

### PART B – OPERATIONS

### SITUATION

On January 29, 2022, several protest groups across the province are planning to travel in convoys to Edmonton and join in a large convoy, rally, and march in city limits. The event is to show support for the "Canada Freedom Convoy" made up of commercial truckers traveling to Ottawa protesting vaccine mandates for the trucking industry.

The scale and scope of the event is growing with the number of truckers and supporters on open-source social medial platforms trending in the thousands. It is difficult at this time to estimate the approximate number of supporters and vehicles expected to be in Edmonton, but there will be impacts to major routes in city limits.

The routes and timings for the convoys is fluid and the various convoy organizers appear to be disorganized and unable to effectively coordinate their efforts together.

It is believed the following are the timings/route for the events in the Edmonton city limits. (Timings and routes are subject to change)

- 1100hrs 1300hrs: Convoys from across the province are expected to arrive in city limits.
- 1100hrs 1130hrs: Large Truck and support vehicles step off identified muster points for convoy into city.
- 1200hrs -1300hrs: Start of rally at the Alberta Legislature Grounds.
- 1300hrs 1400hrs: Start of march near the Alberta Legislature Grounds.
- 1400hrs Freedom Social on steps of the Alberta Legislature Building.

Major routes expected to be impacted in City Limits.

- Anthony Henday Drive.
- Gateway Boulevard.
- Stony Plain Road
- Highway 16A.
- 97 Street
- Jasper Avenue.
- Kingsway Avenue
- 104 Avenue
- 109 Street.

A small number of the convoy organizers from across the province have been contacted by the Edmonton Police Service Police Liaison Team Coordinator (PLTC) and efforts have been made to mitigate traffic disruption and public safety risks.



Civic and Provincial partners have been notified of this event and the PLTC is updating them as new developments arise.

Major Event Commander has been activated to administer the Standard Operations Plan to ensure the operational strategy and allotted resources provided by the EPS can achieve the stated Mission through a calculated, professional, and defensible response.



### MISSION

The Edmonton Police Service will provide policing by way of a measured, proportionate, and balanced response to any protest or demonstration to ensure the rights of all citizens are respected while maintaining public safety and security

#### Objectives

The Mission Statement will be accomplished through the following objectives:

- a) Professional conduct and constant positive interaction with all members of the public.
- b) Professional engagement with an identified protest coordinator(s), leader(s) or the group *en masse*.
- c) Appropriate police intervention to mitigate and/or respond to disorderly conduct which may include warnings, voluntary removal from the area, tickets, or arrest.
- d) Collaboration with Provincial and Civic partners.



### EXECUTION

### 1. General Outline

- a) Phase One Planning
- b) Phase Two Execution of Event
- c) Phase Three After Action Report

Disaster and Emergency Operations Planning Section will provide planning and logistical support.

### 2. Groupings and Tasking

#### Edmonton Police Service Resources:

The Major Event Commander will monitor deployment resources and provide health and hygiene breaks as required.

Edmonton Police Service resources will consist of on duty members and overtime members.

#### **Disruption Teams:**

#### Primary duties

Crowd and Traffic management in the vicinity of the Alberta Legislature Grounds.



#### Investigative Response Section:

Major Event Commander will request through the Duty Officer Investigation Response Section support in the event of a complex criminal investigation and/or follow up to minor criminal investigations.

#### Police Liaison Team Coordinator (PLTC):

Assist in facilitating a safe environment for lawful protest of any involved parties through open communication pre-event and during the event. Collection of information and intelligence to assist in planning and risk effective decision making for the Major Event Commander.

#### **Disaster and Emergency Operations Logistical Support Section:**

Set up and tear down CCTV camera trailers at the Alberta Legislature grounds. Provide logistical support to members as required.

• Two members to provide logistical support.

#### Public Safety Unit (PSU):

PSU members to provide crowd management and if necessary, crowd control including support of the mass arrest protocol.

- o On-duty PSU resources have been identified via the online PSU staffing platform;
- On-duty PSU members will be notified of the situation should they be required and will be redeployed at the direction of the Duty Officer to support the SOP.



#### Patrol Branches:

Patrol Branches to have Basic Emergency Crowd Control equipment at the ready if patrol resources required for crowd management and/or support the mass arrest protocol. The Major Event Commander will notify the Duty Officer if front line resources required for support.

#### **Operation and Intelligence Commander Center:**

Provide intelligence and information for SOP planning and in real time during the event for the Major Event Commander.

#### Alberta Sheriff Resources:

Control Room - 780-, Incident Commander: Insp. Matt RUBULIAK - 780-

A/Sgt. J. BHULLAR - Patrol A/Sgt. M. OVERLY - Traffic A/Sgt. N. KALTT - Traffic A/Sgt. R. RUZYCKI - Traffic

Members: 15 Constables

#### Contacts

Major Event Commander	S/Sgt Bill Krull	780-
Diarist		
Police Liaison Coordinator	Sgt. Alanna Harrison	780-
Duty Officer	A. Insp. Kevin Clague	
Downtown Branch Watch		780-
Commander		
TES Sergeant	Sgt. Mike Kaliszuk	780-:
TES Sergeant	Sgt. Richard Walton	780-
Disruption Team 1 Sergeant	Curtis Hoople	780-
<b>Disruption Team 2 Sergeant</b>	Terence Mak	780-:
Media Relations	Cheryl Voordenhout	780 :
EPS Legal Advisor	Sgt. Dave Lynass	780-
Military Police	Sgt. Philip Daniels	780-
Sherwood Park RCMP	Enforcement Services	780-
Alberta Sheriffs	Insp. Matt Rubuliak	780-

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Major Traffic Routes in Edmonton City Limits.

- Convoys will be travelling from multiple routes into the city and throughout the city.
- Marches will impact roads in the Downtown core.

Convoy muster points outside city limits.

- Acheson Husky Truck Stop 26304 Township Rd 531A, Acheson
- Nisku Black Jacks Roadhouse 2110 Sparrow Dr. Nisku

Organized convoys step off muster points	1100-1130hrs	Muster points into city limits
Rally event start	1200hrs	Alberta Legislature
March start	1300hrs	Downtown Core
Event end	1500hrs	Tentative

## **PART C - LOGISTICS**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### 1. Admin Coding

Master File #:



### 2. Budget

There is no specific budget for the deployment. DEOPS PLTC/MEC/Diarist overtime costs will be charged to DEOPS 601251. Traffic OT resources will be charged to the respective Section cost center. Flight Operations OT resources will be charged to the respective Section cost center.

### 3. Authorizing Statement

The Incident Commander is authorized to acquire assets required to execute the mission in collaboration with supervisors of each respective area.

### 4. OH&S Statement

EPS OH&S - In accordance with EPS offsite work location policies:

- a) Appropriate site-specific hazard identification, (e.g. noise, location, weather, etcetera) assessment, and controls (personal protective equipment, site specific emergency response procedures, etcetera) are established and implemented prior to starting work, and ensure all participating EPS members are aware.
- b) All work must be performed in accordance with EPS OHS Policy/Procedure and OHS legislative requirements.
- c) All work-related incidents must be reported in accordance with EPS Policy; include an incident debrief to identify any opportunities to prevent similar incidents from occurring in future events.
- d) Unless an exigent or spontaneous event occurs where donning PPE would create a higher risk to public or officer safety, PPE is required to be worn by all EPS members when physical distancing with the public or police members is not possible. The N95 masks, protective eyewear and gloves must be worn when interacting with individuals who present flu-like symptoms or when deploying to crowd events such as demonstrations where there is a high probability that physical distancing will not be possible. A surgical mask with protective eyewear and gloves is sufficient for all other instances.
- e) All members should be equipped with hand sanitizer to be used before and after donning personal protective equipment, handling materials and touching surfaces and/or members of the public. Hand sanitizer can be used on nitrile gloves. Where facilities exist, hand washing is preferable to hand sanitizer.



### 5. Equipment

All equipment will be the responsibility of the work area supporting or deployed to the event. The following equipment will be required for this supplemental SOP:

### 6. Training

Personnel deployed in specialized roles will be expected to have current training or certification as required.

### 7. Reporting

All reporting will be in accordance with current EPS policies and procedures.

#### 8. Legal

All personnel deployed to this event will be knowledgeable on their Common and lawful authorities.

Public Health Act enforcement expectations continue to be "compliance through education and ticketing when appropriate to do so."



Please ensure you are always assessing your lawful presence and then the necessity of enforcement at the time versus identifying subjects for a later follow-up if required. Do not put yourself or others at risk enforcing an Act or Bylaw that could reasonably be managed at a later time.

Policing protests and demonstrations are challenging and require a balanced approach. The right to protest and demonstrate is protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights of Freedoms and these rights cannot be infringed unless it is reasonable to do so. Some of these protections include the freedom of expression, freedom of peaceable assembly and freedom of association. However, the rights of others could be impacted should the police not intervene, so the police must endeavor to strike a balance between those protesting and those involuntarily impacted by the protest.

It is expected that protests and demonstrations will create inconveniences and disruptions to daily life but these must be accommodated where it is reasonable. With respect to this consideration, greater latitude for protests can expected with peaceful marches or assemblies as compared to otherwise unlawful blockades and barricades of infrastructure.

An over-arching governing principle is that the police have a positive obligation to uphold the law and protect the public and its property: balancing the right to peaceable assembly / protest while upholding the rule of law can be challenging in these circumstances.

If blockades of critical infrastructure were to occur, appropriate measure may be taken as per the blockade response tactics.

