

Hello all – please note that I have forwarded the following to the editor of the Kings Co. Record, the Daily Gleaner, the Times & Transcript, the Telegraph Journal and even the Amherst Daily News.

**On March 20<sup>th</sup> the Minister of Public Safety introduced Bill C-71 (Firearms Act) for its First Reading. The Bill has since passed 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and is now at the Committee stage.**

**This Bill definitely affects all firearms users in one way or the other. The Bill is said to be aimed at reducing gun and gang violence although it does not mention the words “gang” or “gang violence” even once. It does, however, mention the word “licence” 35 times and the word “Registrar” many times. The word “Registrar” sounds very much like registration. Is this another long gun registry? We are not only talking about handguns we are also talking about shotguns and rifles.**

**So guess who will be affected? Guns and gangs or those of us who are legally licensed and hunt or use firearms for recreational shooting?**

**The Fundy – Royal Firearms Committee, consisting of eight hunting and shooting clubs from Hampton to Shepody have met on three occasions with their MP to discuss this Bill.**

**If you are a hunter or a recreational shooter please read Bill C-71 in its entirety and compare it to the existing Firearms Act. If you have concerns contact the MP for your riding.**

**Ron Whitehead  
Chair, Fundy-Royal Firearms  
Committee**

I realize that none of this may make any of the newspapers that I have asked to publish. There is a lot of politics involved in what gets published. (Hope I am wrong). I met the word counts – I did not imply any violence – did not directly criticize anyone – simply asking people to look at this. We are losing the media battle and in fact we haven't even managed to stage a skirmish. I have not put forward our opinions on this Bill only asking that hunters and shooters check out the Bill for themselves.

I have forwarded a lot of info to Rob Moore (Federal Tory) as well as Mike Holland (Tory Candidate Provincial – Albert Riding) – both have received and commented positively – both want to help.

I hope all of you have forwarded your concerns to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Public Safety (Goodale) as well as your MP. I hope that you all have encouraged your members to do the same.

Note that some of our Committee and I would come to your Club or wherever to give our side of the story regarding the Bill if asked. While it would not be a totally professional presentation we do have a fair knowledge of the Bill itself.

All the best

Ron Whitehead  
Chair, Fundy Royal Firearms Committee

P.S. Should any of you see my/our letter to the editor in any of the newspapers mentioned please let me know.