

Time served for prisoner who hid gun

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A Dartmouth judge has sentenced a Digby County man to time served and two years of probation for stashing a handgun inside a prisoner transport van that was carrying him to the Burnside jail.

Sheriffs and RCMP officers both failed to find the Sig Sauer P227 .45ACP caliber semi-automatic pistol, magazine and holster Raphael Lance Robicheau had with him in the van on Jan. 1, 2021. It wasn't until another prisoner who was in the van tipped off guards about the gun after arriving at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility that a search turned up the weapon.

“While I have found that the gravity or seriousness of these offences is very high, I have also concluded that Mr. Robicheau’s moral blameworthiness or degree of responsibility is somewhat attenuated by his actions to remove the bullets from the loaded, restricted firearm and by virtue of the fact that it could not be established that he brought the firearm into the van on his person,” provincial court Judge Theodore Tax said in a written decision released Tuesday.

“In those circumstances, I find that a just and appropriate sanction for his possession of the firearm in the circumstances which have been established beyond a reasonable doubt, would be to order a sentence of imprisonment at the lower end of that 15-to-24-month range of sentence of imprisonment for these offences.”

Robicheau pleaded guilty to six firearms offences.

The judge concluded that the “just and appropriate sanction for the most serious of the offences” — possession of a restricted firearm with readily accessible ammunition capable of being discharged without having a license for that firearm — would be 15 months in jail.

“Therefore, when I consider Mr. Robicheau’s pre-sentence custody and enhanced custody credits, which equaled 455 days ... which is roughly equivalent to slightly over 15 months in custody, I find that his presence in court today and those enhanced pre-sentence custody credits place him in a ‘time served’ situation with respect to the custodial sentence ordered by the court,” Tax said.

The Crown wanted Robicheau sentenced to three years in prison.

The 35-year-old’s defence lawyer argued for time served and probation.

“Defence counsel acknowledges that Mr. Robicheau did have possession of a handgun while he was in the custody of the Deputy Sheriffs and being transferred to the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in a Sheriff’s van,” Tax said. “However, despite those

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Theodore Tax
Judge

‘highly unusual’ circumstances, he submits there was no indication that Mr. Robicheau ever intended to use the firearm. In fact, both counsel have noted in their submissions that, upon their review of the surveillance video of the compartments at the back of the Sheriff’s van, Mr. Robicheau actually removed the clip from the loaded handgun, then removed the ammunition from the clip and placed it in a location where it was not readily accessible.”

Robicheau had already spent the equivalent of 14½ months

in custody before he was sentenced just before Christmas, in a jail offering limited programming due to the pandemic, his lawyer said.

Robicheau was arrested on New Year’s Day 2021 for breaking a court-ordered curfew when sheriffs showed up at the Digby RCMP detachment to transport him and another prisoner to Burnside to be remanded for the weekend. Mounties have said it is standard practice to search prisoners before transport.

“Mr. Robicheau was placed in the compartment at the rear of the passenger side of the Sheriff’s van at about 2:18 p.m. on January 1, 2021,” Tax said.

“After leaving Digby, the Deputy Sheriffs stopped at 2:55 p.m. at the Bridgetown RCMP detachment to conduct a search for contraband. At that location, the Deputy Sheriffs conducted a ‘loose pat down search’ of the two individuals being transported to the Burnside jail. After that pat down search, at 3:01 p.m., Mr. Robicheau and the other individual were returned to the same compartments that they had earlier occupied, and the Deputy Sheriffs proceeded to the Burnside jail.”

Just over half an hour later, surveillance video shows Robicheau “placing a black object in the indented space/door of the metal wall separating the two compartments at the rear of the Sheriff’s van,” the judge said.

The van arrived at the

Burnside jail at 5:07 p.m.

“Shortly after leaving the Burnside jail to return to Digby ... the Deputy Sheriffs received a call from a correctional officer at the jail. The Deputy Sheriffs were informed that the other individual who had been in the Sheriff’s van with Mr. Robicheau had advised them that there was a handgun in the compartment where Mr. Robicheau had been placed. After receiving that information, the Deputy Sheriffs immediately stopped their van and conducted a search of the compartment where Mr. Robicheau had been placed. They located a handgun in that indented space in the metal wall separating the two compartments,” said the judge.