### 9. Media

For this event, a representative from Media Relations will be in the EOC supporting the Major Event Commander.

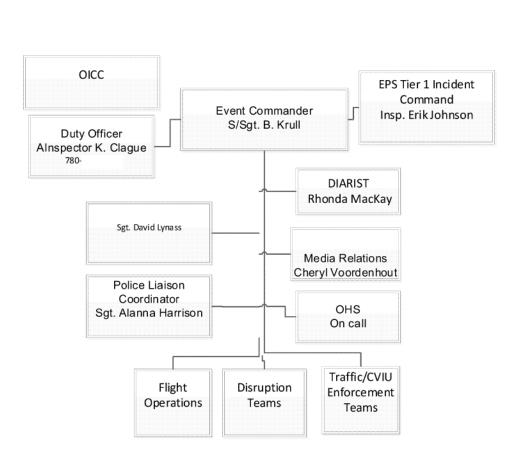
EPS will release a travel advisor for city limits.



**COMMAND AND SIGNALS** 

1. Command Structure

PART D - COMMUNICATION



In the event of a critical incident, EPS Incident Command be stood up with supports from Civic partners and First Responders.

### 2. Command Post (CP)

Primary Location:OEM Emergency Operations CenterSecondary Location:EPS OICC



3.	Assem	bly	Area	(s)
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Primary Location: IOF Secondary Location: PHQ

### 4. Staging Area(s)

Primary Location:	EPS PHQ
Secondary Location:	TBD

### PART E – APPROVAL & DISTRIBUTION

**APPROVAL** 

### PREPARED

S/Sgt. DEOPS/MEC: Staff Sergeant Bill Krull

Date: January 28, 2022

### REVIEWED

ICC Tier I Co-Chair: Insp. Erik Johnson

Date: January 28, 2022

Signature: Remotely approved via email 2022Jan28

### REVIEWED

ICC Tier III Co-Chair: Superintendent Marc Cochlin Date: January 28, 2022

Signature:



#### AUTHOURIZED:

ICC Chair: Superintendent Dean Hilton

Date: January 28, 2022

Signature:



### DISTRIBUTION - Third Party Rule Applies

Internal					
Title	Signature		Date	Record Management	
	(Required unless for information only and note same or N/A)		Approved	(Hard copy or email copy provided)	
Chief of Police	Chief McFee	INFO ONLY		N/A	
Chief of Staff	Justin Krikler	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
D/C Investigations Bureau	Kevin Brezinski	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
D/C Community Policing	Darren Derko	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
O i/c Downtown Division & Northeast Division	Bart Lawczynski	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
O i/c Northwest Division & West Division	Derek McIntyre	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
O i/c Southwest Division& Southeast Division	Tom Pallas	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
O i/c Crime & Suppression & Investigation	Shawna Grimes	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
O i/c Criminal Investigations	Johnathan Coughlan	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
O i/c Operational Command	Dave Elanik	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
O i/c Operation Support	Dean Hilton	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
Duty Officer	Duty Officer Group	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
IC - Event		INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
Legal Services Branch	Geoffry Crowe	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
Corporate Communications	Michael James	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sent	
DEOPS	Bill Krull	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
Manager Health, Safety and Disability	Nicole Wetsch	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
O i/c Police Communications Branch	Christa Pennie	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
O i/c Help Desk Unit	Marci Tokarski	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
O i/c Desktop Support Unit	Scott Kolstad	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
O i/c Investigative Support	Devin Laforce	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
O i/c Arrest approval & Detainee Care	Mark Farnell	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	
O i/c Field Response Branch	Erik Johnson	INFO ONLY		Email Copy Sen	

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# Non – Investigative Standard Operational Policing Plan

 External

 Title
 Signature
 Date Approved
 Record Management

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 Date Approved
 Record Management

 TBD External Partners
 INFO ONLY
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#### Diagolon Profile (January/February 2022)

\*All information was obtained through open sources with the caveat that sources are extremely limited and that triangulation has been almost impossible — almost all open sources reference the Canadian Anti-Hate Network as their main source of authority on Diagolon. This has made cross-referencing and verification of information extremely difficult.

#### Overview

Founded by Jeremy Mackenzie, "Diagolon" is a fictional country which encompasses like-minded areas from Alaska in the north-west to Florida in the south-east. In practice, Diagolon, and by extension the Plaid Army, is a network of individuals which appear to express a wide-range of issues with the government. The initial impetus for the movement was Mackenzie's vlogs on both his YouTube account and on Telegram.

According to the Canadian Anti-Hate Network, proponents of the movement call themselves Diagolonians or Diags or Dags; this differentiates them from the rest of North America which is referred to as Circulon and the inhabitants therein called Circulonians.<sup>1</sup>

That said, the use of satire is paramount within the movement, as an example, proponents of Diagolon often glibly refer to themselves as "bigots".<sup>2</sup>

#### Ideology & Motivation

As evinced in the open sources, there is no strict consensus about the ideology and motivation of Diagolon and its proponents. This divide is largely due to a lack of substantive sources. The Canadian Anti-Hate Network (CAHN) is consistently cited as an authority by the mainstream media and CAHN's interpretation of the group's ideology and motivation is vehemently denied by the group itself.

The Canadian Anti-Hate Network (CAHN) has labelled Diagolon as a loose network of people with neo-fascist, militant views.<sup>3</sup> CAHN asserts that the movement platforms and espouses rampant racism and anti-Seminitic content in their streams.<sup>4</sup> Furthermore, CAHN argues that Diagolon perceives the media, the mainstream government and politicians, and those they perceived as communists as their enemies.<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth Simons, deputy director of CAHN, acknowledges that, within the group's lexicon, the term "communist" has become synonymous

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From <u>https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/what-is-the-diagolon-extremist-group-and-what-does-it-want-1.5785646</u> <sup>2</sup> From <u>https://www.antihate.ca/far right attacking anti racists downtown toronto</u>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Direct from <u>https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/what-is-the-diagolon-extremist-group-and-what-does-it-want-1.5785646</u>

with "anyone that they don't like."<sup>6</sup> Most alarmingly, the CAHN has labelled Diagolon as "an accelerationist movement that believes a revolution is inevitable and necessary to collapse the current government system. It wants to build its ideal nation-state, which runs diagonally from Alaska through the western provinces down to Florida."<sup>7</sup> Finally, CAHN claims that "The community is extremely conspiratorial, regurgitating and spreading not only the theories of its own content creators but also a variety of new and well-worn fantasies about globalist plots, COVID and vaccine misinformation, and Jewish-controlled media and government."<sup>8</sup>

CBC has quoted University of New Brunswick professor David Hofmann, a specialist in far right movements, who claims that Diagolon is "an American-style militia movement... [with] the goal to establish a diagonal white nationalist state".<sup>9</sup> Based on Hofmann's assessment, CBC writes, "Those who believe in the Diagolon movement feel a civil war is needed to create a new state that would run diagonally from Alaska, through western Canada's provinces, all the way south to Florida...And they want to accomplish this through violence."<sup>10</sup>

In stark contrast, the official Raging Dissident website (named after Diagolon founder Jeremy Mackenzie's alter ego) maintains that Diagolon is a "LEADERLESS, FUN-LOVING, ORGANIZATION."<sup>11</sup> The website also directly disavows violence and asserts that "THE ISOLATED ACTIONS OF A COUPLE INDIVIDUALS DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THE INTERESTS" of the organization as a whole.<sup>12</sup>

#### History & Structure

The so-called Plaid Army and Diagolon were founded by Jeremy Mackenzie (ostensibly) sometime in 2020 (the exact start date is unclear based on open sources); Mackenzie used his YouTube channel and Telegram to disseminate his message through vlogs.

The official "Raging Dissident" webpage describes the foundation of the movement thus:

WHILE CONDUCTING A LIVESTREAM FOR HIS FANS ONE EVENING, A CANADIAN CONTENT CREATOR BY THE NAME OF RAGING HUMANIST, NOW RAGING DISSIDENT, WANTED TO DO A FUNNY STREAM FOR HIS AUDIENCE. HE CONSUMED SEVERAL LEGALLY PURCHASED MARAJUANA EDIBLES AND BEGAN SHARING HIS STREAM OF CONCIOUSNESS. EVENTUALLY HE DEDUCED THAT THERE WAS A

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Direct from <a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/8621125/canadian-anti-hate-network-concerned-diagolon-coutts-border-protest-diagolon/">https://globalnews.ca/news/8621125/canadian-anti-hate-network-concerned-diagolon-coutts-border-protest-diagolon/</a>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> From <u>https://ici.radio-canada.ca/rci/en/news/1862953/the-coutts-13-new-details-on-the-men-and-women-arrested-at-border-blockade</u>

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<sup>12</sup> Direct from https://www.diagolon.org/

DIVIDE OCCURING BETWEEN LOCATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA. SPECIFICALLY HE POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMON VALUES WERE NO LONGER SHARED ALONG COUNTRY LINES, BUT MORESO SPECIFIC STATES AND PROVINCES. THE EASTERN SEA BOARD, AND THE WESTERN COAST, ALL SHARED SIMILAR VALUES, WHERE THE SOUTHERN STATES, MIDWEST, WESTERN CANADA, AND UP TO ALASKA TENDED TO SHARE SIMILAR VALUES AS WELL. HE, ON HIS PHONE, TOOK A BASIC FINGER-PAINT APP AND DREW A LINE TO SIGNIFY THIS. THUS, THE FLAG OF **DIAGOLON WAS BORN.13** 

