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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of September 22, 2021, to the Honourable William Sterling Blair, former Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, concerning the prohibition of assault-style firearms. I am responding on behalf of the Honourable Marco E. L. Mendicino, the current Minister of Public Safety, in my capacity as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Crime Prevention Branch. Please accept my sincerest apologies for the delayed response.

As you are aware, on May 1, 2020, the Government announced the prohibition of over 1,500 models of assault-style firearms and their variants. An Amnesty Order accompanied the prohibition that protects individuals who are in legal possession of one or more of these newly prohibited firearms or devices from criminal liability for unlawful possession and it provides owners with the time to come into compliance with the law. Recently, the Government extended the Amnesty Order to October 30, 2023, to allow time to ensure that officials can finalize and fully implement a robust buyback program and allow firearms owners and businesses to take all reasonable steps to come into compliance with the law.

The Government is committed to bring forward a buyback program that offers fair compensation to affected owners and businesses, while making sure implementation and management of the program is cost-effective. This commitment was reaffirmed in the November 2021 Speech from the Throne, and the most recent Mandate Letter for the Minister of Public Safety. As you may know, on July 28, 2022, the Government published the proposed pricing model for firearm owners and is inviting feedback until August 28, 2022. The goal of this consultation is to receive input on the proposed buyback compensation amounts. Help with how you can provide feedback can be found at: www.Canada.ca/buyback-pricing-consultation.

Compensation models and other program details will be finalized in the coming months, and all known owners will be contacted about how they can participate in the buyback program.

Additionally, the Government of Canada recognizes that firearms-related violence is complex and must be addressed comprehensively. Gun and gang violence is a very serious matter that continues to affect Canada. Numerous communities have been marred by gun crime and gun violence often resulting in the tragic loss of a life, primarily affecting youth.

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The Government is implementing effective measures with respect to strengthening firearm regulations as well as gun and gang initiatives that prioritize public safety.

Lastly, investments made by the Government are intended to support the Government's commitment to building safer communities, and build on the success of the *Initiative To Take Action Against Gun and Gang Violence*. The Government has invested \$358.8 million over five years in this initiative to help support a variety of measures to reduce gun crime and criminal gang activities. Of this funding, over \$214 million has been made available to the Provinces and Territories to help respond to their specific needs and bolster local prevention, gang exit, outreach and awareness programming.

Further, \$125 million is being provided to Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canada Border Services Agency to help prevent illegal firearms from coming into the country.

These initiatives, along with many others, highlight the concrete steps that are being taken to make Canada less vulnerable to firearms violence, while considering the impacts on responsible firearms owners and businesses.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

Talal Dakalbab
Assistant Deputy Minister
Crime Prevention Branch
Public Safety Canada

Russell, Caitlin

From: Blair, Bill - M.P. <Bill.Blair@parl.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Minister of Public Safety / Ministre de la Sécurité publique (PS/SP)
Subject: Fwd: Buyback, when?

Categories: Caitlin

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 2:03:10 PM
To: Blair, Bill - M.P. <Bill.Blair@parl.gc.ca>
Subject: Buyback, when?

Sir,

It has been almost a year and half since you prohibited my target rifle via OIC. I cannot afford to buy another one until you compensate me and I cannot legally take my prohibited rifle to my gun club. Your lack of a buyback program has meant I have not been target shooting for the past 15 months. When will your department commence a fair compensation program so that I can use those funds to purchase another target rifle? How on earth is it fair for government to keep me and the thousands like me in limbo for so long?

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Kingston, NS



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BLR-010170-Repose

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 9:41 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: BBP correspondence
Attachments: PS-SP-#4034143-v1-Incoming_-_BLR-010170.PDF; PS-SP-#4257029-v1-BLR-010170- Routing_Slip.PDF; PS-SP-#4236957-v4-BLR-010170_-_Response_to_[REDACTED]-_Firearms_Buyback_Program.docx

For attachments see: pp.1 to 4

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached another response that has been prepared by CPB that needs to be vetted. If you are onside with the response, please confirm and we will route to Greg for signature.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 5:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Cc: Bisailon, Kevin <Kevin.Bisailon@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: BBP correspondence

Here is another!

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca tel: [REDACTED]

Brazeau, Stephanie

From: Communications / Communications (PS/SP)
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 12:19 PM
To: Minister of Public Safety / Ministre de la Sécurité publique (PS/SP)
Cc: Communications / Communications (PS/SP)
Subject: Public Enquiry - Definition of "assault-style weapon"

Hello MCU,

Please see below.

Mo Hashash
Mo.Hashash@ps-sp.gc.ca
 Work Cell: 613-298-8308

From: ps.donotreply-publicsafety-securitepublique-nepasrepondre.sp@ps-sp.gc.ca <ps.donotreply-publicsafety-securitepublique-nepasrepondre.sp@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:14 AM
To: Communications / Communications (PS/SP) <communications@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: General Inquiries | Renseignements généraux

| General Inquiries Renseignements généraux | |
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| Last Name Nom | [REDACTED] |
| Title Titre | |
| Organization Organisme | |
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| Country Pays | Canada |
| Province / State Province / état | Ontario |
| City Ville | Carleton Place |
| Postal / Zip Code Code postal | [REDACTED] |
| Email Courriel | [REDACTED] |
| Subject Sujet | Definition of "assault-style weapon" |
| Comments Commentaires | Dear Minister Mendicino, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I am now the licensed owner of lawfully |

