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Overview Report: Timeline of Certain Key Events

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Summary of Report

The following Overview Report provides a chronology of certain key events related to the circumstances leading to the invocation of the *Emergencies Act* and the measures taken under it. This report is intended to serve as reference tool to help place other evidence adduced during the public hearings in context. This Overview Report is not meant to be exhaustive, and the absence of any event should not be taken as a suggestion by the Commission that it is irrelevant or less relevant. Further key events may be identified during the hearings.

Note to Reader

Pursuant to Rules 41-45 of the Commission's Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure, the following Overview Report contains a summary of background facts and documents relating to the Commission's mandate.

Overview Reports allow facts to be placed in evidence without requiring those facts and related documents to be presented orally by a witness during the public hearings. The Overview Report may be used to assist in identifying issues relevant to the Commission, make findings of fact and enable recommendations to be made by the Commission.

The Parties with standing at the Commission have been provided an opportunity to comment on the accuracy of this Overview Report. Commission Counsel and the Parties may call evidence from witnesses at the Inquiry that casts doubt on the accuracy of the content of the documents underlying this Overview Report. The Parties may also make submissions regarding what, if any, weight should be given to the Overview Report and the cited documents.

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1. Timeline

| Date | Location/ Jurisdiction | Event |
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| 2021 | | |
| November 16 | Online | Brigitte Belton posts video on TikTok raising complaints about an interaction she had with the CBSA. |
| November 19 | Canada | Public Health Agency of Canada announces new border measures will be imposed in early 2022. The effect of these rules is that Canadian commercial truckers entering Canada must be vaccinated to avoid quarantine requirements. |
| December 5-10 | Ottawa | Operation Bearhug convoy organized by James Bauder arrives in Ottawa and attempts to deliver a “Memorandum of Understanding” to the Senate. |
| 2022 | | |
| January 13 | Canada | Canadian officials confirm new border measures will come into effect on January 15, 2022. |
| | Online | Pat King hosts Facebook Livestream where early plans for a new convoy to Ottawa are discussed. Several convoy organizers attend. |
| | Ontario | The first mention of a “Freedom Convoy” is contained in a Project Hendon report, which the OPP shares with police services, including the Ottawa Police Service, as part of its regular sharing of intelligence. |
| January 14 | Online | Tamara Lich creates the Freedom Convoy 2022 fundraiser on GoFundMe. |
| January 15 | Canada | New border measures respecting vaccination requirements come into effect. Canadian commercial truckers entering Canada are now required to do pre-arrival testing, test in Canada and quarantine unless they are fully vaccinated. |



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| January 18 | Online | Chris Garrah creates the Adopt-A-Trucker fundraiser on GiveSendGo. |
| January 21 | Ontario | Daily Project Hendon teleconferences begin. |
| | Ottawa | Inspector Lucas begins to serve as OPS Incident Commander. |
| January 22-23 | British Columbia | Convoy participants depart from British Columbia and begin to travel to Ottawa. |
| January 23 | Windsor | A convoy of transport trucks, vans and other vehicles slows traffic on Huron Church Road. |
| January 25 | Ottawa | City of Ottawa enters into “Monitoring” response level in anticipation of convoy arrival. |
| January 26 | Ottawa | Police Chief Sloyly briefs the Police Services Board and City Council about the convoy. |
| January 27 | Nova Scotia | Convoy participants depart from Nova Scotia and begin to make their way to Ottawa. |
| | Ottawa | During televised remarks, Prime Minister Trudeau uses the phrases “small fringe minority” and “unacceptable views” when discussing the convoy. |
| January 28 | Ottawa | Convoy participants begin to arrive in Ottawa |
| | Ottawa | The OPS activates the National Capital Region Command Centre (NCRCC). |
| | Ontario | Ontario Solicitor General Jones makes Request for Assistance to Federal Ministers Blair and Mendicino for use of the Cartier Drill Hall parking lot as staging area for police. |
| January 29 | Ottawa | Ottawa Emergency Operations Centre Control Group mobilized as city moves into “Activated Operations”. |
| | | Rideau Centre closes. |
| | | Media reports describe inappropriate conduct related to Terry Fox statue and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. |
| | | Shepherd’s of Good Hope report harassment of staff and clients by protestors. |
| | Windsor | A second slow roll occurs along Huron Church Road. |
| | Edmonton | A convoy of approximately 9000 people and 200 trucks converge on Edmonton. |



