Canada weighs US request for more help in Mideast

TORONTO (AP) — Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Wednesday Canada is weighing an additional U.S. request for military help in the fight against the Islamic State group.

Harper said he received the request in the last few days but declined to share details because the Americans ''didn't make the letter public.''

Harper made the announcement during a panel discussion in New York hosted by Canadian diplomats and the Wall Street Journal's editor-in-chief. The prime minister said there needs to be some debate within his government before he makes a final decision.

''The PM indicated that we have now received a request for additional support in the fight against ISIL from our allies. No decision has been made yet and our discussions with allies are ongoing,'' Harper spokesman Jason MacDonald said, using an acronym for the Islamic State group that is sweeping over Iraq and Syria.

Canada has over 60 military advisers already in Iraq as part of an effort to bolster Iraqi forces against Islamic militants after a request from President Barack Obama. U.S. Deputy National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes tweeted earlier this month that the U.S. welcomed Harper's announcement that Canada would sent military advisers to Iraq as part of the U.S. effort to support Kurdish forces.

Canada has also earlier contributed two military cargo planes that carried weapons to Kurdish fighters.

Canada's former Liberal government refused a request to send troops when the U.S. invaded Iraq in 2003, straining ties between the two neighbors. Canada then stepped up its mission in Afghanistan in an effort to repair ties with Washington.

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

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One lane of Minnesota Highway 11 was closed Thursday while a road project continues. The project is focused on repairing approximately 11 miles of pavement, as well as doing culvert replacement, shoulder widening, and ditch grading.

TRUSTAR

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The credit union currently employs 80 people in full-time positions across its footprint in northern and central Minnesota. The International Falls office on Fourth Street serves as the headquarters for TruStar's five locations, housing centralized administrative functions such as operations, business support, IT, accounting, human resources and marketing.

Headquarters for TruInsure – TruStar's fully-owned subsidiary which provides a roster of insurance products to customers at its locations – also is in International Falls.

The announcement was timed in cadence with the International Falls community "Call to Action" meeting conducted Thursaday at Backus Community Center, Mike Lemieux, chair of TruStar's board of directors, confirmed.

"We see this as a tangible move in support of a community which has provided us with the best that life has to offer," Lemieux said. "As residents of the Borderland step forward to make plans and consider their options, TruStar would like to be among the first to say that we believe in the larger International Falls community and in its prospects for the future."

"All of the exciting facets of this plan were made possible by the members of TruStar, especially those members who have been a part of the credit union generation to generation," executive vice president Tim Fulton said. "It is only fitting that we return the loyalty and commitment of those early papermakers with this expression of support for our community."

TruStar's existing office at 601 Fourth Street is the fourth building housing the credit union, formerly known as Boise Employees Federal Credit Union. It opened in 1995 with eight employees.

TruStar was formed in 1960 when a handful of International Falls paper mill workers pooled their savings to form a credit union. First known as Mando Employees Credit Union, the credit union name later changed with the purchase by Boise Cascade of Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company.

Paper mill employees and their families remained the credit union's only field of membership until 1985, when Koochiching County and government employees were added, followed by a succession of other employee groups. In September 1999, Boise Employees Credit Union became a federally-chartered credit union. In June 2003, the credit union name was changed to TruStar to reflect changes in the membership and ties to northern Minnesota.

In selecting the name, members of the board of directors of the credit union at the time remarked the new designation combines elements of "True North" and "Star of the North."

TruStar Federal Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative dedicated to providing high-value, innovative banking and insurance products to 14,100 members. With assets in excess of $181.5 million, TruStar is headquartered in International Falls and serves a growing base of members with additional locations in Menahga, Park Rapids, Bemidji and Littlefork.

GRAND MOUND

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the area to be sacred and shouldn't be opened to the public, while tourism leaders believe it should be developed into education and tourism attraction.

"The one common thing I hear is it needs to be protected," he said. "In my view, protection is everyone's goal so why not keep the center open? Providing education and teaching respect for history is the best way to accomplish protection."

Leonard said Thursday he's visited the site three times since May.

He said there is no doubt of the significance of the site, which was designated a national historic site in 2011.

MHS has discussed the site with members of the Rainy River First Nations, which operates the Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Center, and has been discussing the future of the site for some time, he said.

"Locally, it might seem like we haven't been thinking about it," Leonard said. "But if you look at the conversations, memorandums, and reports internally, we've always thought about Grand Mound."

He said any plan for the future of the site will take some time and money.

"We want to construct a plan and make it publicly accessible again if that is deemed appropriate," he said. He agreed the best way to protect a historic site may be to keep it open and educate people about it.

Some of the options for the site considered by MHS include the visitor center, while others may not, he said.

"The site itself and the visitor center are connected and that's an important part of the institutional history of that place," he said. "From a preservation standpoint, they are different issues, and from an interpretive standpoint, they are different issues."

