Conversation with Bill Graveland

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Border closed again. Tractors! Don’t know anything else at present.
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Wow. Saw this tweet
Alberta RCMP report that both north and southbound lanes at the Coutts border have now been blocked by the unlawful blockade on Hwy 4. Motorists are still being asked to avoid the ar

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I think they may be open again. Just saw a truck go by headed north. Off the record Minister Sawhney was going to issue warning for traffic in states headed north last night but don’t know if she did. If you get a guy name Jory Evans contacting you, he is communications guy for the protestors. Gave him your info and recommended. May be nothing, might turn into something. Who knows. Can’t hoit...Got a meeting in Milk River at 8:15. Wish me luck!

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Thanks Jim. Cheers

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Hey Jim. Coming down this afternoon. Likely see you soon.

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Yeah. I’m still in Milk River. Waiting for Global National.

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Why in Milk River? Is that where the trucker bosses have moved to?
No. RCMP briefing session for Coutts Milk River and County if Warner.

Gotcha. Would you be available after Kenney’s announcement?

Maybe...got a Global Calgary 5 news thing then Council Meeting at 6:30. Give me a call 5:30 ish?

Ok. Global cancelled. Maybe a quickie after the announcement.

Perfect

In front of the village office? I'm going to listen to the newser on the radio.

Let me know when you're ready.

Thanks again Bill. Good report as always. I'm laying low for a day or two. Tired.

Don't blame you my friend. We'll leave you alone.
Oh you’re always welcome. I just have nothing new left to say! Wind up repeating myself redundantly over and over......

Ha! Should be fun at the turnoff. They’re trying to move them out.

Yep. I know nothing.

Morning Bill. The more things change the more they stay the same. You need to find someone in a protected position to call these guys what they are, Domestic Terrorists. Won’t be me. They are right outside my window. I would be strung up, literally. Just a thought.

So much for them leaving Coutts better than they found it. Honestly I had a number of run in’s several years ago with the Freemen on the land. After an unpleasant exchange with some of them at the saloon I realized that’s likely what they are. Sorry you’re going through this.

Yep and being very careful what I say. A more extreme element has moved in and I am concerned about the final outcome.

Fingers crossed Jim. Thanks for keeping me in the loop and we’ll see what we can do while keeping your name out of it.

Thanks.
I would appreciate that.

Understatement

We got your back.

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It went down tonight bill. Major action in Coutts. Barricade seems to be coming down. At least one big tractor went by on the road down to port. More cops than I knew were here. I have no official confirmation of anything ...approx 8 pm

Couple of airplanes circling I'm guessing watching for any reinforcements.

Wow. Thanks Jim. Fingers crossed

If I hear anything official I'll pass it along.

Thank you.
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False alarm I guess. Took one tractor away. Some confrontation. Still “holding the line”.

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Hoping for an update from rcmp.

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Not holding my breath.

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You should go south for a vacation

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Cops have got to get serious. Ha. We’ve discussed it!

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I’d head to An Sandpoint.

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Arrested a couple of guys according to their social media, towed one truck and drove tractor away.

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I was thinking of dropping in on my son in Bellingham Washington.

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BG
That’s what Curtis Peters confirmed off the record.
And that's a really good idea.

Yeah, we'll see. I think they're trying to take out the head guys. But nobody tells me anything.

Later. G'nite.

Cheers

Fyi

The Alberta RCMP recently became aware of a small organized group within the larger Coutts protest. Information was received that this group had access to a cache of firearms with a large quantity of ammunition. The group was said to have a willingness to use force against the police if any attempts were made to disrupt the blockade. This resulted in an immediate and complex investigation to determine the extent of the threat and criminal organization.

As a result of this investigation, the Alberta RCMP executed a search warrant during the early hours of Feb. 14, on three trailers associated to this criminal organization. This resulted in the arrest and detention of 11 individuals.

As result of these search warrants, the following was seized:

- 13 long guns
- handguns
- multiple sets of body armour
- a machete
- a large quantity of ammunition
- high capacity magazines

An example of the militant mindset of a small segment of the protest, earlier in the evening, at approximately 8:00 p.m., a large farm tractor and a semi truck, both involved in the blockade, attempted to ram a police vehicle. The police officer was able to reposition and avoid the collision. RCMP officers followed the suspects to a location where the protesters were gathered. The driver of the tractor was identified and we are actively working to locate him so he can be taken into custody. The Alberta RCMP have seized the farm
tractor and semi truck involved in this incident. The Alberta RCMP wants to emphasize that our primary goal throughout this event has been and will continue to be the safety of the public, as well as our officers. The Alberta RCMP will resume efforts to end the illegal blockade which has prevented access to the Coutts border. We encourage all participants who are involved in this illegal action to leave immediately or relocate to the designated site for the legal protest. The Alberta RCMP will provide further updates as they become available.

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Yeah Bill thanks . I was briefed this would be coming out. Thanks for copying me in.

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BG Jim. You free for a brief chat this morning?

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Sure

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BG Could you meet me on the side road just west of the Mormon church?

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I can. I'm still Covid positive so ...

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BG Fine with me. We're outside

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Ok. Now?
Sure. You know my black Chrysler

Yep. See you in a few.

Bill. Now it's over I don't care if you let it be known I've had Covid for the past week.

Ha, ha. No worries

Just didn't want my story to overshadow anything else. Travel safely my friend.

Hey Jim. By any chance do you have the official address for where the guns were found?

He will be right with you. I don't have the address. Mrs. Jim here. He is in a Zoom

Thanks Mrs. Jim.

🎧 and Mrs Jim is Cindy 🎧 for future reference. Lol Hi Bill!
Thanks so much Cindy. A pleasure to meet you. I've told Jim my wife and I will stop by and say hi once the border is back to normal.

Thanks Bill. Jim here now. Cindy says she thinks she talked to you the day when the guys were leaving. Something about frostbite ...

Lol. She did!

Didn't want to give her name

Incognito...

Ha.