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| | Coutts | A convoy of approximately 1,000 vehicles leaves Lethbridge and travels to the Coutts Port of Entry (“POE”). Traffic is stopped in both directions On Provincial Highway 4. |
| | Canada | Federal Minister Anand approves Ontario’s request to use Cartier Drill Hall parking lot. |
| January 30 | Ottawa | Protest organizers hold press conference and answer questions about the protest. |
| | | Police Chief Sloy speaks with City Solicitor White about the possibility of the City obtaining an injunction against protestors. Later in the day Chief Sloy speaks with City Manager Kanellakos about this. |
| | N/A | Freedom 2022 Human Rights and Freedoms Non-Profit Corporation created by Chad Eros. |
| January 31 | Online | A Freedom Convoy 2022 fundraiser is created on GiveSendGo. |
| February 1 | Online | GoFundMe releases \$1 million CAD from Freedom Convoy 2022 fundraiser to Tamara Lich’s bank account. |
| February 2 | Online | GoFundMe announces it has paused the Freedom Convoy 2022 fundraiser pending review. |
| | Ottawa | Lawyers for the City and the Ottawa Police Service meet to discuss the possibility of the City seeking an injunction. |
| | | Chief Sloy states during a press conference that “there may not be a policing solution to this demonstration”. |
| | Coutts | One lane of traffic in each direction is open at the POE. RCMP prepare bi-directional escorts between a police checkpoint and the POE. |
| February 3-7 | Coutts | Traffic passes through though the blockade, albeit slowly and with multiple interruptions. |
| February 3 | Ottawa | Protest organizers hold press conference where Tamara Lich says protestors will remain until all mandates are removed. |
| | Canada | The Cabinet Committee on Safety, Security and Emergencies (“SSE”) meets. |



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| February 4 | Online | GoFundMe announces it has terminated the Freedom Convoy 2022 fundraiser and will refund all donors. Tamara Lich responds by directing donors to the GiveSendGo campaign. |
| | Ottawa | City Solicitor writes to OPS general counsel confirming his understanding that OPS does not require an injunction as part of its operational plan. The City requests information from OPS to further their preparations, in the event the City decides to move for an injunction. |
| | | Zexi Li commences class action against protest organizers and participants on behalf of residents of downtown Ottawa. |
| | | Supt. Dunlop replaces Supt. Rheume as Event Commander for the OPS. |
| | Toronto | Protests take place at various locations in the City, including around the Provincial Legislature. |
| | Winnipeg | Protestors begin to assemble around Provincial Legislature. Attendance peaks at about 1,000 people. |
| February 5 | Ottawa | Slow roll protest takes place at the Ottawa International Airport. |
| | Edmonton | Protests take place that involve more than 1000 people at the Provincial Legislature, as well as approximately 2500 vehicles in various parts of the city. By 5:00pm the majority of protestors disperse. |
| | Calgary | Rally of approximately 3000-4000 people and 20 vehicles takes place in Calgary. |
| | Regina | Protestors converge around the Legislative Assembly. |
| | Alberta | Alberta Minister of Municipal Affairs Ric McIver makes written request to federal Ministers Blair and Mendicino for use of Canadian Force tow trucks to remove Coutts protestors. |
| February 6 | Ottawa | City of Ottawa declares a state of emergency. |
| | | Ottawa police seize 3,200 litres of fuel from Coventry Road parking lot. |



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| | | Police Chief Sloly meets with Mayor Watson and Police Services Board Chair Deans and advises them that OPS requires an additional 1,800 officers plus additional resources. |
| | | Supt. Patterson replaces Supt. Dunlop as Event Commander for OPS. |
| | Windsor | Approximately 100 vehicles assemble at Mic Mac Park to conduct another slow roll protest. Protestors inform Windsor Police that they will block the Ambassador Bridge if COVID mandates are not lifted by the next day. |
| | Sarnia | Protestors block access to the Bluewater Bridge. Access to the bridge is sporadic in the days following. |
| | Canada | The Cabinet Committee on SSE meets. |
| February 7 | Ottawa | Chief Sloly publicly announces that OPS needs 1,800 officers from other police forces. |
| | | The Mayor of Ottawa and the Chair of the Ottawa Police Services Board make a Request for Assistance to Ontario and Federal governments, seeking 1,800 additional law enforcement resources. |
| | | Class action litigant obtains an injunction from the Superior Court of Justice to enjoin horn honking in the downtown core. |
| | Windsor | Protestors block the Ambassador Bridge using vehicles. Border operations are temporarily closed. |
| | | City activates its Emergency Operations Centre. |
| Regina | Most protestors at Provincial Legislature depart. | |
| February 8 | Ottawa | In a statement, Canada Unity withdraws its memorandum of understanding, writing that the group did not “want any unintended interpretations to continue”. |
| | | Protest organizers meet with Ottawa City Manager Steve Kanellakos. |
| | | An integrated planning team of OPP and RCMP planners arrive in Ottawa to assist the OPS. |
| | Windsor | The OPP Provincial Liaison Team arrives in Windsor. |



