

# Mass Casualty Commission

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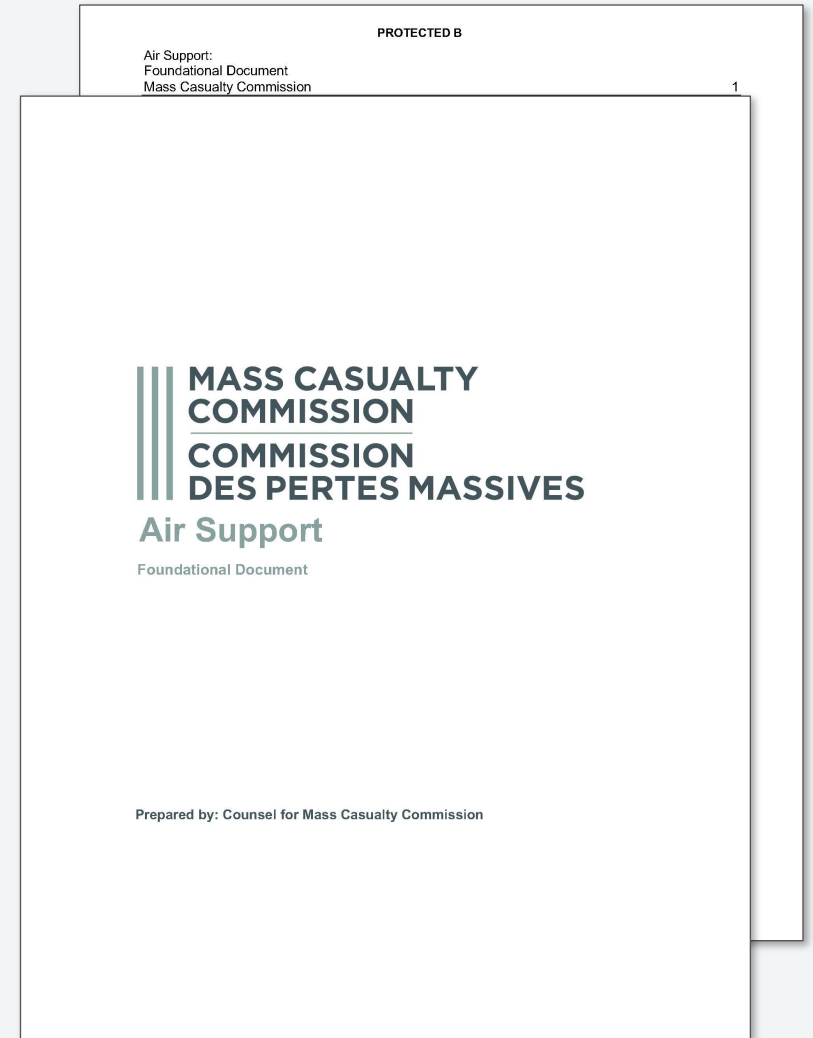
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COMMISSION COUNSEL

# Exhibits

## FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS

- **Air Support**
- **All supporting documentation**



# Subject Matter

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- **A summary of information currently available to the Mass Casualty Commission in relation to RCMP requests and use of air services on April 18 and 19, 2020**



**Air Support**

# RCMP Atlantic Region Air Services Branch (ARAS)

## **One Airbus H125 helicopter**

- Located at Greater Moncton Roméo LeBlanc International Airport
- Covers the Atlantic region (J-Division, H-Division, B-Division, L-Division)
- Night-flight capability and surveillance-package equipped
- Helicopter unavailable “ODS” – due to annual inspection for six weeks (March 1, 2020-May 12, 2020)

## **One fixed-wing Pilatus aircraft**

- Located at Greater Moncton Roméo LeBlanc International Airport
- Covers the Atlantic region (J-Division, H-Division, B-Division, L-Division)
- Pilatus aircraft simultaneously unavailable for annual inspection (COVID delays)

**Additional RCMP Air Services Branch resources in Montreal and Ottawa**

# Department of Lands and Forestry (DNR)

## **Four Airbus H125 helicopters at Shubenacadie airfield**

- Six available pilots
- Limited to “visual flight rules”; i.e., not at night
- Aerial observation only; i.e., no surveillance-package

# Joint Rescue Coordination Centres (JRCC)

- Operated by Royal Canadian Air Force and Canadian Coast Guard for search and rescue operations
- Helicopters based in Gander and Greenwood