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obtained, registered, and securely stored firearms. Two years ago, your minority government, with no Parliamentary study or debate, and with no notice, prohibited the rifle I used for sport shooting, depriving me of its use and enjoyment and reducing its monetary value to zero. Two years later, your government still has not offered me any compensation for this considerable loss. This was done ostensibly to prevent violent firearms crime, despite the fact that the type of firearm I own has never been used to cause the death of any person in Canada by suicide, homicide or accident. Apparently, although previous governments of Canada entrusted me with government-issued fully automatic firearms for more than a decade and granted me high-level security clearances for three decades, your Liberal government believes that I cannot be trust today with a semi-automatic firearm with a 5-round magazine. This is both illogical and insulting. In a news conference on May 30, you announced that your government is also prohibiting the transfer of additional firearms I possess, which are family heirlooms. So, I will not be able to pass them on to my own children, and they no longer have any monetary value. I am a very strong supporter of gun control, as it is commonly understood. In other words, I strongly support measures to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill, to combat the massive illegal trade in firearms smuggled from the US into Canada, and to ultimately prevent gun crime. Your government's measures that I have described above will do absolutely nothing to achieve any of these goals. That concludes my commentary. Now I have questions for you: 1. You said during your news conference on May 30, "We will continue working to ensure any new weapons that fit the definition of assault-style weapon are captured." Please tell me what "definition of assault-style weapon" you were referring to. There is no such definition in the Firearms Act, the Criminal Code of Canada, or your government's Order in Council banning a multitude of long guns by make and model. 2. If your government ever sees fit to compensate the law-abiding Canadians whom you have robbed of their recreation and private property, a. Will the amount of that compensation include the full pre-ban market value of the confiscated firearms? b. Given the inordinate delay in offering such compensation, will the amount offered be adjusted to account for inflation and interest? c. Will it include the cost of accessories that the owners of such firearms were required by law to obtain, such as gun safes, hard cases and locks? d. Will it include the cost of accessories that were necessary for the use of such firearms (such as sights, which were sold separately for many models of the firearms your government has banned, and which can often cost as much as the firearm itself)? Or will you leave these law-abiding Canadians to bear significant financial losses resulting from your government's actions? 3. Will your government establish compensation for families whose heirloom firearms will have to be surrendered upon the death of their current owner because they can no longer be transferred? Or will your legislation include an exemption to allow the transfer of such firearms to heirs who hold restricted firearms licenses? I look forward to your timely and complete reply. [REDACTED]



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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence of June 1, 2022, in which you express your concerns regarding Canada's firearms laws. I am responding on behalf of the Honourable Marco E. L. Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety, in my capacity as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Crime Prevention Branch. I appreciate the time you have taken to share these views.

The Government of Canada is taking a comprehensive approach to strengthen firearms control and tackle firearms-related violence. This approach prioritizes public safety, reduces access to dangerous firearms, supports effective police work and community programming and treats everyone in a fair and reasonable manner.

On May 1, 2020, the Government banned over 1,500 models and variants of assault-style firearms. The criteria used to select the firearms for the ban were those that have semi-automatic action with sustained rapid-fire capability (tactical/military design with large magazine capacity); were of modern design; and were present in large volumes in the Canadian market. An Amnesty Order is in effect until October 30, 2023, to protect individuals who were in legal possession of one or more of these now-prohibited firearms or devices from criminal liability and provides time for these individuals to come into compliance with the law. These firearms cannot be used, transferred, imported or bequeathed and can only be transported under certain circumstances allowed under the Amnesty Order.

In making the regulations to ban the now prohibited firearms, the Government considered that the significant risk these firearms pose to public safety outweighs any justification for their continued use and availability within Canada. While neither Parliament nor the Governor-in-Council has defined "assault-style firearms", Parliament has delegated the authority to the Governor-in-Council to prohibit firearms by make and model under the *Criminal Code*. This approach gives the Governor-in-Council the flexibility to include only those makes and models it believes are not suitable for hunting or sport shooting.

Parallel to these new regulations, the Government announced its intention to introduce a buyback program that offers fair compensation to affected owners and businesses. As you may know, on July 28, 2022, the Government published the proposed pricing model for firearm owners and is inviting feedback until August 28, 2022. The goal of this consultation is to receive input on the proposed buyback compensation amounts. Help with how you can provide feedback can be found at: www.Canada.ca/buyback-pricing-consultation.

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Compensation models and other program details will be finalized in the coming months, and all known owners will be contacted about how they can participate in the buyback program.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

Talal Dakalbab
Assistant Deputy Minister
Crime Prevention Branch
Public Safety Canada

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Karikera, Nadia

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 9:39 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: BBP correspondence
Attachments: Incoming - MEN-001510.PDF; PS-SP-#4328134-v3-Firearms_-_MEN-001510_-_ [redacted] writes_concerning_firearms_legislation.docx; PS-SP-#4328224-v2-MEN-001510_Routing_Slip_ [redacted] Writes_Concerning_Gun_Control_.PDF
For attachment MEN-001510 and PS-4328224 see: pp.5 to 7

Hi [redacted]

I have several correspondence that I'll be sending in the next couple of minutes.

A couple of them (like this one) have already had responses drafted by CBP and need to be vetted/and updated to reflect Greg as responder. BF is already past due on this one, please let me know if you have any questions,

Thanks!

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 5:17 PM
To: [redacted]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Cc: Bisailon, Kevin <Kevin.Bisailon@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Fabre, Lorraine <Lorraine.Fabre@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: BBP correspondence

Hi [redacted]

Here is the incoming and proposed reply for Greg's consideration. The ones I am flipping you were originally proposed replies from Talal so the title will of course, have to be modified.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]@ps-sp.gc.ca tel: [redacted]



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| OPINION: | CPB |
| DATE: | Sept 13, 2022 |
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| FILE #/DOSSIER: | 7100-1 |

Fournier, Benoît

From: Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 9:44 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Marco Mendicino, P.C.,M.P.
Subject: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Categories: Benoît

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. In your correspondence, you raise an issue that falls within the portfolio of the Honourable Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding your email to Minister Mendicino for information and consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

J.P. Vachon
 Manager/Gestionnaire
 Executive Correspondence Services
 Services de la correspondance
 de la haute direction

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 28 Jul 2022 09:11:53 PM >>>

>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - Public Safety >>>>

Subject/Sujet : Public Safety

Date : 2022/07/29 1:11:19 AM

First Name/Prénom : [REDACTED]

Last Name/Nom : [REDACTED]

E-Mail/Adresse électronique : [REDACTED] Address/Adresse : [REDACTED] City/Ville : Mackenzie Province :

British Columbia Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED] Comments/Commentaires : I

am writing to you today concerned about the firearms buyback program. The 'consultation survey' only asks if I own a gun, type what unmodified value, I have comments and further questions. Mainly, want to know about my parts and accessories and how a value will be determined for them. I purchased my firearm for about 10% more than listed. Parts equal to about 90% of listed price and had professional work done worth the listed price. It was banned the day I took possession and was never able to fire it. Will I be compensated for the value of my rifle? (3x list price, with receipts) or will I have to eat that cost? Likewise my early 1700s blunderbuss purchased for 9000usd. Will I only get 2900?