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| | Coutts | Protesters re-establish a full blockade of the Coutts POE. |
| | Canada | The Cabinet Committee on SSE meets. |
| February 9 | Ottawa | Representatives of protestors, including Tom Marazzo, Keith Wilson and Eva Chipiuk meet with police representatives. |
| | Windsor | Secondary access to the Ambassador Bridge from Wyandotte Street West fully blocked by end of the day. |
| | | Windsor Police Service, with support from City of Windsor, makes Request for Assistance to Ontario and Federal governments, seeking additional law enforcement resources and heavy tow trucks. |
| | Sarnia | Protests on highway accessing the Blue Water bridge cause delays, though POE remains open. Disruptions continue in the days following. |
| | Regina | Protests near the Legislature largely disperse. |
| February 10 | Ottawa | Mayor Watson is contacted by Dean French, who offers to facilitate discussion with convoy organizers. Mr. French is put in contact with the Mayor's Chief of Staff Serge Arpin. |
| | | Supt. Bernier replates Supt. Patterson as Event Commander for the OPS. |
| | Windsor | Automotive Parts Manufacturing Association applies for an injunction respecting the Windsor Bridge blockade. The City of Windsor appears in court to also seek an order enjoining violation of bylaws. |
| | Emerson | An estimated 50-75 vehicles block Provincial Trunk Highway 75, stopping traffic from crossing the Emmerson POE. Emergency vehicles are allowed to pass. |
| | Ontario | Attorney General of Ontario obtains an order under section 490.8 of the <i>Criminal Code</i> restraining certain funds including money raised on GiveSendGo. |
| | Canada | The Prime Minister convenes and chairs the first meeting of the Incident Response Group ("IRG") Cabinet Committee to address the ongoing blockades across the country. |



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| February 11 | Ontario | Premier of Ontario declares a state of emergency. |
| | Ottawa | City applies for an injunction to enjoin violations of various municipal by-laws. |
| | Windsor | Ontario Superior Court of Justice issues an injunction against continued blocking of the Ambassador Bridge. |
| | Coutts | RCMP request that the CBSA suspend service at the Coutts POE. |
| | Canada | Prime Minister Trudeau speaks with President Biden. They mostly discuss issues related to the blockade, in particular its economic impact flowing from interference with the flow of goods and people at the Ambassador Bridge and other Ports of Entry. |
| February 12 | Ottawa | Tamara Lich and Mayor Jim Watson exchange letters regarding moving trucks off residential roadways. |
| | | The OPS publicly announces the establishment of an Integrated Command Center. |
| | Fort Erie | Protests occur near the Peace Bridge. The POE remains open with minimal reported delays. |
| | Ontario | Ontario Cabinet confirms the declaration of emergency made by the Premier. |
| | | Ontario makes Regulation 71/22 – <i>Critical Infrastructure and Highways</i> under its state of emergency. |
| | Coutts | CBSA announces that the Coutts POE is closed to all traveller and commercial traffic. |
| | Edmonton | A number of protests take place in various locations across the city, involving approximately 1000 individuals and 700 vehicles. Protests conclude by 7:00pm. |
| Canada | The Prime Minister chairs a meeting of the IRG. | |
| February 13 | Ottawa | Fence surrounding the National War Memorial is removed by protesters. |
| | | Counter-protestors block a number of convoy trucks at Bank Street and Riverside Drive, preventing the vehicles from accessing the downtown. The standoff lasts most of the day, and police are present. |



