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Delisle expelled from Forces

DND

Upon the recommendation of General Tom Lawson, Chief of the Defence Staff, David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, has approved the release of Jeffery Paul Delisle from the Canadian Armed Forces and has revoked his commission.

The former intelligence officer was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty for passing top secret information to the Russians over a five-year period.

"Mr. Delisle's actions were neither excusable nor defensible. He broke the law, violated our core values of integrity and honour, and his actions were reprehensible," said Gen Lawson. "He has demonstrated that he is neither worthy of the trust and confidence of the Crown, nor of his country. As a result of his misconduct Mr. Delisle has been released from the Canadian Armed Forces and his commission has been revoked."

Delisle's release for reasons of "service misconduct" will result in the following additional consequences:

• Delisle forfeits his Canadian Forces Decoration (a medal)

• Delisle forfeits his entitlement to severance pay

• action will be taken to recover his pay from the date of his being arrested and taken into custody.

On behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, the Governor General grants commissions to all officers of the Canadian Armed Forces. These commissions are held at the pleasure of and can be revoked by the Crown. Delisle was expelled for espionage.



DND

A Task Group Exercise is taking place Feb. 11 to 21 off the coast of Hawaii with personnel from Canada and the United States.

The two nations are participating in joint operations designed to build and strengthen interoperability and effectiveness between Canada's three military services and our Allies.

The exercise will also support the United States Navy Submarine Command Course, which is a training course for naval officers preparing to take command of a submarine.

HMC Ships Ottawa and Algonquin have met at sea with United States Ships Chafee and Port Royal, and United States Naval Ship Guadalupe, along with three Los Angeles Class Nuclear Submarines. The ships were joined by a Canadian Aurora Aircraft from 407 Long Range Patrol Squadron, and by Sea King helicopters from 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron.

Commodore Scott Bishop, Commander of Canadian Fleet Pacific, has a key leadership position during this task group exercise as the Commander of anti-submarine warfare.

"I am honoured to have been asked to participate as the anti-submarine warfare commander," said Cmdre Bishop. "Combining work-up training, multi-ship exercises, and anti-submarine warfare scenarios provide a great opportunity for sailors and officers, new and seasoned, to develop and improve warfare skills."

Mock scenarios are staged to make training more realistic. Exercises during the task

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group exercise will also focus on force generation, surveillance, reconnaissance, and seamanship.

The task group exercise serves to strengthen the skills of sailors, soldiers, and airmen and airwomen by preparing them to react to potentially dangerous situations. Its purpose is to hone each unit's operational skills, with the ultimate objective of enhancing Canada's maritime contribution to global security.

"The Royal Canadian Navy has a significant part to play in fostering cooperation and understanding at sea, especially with our neighbours to the south," said Rear-Admiral Bill Truelove, Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific. "Exercises such as the task group exercise help improve naval interoperability, while also ensuring readiness if called upon."

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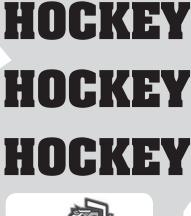
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Nelson knew when to listen to PAO

SLt David Lewis

Public Affairs Officer, HMCS Prevost

It was just before noon. The wind was light and the seas were

relatively calm. The Spanish and French fleets were stretched out in a single column almost eight kilometres long.

On a course of attack, Collingwood, in the Royal Sovereign, led the second column leeward of Nelson.

Aboard the Victory, the Admiral instructed that his now famous flag signal be sent: "England confides that every man will do his duty."

This is not, however, the signal that was sent, for it was at this point that Nelson's public affairs officer (PAO) stepped in.

Lt John Pasco stood on the poop deck with Admiral Lord Nelson that day and advised him, that for expediency and impact sake, the word expects could be substituted for confides. The word expects is in the semaphore flag vocabulary whereas the word confides must be spelled out. Nelson approved the change, and the immortal signal was sent.

Lt Pasco was an exceptional PAO. He advised the operational commander with sound communications advice at an operational level. He managed the flow of infor-

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mation for the navy internally as well as externally. He communicated in a concise and creative manner both audibly and visually. He assisted command in motivation, inspiration and information.