They found 10 bullets that would fit in the pistol’s magazine “in the holes at the bottom of the metal wall which separated the two compartments at the back of the Sheriff’s van.”

Swabs taken from the handgun, and the holster for analysis matched Robicheau’s DNA, “but insufficient data could be obtained to conduct a

DNA analysis of the cartridges,” Tax said.

“Finally, although Mr. Robicheau had a non-restricted firearms licence, he had been placed on a release order ... on May 25, 2020, as varied on July 27, 2020. The terms and conditions of that order prohibited him from possessing any firearms.”

Police later identified the Sig Sauer as having been stolen during a break and enter in Meteghan, in March of 2020.

“The Crown conceded that they could not prove, beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Robicheau knew or had any involvement in the break and enter of the location from which the restricted firearm was stolen,” said the judge.

Robicheau’s “limited prior criminal record” includes four counts of breaching release conditions, and resisting a peace officer, said the judge. He got time served for those last year.

On top of the time served and probation for the gun charges, Tax banned Robicheau from possessing any firearm for a decade.

In brief

NSH reports 38 adults in COVID-19 units

There are 38 adult patients being treated in COVID-19 hospital units in Nova Scotia.

The number includes 13 people in intensive care, according to an update provided by Nova Scotia Health on Tuesday.

There are an additional 129 patients who tested positive upon admission who were admitted for another reason, or were admitted for COVID-19 and no longer require specialized care.

Another 49 patients contracted COVID-19 after being admitted to hospital.

Nova Scotia Health will be releasing hospitalization numbers every Monday from now on, a spokesman said in an email.

The province has come under fire for releasing less information on COVID-19 compared to earlier in the pandemic. Daily updates have been replaced with a weekly report on Thursday and now the Monday report on adult hospitalizations.

The number of young people being treated for COVID-19 will be released to reporters upon request from the IWK Health Centre.

An IWK spokesman put the number at “fewer than five” on Tuesday.

NOTICE

Registration of Undertaking for Environmental Assessment ENVIRONMENT ACT

This is to advise that on March 23, 2022, Atlantic Mining NS Inc. (AMNS) registered an Addendum to the original Touquoy Gold Project Site Modifications Environmental Assessment Registration Document, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act, and in response to a request for additional information from Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change dated September 8, 2021. The Addendum provides information regarding in pit tailings disposal, ground and surface water, wildlife, wetlands, the ship harbour long lake wilderness area, historic tailing and fish and fish habitat.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to support the existing operations at the Touquoy Gold Mine located in Moose River, Nova Scotia, 63 km northeast of Halifax and 19 km southeast of Middle Musquodoboit. The proposed modifications include use of the exhausted open pit for tailings deposition, expansion of the waste rock storage area and clay borrow area; and the realignment of the plant access road used to access the mill facility and administrative buildings. The approved development area of the mine site is approximately 271 ha; the proposed modifications will add approximately an additional 18 ha.

Copies of the environmental assessment registration addendum can be viewed at the following locations:

- Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre, 2nd Floor Haverstock Pharmasave Building Suite #2, 12280 HWY 224, Middle Musquodoboit,
- Sheet Harbour Public Library, 22756 Highway 7 Sheet Harbour NS,
- Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change, 30 Damascus Road, Suite 115 Bedford Commons, Bedford NS
- EA website (when available) <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/ea>

The public is invited to submit written comments to:

Environmental Assessment Branch
Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change
P.O. Box 442, Halifax, NS, B3J 2P8

On or before April 22, 2022, or contact the department at (902) 424-2574, (902) 424-0503 (Fax), or e-mail at EA@gov.ns.ca.

All comments received from the public consultation will be posted on the department’s website for public viewing. In the case of an individual, the address, email and contact information will be removed before being placed on the website. By submitting your comments, you are consenting to the posting of your comments on the department’s website.

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IN THE MATTER OF: The *Companies Act*, being Chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia 1989, as amended

IN THE MATTER OF: - and -
The application of **Temkin Canada Corp.** leave to surrender its Certificate of Amalgamation pursuant to Section 137 of the *Companies Act*

NOTICE

TEMKIN CANADA CORP. hereby gives notice pursuant to the provisions of Section 137 of the *Companies Act* (Nova Scotia) that it intends to make application to The Nova Scotia Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for leave to surrender its Certificate of Amalgamation.

