

Ministerial Update - Feb 1, 2022

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RCMP – Commissioner Lucki

- * There was one arrest yesterday and several ongoing investigations
- * Gridlock still a problem and still calling on residents to not travel downtown.
- * Although the blockades put in place at bridges and roads, crowds have thinned overnight
- * Liaison teams continue to work with protestors
- * 120-130 parliamentarians on site yesterday, most accessed without issue
- * 138 MPs on Hill today, 9 assisted movements today without issue.
- * SAA has issued another communique advising on best routes of travel. Significant requests for support on entry and exit.
- * City hall and museum of natural history will return to normal shortly and could impact the use of these venues as staging areas.
- * Significant protest still in place at Coutts POE. Organization still being controlled by splinter groups. Non-protestors who have been stuck have now been released. Splinter groups have engaged in limited negotiation. Enforcement plans in place and a desire to start towing vehicles but tow trucks didn't participate.
- * Local convoy is expected to begin in Eastern ON but not expected in Ottawa, near Arnprior.
- * Saturday convoy leaving Casselman unclear on size.
- * Possible one departing Montreal but unclear if destination it is Quebec or Ottawa.
- * US convoy does not appear to be approaching a Canadian POE but heading to Washington instead.
- * No sense of when this will end but looking at all HR contingencies to ensure proper staff rotation.
- * OPP, OPS, PPS liaison teams continue to communicate with organizers, but no decisions have been taken on end
- * OPS continue to use a measured approach.
- * ~50 people on Wellington street, significant presence on Wellington st of trucks, Sussex still closed to all traffic

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- * PCO did another check in with Facebook, Google, Twitter, Reddit, TikTok, Microsoft. All were asked what they were doing about hateful content and encouraged to remove the worst of it quickly.

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