His press release, flying high on Victory's masts, would assist in winning the day as well as the war. The ongoing media coverage would no doubt go on to inspire Wellington at Waterloo, Jellicoe at Jutland, and resound through to our modern day.

History will never tell if Nelson's original message would have had the same impact as Pasco's amended version. We do know the interminable influence it did have because he listened to his PAO.

People Talk



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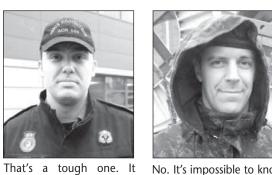
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Sea legs are hard to come by

Capt Jenn Jackson Base Public Affairs Officer

As an Air Force Officer with a background in the Army Reserves, I will admit to being more than a little anxious when I found out this summer I was posted to work for the Royal Canadian Navy at CFB Esquimalt.

After more than 15 years in the Canadian Armed Forces, I had never seen a Canadian naval vessel up close, let alone sailed in one.

Being always willing to accept a challenge and embark on a new adventure, I began to brush up on my navy ranks and learn some nautical terms before crossing the country to take up my post here in Victoria.

Before I knew it, the autumn passed in a flurry of training, emergency response exercises, construction projects and community relations, and the New Year arrived with my total "naval" experi-

ence being two hours on a Nabob trainees and Wolf Glendale tugboat.

Finding this unacceptable, I immediately began to work to rectify the situation. I began with a morning hosted by LCdr Michelle Tessier and her crew in HMCS Nanaimo in January. Following this, I spent time on Orca-class training vessels belonging to the Patrol Craft Training Section of Canadian Fleet Pacific, which support the Naval Officer Training Centre's MARS IV course Nabob.

The course teaches basic seamanship and introduces naval personnel to shipboard life. I could not imagine a better introduction to the ships of the navy than spending time in an Orca observing the drive, determination, and level of training it takes to become a MARS officer.

In the short time I spent in Patrol Craft Training Wolf, I was able to gain a basic understanding of what life at sea involves by observing the MARS IV

crew during week two of their six-week sea phase carrying out the ship's routine, emergency response exercises, navigation training, and vessel handling.

Beyond my observations, there were several aspects to life at sea I experienced for myself. Expanding my limited naval knowledge, I learned that on ship a "buffer" is not used to shine the floors, "port" is the "red" side, and the "rack" in my "cabin" had a seatbelt for a reason.

More than any single experience I encountered over the three days, there is nothing that can make up for the overall journey I completed while on board.

I left Wolf with a much greater understanding, not only of naval training and life at sea, but of the uniqueness of the role of sailors in the Canadian Armed Forces, and how much more I have still to learn about the navy.

I eagerly await my next naval adventure.