Public Safety
CanadaSécurité publique
CanadaDear 

Thank you for your correspondence of July 29, 2022, in which you express your concerns regarding Canada's recently published firearms buyback program price list consultation. I am responding on behalf of the Honourable Marco E. L. Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety, in my capacity as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Firearms Program. I appreciate the time you have taken to share your views.

On May 1, 2020, the Government banned over 1,500 models and variants of assault-style firearms. An Amnesty Order accompanied the prohibition that protects individuals who are in legal possession of one or more of these newly prohibited firearms or devices from criminal liability for unlawful possession and it provides owners with the time to come into compliance with the law. Recently, the Government extended the Amnesty Order to October 30, 2023, to allow time to ensure that officials can finalize and fully implement a robust buyback program and allow firearms owners and businesses to take all reasonable steps to come into compliance with the law.

The Government is committed to bring forward a buyback program that offers fair compensation to affected owners and businesses. This commitment was reaffirmed in the November 2021 Speech from the Throne, and the most recent Mandate Letter for the Minister of Public Safety. Parallel to these new regulations, the Government announced its intention to implement a buyback program that offers fair compensation to affected owners and businesses.

As you are aware, on July 28, 2022, the Government published the proposed price list for firearm owners and is inviting feedback until August 28, 2022, which can be found at: www.Canada.ca/buyback-pricing-consultation. The proposed price list focused on developing a list of prices that reflect what the average Canadian may have paid for their newly prohibited firearms prior to May 1, 2020. The goal of this consultation is to receive input on the proposed buyback compensation amounts.

The compensation models and other program details will be finalized in the coming months. All known owners will be contacted about how they can participate in the buyback program.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Kenney
Assistant Deputy Minister
Firearms Program
Public Safety Canada

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Karikera, Nadia

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 12:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Incoming - MEN-002681 (GP) PMO forwards the correspondence of [REDACTED] RE: Firearms buyback program
Attachments: Incoming - MEN-002681.pdf; [REDACTED].docx
For attachment: see: pp.13 to 14

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From: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:19 AM
To: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Subject: FW: Incoming - MEN-002681 (GP) PMO forwards the correspondence of [REDACTED] RE: Firearms buyback program

Hi [REDACTED]

For this one please triage: specific program question, we gin up the response; generic BBP question and Policy will draft the response.

Thanks.

From: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 9:44 AM
To: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: Incoming - MEN-002681 (GP) PMO forwards the correspondence of [REDACTED] RE: Firearms buyback program

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached new correspondence with BF date of Sept 5th. Can you please have the team prep a response and send back to my attn: by August 26th. We will provide to Greg for signature and close out the tasking.

If you need more time for the response, please let us know,

Thanks,

From: Bisailon, Kevin <Kevin.Bisailon@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 6:48 PM

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To: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>

Subject: FW: Incoming - MEN-002681 (GP) PMO forwards the correspondence of [REDACTED] RE: Firearms buyback program

Hi [REDACTED]

This is one of the two correspondence I sent to [REDACTED] yesterday.

Thank you,
Kevin

From: Bisailon, Kevin

Sent: August 15, 2022 9:25 AM

To: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>

Subject: FW: Incoming - MEN-002681 (GP) PMO forwards the correspondence of [REDACTED] RE: Firearms buyback program

Hi [REDACTED]

We received the following correspondence, and I think that your office would be the best placed to respond to this incoming.

Please let me know if you have any question.

Thank you,
Kevin

From: Fournier, Benoît <Benoit.Fournier@PS-SP.GC.CA>

Sent: August 15, 2022 9:05 AM

To: PS.F ADMO-CSCCB / SMA-SSCRC F.SP <ps.admo-csccb-sma-sscrc.sp@ps-sp.gc.ca>

Cc: Bisailon, Kevin <Kevin.Bisailon@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Public Safety MCU / UCM Sécurité publique (PS/SP) <publicsafetymcu-ucmsecuritepublique@ps-sp.gc.ca>

Subject: Incoming - MEN-002681 (GP)

Good morning,

Please find attached an incoming for direct reply.

Due date is **September 5, 2022.**

Please note that the Ministerial Correspondence Unit (MCU) is temporarily working offsite from March 16 2020 until further notice, although these dates are subject to change. During this period, VVIP and VIP dockets will be tasked electronically rather than using physical dockets.

Routing entries in CCM must continue as per procedure in order to track the dockets and approvals efficiently; physical routing slips will also be absent. Please ensure that all draft replies are accessible to MCU in RDIMS

Thank you

Benoît Fournier

Correspondence analyst / Analyste de correspondance

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Portfolio Affairs and Communications (PACB) /Secteur des affaires du portefeuille et des communications (SAPC)
Public Safety Canada / Sécurité Publique Canada
Cell : 819-665-9016 (work / travail)

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| D.D./D.E | Sept 13, 2022 |
| ACTION | Direct reply |
| FILE #/DOSSIER | 7100-1 |

Fournier, Benoît

From: Prime Minister | Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 4:20 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Marco Mendicino, P.C.,M.P.
Subject: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Categories: Benoît

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence regarding firearms.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. As you may know, issues relating to Canada's gun laws fall more directly within the portfolio of the Honourable Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding your email to Minister Mendicino so that he may be made aware of your views.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

M. Bredeson
 Executive Correspondence Officer | Agent de correspondance Executive Correspondence Services | Services de la correspondance

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 29 Jul 2022 02:12:49 PM >>>

>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - Public Safety >>>>

Subject/Sujet : Public Safety

Date : 2022/07/29 6:12:10 PM

First Name/Prénom : [REDACTED]

Last Name/Nom : [REDACTED]

E-Mail/Adresse électronique : [REDACTED] Address/Adresse : [REDACTED] City/Ville : Mississauga

Province : Ontario Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone :

Comments/Commentaires : I have just reviewed the compensation for the firearms confiscation program and I am outraged. Besides only giving a fraction of the value for the rifle that you are confiscating you are not providing any compensation for all of the accessories that I can no longer use. While we can strongly disagree on the morality of this program surely I should be entitled to receive compensation for all of the accessories that I now have that are useless!