The Canadian Anti-Hate Network (CAHN) claims that Diagolon quickly attracted a network of like-minded anti-authority individuals, which they estimate are potentially now in the thousands, with members in Canada, the U.S. and Australia – judging from their Telegram channels.<sup>14</sup>

Elizabeth Simons, deputy director of CAHN, has asserted that the major concern is that the Diagolon network is branching out and going offline.<sup>15</sup> Simons further claimed that while Jeremy Mackenzie is the de facto leader, cells and Diagolon member networks are autonomous.<sup>16</sup>

Simons stated that many members, "claim to be ex-military members and a lot of them claim to have some kind of military training. There's very much a militia kind of vibe within the network and there have been lots of talks of weapons".17

In the wake of Mackenzie's arrest in February 2022 and the increased publicity of the group, stemming from the trucker convoy and subsequent arrest in Coutts, Alberta, Diagolon created a webpage. The webpage includes dozens of testimonials from members which emphasize the role Diagolon has played in ameliorating their social life, physical health, and sense of belonging. The website officially disavows violence and proclaims that humour and friendship are the underpinnings of the group:

DIAGOLON, AND THE FLAG OF DIAGOLON, REPRESENT PEACEFUL FUN-LOVING PERSONS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE. THE COMMUNITY EXTENDS ALL OVER EUROPE, ASIA, THE PACIFIC, SOUTH AMERICA, AND NORTH AMERICA. DIAGOLONIANS, OR "DAGS", ARE REPRESENTED BY ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE ALL OVER THE GLOBE. LET US REMIND YOU THAT THE ISOLATED ACTIONS OF A COUPLE INDIVIDUALS DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THIS ENTIRE. LEADERLESS, FUN-LOVING, ORGANIZATION.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Direct from https://www.diagolon.org/

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Direct from https://globalnews.ca/news/8621125/canadian-anti-hate-network-concerned-diagolon-coutts-borderprotest-diagolon/

<sup>18</sup> Direct from https://www.diagolon.org/

#### Founder

Jeremy Mackenzie is the de-facto leader of the Diagolon movement, as well as the leader of the so-called Plaid Army.

Known online as "Raging Dissident", Mackenzie posts videos and livestreams of himself on Telegram and on his YouTube channel. These videos are couched in humour and Mackenzie largely frames his dialogue as satire.

MacKenzie is a Canadian military veteran who served in Afghanistan.<sup>19</sup> The RCMP alleged in a search warrant application that he had post-traumatic stress disorder.<sup>20</sup>

He made headlines on February 10, 2020 when he protested in Halifax against a joint-speaking engagement of Romeo Dallaire and Omar Khadr about child soldiers.<sup>21</sup>

On February 2, 2022, Mackenzie was arrested in Nova Scotia on firearms charges (please see Annex, Item 1 for full RCMP statement).<sup>22</sup> The police investigation began on January 10, after a video posted on social media showed MacKenzie briefly pointing a gun at the head of another man, the RCMP alleged in the warrant.<sup>23</sup>

During the February 2022 trucker convoy protests Mackenzie livestreamed from Ottawa and encouraged the blockades.<sup>24</sup>

On March 23, 2022, Mackenzie was charged with criminal harassment, mischief, harassing phone calls and intimidation of a health professional after anti-mask protesters gathered outside the home of Nova Scotia's chief medical officer of health three nights this week.<sup>25</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Direct from https://globalnews.ca/news/8593064/ns-man-ottawa-convoy-protest-firearms-charge/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Direct from https://globalnews.ca/news/8593064/ns-man-ottawa-convoy-protest-firearms-charge/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> From https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/02/10/former-guantanamo-bay-detainee-omar-khadr-speaks-in-at-child-soldiers-panel/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>From https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2022/rcmp-arrest-man-firearms-offences

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Direct from https://globalnews.ca/news/8593064/ns-man-ottawa-convoy-protest-firearms-charge/

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> From https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/leader-of-far-right-group-woman-charged-in-anti-mask-protests-outside-n-s-topdoctor-s-home-1.5830948

#### Symbols

#### <u>Flag</u>



A black ensign with a white diagonal line (top right corner to bottom left corner), meant to represent the fictional country of Diagolon stretching from Alaska in the north to Florida in the south (please see Annex, Item 2 for reference).

The ensign has been produced as a flag, a patch, and as a "business" card which states "World Getting Crazier Out There? Its Not Just You. Find The Others" (photo unavailable in copy and paste, please see Toronto Star article for reference).<sup>26</sup>

Open source images show Ontario MPP Randy Hillier posing with the flag (please see Annex, Item 3).

Another open source image, dating from November 8, 2021, shows supposed Diagolon members (with their faces obscured) posing with the flag and displaying firearms (please see Annex, Item 4).<sup>27</sup>

PPC Leader Maxime Bernier has also been photographed with the flag (please see Annex, Item 5).<sup>28</sup>

The flag sometimes referred to as "ol' slashy" by members.<sup>29</sup>

The official Raging Dissident website asserts, "DIAGOLON, AND THE FLAG OF DIAGOLON, REPRESENT PEACEFUL FUN-LOVING PERSONS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE."<sup>30</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> From https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRH-

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> From https://twitter.com/antihateca/status/1495107846366580738

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> From https://www.antihate.ca/far\_right\_attacking\_anti\_racists\_downtown\_toronto

<sup>30</sup> Direct from https://www.diagolon.org/

#### Song

The group has utilized Pine Tree Riot's song, "We'll Have Our Home Again" in their propaganda material, and labelled the song the "Diagolon National Anthem".<sup>31</sup> Pine Tree Riot's lyrics are set to the tune of Stan Roger's "Rolling Down to Old Maui". The new lyrics reference that "by blood or sweat" the singers will reclaim their home, and if "there is no fire" to light their way they will start their own (please see Annex, Item 6 for full lyrics).<sup>32</sup>

The version used by Diagolon is allegedly sung by Männerbund, which has been identified by open sources as a U.S.-based white supremacist men's group.

#### Motto/ Catch Phrase

An oft used expression by Jeremy MacKenzie in his chats and streams is "by gun or rope", CTV asserts that this describes how "his enemies can choose to die".<sup>33</sup>

#### Activities

**In Summer 2020**, according to the Canadian Anti-Hate Network (CAHN), Alex Vriend began travelling and networking within the neo-fascist Diagolon movement under the name "The Ferryman's Toll."<sup>34</sup> The CAHN asserts that the Plaid Army streamers, and their Diagolon community, regularly push far-right and conspiracy content and detail their fantasies of an inevitable and bloody revolution.<sup>35</sup>

The CAHN framed Vriend's travels by contending that Diagolon is increasingly becoming a militia network.<sup>36</sup> The CAHN ultimately concluded that, "Their goals are ultimately fascist: to use violence to take power and strip rights away from people who do not meet their purity tests based on ideology, race, and gender. With power or permission, they would execute their perceived enemies."<sup>37</sup>

**On December 15, 2021**, the Canadian Anti-Hate Network (CAHN) published an article about a planned rally organized by the unofficial Ryerson Campus Conservatives club to protest the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> From https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/what-is-the-diagolon-extremist-group-and-what-does-it-want-1.5785646

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Direct from <u>https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/what-is-the-diagolon-extremist-group-and-what-does-it-want-</u>1.5785646

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renaming of the university, which is being done as a result of advocacy that highlighted Egerton Ryerson's role in designing the residential school system and genocide of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples.38

The student group claimed that the rally was due to be the "single largest conservative event ever held at Ryerson University," and was scheduled to feature People's Party of Canada leader Maxime Bernier and Ontario MPP Randy Hillier.39

Tyler Russell, who CAHN has identified as an alumnus of Ryerson and a "Plaid Army streamer", asked his "audience to assault the opposition" [at the rally].<sup>40</sup> CAHN quotes Russell as saying, "You know those Proud Boys videos we all love to see where they just march down antifa and start cracking them? Don't you want to be one of those guys? It's your chance. If you can go, go. It's a prime propaganda opportunity for us."41

Russell also encouraged attendees to wear armour, saying, "If you don't have knuckleduster gloves, like the padded gloves, you can get them at the dollar store. If you don't have those, get them because you know what? Punching people in the head hurts your fucking hands."42

CAHN claims that, far from being a solitary voice within this community, that same streamer [Russell] welcomes other "bigots," a satirical nickname adopted by the fans of the Plaid Army, onto his stream.43

According to CAHN, this virtual call-to-arms resulted in the following online responses vis-à-vis counter protesters who planned to attend the Ryerson rally:

- 1) "Put lead in them"<sup>44</sup>
- 2) "We've been saying the same thing this whole time...that these mother fuckers need to die."45
- 3) "Bring piss filled water bottles and throw it on them. They can go home or turn to pissicles," one influencer wrote. Later on the same user told his followers, "I have had a similar thought in the past ... What you want is smallish super soakers filled with antifreeze (way better than water .... More 'applicable' if it gets real cold ;) )."<sup>46</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Paraphrased from https://www.antihate.ca/far right attacking anti racists downtown toronto

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- 4) "I'm so fucking down for a Diagolon Dust Up," said another.<sup>47</sup>
- "Someone please live stream this. I want to see dags kick circ ass," one supporter said, using the nickname "dags" to represent supporters and "circ" to represent their opposition.<sup>48</sup>
- 6) On Instagram, a Plaid Army supporter threatened one of the organizers of a counterdemonstration, telling them "your followers would be wise to stay home and save lives that day."<sup>49</sup>
- 7) Others speculate as to whether another organizer, who they call a "crazy b\*\*\*\*" is Jewish or "Middle Eastern." The Alberta streamer replies, "Who cares, commies are commies and the only good one is a dead one."<sup>50</sup>