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| | | After media report on agreement between convoy organizers and Mayor Jim Watson, a tweet sent from Tamara Lich's twitter account indicates that no deal has been made. |
| | Windsor | Ambassador Bridge protestors are removed following police enforcement action. Approximately 44 charges are laid. |
| | | A Traffic Management Plan is developed to control access to Huron Church Road and prevent further protest activity. |
| | Canada | The Prime Minister chairs a meeting of the IRG. A meeting of the full Cabinet takes place later in the day. |
| | | Government calls a First Ministers' Meeting for early the following day. |
| February 14 | Ottawa | Ontario Superior Court of Justice issues an injunction sought by the City to enjoin violations of several municipal by-laws. |
| | | Tamara Lich's twitter account tweets that the agreement to move trucks out of residential areas will in fact proceed. |
| | Windsor | Ambassador bridge reopens to traffic in the early morning. Police presence remains along Huron Church Road. |
| | | City declares a state of emergency. |
| | Coutts | RCMP seize weapons at Coutts protest site and lay charges, including conspiracy to commit murder, against a number of individuals, |
| | | Protestors begin to leave the area. |
| | Canada | Meeting between the Federal Government and all Provinces and Territories occurs respecting the possible invocation of the <i>Emergencies Act</i> . |
| | | Federal government proclaims a public order emergency under the <i>Emergencies Act</i> . |
| February 15 | Ottawa | Peter Sloly resigns as Chief of the OPS. Deputy Chief Bell becomes Interim Chief. |



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| | Windsor | Windsor Police intercept a convoy of vehicles believed to have been travelling to Windsor. |
| | Coutts | The blockade along Provincial Highway 4 is cleared. CBSA announces that the Coutts POE will resume service. |
| | Canada | The Governor in Council makes the <i>Emergency Measures Regulations</i> and the <i>Emergency Economic Measures Order</i> pursuant to the <i>Emergencies Act</i> . The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance holds a press conference in which she outlines economic measures being taken under the <i>Emergencies Act</i> . |
| February 16 | Ottawa | City Council votes to revoke the appointment of Diane Deans to the Ottawa Police Services Board, which she currently chairs. Three other members of the OPSB resign their positions. |
| | Emerson | Blockade is cleared. |
| | Canada | The Prime Minister chairs a meeting of the IRG. A motion for a confirmation of the declaration of a public order emergency is laid before tabled in the House of Commons. |
| February 17 | Ottawa | Tamara Lich and Chris Barber are arrested separately. Class action plaintiffs obtain Mareva injunction to restrain dealing in assets of several defendants, including crowdfunding resources and cryptocurrencies. |
| | Canada | The Prime Minister chairs a meeting of the IRG. The House of Commons begins debate on the motion to confirm the declaration of a public order emergency. |
| | Ottawa | Pat King and Daniel Bulford arrested separately. Police operation begins to clear out protestors in downtown Ottawa. |
| February 18 | Canada | The Prime Minister chairs a meeting of the IRG. |



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| | | Party leaders in the House of Commons agree to not sit to continue debate on the motion to confirm the state of emergency due to police operations taking place on Wellington street. |
| February 19 | Canada | The Prime Minister chairs a meeting of the IRG. |
| February 19-21 | Canada | The House of Commons continues debate on the motion to confirm the declaration of a public order emergency. The motion is adopted on February 21. |
| February 20 | Canada | The Prime Minister chairs a meeting of the IRG. |
| February 21 | Ottawa | James Bauder arrested. |
| | | Police operation to clear protestors out of Ottawa concludes. |
| | Canada | The Prime Minister chairs a meeting of the IRG. |
| | | A motion for a confirmation of the declaration of a public order emergency is laid before tabled in the Senate. |
| February 22 | Canada | The Prime Minister chairs a meeting of the IRG. |
| | | The Senate begins to consider the motion to confirm the declaration of a public order emergency. |
| February 23 | Canada | Proclamation of a Public Order Emergency is revoked. |
| | | The motion to confirm the declaration of a public order emergency is withdrawn in the Senate. |
| | Ontario | Provincial state of emergency is terminated. |
| | Winnipeg | Winnipeg Police deliver letter to protestors at Provincial Legislature warning that those remaining after 5pm risked arrest and charge, as well as seizure of their vehicles. Protesters mostly disburse. |
| February 24 | Ottawa | Municipal state of emergency ends. |
| | Windsor | Municipal state of emergency ends. |
| March 3 | Canada | The Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency is established by motions passed by the Senate and the House of Commons. |
| March 14 | Canada | The Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency submits its first report. |



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| March 23 | Alberta | Alberta Minister of Municipal Affairs McIver writes to federal Minister of Emergency Preparedness Blair to formally rescind Alberta's request for federal assistance of February 5, 2022. |
| March 25 | Ontario | The Attorney General of Ontario issues an application under the <i>Civil Remedies Act</i> for the forfeiture of certain assets of the Freedom Convoy organizers. |
| April 14 | Ontario | Regulation 71/22 – <i>Critical Infrastructure and Highways</i> is revoked. |
| April 25 | Canada | The Governor in Council makes Order in Council PC 2022-392, establishing the Public Order Emergency Commission. |