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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence of July 29, 2022, in which you express your concerns regarding Canada's recently published firearms buyback program price list consultation. I am responding on behalf of the Honourable Marco E. L. Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety, in my capacity as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Firearms Program. I appreciate the time you have taken to share your views.

On May 1, 2020, the Government banned over 1,500 models and variants of assault-style firearms. An Amnesty Order accompanied the prohibition that protects individuals who are in legal possession of one or more of these newly prohibited firearms or devices from criminal liability for unlawful possession and it provides owners with the time to come into compliance with the law. Recently, the Government extended the Amnesty Order to October 30, 2023, to allow time to ensure that officials can finalize and fully implement a robust buyback program and allow firearms owners and businesses to take all reasonable steps to come into compliance with the law.

The Government is committed to bring forward a buyback program that offers fair compensation to affected owners and businesses. This commitment was reaffirmed in the November 2021 Speech from the Throne, and the most recent Mandate Letter for the Minister of Public Safety. Parallel to these new regulations, the Government announced its intention to introduce a buyback program that offers fair compensation to affected owners and businesses.

As you are aware, on July 28, 2022, the Government published the proposed price list for firearm owners and is inviting feedback until August 28, 2022, which can be found at: www.Canada.ca/buyback-pricing-consultation. The proposed price list focused on developing a list of prices that reflect what the average Canadian may have paid for their newly prohibited firearms prior to May 1, 2020. The goal of this consultation is to receive input on the proposed buyback compensation amounts.

The compensation models and other program details will be finalized in the coming months. All known owners will be contacted about how they can participate in the buyback program.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Kenney
Assistant Deputy Minister
Firearms Program
Public Safety Canada

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Brown, Nicole (she, her | elle, la)

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 12:57 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Incoming - MEN-002682 (GP) PMO forwards the correspondence of [redacted] RE: I have just reviewed the compensation for the firearms confiscation program and I am outraged.
Attachments: Incoming - MEN-002682.pdf; [redacted].docx

For attachment: see: pp.19 to 20

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Please let me know if you have received all 4 correspondences. Happy to discuss!

From: [redacted]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:21 AM
To: [redacted]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Cc: [redacted]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Subject: FW: Incoming - MEN-002682 (GP) PMO forwards the correspondence of [redacted] RE: I have just reviewed the compensation for the firearms confiscation program and I am outraged.

Ditto.

Specific is us;

General BBP to Policy.

Thanks.

From: [redacted]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 9:45 AM
To: [redacted]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [redacted]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: Incoming - MEN-002682 (GP) PMO forwards the correspondence of [redacted] RE: I have just reviewed the compensation for the firearms confiscation program and I am outraged.

Hi [redacted]

Last one (that I know of!)

Please find attached new correspondence with BF date of Sept 5th. Can you please have the team prep a response and send back to my attn: by August 26th. We will provide to Greg for signature and close out the tasking.

If you need more time for the response, please let us know,

Thanks,

From: Bisailon, Kevin <Kevin.Bisailon@ps-sp.gc.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 6:49 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>

Subject: FW: Incoming - MEN-002682 (GP) PMO forwards the correspondence of [REDACTED] RE: I have just reviewed the compensation for the firearms confiscation program and I am outraged.

And here is the second one.

Thank you,
Kevin

From: Bisailon, Kevin

Sent: August 15, 2022 11:16 AM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>

Subject: FW: Incoming - MEN-002682 (GP) PMO forwards the correspondence of [REDACTED] RE: I have just reviewed the compensation for the firearms confiscation program and I am outraged.

Hi [REDACTED]

We received the following correspondence, and I think that your office would be the best placed to respond to this incoming.

Please let me know if you have any question.

Thank you,
Kevin

From: Fournier, Benoît <Benoit.Fournier@PS-SP.GC.CA>

Sent: August 15, 2022 10:35 AM

To: PS.F ADMO-CSCCB / SMA-SSCRC F.SP <ps.admo-cscCB-sma-ssrcrC.sp@ps-sp.gc.ca>

Cc: Bisailon, Kevin <Kevin.Bisailon@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Public Safety MCU / UCM Sécurité publique (PS/SP) <publicsafetymcu-ucmsecuritepublique@ps-sp.gc.ca>

Subject: Incoming - MEN-002682 (GP)

Good morning,

Please find attached an incoming for direct reply.

Due date is **September 5, 2022**.

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Thank you

Benoît Fournier

Correspondence analyst / Analyste de correspondance

Ministerial Correspondence Unit (MCU) / Unité de Correspondance Ministérielle (UCM)

Portfolio Affairs and Communications (PACB) / Secteur des affaires du portefeuille et des communications (SAPC)

Public Safety Canada / Sécurité Publique Canada

Cell : 819-665-9016 (work / travail)

Public Safety Canada / Sécurité publique Canada

Francoeur, Vincent

From: Mendicino, Marco - M.P. <Marco.Mendicino@parl.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:32 PM
To: Public Safety MCU / UCM Sécurité publique (PS/SP)
Subject: Fw: Canadian Taxpayers Federation Issues and Concerns Related to Your Proposed Gun Ban and Buyback Program

Categories: Vincent

Office of the Hon. Marco Mendicino
 Member of Parliament for Eglinton-Lawrence
 Minister of Public Safety
 511 Lawrence Ave W
 Toronto, ON M6A 1A3
 Phone: 416-781-5583

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: August 10, 2022 1:55 PM
To: Mendicino, Marco - M.P. <Marco.Mendicino@parl.gc.ca>
Cc: Webber, Len - M.P. <Len.Webber@parl.gc.ca>; admin@taxpayer.com <admin@taxpayer.com>
Subject: Canadian Taxpayers Federation Issues and Concerns Related to Your Proposed Gun Ban and Buyback Program

Hi Marco,

As noted below the respected Canadian Taxpayers Association raises some serious and alarming concerns about your proposed gun ban and buyback program. It also draws attention to an associated flawed public consultation process which does not invite comment nor discussion.