# Marine Security Operations Centre (MSOC)

- Canadian Armed Forces resources aimed at assessing maritime / marine security threats
- Based in Halifax

# Key Indicators Relevant to Sequence of Events

APRIL 18, 2020

**11:10 PM**

- H-Division OCC dispatch supervisor Jen MacCallum contacts J-Division RCMP ARAS and requests air service assistance in Portapique

**11:16 PM**

- J-Division risk manager S/Sgt. Martin Saulnier contacts H-Division risk manager S/Sgt. Brian Rehill and advises that the helicopter is “ODS”

**11:45 PM**

- OCC contacts JRCC for air support
- JRCC helicopter will not fly during an active shooter event

# Key Indicators Relevant to Sequence of Events

APRIL 19, 2020

**3:15 AM**

- OCC contacts DNR and requests air support
- DNR helicopter not available until daylight
- Call cannot go out to pilot until 6:00 a.m.

**5:49 AM**

- NS EMO approves request for DNR helicopter to be activated

**6:00 AM**

- DNR helicopter pilot Ken Corkum called out

**7:05 AM**

- Ken Corkum communicates with S/Sgt. Steve Halliday at Command Post
- Requests HBA
- Agrees to land at Debert airfield at 8:30 a.m.

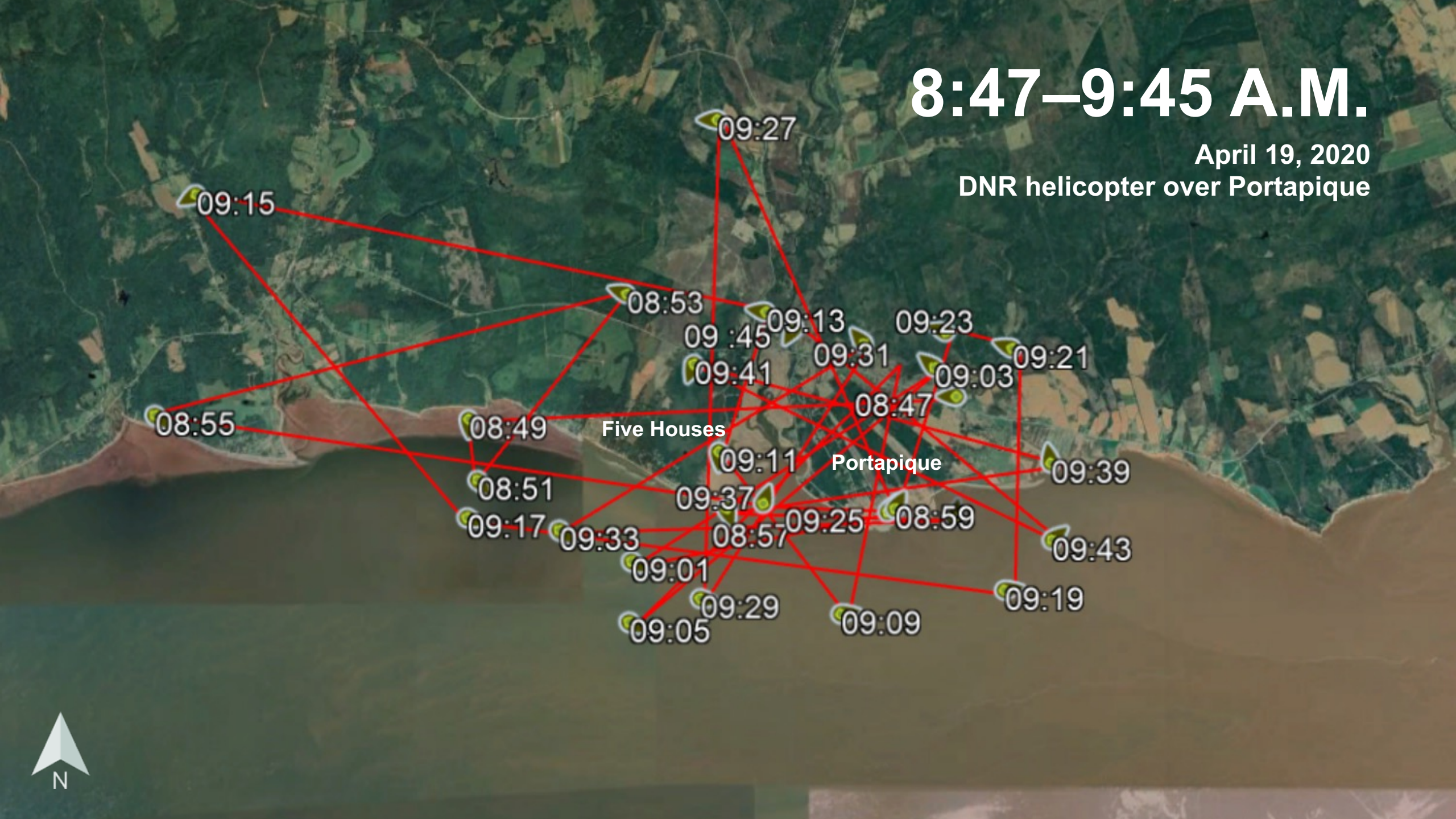
**8:18 AM**

- Pilot Ken Corkum lands at Debert airfield and takes on board a “spotter” – ERT member Cst. Kyle Josey