DATED at Halifax, Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia, this 21st day of March, 2022.

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IN THE MATTER OF: The *Companies Act*, Chapter 81, R.S.N.S., 1989, as amended;

IN THE MATTER OF: - and -
An application by **Open Blue Global Services (Canada) Inc.** for leave to surrender its Certificate of Incorporation.

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DATED March 23, 2022.

Kimberly Bungay
Stewart McKelvey
Solicitor for **Open Blue Global Services (Canada) Inc.**



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Approval Notice - Enfield

Take Notice that the Council of the Municipality of East Hants at their meeting on Wednesday February 23, 2022, approved an unsubstantial amendment to a development agreement by Dr. Reena Kapadia Dentistry, for their dental centre building at 300 Highway 2, Enfield.

Any aggrieved person, the Provincial Director of Planning or Council of an adjoining Municipality may, within 14 days of publication of this notice, appeal Council’s decision to the Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board in accordance with the Municipal Government Act. A copy of the development agreement may be inspected at: **easthants.ca/planning-applications**

Dated at Elmsdale, Nova Scotia, this 23rd day of March 2022.

John Woodford, Director of Planning & Development



EAST HANTS

CRIME

RCMP conducting checkpoints to prevent impaired driving

HALIFAX — As part of the National Impaired Driving Prevention Week, RCMP will be conducting checkpoints across Nova Scotia.

In a news release, Nova Scotia RCMP said officers will focus on road safety by removing impaired drivers from roadways between March 20 and 26.

Drivers can expect to see increased patrols and sobriety checkpoints in the province as police continue efforts to keep roads safe.

“Nova Scotians should be aware that impaired driving applies to all forms of transportation, including all-terrain vehicles and boats,” said Sgt. Michael Carter.

“National Impaired Driving Week reminds vehicle operators that impaired driving can have deadly consequences and won’t be tolerated.”

Drivers coming through checkpoints can expect to encounter sobriety testing like approved screening devices, approved drug screening equipment, standardized field sobriety testing, drug influence evaluations and blood samples.

Refusing to take part in sobriety testing can result in criminal charges with the same penalties as impaired driving. Penalties can include jail time, licence suspension, fines or being sentenced to driver rehab.



Nova Scotia RCMP will be showing more presence on roadways as part of National Impaired Driving Prevention Week. **SALTWIRE NETWORK**

Police ask residents to report dangerous driving by calling 911.

When reporting a dangerous driver, callers should give their location, a description of the vehicle and driver and the direction the vehicle is heading.

In brief

Trial date to be assigned

SYDNEY — A Supreme Court trial date is scheduled to be set next month for a Cape Breton man charged with sexual assault.

Logan George William MacDonald, 26, of Catalone Gut, is alleged to have committed the offence in August 2020 in Catalone.

He was committed to trial after a preliminary hearing.

MacDonald, who continues his release on conditions, is now scheduled to appear in Supreme Court on April 19 to receive a trial date.

New trial scheduled

SYDNEY — A new provincial court trial date has been assigned to an Eskasoni woman charged in connection with the hold-up of a Sydney cab driver.

Leanne Frances Margaret Stevens, 33, is charged with auto theft, kidnapping, armed robbery (handgun), pointing a firearm, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, careless use of a firearm, unauthorized possession of a firearm in a vehicle and using a firearm in committing a robbery involving money, a phone and AirPods.

The offences are alleged to have occurred in Membertou Aug. 1, 2021.

Stevens is now scheduled to stand trial Oct. 26.

Arrest warrants issued

SYDNEY — Another missed court date for a Glace Bay man has resulted in yet another arrest warrant being issued.

Robert Tyler MacGillivray, 27, who court file lists addresses in Glace Bay, New Waterford and Sydney, has recorded three arrest warrants against him since January for failing to attend provincial court for his scheduled trials.

The latest warrant was issued March 16.

He was scheduled to stand trial Jan. 24 on four counts of breaching court orders and single counts of unlawfully being in a dwelling and uttering a threat.

He was also to stand trial March 9 on three counts of breaching court orders and a single count of assault with a weapon.