Now, he said MHS has a maintenance agreement, and several other people who regularly check on the site to ensure it is safe.

The site opened in 1970 and the interpretive center opened in 1977, Leonard said. The trails around the mounds were closed to the public four years after the 2003 closure of the center.

Pavleck said he respects everyone's opinions about the site.

"It's not just the Minnesota Historical Society. It's not just us, and it's not just the tribes," Pavleck said. "We need to get together, come up with some way to protect and preserve. What's the best way? Open it to the public."

COUNTY

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The board authorized the hire of a second full-time correctional officer to meet a state Department of Corrections requirement to provide 24/7 coverage in the county jail.

The hire had been planned for 2015, but Briggs said DOC staff were adamant the coverage begin this year. The planned hire date is Oct. 1.

The board approved two route extensions — Serethra Lake and Battle Lake routes — to the Blue Ox All-terrain Trail. The Blue Ox Trail is an abandoned railroad grade which is maintained by the Ridgerunners Trail Club as an ATV trail in the summer months.

The board met with Jack White, a club board member, to discuss the plan for the route extensions, which were recommended for approval by the board by county Land Commissioner Dennis Hummitzsch.

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INTERNATIONAL FALLS SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY MENU

Menu for Gr. 6-12 can be found at www.isd361.k12.mn.us

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
29 Breakfast Waffles w/Syrup Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** French Toast Sticks & Sausages Hash Browns Tomato Juice Apples/Pear Sauce	30 Breakfast Bagel w/toppings Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Nachos w/Tortilla Chips Shredded Lettuce Black Bean & Corn Salsa Squash Bites Refried Beans Cantaloupe or Applesauce	1 Breakfast Bacon Scramble Breakfast Pizza Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Fish Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Dinner roll Veggies w/Hummus Kiwi or Peach Sauce	2 Breakfast Pancakes w/syrup Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Green Beans Banana or Pineapple Sauce	3 Breakfast Cini Minis Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Mandarin Orange Chicken Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli Romaine Salad Fresh or Mixed Fruit Choices
6 Breakfast Yogurt Sundae w/Nutrigrain Bar Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Pig in a Blanket Potato Wedges Broccoli w/Cheese Jello w/Fruit Apple or Fruit Choices	7 Breakfast Tony's Sausage Breakfast Pizza Or WG Cereal **Lunch** Chicken Pattie on a Bun Romaine Lettuce/ Tomato Slice Spanish Rice Steamed Carrots Fruit Choices	8 Breakfast Yogurt /Graham Squares Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garden Spinach Salad Garlic Breadstick Fresh Grapes or Fruit Choice	9 Breakfast Apple Frudel/Cheese Stick Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Taco Salad Chips & Black Bean Salsa Refried Beans Pineapple or Fresh Fruit Choice	10 Breakfast Mini French Toast Sticks Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Wheat Roll & Jelly Fresh or Mixed Fruit Choices
13 Breakfast Oatmeal Breakfast Round Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Hamburger w/Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Rice Crispy Bar Fruit Choices	14 Breakfast **Muffins with Mom** **Lunch** Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fresh Broccoli Fruit Choices	15 Breakfast **Muffins with Mom** **Lunch** Cheese Pizza Slice Green Beans Baby Carrots & Dip Fruit Choices	16 Breakfast NO SCHOOL	17 Breakfast NO SCHOOL
20 Breakfast Yogurt Choice w/Toast Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Deli Ham & Cheese on a Bun Potato Wedges Fresh Broccoli Fruit Choices	21 Breakfast French Toast Sticks Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Pepperoni Pizza Slice Tossed Romaine Salad Steamed Carrots Fruit Choices	22 Breakfast Egg & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Hard Shell Taco Shredded Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans WG Tortilla Chips w/Black Bean & Corn Salsa Fruit Choices	23 Breakfast Cereal Bar & String Cheese Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Italian Dunkers Green Pepper Strips & Fresh Baby Carrots Chocolate Brownie Fruit Choices	24 Breakfast Mini Maple Pancakes & Sausage Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Chicken Pattie on a Bun Oven French Fries Green Beans Fruit Choices
27 Breakfast Waffles w/Syrup Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Corn Dog Lettuce & Tomato Salad Whole Kernel Corn Chips & Salsa Fruit Choices	28 Breakfast Bagel w/toppings Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Stromboli Garden Spinach Salad Fresh Carrots Fruit Choices	29 Breakfast Bacon Scramble Breakfast Pizza Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** BBQ Beef on a Bun Sweet Potato Puffs Baked Beans Fruit Choices	30 Breakfast Pancakes w/syrup Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Leaf Lettuce & Tomato Slice Oven French Fries Fruit Choices	31 Breakfast Cini Minis Or WG Cereal Choice **Lunch** Chicken Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli WW Roll & Jelly Fruit Choices

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