



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Cap-Pelé and Beaubassin-est meet with the provincial government to discuss the fire situation**

On Friday May 6, a meeting was held to discuss the situation of the increased fires in the area over the past few years. This meeting brought together the Ministers of Public Safety and Local Government, Bill Hogan and Daniel Allain, the MLA for Shédiac-Beaubassin-Cap-Pelé riding, Jacques LeBlanc, the Mayors of the Beaubassin-est Rural Community and the Village of Cap-Pelé, Louise Landry and Serge Léger, the CAO of the Cap-Pelé/Beaubassin-est Chamber of Commerce, Anthony Azard, as well as the Director for the Office of the Fire Marshal, Michael Lewis, Fire Chiefs Gaétan LeBlanc and Ronald Cormier, and members of the RCMP.

A number of ideas were raised and each of the participants has actions to take over the next few weeks. It was important to bring this group together to discuss the steps taken and identify what can be done collectively to help the RCMP find those responsible for the fires. Two individuals were arrested and charged for some of the fires, but investigations are continuing for others.

We all have a role to play in protecting our community and people are encouraged to report any suspicious or criminal activity to the RCMP or Crime Stoppers. You can contact the Shédiac RCMP Detachment at 506-533-5151 or, anonymously, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by downloading the secure P3 Mobile App, or by Secure Web Tips at [www.crimenb.ca](http://www.crimenb.ca).

Even if you believe that your information is not directly related to the fires, this information could allow the investigators to follow a new lead which could make progress in the current investigations. And rest assured that any information provided will be received anonymously and the source will be kept strictly confidential.

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The information received from the public has greatly helped so far, so it is essential to continue to help the RCMP to move forward with the investigations. All stakeholders will continue their collective efforts and ask the community to remain vigilant and adopt certain prevention practices, such as keeping outdoor lights on at night.

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