He missed another scheduled trial Wednesday on four counts of breaching court orders and single counts of assault, uttering a threat, theft, possession of stolen property and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Jail and restitution ordered

SYDNEY — A Sydney man

has been sentenced after pleading guilty to charges including uttering a forged document.

Ryan Jeffrey Haley, 38, of Upper Prince Street was also sentenced on seven counts of breaching court orders and single counts of theft and resisting arrest.

Other charges were withdrawn.

The forged document was a provincial government cheque issued to another individual.

He was sentenced to complete a 60-day jail term on the charges. He is also to pay restitution in the amount of \$478 which was the amount of the cheque.

Earlier this month, Haley was sentenced to serve a one-year probation period on charges of theft and breaching a court order.

He was credited with serving 127 days on remand and his sentence was one-day in jail served by his presence in court along with probation. He was also ordered to complete 30 hours of community

service.

Trial set on host of offences

SYDNEY — A provincial court trial date has been set for a Sydney man facing a host of charges including multiple counts of drinking and driving.

James Anthony Macdonald, 33, of Brookview Drive is to stand trial on 11 counts of breaching court orders, two counts of impaired driving, two counts of driving with a blood/alcohol level exceeding the legal limit, two counts of evading police, two counts of public mischief and single counts of driving while prohibited, dangerous driving, resisting arrest, assault, mischief and refusing a breathalyzer demand.

The offences are alleged to have occurred between June 2018 and December 2020 in Sydney and Membertou.

A trial on all the charges is now set for Dec. 8.

MacDonald continues his release on conditions.

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Notice to Members

ANNUAL MEETING

Princess Credit Union Limited

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Location:

St. Joseph Church Hall,

Villa Drive Bras D'or, NS

Registration: 7:00 pm

Meeting: 7:30 pm

Signed: Board of Directors

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Getting ready for the worst

Halifax rebuilding task force to respond to disasters

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If that crane had toppled onto an occupied building in downtown Halifax instead of one under construction in 2019, this is the team that would have been called in.

Or if hurricanes, which are expected to be more destructive thanks to climate change, rip through Halifax leaving rubble behind, this team will be one of the first calls.

Halifax is rebuilding a national Heavy Urban Search and Rescue task force (HUSAR), a highly trained group of doctors, paramedics, engineers, military, police officers and firefighters, who can respond to disasters at home or anywhere in Canada or the U.S.

This week, 24 people who will be a part of the 80-person task force, are training with collapsed building rescue experts from the United States. They're training at a former factory site in an industrial park in Bedford. These instructors have been on site at one horrific event or another, caused by terrorism, or natural disasters like earthquakes and hurricanes.

One of them is Dennis Macedo, who searched the wreckage at the World Trade Centre in New York in 2001 and the federal building in Oklahoma after it was bombed in 1995.

"It's probably the worst day any civilian could ever have and we're being asked to go in and help so a lot of times, as a rescuer, you're just running on your adrenaline, you don't really think about what your surroundings are," he said.

There are 28 Urban Search and Rescue teams in the U.S. and the three instructors in HRM this week are from a team in Massachusetts. They also work for Spec Rescue International, a company that delivers the same training that the American federal teams get.

This week, 18 firefighters (both career and volunteer) as well as four Halifax Regional Police officers and two military personnel are training at a former bakery warehouse in a Bedford industrial park. They are learning several techniques including shoring, which involves building wooden structures – fast – to stabilize collapsed buildings so rescuers can get in there to look for survivors.

"The HUSAR teams are tasked to go in after the collapse has happened and do search and rescue for victims," Macedo said on Thursday. "By building emergency building shoring we're not only protecting the victims that are trapped in a building, but we're making it safe for the rescuers to enter and do the extrication."

'IT WOULD BE AN HONOUR'

Firefighter Emma Roberts, a seven-year career veteran who works at the University Street station in downtown Halifax, said the training involves an overwhelming amount of information, a lot of math and an aggressive learning curve.

"It's just an incredible opportunity to be a part of a team that's going to be nationally and internationally deployed," she said. "It also helps with my day-to-day job because I didn't come from a



Members of Halifax's Heavy Urban Search and Rescue task force learn to create and install shores, used to stabilize buildings that have collapsed, in a training area in Bedford on Thursday. **RYAN TAPLIN ■ THE CHRONICLE HERALD**

trades background so learning building construction, building materials and plus you get closer with all your crew members. It's just such an incredible opportunity and I'll take any training they give me."