# 8:47–9:45 A.M.

April 19, 2020

DNR helicopter over Portapique



# 9:45–9:51 A.M.

April 19, 2020

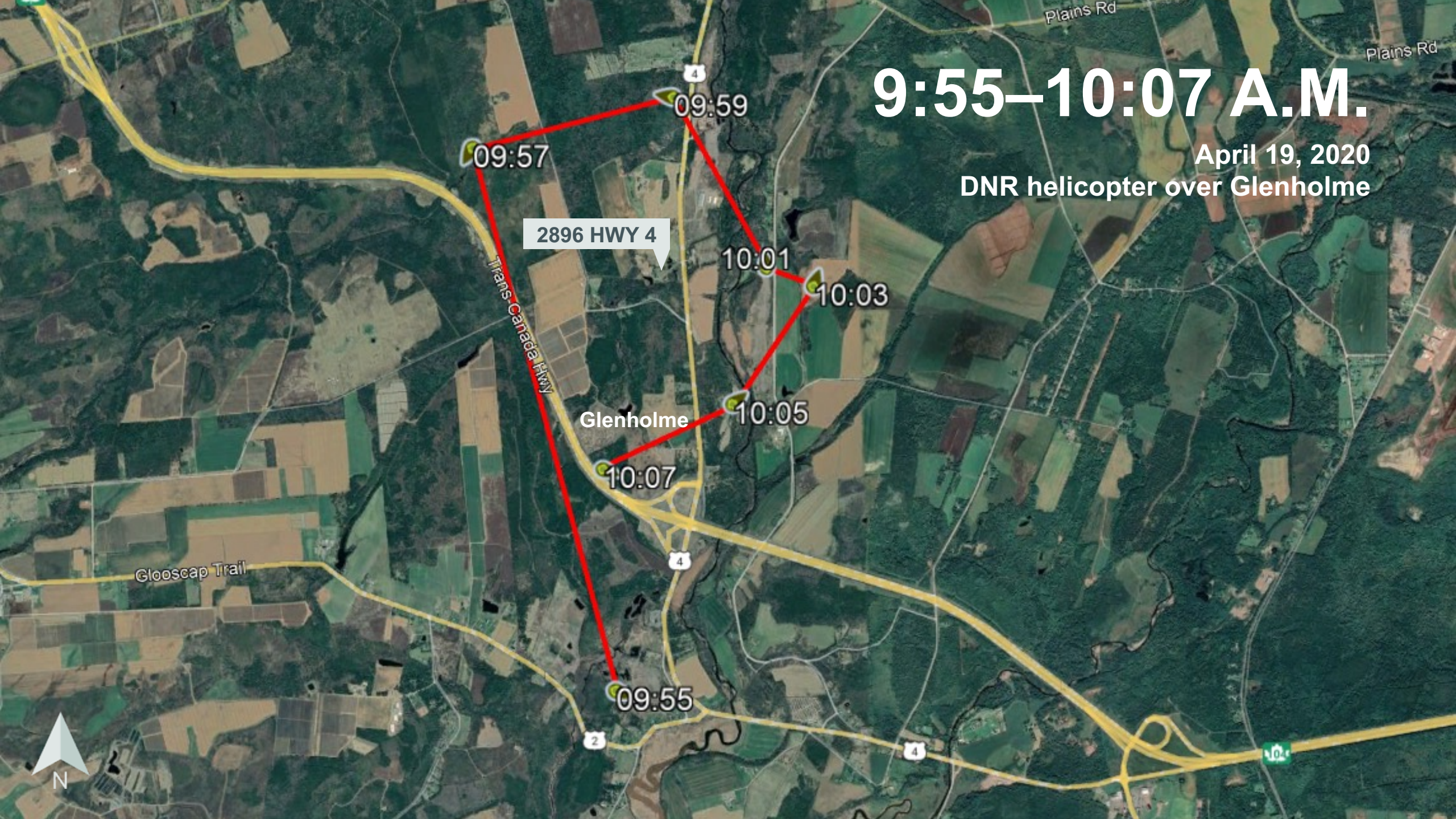
DNR helicopter en route to Wentworth



9:55–10:07 A.M.

April 19, 2020

DNR helicopter over Glenholme



# 10:07–10:11 A.M.

April 19, 2020

DNR helicopter over Plains Road, Debert



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10:07

Glenholme

10:09

Debert

Debert  
Airfield

Approximate locations  
of the Beaton & O'Brien  
homicide scenes

10:11

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# Key Indicators Relevant to Sequence of Events

APRIL 19, 2020

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| <b>10:40 AM –10:59 AM</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DNR helicopter at Debert airfield to re-fuel</li><li>• Cst. Josey deplanes; Cst. Aaron Lawless taken on board</li></ul> |
| <b>11:12 AM</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DNR helicopter over Shubenacadie</li></ul>  |
| <b>11:16 AM</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DNR helicopter lands in field (passenger sickness)</li></ul>  |
| <b>11:28 AM</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DNR helicopter over Enfield</li></ul>   |
| <b>11:44 AM</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DNR helicopter lands at Shubenacadie airfield</li></ul>   |

# Communications Difficulties



**10:10:46 – OCC P01 (Glen BYRNE):** *DNR helicopter copy, Command Post?*

**10:10:50 – 7249 (Pilot Ken CORKUM):** *Go ahead for Patrol 4.*

**10:10:53 – OCC P01 (Glen BYRNE):** *Can you confirm, do you have Law Enforcement Talk Group in your radio? Law enforcement.*

**10:11:00 – 7249 (Pilot Ken CORKUM):** *I'm on Mutual Aid 6 here now. Let me check on that channel you called Law Enforcement?*

**10:11:07 – OCC P01 (Glen BYRNE):** *Yeah. Uh, Law Enforcement 5 or 6.*

**10:11:12 – 7249 (Pilot Ken CORKUM):** *'Kay, stand by I'll check. We're just over at Plains Road, Debert area now.*

**10:11:18 – OCC P01 (Glen BYRNE):** *Perfect, thank you.*

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# Communications Difficulties



