

# NEWS

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## Children Upset about City's flip-flop on Halloween

To much disappointment of the young or young at heart trick-or-treaters, Prince Edward Island will only be having one night for Halloween sweets. The City of Charlottetown had recently bended to pressures from the Church to move Halloween to Saturday October 30th.

They have since changed their minds, deciding it would be better to have one designated night, as usual, Sunday October 31st.

City councillor, Bruce Garrity said he was pleased when he found out the city had changed the date.

In an interview with Charlottetown media he explained, "It certainly seems to be a serious issue to some people. They've called me and

said they're very disappointed that it's going back to Sunday, they don't want it on Sunday. But I don't picture it being devilry. It's just a bunch of little kids with lipstick on their cheeks looking for a Mars Bar."

In efforts to see the impact this decision had on local children, I spoke with Brynn Cutcliffe.

"I'd like Halloween to be on Saturday because it would come sooner," said the nine year old resident of Charlottetown.

This year Brynn is dressing up as a cheetah.

"It's kind of like a black jacket with leopard skin," said Cutcliffe, "but its not real leopard skin."

Brynn admits that she does her trick or tricking almost everywhere. She also commented on the delight of receiving full size chocolate bars on occasion.

"I'd want to trick-or-treat both days, but Dad probably wouldn't let us. But maybe he would."

Unfortunately the children of Charlottetown must now wait until Sunday for their share of Halloween goodies. There won't be an opportunity of a double dash for two cities in two nights, but at least parents living near city limits won't be bombarded with two nights of trick-or-treating.

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## No Plans to Fix Painted Coin

The Royal Canadian Mint released a new coin commemorating the nation's war veterans. This new coin features a red poppy.

The coin was officially announced in March of 2004 by Revenue Minister Stan Keyes. He said it would be the first coloured coin in the world to go into circulation. Though at the time the denomination was not known, the Mint has decided that the coin would be a twenty-five cent piece. "It's just a great way to tell our story," said Keyes as reported by CBC.

Keyes also said that Mint officials have performed tests on the new coin and found the red will eventually wear off. After the nation-wide release this month, Canadians everywhere are finding the red colour comes off easily when scratched, resulting in a defect coin. There are currently no plans to fix the problem.

The mint later said problems were anticipated, but under normal usage the quarters should keep their colour for up to three years. According to the Mint's website, "The process ensures that the colour adheres to the metal and is resistant against wear from daily use or from exposure to common household products and detergents. With normal wear, the colour should remain for one to three years, but can be removed by abrasives or friction. A permanent poppy has been struck on the reverse of the coin to retain its full value, even if the red colour has been removed." - I have been getting a regular dose even with only 3 channels. It's mostly on anyhow. I've just saved in the truly I used to almost 'snap-to' staring at, zoned out into oblivion. My sleeping

The new quarters are distributed at Royal Canadian Mint's stores across Canada.



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