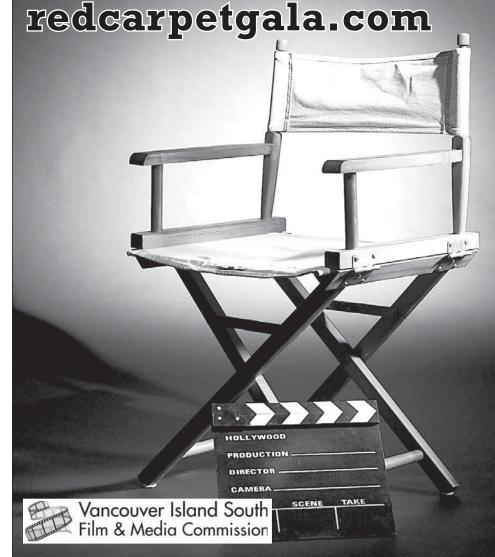




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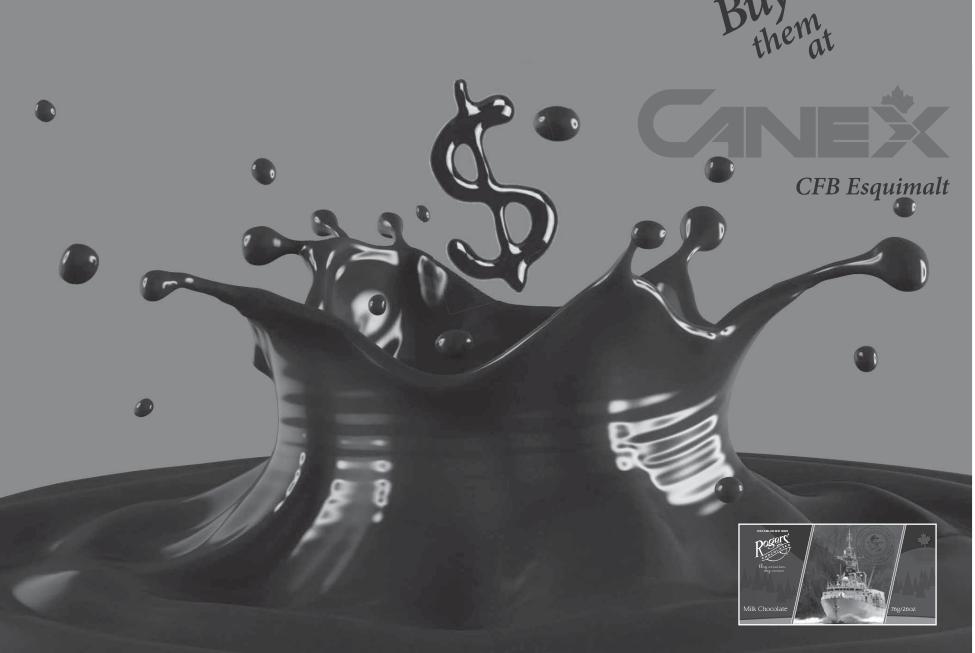






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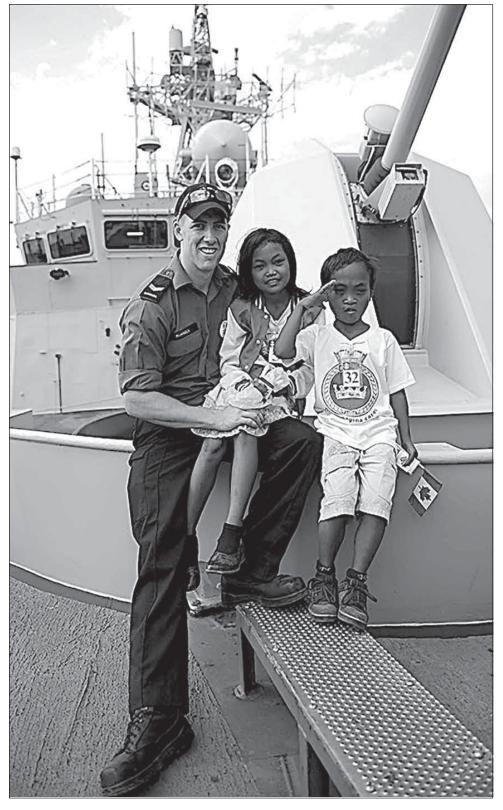
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Chief at work on next generation success

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Even though he would rather be aboard ship than in a boardroom, Chief Petty Officer First Class (CPO1) Robert Cléroux concedes that "the boardroom is probably the place where I can exercise the most influence."

It's there where he has the ear of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and other generals, and the opportunity to bring his ideas and opinions forward.

What CPO1 Cléroux enjoys most about his job is communicating with the young men and women of the Canadian Forces, whether on a leadership course, a ship, or in the field.

"This means talking to and meeting people across the country, checking on morale, dress, discipline and development of the noncommissioned members (NCMs), so I bring this information back, not only to the CDS, but also to the Armed Forces Council, to help make improvements where needed," explains CPO1 Cléroux. "When I come back from those visits, I'm pumped."

As the Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer (CFCWO), he is the senior non-commissioned advisor to the CDS on all issues relating to NCMs. He is also involved in succession planning and development for the NCM Corps.

