

## Interim Report – Short Summary

The Mass Casualty Commission's interim report outlines the progress made so far and the steps going forward as the Commission continues to fulfill its mandate. No findings of fact are made in this Interim Report. It would be premature to do so as the Commission continues to build its evidentiary record and develops its understanding of how and why the mass casualty happened.

The first part, *Background and Context of the Commission and Designing the Inquiry*, outlines the mandate and design of the Mass Casualty Commission. These sections describe the nature and role of public inquiries, noting that they are flexible legal mechanisms geared toward both establishing facts and addressing broader systemic issues related to those facts. These parts explain in some detail how the Commissioners have taken the terms of reference prescribed by the federal and provincial governments and designed an effective inquiry. This includes setting out the Commission's vision and values and its restorative approach. The Commission's work is divided into three phases and consists of a layered approach. Graphics illustrate how this approach is working to ensure the Commission completes its mandate in a timely fashion.

The third part, *Building the Core Evidentiary Foundation*, describes what the Commission has done to date to establish the facts of what happened on April 18 and 19, 2020. This is the focus of Phase 1. One of the main mechanisms for establishing the factual foundation is the preparation and sharing of Foundational Documents. This section explains how the documents are developed and the role they play in the Commission's work. It also provides an overview of early Phase 1 public proceedings.

The fourth part, *Broadening the Lens and Evidentiary Foundation*, explains the steps the Commission is taking to widen its frame of reference and give context to the facts that have been and are being established. This is the focus of Phase 2. Here, the interim report introduces the themes and issues that will guide the Commission as it tries to understand how and why the mass casualty occurred. This section describes the transition from Phase 1 as the work expands to include a wider range of topics and additional types of public proceedings. This is the current point in the Commission's process. Public proceedings will continue to include hearings about Foundational Documents and the hearing of witnesses on issues arising from them and will be joined by roundtables and other facilitated discussions. For example, last week the Commissioners held hearings about the perpetrator's access to the replica cruiser and other items, and participated in a roundtable about police paraphernalia.

The Commission has gathered a tremendous amount of information through its independent investigation, by interviewing individuals, issuing subpoenas, and careful review and analysis of every written, video and audio record acquired. The Commission continues to work systematically to examine the mass casualty from many sources and perspectives. As more information is gained and this knowledge is integrated into our understanding of what happened, and how and why it occurred, new areas of inquiry within the mandate may open. If so, the Commission will take the necessary steps to ensure thorough examination.

The Commission does not operate in isolation. The interim report expresses the Commission's gratitude to the Participants – individuals, families, institutions and groups that have been granted specific opportunities to participate in the Commission's work – and their counsel, and for input from many experts, organizations, groups and interested members of the public.

Finally, in its conclusion, the interim report issues a renewed invitation to our readers and the public at large to contribute or take part as the Commission moves away from looking back at what happened to looking forward. In Phase 3, the Commission will focus on identifying ways to help prevent future incidents of this kind and, should they occur, to suggest the best ways to respond to them to help make communities safer in the future.