The Ryerson rally was subsequently cancelled and the unofficial Ryerson Campus Conservatives disavowed violence and the "Plaid Army".<sup>51</sup>

**February 3, 2022:** A man who was allegedly seen in a video waving a handgun "in a reckless manner" has been arrested and faces four firearms charges, according to the Nova Scotia RCMP.<sup>52</sup>

Although police did not identify the accused in a news release, a court document identified him as Jeremy MacKenzie, who was in Ottawa for the so-called truckers' protest against COVID-19 measures.<sup>53</sup>

The police investigation began on Jan. 10, after a video posted on social media showed MacKenzie briefly pointing a gun at the head of another man, the RCMP alleged in the warrant.<sup>54</sup>

Although MacKenzie had a valid firearms licence, the gun seen in the video appeared to have an over-capacity magazine, police said.<sup>55</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Direct from <u>https://www.antihate.ca/far right attacking anti racists downtown toronto</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Direct from https://www.antihate.ca/far\_right\_attacking\_anti\_racists\_downtown\_toronto

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Direct from https://globalnews.ca/news/8593064/ns-man-ottawa-convoy-protest-firearms-charge/

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During a Jan. 26 search at a home in Pictou, N.S., police seized "five restricted firearms including rifles and handguns, one unrestricted firearm, prohibited magazines, ammunition, body armour, a duty belt with attached holster and magazine pouches and cellular phones."<sup>56</sup>

In the video, MacKenzie referred to "Diagonola," the RCMP warrant alleged.57

MacKenzie is its creator, the group said. The Diagolon flag allegedly appeared in the video.<sup>58</sup>

"While waving the firearm around, MacKenzie briefly pointed the firearm at [a man's] head, causing [the man] to flinch, momentarily close his eyes, and move his head away from the muzzle," the RCMP warrant alleged.<sup>59</sup>

MacKenzie told police he "did not recall any of the events from the video as he was hammered at the time," the warrant alleged.<sup>60</sup>

He was released on conditions, including that he not possess any firearms, weapons, ammunition or explosive substances.<sup>61</sup>

He was scheduled to appear in court on May 30 to face charges of careless use of a firearm, unauthorized possession of a prohibited device, possession of a prohibited device and possession of a firearm at an unauthorized place.<sup>62</sup>

Videos posted on YouTube show him subsequently in Ottawa at the so-called truckers' protest near Parliament Hill, and he was interviewed about the event on the conspiracy theory platform InfoWars.<sup>63</sup>

**February 14, 2022,** the RCMP charged Chris Carbert, 44, and Christopher Lysak, 48, both of Lethbridge, and Anthony Olienick, 39, of Claresholm with conspiracy to commit murder, mischief over \$5,000 and possession of a firearm for a dangerous purpose.<sup>64</sup> Lysak is also charged with uttering threats.<sup>65</sup> According to the Canadian Anti-Hate Network, Jeremy MacKenzie once called Chris Lysak the "head of security for Diagolon".<sup>66</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Direct from <u>https://globalnews.ca/news/8593064/ns-man-ottawa-convoy-protest-firearms-charge/</u>

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<sup>66</sup> From https://www.vice.com/en/article/k7wpgy/freedom-convoy-murder-conspiracy-diagolon

Police seized a cache of long guns, handguns, oversized magazines, a machete and body armour, and say the suspects intended to kill RCMP if they attempted to break up the blockade.<sup>67</sup> RCMP called the threat to their officers "real and organized."<sup>68</sup>

When Alberta RCMP released images of the weapons and tactical gear seized from a group that took part in the Coutts, Alta., border blockade, the pictures showed patches displaying a white diagonal line on a black background -- the calling card of the Diagolon far-right extremist group.<sup>69</sup>

Jeremy Mackenzie has contended on his podcast that the patch found in Coutts was not an official Diagolon patch. As way of evidence he provided a side-by-side photo (please see Annex, Item 7).

On February 16, 2022, without naming any specific group, federal Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino alluded to ties between protesters in Ottawa and the Alberta arrests. "Several of the individuals at Coutts have strong ties to a far-right extreme organization with leaders who are in Ottawa," he said. "We're talking about a group that is organized, agile, knowledgeable and driven by an extremist ideology where might makes right."<sup>70</sup>

#### Conclusion

Based on available open source information it is exceedingly difficult to ascertain the extent to which Diagolon is a distinct group, with common ideology, a political agenda, and the cohesion necessary to advance such an agenda.

The Canadian Anti-Hate Network (CAHN) is cited as the main authority on the group by all major mainstream media outlets; due to the fact that all information traces back to one source, triangulation and the verification of facts is almost impossible at the current time. Based on the information that is publically available, it is difficult to understand how CAHN can confidently assert that Diagolon is an "accelerationist movement that believes a revolution is inevitable and necessary to collapse the current government system."<sup>71</sup> Additionally, due to a lack of open sources into the hierarchical structure and organization of the group, it is also difficult to understand how University of New Brunswick professor David Hofmann (as cited by CBC) can assuredly purport that Diagolon is "an American-style militia movement."<sup>72</sup>

Mackenzie takes pains to frame his comments as humour and satire, and the official Raging Dissident website does publically disavow violence. Moreover, Mackenzie has used the excuse of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Direct from <u>https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/this-is-a-war-arrested-coutts-protesters-say-they-were-being-provoked-by-rcmp</u>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Direct from <u>https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/hearings-for-accused-in-coutts-border-blockade-pushed-to-march-1.5787336</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Direct from <a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/8621125/canadian-anti-hate-network-concerned-diagolon-coutts-border-protest-diagolon/">https://globalnews.ca/news/8621125/canadian-anti-hate-network-concerned-diagolon-coutts-border-protest-diagolon/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Direct from https://ici.radio-canada.ca/rci/en/news/1862953/the-coutts-13-new-details-on-the-men-and-womenarrested-at-border-blockade

inebriation to dismiss/ minimize his actions on multiple occasions. One such example is on the official Raging Dissident website wherein the foundation of Diagolon is discussed and Mackenzie claims he consumed "SEVERAL LEGALLY PURCHASED MARAJUANA EDIBLES" prior to vlogging.<sup>73</sup> In relation to his firearms offence of January 2022, Mackenzie told police that he "did not recall any of the events from the video as he was hammered at the time."<sup>74</sup> It is unclear whether this is purposeful obfuscation or a sign of the hodgepodge-nature of the ideology and/or group.

Hence, due to a lack of substantive open source material, operational information would be needed to supplement the profile.

<sup>73</sup> https://www.diagolon.org/

<sup>74</sup> Direct from https://globalnews.ca/news/8593064/ns-man-ottawa-convoy-protest-firearms-charge/

#### Annex

Item 1: Direct RCMP statement on Mackenzie's arrest, February 2, 2022

https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2022/rcmp-arrest-man-firearms-offences

Inverness County District RCMP has arrested a man for firearms offences after executing a search warrant at a home in Pictou County.

On January 10, 2022, the Inverness County District RCMP began an investigation after a video was posted to social media of a man, in a business, waving a handgun around in a reckless manner and allegedly having an over capacity magazine. It was determined that this incident occurred on Whycocomagh Mountain Rd. in Whycocomagh.

On January 26, as part of the investigation, police executed a search warrant at a home on High St. in Pictou. During the search, police located and seized five restricted firearms including rifles and handguns, one unrestricted firearm, prohibited magazines, ammunition, body armour, a duty belt with attached holster and magazine pouches and cellular phones.

At the request of police, the suspect, a 35-year-old Pictou man, attended the Pictou RCMP Detachment prior to the search warrant execution and was arrested without incident. He was later released on conditions, which include that he not possess any firearms, weapons, ammunition or explosive substances. He will be facing charges of Careless Use of a Firearm, Unauthorized Possession of a Prohibited Device, Possession of a Prohibited Device Knowing It's Possession is Unauthorized, Possession of a Firearm at an Unauthorized Place. He will appear in Port Hawkesbury Provincial Court on May 30, 2022.



