

Inspector heading East for new post

In charge of the nuts and bolts of the RCMP detachment — everything from Serious Crimes and Community Policing to the Highway Patrol — Inspector Bob Williams is heading Alberta-bound.



Williams

Sent here from Regina, the inspector will be leaving in roughly a month to head up the Provincial Support Services branch for northern Alberta, a place he's always set his sights on.

"I'll be in charge of the major crimes unit as well as oversee all the general investigative section for the north half, including polygraph and cattle-theft as I go back onto the Prairies, as well as auto theft."

Though five years seems to be a short period of time, all things considered, Inspector Williams says the face of policing has changed.

"We've changed a lot of things in the past several years. And we've had to. We have to keep in tune with police in the '90s, now into

the new millennium. So there have been a lot of changes. And we're progressing favourably, I would think."

On a more philosophical note, he says he has always been impressed with the dedication of the Members.

"The best thing that has ever happened to Prince George is the dedication of the Members here in order to provide quality policing. Too often, I think, we're criticized for not doing the proper things. But I think if you look to the people of Prince George to find out what the RCMP has done for the community over the past five years, there's a total dedication of Members here."

On the downside, he admits one of the hurdles the RCMP in general, not just Prince George, will have to clear is that of finances.

"The biggest hurdle is the financial aspect the Force is facing right now. It's harder times right now, and not everyone is able to provide the services, provide the equipment, the necessary resources and manpower that we're used to in the past."

Art/Class



Sandra Nahornoff helps Marcelle Hebert mix some colours at an art class for the disabled Tuesday at the Artists Co-op. JOHN MCKENZIE/FREE PRESS

Man gets 10 days in jail for probation breach

Assault

Trevor David Lemp has been ordered to serve a one-year suspended sentence on a charge of assault causing bodily harm.

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Breach

Donald Dubeau has been ordered to serve 10

days in jail after pleading guilty to breach of probation.

Cecilia Anne Haskell has been ordered to serve a one-year suspended sentence after pleading guilty to breaching a recognizance issued under the Young Offenders Act.

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