Competitive swim club \$30
Swim Lessons (8 lessons):		Birthday parties (no advertised rate):	
2014/2015	2015/2016	Birthday parties \$75	
Child \$25	Child \$35		
Adult \$35	Adult \$50		
Senior \$35	Senior \$45		
Swim passes (20 passes):		Source: Budget 2015	
2014-2015	2015/2016		
Child \$32	Child \$40		
Adult \$32	Adult \$60		
Senior \$20	Senior \$55		

■ REMBRANCE

Forget them never

Campaign honouring war veterans to launch new initiative in Corner Brook today

CORNER BROOK

The Forget-Me-Not Campaign is launching a new initiative to honour wartime veterans in Corner Brook this morning.

The volunteer group has already raised money for several projects to enhance Remembrance Square in downtown Corner Brook and is currently in the midst of a project at Grenfell Campus, Memorial University.

The ongoing project involves erecting a sculpture of the Danger Tree — a petrified, solitary tree that still stands at Beaumont Hamel, where so many

Newfoundlanders were killed in 1916. The plan has been to unveil the work in June 2016, not long before the 100th anniversary of the tragic First World War battle that took place July 1, 1916.

Today's event will be held in the main atrium at Grenfell Campus at 11 a.m. The invitation to the event doesn't explain what the initiative is in detail, but says it is the launch of a campaign to remember and honour the fallen heroes of the First World War.

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STAR FILE PHOTO

This maquette shows the Danger Tree sculpture, made by artist Morgan MacDonald and erected at Grenfell Campus, Memorial University of Newfoundland by the Forget-Me-Not Campaign.

■ MUNICIPAL

More opposition than correspondence shows

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Critics of the plan expressed misgivings about electric vehicle technology as well as a lack of consumer interest in it. "There are only 18 electric cars in all of NL — consumers are not spending their own money on these cars. Why spend the St. J taxpayers' money them?" asks one email.

Coun. Jonathan Galgay — one of several councillors who initially supported the pilot project, but later voted against it — cited feedback from constituents as a reason, and said there was more opposition to it than the correspondence shows.

Galgay noted much of the emailed support the day of the vote was engineered by Green

Rock EVS — the firm likely to be awarded the contract for the pilot project — which tweeted a general city council email address urging people to write in support of the project.

Coun. Dave Lane, one of two councillors to support the project, said emails he received and discussions he had with constituents were largely supportive, adding his sense was that there were more people who had questions about the viability of the technology.

"I don't think enough people had a clear enough picture about whether these were viable," said Lane. "People are already using electric vehicles in our city now, and I think that alone is enough to say these are viable."

Lane thought former mayor Andy Wells — one of the critics of the project in a letter that Galgay tabled at a council meeting — had a hand in councillors changing course. In an email to city manager Neil Martin, Lane said he thought Wells's letter "may have given some other councillors cold feet."

Galgay dismisses the suggestion Wells had an effect on the vote.

The documents also confirm city staff's support of the project, with Martin telling Lane, "The problem is not the EV technology. It's that people generally lack vision to see that this is the future. They need time to accept it and get used to it."

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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRAULIC FRACTURING REVIEW PANEL

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The Newfoundland and Labrador Hydraulic Fracturing Review Panel is inviting members of the public and stakeholder groups to provide input on hydraulic fracturing in western Newfoundland. Details may be found by visiting www.nlhfrp.ca. All input must be received by the Panel no later than 12 p.m. on June 1, 2015.

Input can be submitted using the fillable forms online at www.nlhfrp.ca, by email to contact@nlhfrp.ca or by conventional mail to:

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The Panel is also accepting requests for public consultations in Corner Brook and Stephenville, as well as requests for teleconference and face-to-face meetings.

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