Item 2: The fictional country of Diagolon (in green)

https://twitter.com/dobrohoczki/status/1359557999203868672

Item 3: Ontario MPP Randy Hillier posing with Diagolon flag



https://pressprogress.ca/photo-shows-ontario-mpp-randy-hillier-with-flag-of-group-linked-to-armed-freedom-convoy-plot/



Item 4: Supposed Diagolon members posing with the flag and brandishing firearms

https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/what-is-the-diagolon-extremist-group-and-what-does-it-want-1.5785646

Item 5: PPC Leader Maxime Bernier with Diagolon flag, picture taken from Twitter



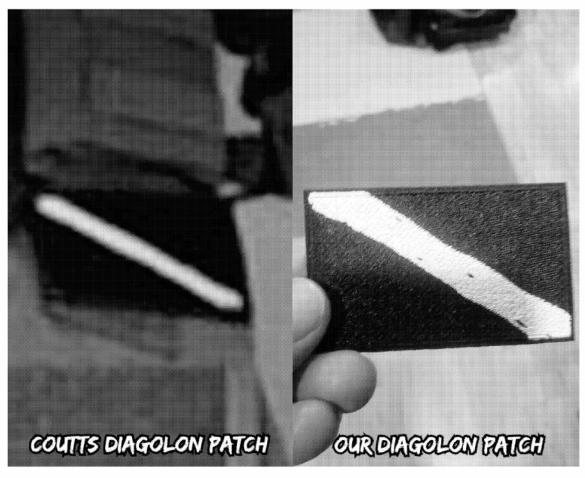
https://twitter.com/antihateca/status/1495107846366580738

### Item 6: Lyrics to Pine Tree Riots "We'll Have Our Home Again"

https://www.letras.com/mannerbund/well-have-our-home-again/

When there's nothing left		I struggle forth			
But the fire in my chest	The headlines smack	To find a friend			
And the air that fills my lungs	Of another attack	To light the way for me			
	Not the first				
I'll hold my tears	But not the worst	Oh my brothers can you hear my voice			
And trade my ears For a glimpse at kingdom come	Oh my fathers	Or am I all alone?			
	They look down on me				
On the other side of misery	I wonder what they feel	If there's no fire to			
There's a world we long see	To see their noble sons driven	Guide my way			
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The strife we share	Beneath a cowards heel				
Will take us there		Oh my god we'll have our home			
To relief and sovereignty	Oh my god we'll have our home	again			
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	By god we'll have our home	By blood or sweat			
Oh my god we'll have our home again	By blood or sweat	We'll get there yet			
By god we'll have our home	We'll get there yet	By god we'll have our home			
By blood or sweat	By god we'll have our home				
We'll get there yet		Oh my god we'll have our home			
By god we'll have our home	The road is dark	again			
By god we'n nave our nome	The way is lost	By god we'll have our home			
N	My eyes	By blood or sweat			
Now we're in towns	They strain to see	We'll get there yet			
We're foreigners now	,	By god we'll have our home			
Our names are spat and cursed					

<u>Image 7</u>: Image posted to Jeremy MacKenzie's podcast comparing the "official" Diagolon patch to the patch found in Coutts



https://www.diagolon.org/

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From:	Boyer, Marie-Cl	aude		
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To:	Desjardins, Mat			
Subject:	does this make	sense?		
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### Boyer, Marie-Claude

From:	Boyer, Marie-Claude
Sent:	August 4, 2022 8:22 AM
То:	Hughes, Sean
Cc:	MacKay, Stephen; Stewart, Dale
Subject:	RE: DIAGOLON presence in Nova Scotia

Thank you so much Sean! Much appreciated. I will take a look at it today

MC

From: Hughes, Sean <sean.hughes@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: August 4, 2022 7:18 AM
To: Boyer, Marie-Claude <Marie-Claude.Boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: MacKay, Stephen <stephen.mackay@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Stewart, Dale <dale.stewart@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: DIAGOLON presence in Nova Scotia

Good morning Marie-Claude, I hope your summer is going well so far.

I attached is a list of individuals who are sharing the DIAGOLON imagery or content and who reside, or are believed to reside, in NS. There are a couple users on the list I have not fully identified in the real world yet but who are interlinked with the others in the report and are also sharing the DIAGOLON content. We haven't seen any overt or implied threats or unlawful activity at all.

Take care and talk again soon.

Sean L. Hughes Criminal Intelligence Analyst RCMP H Division Criminal Analysis Section Embedded – Federal Intelligence Unit Office 902-720-5677 Cell 902-293-9517 <u>sean.hughes@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u> 80 Garland Ave., Dartmouth, NS, B3B 0J8 Mailstop H-058, Suite 3900

### Boyer, Marie-Claude

From:	Murphy, Alicia
Sent:	January 25, 2022 8:41 AM
То:	Boyer, Marie-Claude
Cc:	Caron, Eliane
Subject:	RE: about the Convoy info

Yes, its something that we have definitely struggled with, knowing where FPNI should be in the space vs FPNS... discussions have been ongoing and we have not ironed it all out.

And yes, happy to chat about it. I think you are in office with Eliane tomorrow or we can set up a TEAMS chat.

From: Boyer, Marie-Claude <Marie-Claude.Boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: January 25, 2022 8:38 AM
To: Murphy, Alicia <alicia.murphy@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Caron, Eliane <Eliane.Caron@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: about the Convoy info

Ahhh perfect then. I am so confused with FPNI's role in IMVE and ours... Also, I would like to have a chat with both of you sometimes to see what type of analysis you would like to get from the IMVE side.

MC

From: Murphy, Alicia <<u>alicia.murphy@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Sent: January 25, 2022 8:34 AM To: Boyer, Marie-Claude <<u>Marie-Claude.Boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Cc: Caron, Eliane <<u>Eliane.Caron@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Subject: RE: about the Convoy info

Just an FYI - I think NCIT and FPNI are also watching this

From: Boyer, Marie-Claude <<u>Marie-Claude.Boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Sent: January 25, 2022 8:33 AM To: Murphy, Alicia <<u>alicia.murphy@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Caron, Eliane <<u>Eliane.Caron@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Subject: about the Convoy info

Good morning ladies,

Sorry I had to write to you in a separate email, for some reason, I can't reply to encrypted emails grrr... I have opened a ticket already but still waiting to get it resolve.

Eliane, you probably though about this already, but did you pass the info to PIU? Just wondering since if they decide to deploy the associated to DIAGOLON. Just food for thoughts.

I will for sure keep an eye on 2022-01-28 on social media from group will be streaming live.

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## Boyer, Marie-Claude

From:Boyer, Marie-ClaudeSent:July 25, 2022 10:47 AMTo:Robert, MaryseSubject:IMVE literature and influencersAttachments:IMVE Literature Guide.pdf

Bonjour Maryse,

As discussed please find a copy of the IMVE literature book which contains several book summaries of IMVE literature. The summaries were prepared by several government analysts with emphasis on key points of the books. The main ones I would suggest reading is these ones:

### SIEGE (p.116): James Mason (4th Edition, 2018):

*"SIEGE* was written as a "how to" guide for aspiring National Socialists. In addition to outlining his worldview, Mason identifies his strategy for success (Resist and Revolt) along with the tactics to be followed (Violence as the Solution). Mason also identifies what he views as the problems with American society (complacency, brainwashed by the System) and with the broader National Socialist movement (lack of tangible violent action). Finally, Mason attempts to link National Socialism to Christianity, referring to Hitler as a prophet who was trying to replicate the feat of Christendom to dominate the entire world."

### Counterinsurgency Warfare (p.71):

Insurgent groups can use this book as a guide when starting a revolutionary war or movement. Three ways to take power by force: Revolution, coup d'état (a plot) and insurgency. The main objective is to win the support of the population. Chapter 2 lists the prerequisites for a successful insurgency.

Concluding remark from Galula - "the basic mechanism of counterinsurgency warfare. Whether in the cold or in the hot revolutionary war, its essence can be summed up in a single sentence: Build (or rebuild) a political machine from the population upward."

### Anti-Tech Revolution Why and How (p.78): Theodore John Kaczynski (published in 2016)

"persuades the readers to adopt his ideology or at least to sympathise with his vision, he emphasises that the only way to save the worlds form extinction is to destroy the technological system. In order to accomplish such task, a revolutionary movement is required. The revolutionary movement that he speaks of should not restrain itself to preaching alone, it requires to take necessary action, he calls for violent extremist activities against technological firms. He states that many revolutions have been seen throughout human history; some have succeeded and other have failed." The only mean to save the world from and lives on earth from extinction is to destroy the technological system at all cost.

### The Unabomber Manifesto (p.81): Theodore Kaczynski (published in 1995):

"Kaczynski, a proponent of anarchy, argues that the industrial revolution has damaged humankind physically and psychologically, while robbing civilization of its autonomy. Industrial society has evolved and become so regulated and structured that people are no longer required to exert strenuous effort to attain basic physical necessities or make autonomous decisions. The lack of choice and need to exert effort to achieve goals has left people demoralized, complacent, dissatisfied and depressed."

News articles of interest to seek opinions on in discussions:

- DIAGOLON and Coutts arrest: <u>https://www.saltwire.com/atlantic-canada/news/anti-hate-group-links-patches-on-tactical-vest-seized-in-coutts-to-group-founded-by-nova-scotian-100694259/</u>
- Pat King's arrest and release: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/pat-king-freedom-convoy-bail-decision-1.6523763
- Different freedoms movements in Alberta.

Hope this help,

MC

## Marie-Claude Boyer

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## Boyer, Marie-Claude

From:	Saghbini, Mike
Sent:	April 1, 2022 11:53 AM
То:	Boyer, Marie-Claude; Desjardins, Matthew
Cc:	Murphy, Alicia
Subject:	RE: Re: Background on Coutts
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Thanks MC.

Can you let me know when your product is complete over the next couple of weeks as I'd be interested in seeing it. I will be travelling to HAVOC on April 27<sup>th</sup> so we do have some time.

Thanks again

Mike

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Sent: April 1, 2022 10:34 AM
To: Saghbini, Mike <Mike.Saghbini@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Desjardins, Matthew <matthew.desjardins@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Murphy, Alicia <alicia.murphy@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Re: Background on Coutts

Good morning Mike,

Unfortunately we do not have an updated copy to the i2 chart that was produced by FPNI. OA has started an IMVE initiative into the Diagolon movement but we are in the very early stage of collecting intelligence on the associates as well as identifying networks. As of today, the IMVE OA team has possibly identified 40 subjects of interest that are possibly linked to the movement. An initial draft of the association chart will be ready in the next few weeks as we are trying to get more information on subject from York Regional Police, F Division, K Division and H Division.

We are also putting together a list of online personas/monikers associated to Diagolon that we would like to send to Havoc in the next week or so.