Challenges for the CAF

CPO1 Cléroux acknowledges the challenges facing the military and its members. Changes resulting from government-wide spending reviews, organizational restructuring and a change in operational tempo has had a direct impact on its members, and as a result, senior leaders are plotting a new course for the future. "Until the government balances

the budget and, as Canadians, we have a role to play in helping the



CPO1 Robert Cléroux, Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer.

government achieve those goals," says CPO1 Cléroux. "My role is to ensure that whatever the future may hold, NCMs and all military members remain top of mind."

CPO1 Cléroux's cross-country visits have given NCMs a chance to raise concerns about the CF and their future. According to the CFCWO, several themes keep recurring, and the first question asked is: where are we going next?

"They [NCMs] don't only mean overseas, they mean in the North, or what other roles will we have within Canada? I believe many of our men and women have joined to make a difference, so that question is understandable."

As far as I'm concerned, our men and women are second to none. Our allies are happy to have Canadians by their side.

-CPO1 Robert Cléroux CF Chief Warrant Officer The second theme is health care, not only for CF members, but for their families.

"We have a great health care system," says CPO1 Cléroux. "But it can be difficult to find doctors for your family due to our frequent moves. Also, mental health gets raised often, from both CF members and their families."

Benefits such as post living differential, imposed restriction, severance pay, pension contributions, relocation, and housing are also of concern to military members.

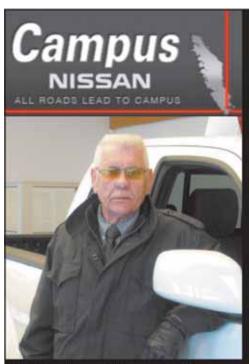
"Ultimately, we have the greatest jobs," CPO1 Cléroux says. "We have a very fair pay package, no one is being laid off and jobs are pretty much guaranteed. There aren't many jobs in Canada where you are required to work fitness activities into your work day, as in the military. There may be some challenges right now due to government-wide spending reviews, but we still have a great profession."

Future direction of the CAF

After more than 12 years of counter-insurgent operations and nation building in Afghanistan, there is now a group of professionals who are not sure what the future holds, and what these changes in the military have done to morale among NCMs.

"We've just come through a lot," says CPO1 Cléroux. "There's some uncertainly about where are we going next. But I do think morale is good. As far as I'm concerned, our men and women are second to none. Our allies are happy to have Canadians by their side."

CPO1 Cléroux's proudest moment is not something he has achieved or accomplished. Without hesitation, he says it is "the great young men and women who have been decorated by the Governor General for the amazing deeds they did, not only in Afghanistan, but across Canada. They are heroes and they need to be celebrated."



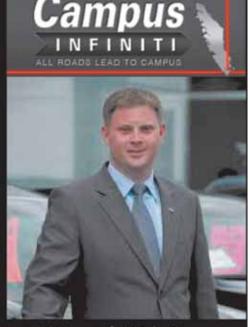
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Capt Jenn Jackson, Base Public Affairs LS Bob McConnell and LS Andy O'Brien of Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific) wrap the remains of a marine locator marker in dirt and gun tape before transporting it for disposal.

Divers clear washed up ordnance from beach

Capt Jenn Jackson Base Public Affairs Officer

LS Bob McConnell and LS Andy O'Brien of Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific) (FDU (P)) travelled to Prevost Island Feb. 7 in response to a call from a member of the public. Their mission: to find and dispose of a military marine locator marker that had been spotted on shore.

Used to mark locations on the water of people in distress, marine locator markers (commonly known as smoke markers) are essential to marine search and rescue operations to mark potential dangers on or in the water, especially at night.

Normally, markers will fill with water and sink once they have completely burned, but sometimes they wash ashore, requiring disposal from trained personnel. That is where members from FDU (P) come in.

In response to information received by local authorities, members of the unit trained in unexploded ordnance disposal will travel to the location of the reported marker, find it and dispose of it properly. "If it is in a safe area we would dispose of it by using a small quantity of explosive on the marker as a precautionary measure," says LS McConnell. "This helps safe-guard members of the public from any potential danger."

