

The Mass Casualty Commission is an independent public inquiry created to examine the April 2020 mass casualty in Nova Scotia and to provide meaningful recommendations to help protect Canadians in the future.

**Our work involves a series of overlapping key steps:**

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## ESTABLISHING THE FOUNDATION What Happened

Spring 2021 – Fall 2021

- **Understanding perspectives** of those most affected, participants, first responders, service providers, community members
- **Obtaining documents, analyzing information and conducting research**
- **Carrying out investigations and speaking with witnesses**
- **Holding public proceedings including activities such as hearings and roundtables**, about the facts, existing policies and other issues

### MILESTONES

- Meeting with Families – March 2021
- Participation Decision – May 13, 2021
- Participant, First Responder & Service Provider Meetings – Summer 2021
- Site Visits – Summer 2021
- Community Outreach & Meetings – Summer 2021
- Foundational/Factual Documents – Fall 2021
- Public Hearings – Fall 2021

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## LEARNING & UNDERSTANDING Why & How

Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

- **Exploring the broader context** including issues like firearms access, police and service-provider responses, emergency communications and intimate partner violence
- **Holding public proceedings including activities such as hearings and roundtables** with participants, experts, policy makers and others about their understanding of causes, context, circumstances
- **Sharing initial information and insights** and seeking input

### MILESTONES

- Roundtable Discussions – Fall 2021
- Public Hearings – Spring 2022
- Community Outreach & Meetings – Winter 2021-2022

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## SHAPING & SHARING Findings & Recommendations

Spring 2022 – Fall 2022

- **Holding public proceedings including activities such as hearings and roundtables** with participants, experts, policy makers and others about their proposed recommendations
- **Creating opportunities for input** from those most affected, those who will be responsible for implementing recommendations, and the public
- **Drafting the final report** with Commission findings and recommendations

### MILESTONES

- Public Engagement & Community Outreach – Spring & Summer 2022
- Interim Report – May 2022
- Final Report – November 2022

We will update this overview as our work advances. Every step of our work will be guided by our values of independence, respect and transparency. Stay up-to-date with our work and opportunities to take part via our social media and website: [masscasualtycommission.ca](https://masscasualtycommission.ca)