It will be at least three years before the entire task force will be ready to deploy, but in the meantime, squads with specific skills within the team can be called where and when they're needed. There are six task forces across the country.

"Obviously we sign up for this career to help people and that's just on a whole new level to help people who are in the worst conditions possible. So, it would be an honour to be able to respond to an event like that," Roberts said.

HALIFAX'S HUSAR

About 15 years ago, Halifax was building a HUSAR task force when the federal funding was pulled. There are now six across the country. Two years ago, the funding returned and things were just starting to get on track when the pandemic put a quick halt to any plans, said Dennis Pitts, district chief for Halifax Fire and Emergency.

But now with restrictions lifting, it's time to get the team together, he said.

It's an intense, non-stop 10-day training schedule. Trainees are learning to use cameras and seismic listening devices to search for people under the rubble. After shoring, they'll get into breaching and learn how to break through concrete and metal, Pitts said.

"See that concrete tube? Go through it and they will. They'll punch a hole right through it," he said.

Pitts speculated there won't be a piece of concrete in the simulated debris field he created for training that won't have a hole through it. Trainees will use jackhammers, sledgehammers, concrete saws and other tools. He'll also create training scenarios for them to work through.

Having a hometown HUSAR team is definitely an advantage for Halifax, Pitts said.

"Obviously any disasters that happen in Newfoundland, P.E.I., (Nova Scotia), New Brunswick, even in east Quebec, we can get there quite quickly."

Pitts said there are over 30 disaster scenarios like hurricanes, floods and collapses they will be prepared to handle.

"Hurricanes, we see them basically yearly now and the crane toppling, that could

have very easily come over an occupied building," Pitts said. "I think two floors of that building were crumpled up and that's where this team would come in," he said.

Besides the medical experts, engineers and first responders, a pair of debris-searching dogs and their handlers will

be joining the team. They are expected to fly home from a training facility in Philadelphia this weekend.

Pitts said the dogs are a major component to the team because they can quickly search an area faster than rescuers can search with cameras and seismic listening devices.



NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD
NOTICE OF PAPER HEARING



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF GUYSBOROUGH, on behalf of the CANSO-HAZEL HILL WATER UTILITY, has applied for approval of amendments to its Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Water Services and amendments to its Schedule of Rules and Regulations

This matter will be considered in a public hearing as follows:

Hearing starts: **Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:00 am**

Hearing Details: **GoToWebinar videoconferencing details will be provided to the parties**

Board Hearings are open to the public, and you may participate as follows:

- You may listen to the live hearing by visiting the Board's website at <https://nsuarb.novascotia.ca> and selecting the "Listen to Live Hearings" option. This will enable you to see the electronic document display as well as hear the audio of the proceeding.
- You may speak at the hearing. You must notify the Board by **Tuesday, June 21, 2022.**
- You may make written comments by sending a letter to the Clerk of the Board at P.O. Box 1692, Unit "M", Halifax, NS B3J 3S3, or by email at: board@novascotia.ca, or by fax at (902) 424-3919 by **Tuesday, June 21, 2022.**
- You may request formal standing as an Intervener, subject to Board approval. This will allow you to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses. Your request must be received by the Board by **Monday, April 4, 2022**, and a copy of your written evidence by **Tuesday, May 10, 2022.**

Additional information about the matter is as follows:

- For flat rate charges, the current quarterly water bill is \$166.29, and it is proposed to increase to \$193.51, (a 16.4% increase) in 2022/23; \$200.62, (a 3.7% increase) in 2023/24; and \$206.69, (a 3.0% increase) in 2024/25.
- For a 5/8-meter residential customer, the average current quarterly water bill is \$152.60, and it is proposed to increase to \$175.15, (a 14.8% increase) in 2022/23; \$179.54, (a 2.5% increase) in 2023/24; and \$182.95, (a 1.9% increase) in 2024/25.
- The Utility is also requesting amendments for other metered services ranging from 9.9% to 28.4% in 2022/23; 2.3% to 5.6% in 2023/24; and 2.0% to 4.5% in 2024/25.
- The annual fire protection charge paid by the Town, currently \$64,462, is proposed to remain the same in 2022/23 and 2023/24; and to be amended to \$67,095 (a 4.1% increase) in 2024/25.