On Prevost Island, LS McConnell and LS O'Brien worked quickly to locate the marker, safely move it to the beach, detonate it, and, once it was safe, wrap the remains of the marker with dirt and gun tape to transport it for final disposal.

"This type of call is probably the most common we receive at the Fleet Diving Unit," said LS O'Brien. "It is very important these markers are disposed of properly, and we thank the public for their help."

If members of the public come across a marine locator marker they should note where it is located, leave it alone, and call the police who can coordinate with the navy to have it disposed of. Each marker is clearly marked with directions to help protect and aid members of the public who may encounter these devices.





Photo courtesy of Operational Support Detachment Kuwait, Canadian Forces Juno, the Canadian Army mascot, meets with Kuwaiti kids while attending the Kuwait Air Force Open House.

Juno visits CF in Kuwait

Anne Génier CJOC

In January 2013, Juno, the official mascot of the Canadian Army, visited Kuwait.

While deployed, he participated in many activities such as: a Polar Bear Plunge, a visit to the Canadian Embassy in Kuwait City where he shook hands with Ambassador Douglas George, and the Kuwait Air Force Open House. The Kuwait Air Force Open House consisted of static aircraft displays, musical bands, Kuwait dance groups, equestrian demonstrations, displays by U.S K-9 Dog units and Explosive Ordnance Disposal equipment. At the event, Juno met with Kuwaiti families and

handed out more than 500 Canadian flags. Operational Support Detachment Kuwait's main mission is to support the ongoing training operations in Afghanistan. The detachment, composed of 20 members, has been involved in various events. They helped with the visit of HMCS Regina in Kuwait City, they supported the RCMP Protection Force that escorted the Prime Minister while he travelled to India, and they also assisted Canadian Army members during a vehicle trial of the LAV III with the Kuwaiti military.

Three rescued in Gander

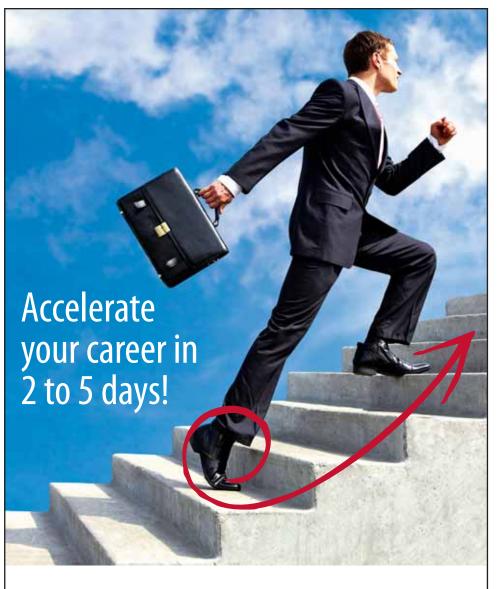
On Feb. 9 at approximately 6:30 p.m., Joint Rescue Coordination Centre Halifax received a call for assistance involving three persons stranded in a 16-foot fibreglass boat in Indian Bay, NF.

The three individuals became trapped in the ice and were unable to make their way back to shore due to the ice conditions, high winds and reduced visibility due to blowing snow. They attempted to get help from other vessels but were

unsuccessful. A Cormorant helicopter was dispatched from Gander to carry out the rescue.

Under extreme weather conditions the crew successfully pinpointed the boat and hoisted the three persons on board, who were suffering from hypothermia. The three people were brought to Gander where a waiting ambulance transported them to the local hospital. They did not suffer any serious injuries.





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HMCS Regina visits the Philippines

HMCS Regina stopped in at Coast Guard saves the Port of Manila last Tuesday and stayed until Feb.16. RAdm Bill Truelove also visited Manila and met with Armed Forces Chief of Staff General Emmanuel Bautista to discuss issues of mutual interest at Camp Aguinaldo.

Aside from calls on Philippine military officials, Regina's officers and crew were involved in charity events and friendly sports competitions with their Philippine counterparts.

boaters off Nanaimo coast

A Cormorant helicopter crew took a trip near Nanaimo last Wednesday night.