Please do not hesitate if you have any other question,

MC

Marie - Claude Boyer Criminal Intelligence Analyst /Analyste de renseignements criminels Operational Analysis Unit / Équipe d'analyse opérationnelle Federal Policing National Security /Sécurité nationale de la police fédérale Royal Canadian Mounted Police /Gendarmerie royale du Canada Email /Couriel: <u>marie-claude.boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u> Work / Travail: 1-613-990-4628 Cellular/Cellulaire: 1-613-292-5761

From: Saghbini, Mike <<u>Mike.Saghbini@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Sent: April 1, 2022 9:26 AM To: Boyer, Marie-Claude <<u>Marie-Claude.Boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Desjardins, Matthew <<u>matthew.desjardins@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> <u>grc.gc.ca</u>> Cc: Murphy, Alicia <<u>alicia.murphy@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Subject: RE: Re: Background on Coutts

Hi MC.

Do we also have any updates on Diagolon and the i2 chart that was completed by FPNI?

Anything you have on Diagolon would be great. Alicia mentioned in this morning's management meeting to reach into you and Matt.

#### Thanks

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From: Boyer, Marie-Claude <<u>Marie-Claude.Boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Sent: March 30, 2022 10:22 AM To: Jande, Raj <<u>raj.jande@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Cormier, François <<u>Francois.Cormier@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Saghbini, Mike <<u>Mike.Saghbini@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Cc: Monette, John <<u>John.Monette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Subject: RE: Re: Background on Coutts

Good morning,

Sorry for my late reply, I was presenting on a course this morning. As for the summary of the file I can provide the following:

On 2022-02-14, an RCMP investigation took place near Coutts, Albert during a Freedom blockade. As a result of the investigation, 13 subjects were charged and firearms were seized. Christopher LYSAK was arrested along three (3) subjects, and charged with offences including possession of weapons dangerous to the public, conspiracy to commit murder and uttering threats. The RCMP located a loaded handgun, registered to LYSAK; which was stored in a trailer The RCMP recovered one of the handguns

As LYSAK's activities have lead him to be facing the

aforementioned charges, investigators believed it was the interest of public safety for LYSAK's residence to be entered and all firearms seized. K-INSET has open an investigation and are in the process of reviewing evidences seized during the Coutts' arrest to established if it meet the National Security threshold. K-INSET are at the very onset of the investigation and have positively identified other subjects of interests. As mentioned in Cpl. Jordan FORMAN's email, here is the most recent updates:

- An analyst is continuing a review of the material from the SCB GIS investigation as it may pertain to the INSET investigation;
- An investigator as been assigned to identify investigative leads during their review of
- A possible ID has been made for a POI and there ID is being followed up on.
- Investigators continue to liaise with SCB GIS pertaining to their investigation, and disclosure has been received from them pertaining to their file.
- An investigator continues to
- Special O Edmonton is
- On 2022-03-29, the investigative team met with PPSC to discuss

Hope this help, please do not hesitate if you have any questions,

MC

### Marie-Claude Boyer

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From: Jande, Raj <<u>raj.jande@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>

Sent: March 30, 2022 9:52 AM

**To:** Cormier, François <<u>Francois.Cormier@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Saghbini, Mike <<u>Mike.Saghbini@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Boyer, Marie-Claude <<u>Marie-Claude.Boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>

Cc: Monette, John < John.Monette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Re: Background on Coutts

Francois: Unfortunately, she is

Raj Jande

From: Cormier, François <<u>Francois.Cormier@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Sent: March 30, 2022 9:34 AM To: Jande, Raj <<u>raj.jande@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Saghbini, Mike <<u>Mike.Saghbini@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Boyer, Marie-Claude <<u>Marie-Claude.Boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Cc: Monette, John <<u>John.Monette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Subject: RE: Re: Background on Coutts

We could reach out to Leanne Lind if MC doesn't have anything.

From: Jande, Raj <<u>raj.jande@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>

Sent: March 30, 2022 7:44 AM

To: Saghbini, Mike <<u>Mike.Saghbini@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Boyer, Marie-Claude <<u>Marie-Claude.Boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Cormier, François <<u>Francois.Cormier@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>

Cc: Monette, John < John.Monette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Re: Background on Coutts

Sorry, Mike I am coming empty on my affords. I'll MC and Francois to see if they may have copy?

Raj Jande

From: Saghbini, Mike <<u>Mike.Saghbini@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Sent: March 29, 2022 5:41 PM To: Jande, Raj <<u>raj.jande@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Subject: RE: Re: Background on Coutts

Thanks bud. I'm looking for a summary of the investigation.

Mike

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From: Jande, Raj <<u>raj.jande@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Sent: March 29, 2022 5:23 PM To: Saghbini, Mike <<u>Mike.Saghbini@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Subject: Re: Background on Coutts

Mike: I have a draft ITO from K Division on the CE side. I will send that you in the morning for additional background. I am also in the office to can give you some verbal briefing.

S/Sgt. Gurinder (Raj) Jande NCO i/c National Response Teams Federal Policing National Secuirty Office: (613)843-5084 Mobile: (343)550-7468

## Boyer, Marie-Claude

From:	Boyer, Marie-Claude
Sent:	June 13, 2022 12:56 PM
То:	Warden, Andrew
Subject:	RE: IMCIT-NSOA Bi-weekly coffee

Thank you. We will get back to you this week in regards to Canada day but so far we are looking at some members of Diagolon that will potentially be here, some members of V4F and James TOPP presence in Ottawa. I need to sit down with Matt and Mike on this as well but Mike is not here today. We will get back to you shortly.

MC

From: Warden, Andrew <andrew.warden@rcmp-grc.gc.ca></andrew.warden@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: June 13, 2022 12:49 PM
<b>To:</b> Boyer, Marie-Claude <marie-claude.boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca></marie-claude.boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: IMCIT-NSOA Bi-weekly coffee
No worries, we'll push to next week.
In the meantime, we were wondering if you guys are tracking anything relating to Canada Day?
Andrew
Original Appointment
From: Boyer, Marie-Claude
Sent: June 13, 2022 12:47 PM
To: Warden, Andrew
Subject: Declined: IMCIT-NSOA Bi-weekly coffee
When: June 13, 2022 1:00 PM-1:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: TBD

Sorry Andrew, I have to cancel our meeting can we reschedule next Monday? That way Matt and Mike will be there as well. We have too many things on the go this week.

Sorry for the last minute cancellation.

MC

From:	Caron, Eliane
To:	Morawiec, Garrett (Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)
Subject:	Diagolon
Date:	March 2, 2022 3:06:00 PM

### Hey Garrett,

Just wondering how that Diagolon piece is going? I had some interesting chats with K Div yesterday and I think your teams perspective will be important in how this drives forward. I can also fill you in on some ops bits.

Let me know when you have time to discuss, E

Eliane Caron

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From:	Pillay, Simon
Sent:	March 9, 2022 3:57 PM
То:	Ampoma, Eric; Arthur, Jordan; Boyer, Marie-Claude; Caron, Eliane; Cormier, François; Grenier, Jean-Sébastien; Jande, Raj; Monette, John; Morawiec, Garrett; Murphy, Alicia;
	Orser, Michael; Piamonte, Kandi; Pillay, Simon; Warden, Andrew
Subject:	DIAGOLON WORKING GROUP
Attachments:	DIAGOLON WORKING GROUP.msg

Hello folks,

Pursuant to our local discussions, there are several actively unfolding initiatives that involve DIAGALON. We can't really predict, at this moment, what the long term posture will be this email group will serve as a PRO B environment to keep each other up to date with who is working on what. If you are on this group but don't think you should be, let me know and I will remove you. I added an outlook group address card for ease of saving this if you are so inclined.

The overall mission of FPNS in this situation is to encourage collaboration and do our normal coordination of investigative teams. However there are some FPNS led initiatives as well. Below is what I understand is going on. I know FPNI, OA and TIOS may be able to add some additional info. Kindly reply all to fill in those gaps. (Thanks Raj and John for establishing this list)

### CURRENT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION LANDSCAPE:

1.	SPROS 2021-1106 F_DIV NSES - Cst Ryan MacLeod Lead, Sgt. Devin Garner NCO a. Reviewer PRT1 (CORMIER)
2.	PROS 2022-39074 Criminal Investigation – Firearms: H_DIV Pictou County Crime Unit: Cpl. Chris Brownoff Lead Investigator a. No reviewer engaged.
3.	SPROS 2022-186/ PROS 2022111482 K_DIV Serious Crime Unit (Coutts Alberta) a. Reviewer PRT1 (CORMIER)
4.	York Regional Police Occurrence - Occurrence Number not known at present a. No review assigned but Marie- Claude and Eric working with YRP for Listing and intel purposes
5.	Ontario Provincial Police Provincial Anti Terrorism Team - Occurrence number not known at present a. UK
6.	Unknown HDIV SOC File a. No idea who is leading this or what they are specifically targeting.
7.	VPD Intel a.

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### QUESTIONS FOR GROUP:

- Is this list accurate as far as you know?
- Jordan Arthur: Do you have a file number or investigator contact for the HDIV SOC file?
- Does anyone have file numbers for the York or OPP file?

### NEXT STEPS:

- We will try to answer these a/n questions
- Keep everyone in the loop for new developments
- Expect to have a better picture when file material from York is properly assessed.

Thanks!