Upon reviewing the Application, the Board, in its Decision, may determine that the proposed amendments should be as requested, higher, or lower.

A copy of the Application and any timetable applying to this matter may be viewed on the Board's website at <https://nsuarb.novascotia.ca/>, by clicking on "Matters & Evidence", and in the "Go To Files and Documents", enter Matter No. M10475.



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A D M I N I S T R A T O R

Villa Acadienne is a not-for-profit long term care facility, situated along beautiful St. Mary's Bay in the Acadian municipality of Clare. Currently an 86-bed facility, Villa Acadienne is in the final stages for a new 96 bed replacement facility. True to our Acadian heritage and culture, our mission is to provide quality long-term care while promoting the autonomy and self-esteem of our residents.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Administrator is accountable for the overall efficient and effective operation of Villa Acadienne in accordance with the organization's mission, vision, values and philosophy of care; various government and local legal regulations; licensing requirements; and governance policies. Other key areas of responsibility include financial and risk/quality management; human resources and capital management; and information and communication management.

As the ideal candidate, you will hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a relevant field of study and have a minimum of five years' experience in a senior management role, preferably in the health care sector. You have demonstrated competency in public policy, administration, human resources, and financial management; experience in labour management within a unionized work environment; and possess excellent change management and communication skills. As a proven transformational leader, you inspire and motivate staff toward achievement of a shared vision; you cultivate a workplace culture where staff feel valued, respected and are engaged; and you build and maintain excellent relationships with key stakeholders. These skill sets and attributes will be essential as you lead the planning for the new replacement facility. Bilingual (French & English) is strongly preferred.

If you are interested in pursuing this rewarding leadership opportunity, email Health Association Nova Scotia at mary.lee@healthassociation.ns.ca with a detailed resume by April 11, 2022. All applications will remain strictly confidential.

To view the entire job description, please visit www.healthassociation.ns.ca

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A mourning dove feeds her squabs in their nest in Pasadena, Calif., on Sept. 1, 2020. REUTERS

Birds laying eggs even earlier as climate change shifts springs

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LONDON — The early bird is getting even earlier. With climate change spur-ring earlier springs across much of North America, many birds are laying their eggs earlier in the year, according to a new study — adding to mounting evidence that global warming is turning wildlife habits upside down. Of 72 bird species examined around Chicago, roughly a third lay their eggs about 25 days earlier than they did a century ago, researchers report in the paper published on Friday in the Journal of Animal Ecology.

Those affected include the mourning dove, American kestrel and Cooper’s hawk. The scientists so far haven’t found any clear traits shared by these species, such as size or migratory status, that might explain why they’re changing their schedules. But “the majority of the birds we looked at eat insects, and insects’ seasonal behavior is also affected by climate,” said lead author John Bates, curator of the bird division at the Field Museum in Chicago. How animal and plant life cycles are affected by climate change and seasonal disruptions is a question that’s “becoming more front and center in people’s minds,”

Bates said. Just a few temperature degrees off from the long-term average can have a big impact on when insects emerge, when trees sprout leaves, when flowers bloom and, according to the new research, when eggs hatch. Scientists believe those changes could be among the many reasons for the steep decline in bird populations since the 1970s, with the United States and Canada losing roughly a third of their birds — or about three billion birds — according to a 2019 study in the journal Science. Bates and his colleagues studied more than 1,500 egg shell records held at Chicago’s Field Museum, many dating

back to the period between 1872 to 1920 when gathering eggs was a popular pastime. These Victorian-era ova enthusiasts left detailed, handwritten labels listing information such as the bird’s species and collection date. The scientists then compared those records with more than 3,000 modern records, along with data describing carbon dioxide levels on the nesting dates across time, for their analysis. The findings echo similar results from studies carried out in recent decades in the United Kingdom, which also found that egg-laying was happening earlier along with reported changes in the growing season.