The crew from 19 Wing Comox 442 Squadron was called out by the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre (JRCC) Victoria to aid an eight-metre long sailboat that issued a distress call after its mooring line broke near Nanoose Bay.

The Cormorant found the sailboat grounded, and then received a second call of two canoeists lost somewhere between Yellow Point and Ladysmith.

The helicopter crew began a shoreline search of the area and soon spotted the canoeists on shore.

Search and rescue technicians found the two middle-aged men wet and cold, but in stable condition. They were brought on board and flown to Nanaimo Airport.

Hockey - a fun evening for all

Victor-Brodeur School PAC invites you to a hockey night where you can cheer on the Victoria Royals, who will be playing the Vancouver Giants. The game is on Friday

March 8 at 7:05 p.m., at the Save on Foods Memorial Centre Tickets are \$10/each. Contact Marie-Pierre_

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Local bagpipes looking for new blood

Shawn O'Hara Staff Writer

Here's something you don't hear everyday: bagpipers wanted.

JD Baillie has been piping with the Castle Cary Pipes and Drums band for more than $\hat{2}5$ years, and says the band's receding membership needs filling.

"Due to age and time we've seen a lot of members come and go," says Baillie. "We used to have around 35 members but we're down to about 14. We hope we can get membership back up to where it used to be.'

The band is recruiting as many new pipers and drummers as possible, and a lifetime of experience isn't required to join as the band teaches members free of charge.

"In the piping community there's a culture of giving back. We want to teach as we were taught," says Baillie. "We don't want a lack of experience to be a barrier for entry. Everyone has to start their career somehow."

Those interested in joining the band will have to supply their own pipes, but drums are provided. The band also plays in full Scottish regalia complete with brogues, sporran, sgian dubh, and of course the iconic kilt.

'We're all about authenticity," says Baillie. "We figure if we're going to bother doing it at all, we might as well do it right."

This is a unique opportunity to be a part of a musical group that has been entwined with Victoria's culture for almost three decades. Founded in the early 1980s, the band has become a staple of a number of events around Victoria including the Highland Games, the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Langford Cenotaph, and Langford's Freedom of the City celebration.

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Making sense of the new tax system

Ann Harper Contributor

In June 2011, British Columbians received a referendum ballot in their mailboxes.

On Aug. 25, 2011, it was announced that a year after implementation, B.C. residents voted "yes" to extinguish the HST, and on April 1, 2013, we will and remit tax will again officially move back to the PST-GST tax system in this province.

Unfortunately, making the move back to the PST-GST tax system won't be a snap for small businesses and a bit of paperwork will be required. In a survey conducted by Sage North America last year, 65 per cent of B.C. small business owners/managers reported that the greatest concern they had about reverting back to PST-GST was the increased paperwork required to remain compliant.

To help make the transition a little easier for small businesses across B.C., here are some things they need to know, especially for those which were formed after March 2010 and have never dealt with the PST-GST tax system before.

Are there any improvements from the "old" PST?

There are other changes being made to improve the PST from its earlier days, including:

• new online access for business, including registration, account updates and online payments

• due dates for remittances and returns for monthly filers will be moved to the last day of the month to match GST remittances

• 8 per cent Hotel Room Tax will be incorporated into the PST instead of requiring separate registration, remittances and returns

• businesses will be able to register with their federal business number

 retailers will he allowed to refund tax to customers in a broader range of circumstances

• businesses that collect

receive commission of up to \$198 per reporting period

When does PST-GST system take effect?

April 1, 2013. However, you could register for a new PST number as of Jan. Can I use my old PST

number? No. You will need to register for a new one.

Will I still have to file HST?

No. You will be filing GST at 5 per cent using the same number and the same method as you do the HST.

What do I need to do before April 1, 2013?

You need to register to for a PST number that will be 11 characters long

E-Services for businesses with a business number www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/ topic.page?id=FD375F29 EBF74FB1ABD5A5438E 2A9672 Review the website first because you need to know certain things before you can register.