These concerns do not even address the larger issue of the arbitrary setup of this process which bypasses the debate and the test of a vote in our parliamentary process.

Please advise how you propose to address these serious issues and concerns.

Canadian Taxpayers Federation Issues and Concerns:

The Trudeau government wants your opinion on what it should pay you for your guns it wants to take away from you. They've launched a half-baked consultation process on the ill-conceived ban and buyback scheme that only runs for a few weeks – it's open now, but only till the end of August.

Ottawa has already been spending millions of your taxpayer dollars to set up their Firearms Buyback Secretariat, all without buying back a single firearm.

And we know from no less than the RCMP union's expert assessment that the federal gun ban and buyback "does not address criminal activity, illegal firearms proliferation, gang crime or the criminal use of firearms."

Estimates show this program will cost hundreds of millions to billions of dollars without doing anything to target actual crime and gang violence in Canada. It has the hallmarks of becoming the second national firearms boondoggle.

The federal government now says it wants your thoughts (by August 28) on the proposed pricing model for the buyback program. The survey only has one yes/no question and so only takes a quick minute to complete – the survey is at the Public Safety Canada page here:

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What's disappointing about this consultation is the feds don't want your comments, just your basic yes/no answer. You need to voice your thoughts to the politicians making these decisions – it's your right and it's about accountability. You can let Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino know what you think about the firearms ban and buyback scheme at this email:

marco.mendicino@parl.gc.ca (<mailto:marco.mendicino@parl.gc.ca>)

It's also helpful to let your MP know your thoughts as well – you can find your MP's contact info here:

https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftaxpayer.us1.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3De436226d501953d6bf1068db8%26id%3Dc8ee112c45%26e%3Dd05c354804∓data=05%7C01%7Cjoe_kenny%40atech.ca%7C33a8a49c5ad54822540d08da7aeb1243%7Cd26d5482ad94447b81f456cdd333300d%7C0%7C0%7C637957447314870052%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Iik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sd=Ylknw9ioh%2Bq6XHWuJhrPnaC%2F2HTI8pGKdhQh2EJtgcA%3D&sd=0

Thanks for standing together to fight for lower taxes, less waste and accountable government – you're helping to make a big difference!

* Robin, Todd, Shannon and all of the CTF team

P.S.: If you understand why the so-called gun ban and buyback is a bad idea, we're betting you have friends who get it too. Please ask them to sign the PETITION because your voice is stronger when others sign up as well. Here's the PETITION link to share with friends:

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Karikera, Nadia

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 4:30 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: MEN-002765 - [REDACTED] writes an email Re: Canadian Taxpayers Federation Issues and Concerns Related to Your Proposed Gun Ban and Buyback Program
Attachments: Incoming - MEN-002765.pdf

For attachment: see: pp.24 to 25

Hi [REDACTED]

New correspondence in, subject matter deals with the 'flawed consultation process' and references issues raised by Canadian Taxpayers Association. May touch on both of your shops, can you please confirm who will take lead on this one.

BF: Sept 7, 2022 to ADMO.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: Bisaillon, Kevin <Kevin.Bisaillon@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 4:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: MEN-002765 - [REDACTED] writes an email Re: Canadian Taxpayers Federation Issues and Concerns Related to Your Proposed Gun Ban and Buyback Program

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Thank you,
Kevin

Karikera, Nadia

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: MEN-002765 - [REDACTED] writes an email Re: Canadian Taxpayers Federation Issues and Concerns Related to Your Proposed Gun Ban and Buyback Program

This should be Policy, as it's generally about the Program. We'll handle.

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 4:30 PM
To: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
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Thank you,
Kevin

Karikera, Nadia

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 9:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; O'Brien, Judith; Molinski, Taylor
Subject: RE: CSAAA pricelist statement

CSAAA statement can be found here: <https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=6108cf2d89cb7a44f80a46e25&id=4038a12fd8>

Hi thanks. We received an email from CSAAA yesterday with the same content.

From: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 8:54 AM
To: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; O'Brien, Judith <Judith.Obrien@PS-SP.GC.CA>; Molinski, Taylor <Taylor.Molinski@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: CSAAA pricelist statement

I presume you have seen CSAAA's tweet this morning and short statement on the pricelist consultation, but in case not, here is the statement: [CSAAA Reacts to Newly Released Buy-Back Pricing Structure \(campaign-archive.com\)](https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=6108cf2d89cb7a44f80a46e25&id=4038a12fd8)

Nothing particularly surprising -- they think the amounts are far too low.

[REDACTED]

Karikera, Nadia

From: Cruickshank, Kelsey
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Molinski, Taylor
Cc: O'Brien, Judith (she, her | elle, la); PS.F Social Media Postings / Publications de médias sociaux F.SP
Subject: RE: Program request for SM analysis re: BBP pricelist
Attachments: PS-SP-#4369305-v2-Buyback_Pricelist_Social_Media_Analysis_.DOCX; PS-SP-4369305.docx.DRF

Hi Taylor,

Please see our Social Media Analysis on the social media chatter re the proposed buyback pricelist.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Kelsey

Kelsey Cruickshank

Communications Officer/Agente des communications
Public Safety Canada | Sécurité publique Canada
Kelsey.Cruickshank@PS-SP.GC.CA

From: Molinski, Taylor <Taylor.Molinski@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:25 AM
To: PS.F Social Media Postings / Publications de médias sociaux F.SP <ps.socialmediapostings-publicationsmediassociaux.sp@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Cc: O'Brien, Judith <Judith.Obrien@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Subject: Program request for SM analysis re: BBP pricelist

Hi SM team,

Our buyback program colleagues are wondering if it's possible to get a topline synopsis of general social media chatter re: the proposed buyback pricelist.