Simon

KS (Simon) PILLAY, Inspector OIC Ops 1, PRT 2 Federal Policing National Security - NHQ

## Caron, Eliane

From:	Caron, Eliane
Sent:	May 24, 2022 12:18 PM
То:	Chen, Ashley
Cc:	Morawiec, Garrett; Ducharme, Lisa; Little, Kristen; Mendonca, Walter
	(walter.mendonca@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)
Subject:	RE: IMCIT DIAGOLON Assessment Paper

Good morning Ashley/Kristen,

FPNS has no issues with the content in this report being released to the proposed partners.

Thanks for the consult and for all the work on this. I know that a lot went into it. Much appreciated. Eliane

From: Chen, Ashley <Ashley.Chen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca> Sent: May 20, 2022 8:59 AM To: Caron, Eliane <Eliane.Caron@rcmp-grc.gc.ca> Cc: Morawiec, Garrett <Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca> Subject: IMCIT DIAGOLON Assessment Paper

Good morning Eliane, I hope you are doing well.

Please find attached the Intelligence Assessment on DIAGOLON produced by IMCIT for FPNS. Would you mind reviewing and confirming whether this product can be released to RCMP DCAS/DIOs as well as external partners in Public Safety, PCO, CSIS, ITAC, CBSA, DND/CAF, and CSE? IMCIT would also wish to share it with Five Eyes law enforcement partners.

For the version shared outside of RCMP, IMCIT will remove the following sentence on Page 2 in the PURPOSE section: "This paper has been produced in response to a Federal Policing National Security (FPNS) request for an intelligence assessment on DIAGOLON."

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If you have any questions please feel free to reach out or give me a call.

Thank you,

Ashley Chen

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Caron, Eliane		
From: Sent: To: Subject:	Caron, Eliane February 17, 2022 12:00 PM Gauvin, Brigitte; Grenier, Jean-Sébastien RE: Ops Brief, Coutts/Diagolon et al., 2022-02-17	
Yes, we are aware and will	liaise with them.	
Eliane Caron		
OIC National Security Operatio Federal Policing National S Office: 343-547-2555		
Cell: 613-220-3432 Email: <u>Eliane.caron@rcmp</u>	-grc.gc.ca	
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I'm assuming OA will be er	ngaging with FPNI can you confirm Eliane?	
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	itts/Diagolon et al., 2022-02-17 his information so we don't duplicate efforts???	
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Another FYI on this one.		
Brig		
From: Efford, Sue < <u>Sue.Eff</u> Sent: February 17, 2022 10		
	te.gauvin@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>	
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# Cc: Sohm, Leslie <<u>Leslie.Sohm@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Saghbini, Mike <<u>Mike.Saghbini@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Beaudoin, David <<u>david.beaudoin@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Caron, Eliane <<u>Eliane.Caron@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Subject: RE: Ops Brief, Coutts/Diagolon et al., 2022-02-17

Thanks for this Brig.

For the information of all, during the GSB call this morning Lisa Ducharme advised that FPNI has significant information on Diagolon and is currently doing a

Sue

From: Gauvin, Brigitte <<u>brigitte.gauvin@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Sent: February 17, 2022 10:14 AM

To: Efford, Sue <<u>Sue.Efford@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>

Cc: Sohm, Leslie <<u>Leslie.Sohm@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Saghbini, Mike <<u>Mike.Saghbini@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Beaudoin, David <<u>david.beaudoin@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>

Subject: RE: Ops Brief, Coutts/Diagolon et al., 2022-02-17

Sue,

Ops brief, re: investigations pertaining to the Diagolon ideology/group and Jeremy MACKENZIE.

Brig

From: Grenier, Jean-Sébastien < Jean-Sebastien.Grenier@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: February 17, 2022 8:23 AM

To: Gauvin, Brigitte < brigitte.gauvin@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: Cooke, James <<u>James.Cooke@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Pillay, Simon <<u>Simon.Pillay@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Caron, Eliane <<u>Eliane.Caron@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Cormier, François <<u>Francois.Cormier@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>>; Robert, Maryse <<u>maryse.robert@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>> Cubie st. One Brief, Cautte (Disagles, et al., 2022, 02, 17)

Subject: Ops Brief, Coutts/Diagolon et al., 2022-02-17

Brig,

FYSA.

### BACKGROUND :

- This Ops Brief pertains to the investigations and the coordination of our efforts in regards to the Diagolon ideology, Coutts investigation/ties, Freedom Convoy et al.
  - The main idea behind the Diagolon ideology would be to establish a new "Diagolon" a country joining the Canadian West with parts of the United States based on accelerationism fantasies, which has often been celebrated in the convoy's protest and ongoing occupation in Ottawa. The Diagolon ideology emanated from and is ostensibly led by *de facto* leader Jeremy MACKENZIE (a Nova Scotia resident, that recently lived in/moved from Saskatchewan). The linkages between MACKENZIE and any other individuals/groups will be further investigated.
  - A number of adherent and paraphernalia linked either or both to the group(s) and it's Diagolon ideology surfaced during the protest.
  - MACKENZIE, aka Raging Dissident, has been in Ottawa to attend the protests. He is believed to be in the Ottawa region at this time.
  - MACKENZIE was arrested earlier this year in Nova Scotia (January 2022) by Pictou RCMP when a search warrant was executed resulting in the seizure of a number of firearms and illegal magazines. He was

released under conditions. FPNS is ensuring follow-up with H Div regarding a

 $\circ$   $\;$  File 2022-198745 was generated by the FPNS Task Force to

### **CURRENT STATUS :**

- On February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, FPNS consulted with K INSET Calgary and it was determined that they have more than a reasonable suspicion or belief that criminal activity has occurred or will occur pertaining to National Security. K INSET is initiating an investigation of the core group arrested in Coutts who were in possession of Diagolon patches and a flag, and have been shown to have connections across Canada with other adherents to the Diagalon ideology.
  - "K" Division Serious Crimes Branch South has provided full access to the entire data set to K INSET for the Coutts file. The K INSET investigative team that assisted with the investigation in Coutts will be extracting relevant information to support further investigation. This is currently ongoing.
- It came to light that several investigations by different partners or divisions have been undertaken either prior to the convoy protest or subsequent to the convoy's arrival and occupation in Ottawa. The K INSET file will facilitate coordination of efforts on the numerous investigations that have been undertaken by multiple agencies focusing on the Diagolon ideology, Plaid Army and other adherent groups.
- This file will also anchor FPNS efforts to consolidate information and facilitate a holistic approach to investigations into the Diagolon ideology and its members/ affiliated groups. FPNS will therefore be better positioned to coordinate partner agency engagement and deconfliction with domestic and international partners that may have useful information to share while continuing to assist K INSET with their investigation.
- FPNS OA is currently looking at gathering and assessing information to better understand this phenomenon, adherents, linkages, groups, etc., in order to strategically assess the scope, implications, criminality, gaps and threat it poses.

### COURT :

• N/A

### COMMUNICATIONS :

• No Media Communication plans to this date.

From:	Caron, Eliane
To:	Boyer, Marie-Claude (Marie-Claude.Boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca); Desjardins, Matthew (matthew.desjardins@rcmp-
	<u>grc.gc.ca)</u>
Subject:	FW: Calgary Protest - Diagolon Patch
Date:	March 16, 2022 5:59:00 AM
Attachments:	<u>Twitter.pdf</u>

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From: Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: March 15, 2022 3:36 PM
To: Caron, Eliane <Eliane.Caron@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Morawiec, Garrett <Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: Calgary Protest - Diagolon Patch

Hey Eliane,

Hope you are doing well!

I know you are reviewing Kandi's paper on Diagolon, so thought I would pass this along in case it is of interest.

I came across this Tweet posted today by an account that is Alberta-based and monitors anti-public health order organizing, claiming that a Diagolon patch was present at regular anti-public health order protest in Calgary over the weekend. I do not recognize the individual with the patch.

https://twitter.com/J

<u>/status/1503810336205377538</u> /status/1503810381206417408

Thank you,

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Date:	January 20, 2022 7:50:00 AM
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Not sure if you've gotten this already. Thanks Jayson!

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Lots of familiar names in the story that touch multiple divisions.

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 Subject: Diagolon

Good morning all,

I'm sure some of you may have already seen this, but thought it was worth passing along....

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Take care,

Ryan

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Subject:	FW: IMVE Brief to Min Leblanc - back on
Date:	April 8, 2022 10:52:00 AM
Attachments:	<u>Briefing on Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism.docx</u> <u>Draft Agenda.docx</u>

Simon's proposed talking points for this as requested to help you with the deck.

Simon: apologies for sending to A/C's office without checking with you first, although aware you are in meetings this morning. If any issues, please let us know and we can manage.

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Great man thanks.

Whole thing is still a bit loose so they will firm up via a planning call soon. But as background, attached is the original draft agenda and also the talking points I had personally prepared. (Feel free to use or not – its pretty basic.)

KS (Simon) PILLAY, Inspector OIC Ops 1, PRT 2 Federal Policing National Security - NHQ

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Hey Simon,

I can cover for this. I've put a place holder in my calendar for now. I'll liaise with Matt and Alicia. Any other information regarding expectations, presentation, etc. about this would be appreciated.

Regards,

J-S

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Hi JS,

As discussed, would you be able to cover this briefing in my place? Both Eliane and myself are unavailable for the same reason.

Simon

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Subject: FW: IMVE Brief to Min Leblanc - back on

Hi everyone,

The briefing to Min LeBlanc is back on.

Eliane and Simon, would you still be available to brief on the NS Thresholds piece? **The briefing is now set for next week - Wed Apr 13 from 0930 to 1030 via SVTC**. We have confirmed with Commissioner's office that this is good to go.

Please let me know. PCO is looking to set up another quick coord call shortly. Please see agenda attached.