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What do I charge PST on?

re-implemented The PST, like the previous PST, will be a retail sales tax taxable good or service is acquired for personal use or business use, unless a specific exemption applies. PST generally applies to: • the purchase or lease

of new or used goods; goods brought into

B.C. for use in B.C. • the purchase of most services to goods (for example, vehicle maintenance, furniture assembly, computer repair)

• the purchase of telecommunication services including Internet access, non-basic cable, non-residential telephone services, cell phone use, satellite services and fax services; and

• the purchase of legal services What is exempt from

PST? The PST will apply to the same goods and services that were subject to PST

prior to the implementation of the HST. All permanent PST exemptions will be re-implemented with the new PST, including:

• all food for human consumption (e.g. basic groceries and prepared food such as restaurant meals)

• most services (e.g. personal services such as haircuts, dry cleaning, funeral services)

• admissions and memprofessional berships; services, other than legal services (e.g. accounting); bicycles; newspapers and magazines

• all permanent PST exemptions for business. How will I remit the PST I collect?

You will be able to remit your taxes online through the E-services website (letters sent to businesses in December 2012 will have additional information on the E-service website), at that is payable when a your bank (in person or online) and by mail.

If you're looking for more information on how to prepare for the transition back to the PST-GST system, a good place to start is the Government of B.C. website. It offers some great online resources including videos and webinars. www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic. page?id=589542DDDB6 347F7A7C80C1783F4BA 6D



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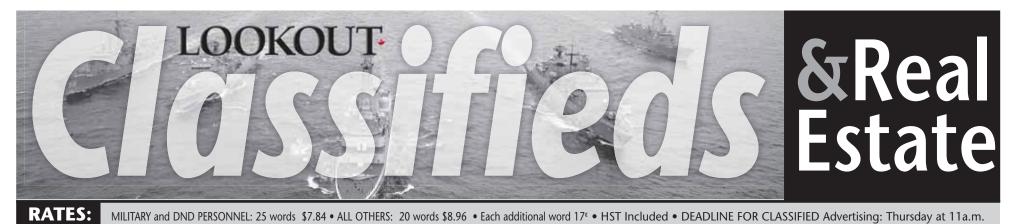
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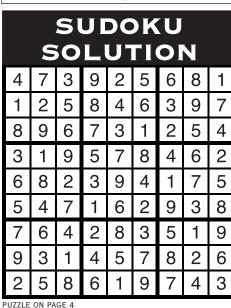
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Sports in Sudan benefit charity

LCol Richard Quinn Task Force South Sudan

Even in South Sudan the magic power of sports manages to get nations to come together in an effort to improve the lives of others.

This past November, the Canadian United Nations Police and Canadian Forces members deployed on the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) initiated a joint venture to raise funds for a local school in Juba, the capital city.

The purpose of the fundraiser was to collect donations to support the drilling of a borehole (a well) and to build a washroom for the children to use at St-Paul's school.

St-Paul's is a small school with 100 students aged seven to 13. Although the majority of the children are boys, the percentage of girls is rising as the school continues to recruit additional girls. Classrooms are small and poorly equipped. Desks are without desktops and tiny chalkboards are other examples of improvements needed for the school.

The sports event had representative teams from Indonesia, Cambodia. Brazil, India, Australia, and Japan, and police officers from the South Sudan National Police Service. There were staff members from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Canadian International Development Agency, along with UN staff from a large number of other countries.

Local businesses added their support by providing water, juice, watermelon and cash donations.

The charity event raised \$4,200 (CAD) through direct contributions of those who participated.

The school has also been fortunate to gain the support of the Obakki Foundation, based in Vancouver, that has committed to matching the funds raised in South Sudan and in Canada, and to assist with the requirements to have the borehole completed.

The boys and girls of St-Paul's school had never played ball hockey, but it did not take them long to understand the game and that teamwork was the key to scoring goals.





The Special Representative of the Secretary General, Hilde Johnson assists with the ceremonial ball drop between Sgt Randy Keays and Officer Robert Hagarty (Ottawa Police Services). Canadian Forces Contingent Commander, LCol Richard Quinn and the Canadian Police Contingent Commander Inspector Walter Sutherland (RCMP) and Moses, the headmaster of St-Paul's school look on.