No need for a fulsome report, but is it possible to put in a request for a high-level summary of general traffic/sentiment to this point by the end of week or so? We're just looking for a general sense of whether the traffic is higher than usual, what kind of traction it's getting, and general sentiment (and whether influencers are chiming in).

Let me know.

Thank you!

Taylor Molinski

Communications Advisor / Conseillère en communication
Public Safety Canada / Sécurité publique Canada
343-573-9486
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Proposed Buyback Pricelist – Social Media Analysis

Report date:

Statistics current as of August 16, 2022

Summary of Analysis

This document summarizes general traffic/sentiment on social media, specifically Twitter regarding the Buyback Program Consultations.

To date, traffic was highest on July 28, when the proposed pricing model was first announced. Although the first tweet published from PS/SP corporate accounts didn't garner a large number of comments, mentions were high as Minister Mendicino's [tweet](#) from his personal account received extremely high engagement with over 1,800 comments. Multiple news outlets were also tweeting about the announcement spiking the overall mentions.

Since then, there have not been any noticeable and significant spikes in traffic. A post published on PS/SP on [August 3](#) did generate over 50 comments leading to a slight increase in traffic.

Social media feedback for the Buyback Pricelist posts has been in line with expected response for firearms campaigns. This audience is deeply engaged but overwhelmingly critical. Top feedback and sentiments received on PS/SP channels include:

1. Government can't buy back something that's not theirs.
2. Government wants to track people and their guns.
3. The price list is not adequate.
4. Targeting law-abiding citizens will not solve crime, gang, and firearms issues.
5. The use of the term "assault-style" is incorrect and fear-mongering.

Social Listening

The next several graphs will be part of the Social Listening analysis. These graphs assess tweets by the public with the key terms “firearms”, “assault-style”, “buyback program” with a date range of July 28, 2022 to present (August 16). Tweets were filtered to Canada. The term “guns” was omitted as it included a large amount of mentions with regards to the US. There were a total of 599 results.

Observations:

July 28th was the day that had the highest mentions to date.

476

Users ⓘ

599

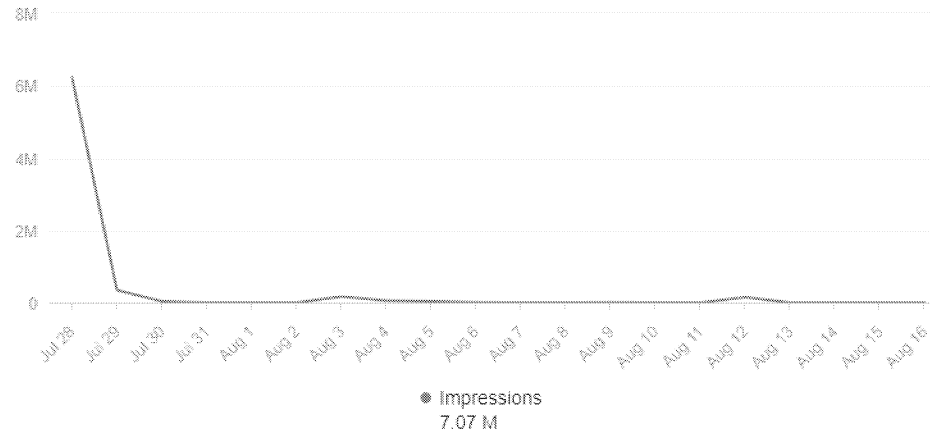
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Reach ⓘ



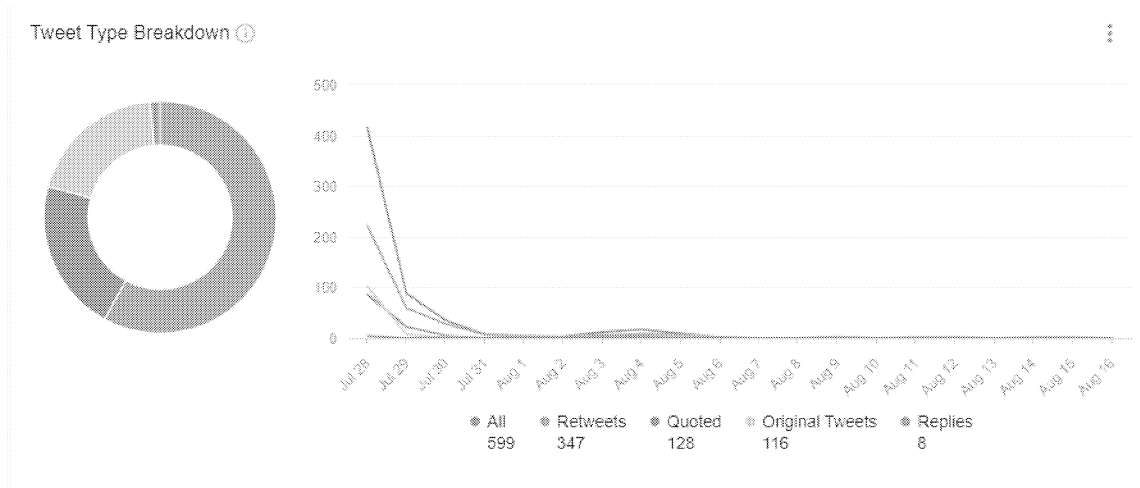
August 3 corresponds to a [consultation post](#) published from PS/SP account which garnered 58 comments spiking the mentions.

***Please note:**

The number for reach is an **estimate** of the total follower count for all unique Twitter handles. It is an estimate of the potential total audience of the tweets.