Many thanks and best regards, Lisa 613-843-4925

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Cc:	<u>Grenier, Jean-Sébastien; Caron, Eliane</u>
Subject:	FW: RE: CBC Article on JM and Diagolon
Date:	February 17, 2022 2:48:28 PM

Good read.

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Subject: RE: CBC Article on JM and Diagolon

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/coutts-arrests-charges-border-protest-1.6354587

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Subject:	FW: Sit Rep #88: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28-2022-02-06
Date:	February 6, 2022 5:26:51 PM

Good evening, most recent sitrep FYSA

Sue

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### Situation as of 1707hrs on 2022-02-06

### **Event Overview:**

- Approximately 25-50 demonstrators reported to be on Parliament Hill at this time.
- Approximately 800-1000 demonstrators on Wellington St. and in the downtown core.
- OPS estimate that there are 500 trucks in the downtown core.
- Other Events:
  - $\circ$  O Division:
    - Unconfirmed reports indicate "Freedom" convoys converging at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie, the Blue Water Bridge in Sarnia, and the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor today (2022-02-06). The believed intent of commercial truckers is to block incoming laneways to CBSA and US CBP at the ports of entry.
    - Presently, approximately 100 slow-rolling trucks are headed to Windsor on Highway 401.
    - The OPP is currently assisting the TPS at traffic points in the GTA. TPS advised that traffic consists of personal vehicles rather than commercial trucks.
    - Social media messaging is encouraging protestors to attend Toronto City

Hall should Queens Park be blocked off

- The "Freedom's Second Wave" convoy, traveling from Calgary to Ottawa, is set to depart at 10:00 today (2022-02-06); the convoy is set to pass through Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie
- Anti-PHO demonstrations continue across Southern Ontario with other planned for tomorrow (2022-02-07).
- As of 14:00 hrs, the OPP are reporting that all lanes of the 402 Highway leading to the Bluewater Bridge have been blocked. Traffic at the 401-402 junction is being diverted to the 401 only. OPP are actively engaged with this protest point.
- Sarnia, ON: At approximately 15:38 ET on 06 February 2022, new information was received:
  - Eastbound passenger vehicle traffic is being routed through an alternative route once vehicles pass through the Canada Boarder Service Agency primary inspection lanes. The vehicles are routed through Federal Bridge Corporation Limited controlled gate (Gate 9) and directed to the truck exit used by commercial vehicles to access the highway 402 eastbound.
  - Pedestrians are still walking across the eastbound side of the Highway at the Front St off ramp over to where the convoy are set up on the westbound side of highway 402. This alternative route will allow passenger vehicles around this area.
  - The convoy has reduced in size again with approximately 25-30 farm tractors turning around in front of the Blue Water Exchange House heading eastbound down highway 402, some are continuing down the highway and some have exited off of the Front St. off-ramp.
- K Division:
  - Coutts POE: Currently at the main site in Coutts a single lane of travel is open in each direction allowing for restricted movement of traffic. At the main site in Coutts currently 14 semi-trucks are lining the northbound side of the highway 4 and 18 are lining the southbound lanes, for a total of 32 commercial vehicles. At check point 10, which is set up 18km north of the main site on highway 4 the amount of protesters remain fluid. Approximately 400 people. At last count there were 32 commercial vehicles, 6 tractor trailers and approximately 271 passenger vehicles. The protesters at checkpoint 10 continue to challenge RCMP. The protesters at both the main site continue to be active and unpredictable. This remains a fluid situation at all sites. The need for heavy equipment to clear the highway of vehicles still exists and will be critical for any enforcement action. CCMG is working with the protesters and the community to develop a process to move the protesters at checkpoint 10 to an area that would allow them to have a legal protest, this would enhance police and public safety. Traffic is flowing, slowly, through the border crossing in both the north and south lanes. CCMG continue to maintain communication with the organizers at both the main site and checkpoint 10. The members of "Freedom 2022" have advised that they plan to move their trucks out at 1300 today. It is unknown at this time how many trucks are planning to depart the sites.

### **Operational Information:**

- CIG received information that are no longer at the War Memorial.
- PPS-PI identified a video of Jeremy MACKENZIE and "Alex" walking downtown Ottawa, allegedly looking for is purported to have stated on social media that he wanted to ' ' with MACKENZIE and for him to "get out of my city". In the same video, "Alex" is shown wearing a white balaclava and a knitted toque with the Diagolon flag pattern.
  - CIG OSINT identified "Alex" as going by the Instagram username @Ferrymans\_tolls. "Alex" is pictured with MACKENZE.
- CIG received information that Maxime BERNIER was speaking on stage on Wellington St., with many spectators. BERNIER stated Police have failed to do their job.
- CIG received information that there were several diesel Jerry cans seen at Wellington and Kent.
- CIG received information that T-shirts/hoodies are for sale at 90 Wellington. (#WhateverItTakes #FreedonIsEssential #HugsOverMasks) E-transfers can be sent to hugsnation2020[at]gmail.com.
- CIG was advised that there is significant foot traffic on Wellington.
- CIG received information that a speaker on stage is asking people to bring fuel.
- Ottawa Major Jim WATSON declared a state of emergency for the city of Ottawa as the "Freedom Convoy" demonstration continues to occupy the downtown area. [iv]
- CBSA advise the blockade in Sarnia is dispersing. Tractors are now departing via eastbound 402, however OPP advised that several participants expressed intentions to remain to "hold the line". This is a slow process, but all is going well.
- Quebec Police advise, through OPS, there are approximately 200 protesters and 17 trucks on René-Lévesque at the National Assembly in Quebec. Organizers told Quebec Police that they plan to return to demonstrate on 2022-02-18 and 2022-02-19.

### - FPNS Task Force Update:

- IRT member is continuing to be deployed to the CIG at TPOF and continues to liaise on behalf of FPNS.
  - OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS:
    - Reviewed updates #90, 91, 92, 93, 94 for NS concerns. #91 NS concern identified:
      - CIG update #91 -

CIG received information that an individual by the name of

may be supplying weapons to protestors. This individual may have been previously imprisoned in the Yukon for weapons trafficking. CIG is undertaking OSINT to gather additional information about This individual

- Most recent address provided to reviewers. Relevant checks of OA/RCMP holdings completed.
- SUI by FPNS (PROS 2022-154989)
- initially flagged in CIG report #77. OA advised reviewers on 2022-02-05. Provided update on 2022-02-06, OA capture of threat "first that tries to touch a truck will get shot dead" on Twitter.
  - Conducted cursory checks on PIP. Most likely identified as
  - Over 30 incidents on PIP (mostly non-criminal), including:
    - Gatineau PS (occurrence FR 2022-9) on 2022-02-04, Gatineau PS flagged entity – Risk to Police, possibly armed.
    - SUI by FPNS (File number pending)
- CIG update #60, #72 Twitter message "hey rcmp, and I recently heard that he's bringing guns to the protest in Ottawa. He's an extremist." Reviewers advised on 2022-02-05.
  - Relevant checks of OA/RCMP holdings completed.
  - SUI by FPNS (PROS 2022-153368). Investigation is ongoing.
  - $\circ$  BN to follow
- Other ongoing files:
  - CIG update #70 Three Percenters. Twitter post of a truck with the Three Percenters flag draped over the hood.
    - OA obtained coordinates for Business associated to truck obtained in attempt to ID individual in picture.
    - SUI by FPNS (SPROS 2022-113). Investigation is ongoing.
    - $\circ\,$  BN to follow

 Reviewer at CIG provided video of Jeremy MACKENZIE close to War Memorial in Ottawa on 2022-02-06.

• FPNS monitoring.

- NSOA supporting on investigative action as needed.
- TASK FORCE REVIEWERS FILE UPDATES:
  - PROS 2022-151605. PPS received a call yesterday from
  - PROS 2022-154989 Random information from Reddit advising that is providing weapons to the protesters. Ongoing deconfliction with the Service, SOC's last known address is in local RCMP tasked in an attempt to locate for interview. SUI.
  - SPROS File 2022-113. Ottawa INSET identified the operator of the truck, working on a profile. Further checks ongoing to locate truck and SOC. The owner of the company did state that he believes the operator has left the NCR. INSET is evaluation their next COA including the interview of SOC for intelligence purposes. BN underway, SUI.

### **Operational Planning:**

- Nil updates at this time.

### **Protective Clients and Protective Sites:**

- Nil updates at this time.

### **Communications:**

- There are currently 171 news articles in media monitoring. While protests continue in various Canadian cities, the more volatile situation in Ottawa remains the media focus. Ottawa Police have said more than 450 tickets have been issued in the 'Red Zone" around Parliament Hill this weekend, and more recently that anyone bringing fuel and supplies for the demonstrators into the downtown core may face criminal charges.
- News coverage also includes comment from Ontario Premier Ford and the Solicitor General saying that the OPS has all the tools it needs to keep the city safe.
- Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino has appeared on two additional news shows since this morning - CTV Question Period and Global News The West Block (both transcripts attached here). He has indicated "When I spoke with the mayor of Ottawa, he said that the police chief had communicated to the RCMP a desire for additional

resource. We've provided those resources. We will continue to support the Ottawa police service as much as we can so that people can feel safe."

- Nat Div Communication Services has received one media request today, from La Presse re: the cost of RCMP support so far. A previously approved, high-level response will be provided.

[iv] <u>https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/ottawa-mayor-declares-state-of-emergency-amid-freedom-convoy-protest-1.5769811</u> (Queried: 2022-02-06)