**10:13:09 – 7249 (Pilot Ken CORKUM):** *RCMP command, it's Patrol 4 on Mutual Aid 6. Do you copy?*

**10:13:18 – OCC P01 (Glen BYRNE):** *(INDECIPHERABLE). Go ahead.*

**10:13:21 – 7249 (Pilot Ken CORKUM):** *Yeah, I found that channel. I was trying to reach you on it. I tried both 5 and 6, you weren't hearin' me?*

**10:13:29 – OCC P01 (Glen BYRNE):** *No. Switch to 5 now, I'll switch right over. Switch to 5 now.*

**10:13:36 – 7249 (Pilot Ken CORKUM):** *Okay well we'll ah have to work on Mutual Aid 6 for now.*

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# Communications Difficulties



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**10:15:26 – H21 (Glen BYRNE):** *Is DNR helicopter on this channel?*

**10:15:29 – 7249 (Pilot Ken CORKUM):** *Yeah, go ahead from Patrol 4.*

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**10:15:33 – H21 (Glen BYRNE):** *Alright. Problem with Laws. We'll just stay on this one here.*

# Efforts to Obtain Additional Air Support

APRIL 19, 2020

**Post-DNR engagement, efforts continue to obtain additional air support resources:**

- 11:14 AM**
  - J-Division risk manager S/Sgt. André Pepin contacts OCC and advises O-Division (Ontario) Air Services has approval to fly to H-Division
- 11:15 AM**
  - JRCC advises OCC that requests for military helicopters have been presented through NS EMO
- 11:26 AM**
  - RCMP members encounter perpetrator at pump 6, Enfield Big Stop
- 11:44 AM**
  - O-Division and C-Division (Quebec) Air Services are advised to stand down

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