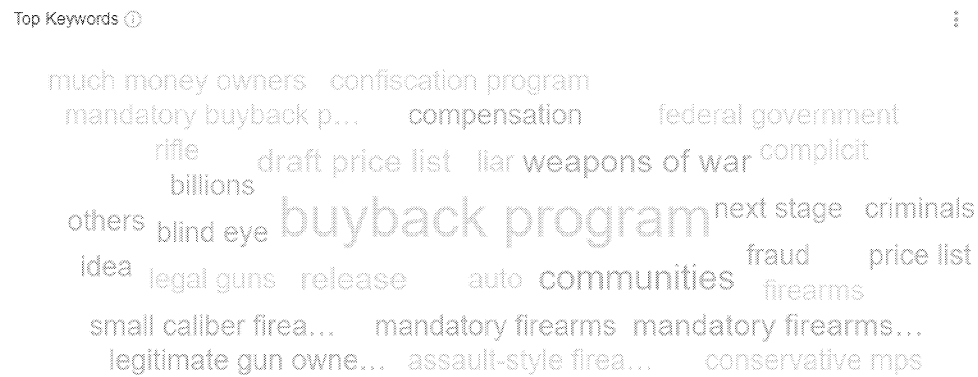
The key metrics for Twitter widget provides insight into both the trend over time as well as top level metrics for the volume of Twitter content over a given period.

Tweet Type Breakdown



The tweet type widget provides insight into the trend of the volume of different types of tweets – original, retweets, etc. – over a given period. Retweets take up the majority of the tweet type.

Top Keywords



The top keywords widget provides insight into the most frequently used words and terms over a given time period. The term “buyback program” was used the most.

Posts/Accounts Most Retweeted

- Minister Marco Mendicino: [Link to post](#)
- Firearms lobbyists (various twitter users)
- Various news outlets

Top Twitter Authors

| Author | Tweets | Followers |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------|
| @CP24 | 1 | 2M |
| @TorontoStar | 1 | 1M |
| @NationalPost | 1 | 978K |
| @CTWinnipeg | 1 | 151K |
| @MarcoMendicino | 1 | 112K |
| @CityNewsKit | 1 | 111K |
| @CTVLondon | 1 | 93K |
| @CTVNewsVI | 1 | 76K |
| @NewsroomGC | 1 | 75K |
| Various twitter users | -- | -- |

Note: Top Twitter authors are ranked by the author’s number of followers.

The top Twitter authors for the mentioned time range were mostly news outlets. There were several Twitter users from the general public with a high number of followers who tweeted with regards to the Buyback program as well.

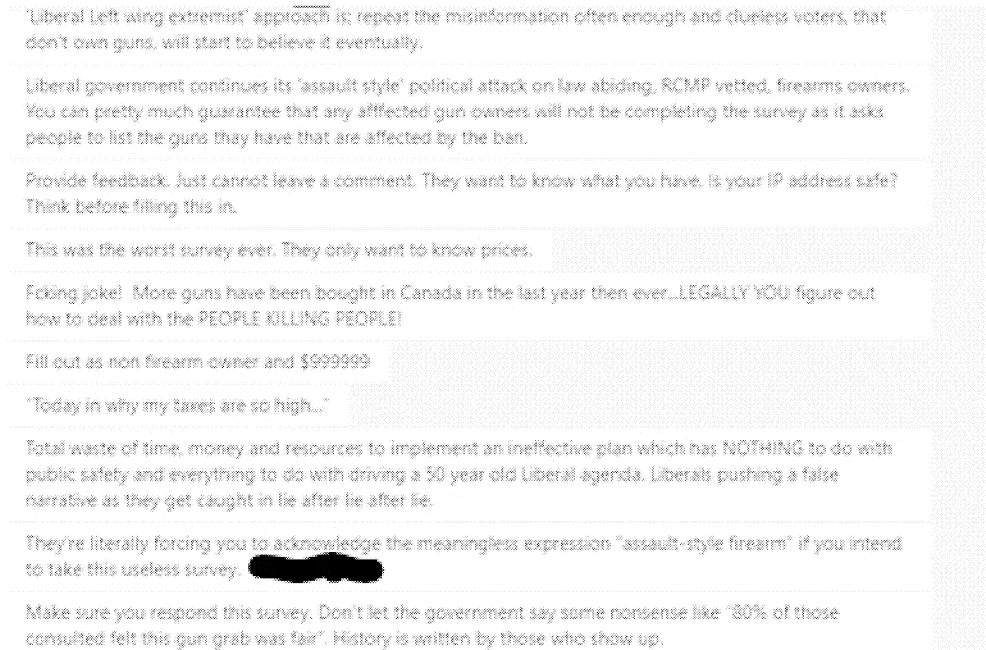
Sentiment/Tone/Messaging

Among users that responded directly to our posts, the sentiment/tone was overwhelmingly critical and negative. Throughout monitoring, we've seen approximately five topline messages in social media feedback. Many of the messages track with common feedback we've received over the course of multiple firearms campaigns. We have based these topline messages on FYI monitoring emails sent over the course of the campaign. For specific examples, please refer to those emails.

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| 1. | <p>Government can't buy back something that's not theirs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users consider their firearms ownership a part of their identity and community. • They are reluctant to part with their firearms. • They express fear of firearms seizure/confiscation. |
| 2. | <p>Government wants to track people and their guns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users expressed reluctance to respond to the survey under the belief that the government is tracking IP addresses and personal information. • They worried that responding to the survey would lead to seizure of their guns or "swatting" attacks. • This sentiment is often expressed alongside partisan criticism of the current government. |
| 3. | <p>The price list is not adequate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users expressed that there was no amount offered that would entice them to part with their firearms. • Some users expressed that the cumulative value of their firearms, including modifications, was in excess of the offered price. |
| 4. | <p>Targeting law-abiding citizens will not solve crime, gang, and firearms issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a common sentiment expressed in the feedback of all firearms campaigns. • Users believe that government efforts to engage with firearms owners are, at best, misguided, and at worst, persecutive. |

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|----|---|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Users believe the government does not do enough to target “real criminals.” |
| 5. | <p>The use of the term “assault-style” is incorrect and fear-mongering.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This was one of the most common and persistent complaints with the campaign.• Users believe the term “assault-style” is, at best, incorrect, and at worst, persecutive.• Many users expressed that they did not want to engage with the survey based on use of this term. |

The most notable user to respond was David Lepage (@LepageDavid), a user whose online presence is notable for firearms advocacy. He has 3000+ followers. Notable tweets include [this comment](#) (posted on our page). Please find below a roundup of the quote retweets from the [most engaged-with post](#). These are posts from users who shared our post on their page with additional commentary for their followers.