Yemenis face eighth year of struggle as war grinds on

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SANAA — Khaled Rmeishi, 16, has spent half his life watching Yemen, and his hopes for the future, collapse under a war that has pushed millions in the long-impo-verished Arabian peninsula country deeper into poverty and hunger. Rmeishi, who is in the ninth grade, helps his family by working at his father’s car repair garage in the capital Sanaa and hopes later to have a trade job as a mechanic, plumber or electrician. “When I first started my education, when I first went to school, all I saw was war ... It affected my schooling, my work, it affected everyone,”

he said at the garage, where he washed and polished a blue sedan and fixed a bumper. “We’ve wasted enough years of our lives. I hope the war will stop and that we will live in peace and security.” The war between the Iran-aligned Houthis group and a coalition led by Saudi Arabia, which enters its eighth year today, has killed tens of thousands of people and left 19 million people reliant on food assistance. Some 22 million need support to access health services, 8.5 million children require education support and 16 million need help accessing potable water, according to the United Nations. Fighting has displaced some four million people inside

Yemen. “We are lost, people are lost, it’s as if we are buried underground,” said Abdul-lah Hamzeh at Darwan camp near Sanaa. “My children and I are destitute, we have no income, nothing. We pray to God that this war will stop across all of Yemen.” Yemen’s economy has collapsed and the flow of goods into the import-dependent country has been severely hindered by coalition restrictions on areas held by the Houthis, who ousted the

Saudi-backed government from Sanaa in late 2014. The United Nations has warned that the world’s largest humanitarian operation in Yemen will be further scaled back, including food and health assistance, after a pledging drive raised less than a third of the \$4.27 billion sought for 2022.

In brief

China expands search as second black box eludes

WUZHOU, China — Recovery crews on Friday expanded the search area of the China Eastern Air-lines crash, as the second of the plane’s two black boxes eluded search-and-rescue workers for a fourth day. Flight MU5735 was en route from the southwest-ern city of Kunming to Guangzhou on the coast on Monday when the Boe-ing 737-800 plummeted from cruising altitude at about the time when it should have started its descent to its destination. Human remains and personal belongings of the 132 people on board have been found but no survivors, and debris from the crash was scattered over a wide area of the heavily forested slopes in China’s Guangxi region.

New missile will curb ‘dangerous’ moves

SEOUL — North Korea’s latest launch was a big, new intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), state media reported on Friday, a test leader Kim Jong Un said was de-signed to demonstrate the might of its nuclear force and deter any U.S. mili-tary moves. Thursday’s launch was the first full ICBM test by nuclear-armed North Korea since 2017. Flight data indicated the missile flew higher and longer than any of North Ko-rea’s previous tests before crashing into the sea west of Japan. What North Korea calls the Hwasong-17 would be the largest liquid-fuelled missile ever launched by any country from a road-mobile launcher, analysts say. Its range and size suggest North Korea plans to tip it with multiple warheads that could hit several targets or with decoys to confuse missile defences, they say.

The leaders of the Group of Seven industrialized nations and the European Union condemned North Korea’s test as a “reckless” threat to peace and security and a danger to interna-tional civil aviation and maritime navigation. They said it demanded a united response. Reuters

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NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE OF PAPER HEARING

EfficiencyOne (E1) has made Application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for Approval of a Supply Agreement for Electricity Efficiency and Conservation Activities between E1 and Nova Scotia Power Inc, and the establishment of a final agreement between the parties, including approval of E1’s 2023-2025 Demand Side Management (DSM) Resource Plan. The Resource Plan includes incremental cumulative net energy savings of 412.7 GWh and cumulative system peak demand savings of 96.7 MW, at a total investment level of \$173 million over the three-year period.

The Board will consider this matter in a paper hearing process.

- You may request formal standing as an Intervenor, subject to Board approval. Your request must be received by the Board by **Tuesday, March 29, 2022**, and a copy of your written evidence by **Friday, May 20, 2022**.
- Anyone wishing to make comments in writing may file Letters of Comment with the Board by **Friday, May 27, 2022**. Letters should be addressed to Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, P.O. Box 1692, STN. “M”, Halifax, NS B3J 3S3, or by fax at (902) 424-3919, or by email at: board@novascotia.ca.

Full details of the application and timetable applying to this matter can be found on the Board’s website <http://nsuarb.novascotia.ca>, by clicking on “Matters & Evidence”, and in the “Go Directly to Matter” search box, enter Matter No. **M10473**.