Concluding Thoughts

Firearms as a topic generates a lot of cross-chatter from American users; we have, to the best of our ability, filtered out response from American sources. Along with Minister Mendicino's account, news outlets accounted for top twitter authors (and thus, traction) on the Buyback Pricelist campaign.

Social media feedback for the Buyback Pricelist posts has been in line with expected response for firearms campaigns. This audience is deeply engaged but overwhelmingly critical. Many users express skepticism about the government's efforts to engage people that own firearms and the firearms advocacy community. This skepticism forms two primary and oft-repeated sentiments. First, that the government is ignoring "real criminals" to target this audience with unfair or restrictive policy. Second, they have many opinions on firearms issues but refuse to engage with the government on the suspicion that they will be monitored or tracked if they do so.

If there has been positive response to the Buyback Pricelist and its efforts, it is not apparent in our monitoring or mentions. Audiences that have positive or neutral feedback regarding firearms issues are either not as engaged, or not as vocal, as audiences with negative feedback. Audiences that may have felt positively about completed the survey were absent or not vocal about their experience.

On the suspicion that they were being tracked or monitored, some users advised others to engage with the program using false or misleading information, which may skew program feedback and results.

One consistent piece of feedback from users for this specific campaign was the contentious use of a specific term: "assault-style." Over and over users expressed that they felt this language was, at best, incorrect, and at worst, fear-mongering and persecutive. These same users also expressed that they refused to engage with the program based on the use of this term. Based on this observation, the client may wish to review use of this terminology going forward to better engage with firearms owners and their advocacy community.

Karikera, Nadia

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 11:45 AM
To: Baker, Ryan; Grenier, Julie; Wilson, Ashleigh
Cc: Filippis, Lisa (she, her, hers | elle, la, lui); Molinski, Taylor; O'Brien, Judith (she, her | elle, la); Bagg, Kelly
Subject: FW: Read-out from PS-CSAAA Meeting

Hello all

Please see the read out from the meeting with CSAAA.

Thanks
 [REDACTED]

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

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From: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Date: 2022-08-05 5:35 p.m. (GMT-05:00)
To: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>, [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>, [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>, [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Subject: Read-out from PS-CSAAA Meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

Here's a brief summary of our meeting with CSAAA today.

• **Participants:** Greg Kenney, [REDACTED] Wes Winkel (President), Adam Patterson (Vice-President), Jennifer Leigh-Gadbois (Managing Director).

• PS/Kenney raised 3 issues:

CSAAA feedback on a buyback compensation model for businesses, ideally via a meeting with your membership next week;

CSAAA support in promoting the open RFI within your membership;

Collaborating with CSAAA members to gauge support for helping to deliver the buyback program.

• CSAAA/Wes responded on 6 points:

Surprised you want something before Christmas, very ambitious. Very short timeline.

For individual compensation pricelist, can't overstate disappointment in the generality of the pricelist. We provided info on each of the 1,500 models to Minister Blair's office. You are overpaying for some models and underpaying for others.

For individual compensation, what will be done with outliers (high value models that exceed the stated price)?

For individual compensation, will you buyback accessories and components?

What is the plan for business compensation? We had proposed to Minister Blair that each business prepare a comprehensive financial statements, and be paid on that basis once adjudicated by third party.

We would be happy to help you reach into our membership, and believe you will get better info given mistrust between the industry and government, but will require some funding as this is not part of the Association's core work. We provided an estimate for our services to Minister Blair, and will review it and send you a new quote next week.

• PS/Kenney:


On individual compensation, simplification was required, which resulted in 9+2 model pricelist. However, we are consulting precisely to get feedback and see if we should adjust

In terms of outliers, we have yet to decide on how to treat them, and welcome your views.

For accessories, current direction from government is that these will not be bought back.

For business compensation, one possibility could be to reimburse based on demonstrable costs (receipts). But we would like to hear from your membership on this and other possibilities.

On financial support, we will get back to you and appreciate the offer to support. From my perspective, it would be ideal to simply speak with your top 10 members at some point next week to get some initial feedback.



Karikera, Nadia

From: Petter, Toni
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 12:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Filippis, Lisa (she, her, hers | elle, la, lui); Molinski, Taylor; Grenier, Julie; Wilson, Ashleigh
Subject: RE: Talking Points for CSAAA

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Hi [REDACTED]

Do we know what time this meeting is taking place tomorrow?

Toni Petter
 343-551-4675

From: Molinski, Taylor <Taylor.Molinski@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 6:49 PM
To: Petter, Toni <Toni.Petter@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; Filippis, Lisa <Lisa.Filippis@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Talking Points for CSAAA

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the opportunity to review! I went ahead and incorporated both mine and Toni's feedback in the latest consolidated version you sent at 5:47p.m. Edits are tracked.

Let us know if you have any questions/concerns.

Thank you!

Taylor Molinski
 343-573-9486

From: Petter, Toni <Toni.Petter@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 6:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Molinski, Taylor <Taylor.Molinski@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; Filippis, Lisa <Lisa.Filippis@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Talking Points for CSAAA

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and Lisa pretty well covered it! Couple of suggested edits tracked. Also attaching here our latest media lines/QAs on the BBP.

Thanks,

Toni Petter
343-551-4675

From: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 5:30 PM
To: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; Filippis, Lisa <Lisa.Filippis@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Petter, Toni <Toni.Petter@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Molinski, Taylor <Taylor.Molinski@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Talking Points for CSAAA

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks so much for sharing the CSAAA talking points with our team. Please see attached our comments/feedback in track changes for your consideration. It is likely premature, but they may ask what the responses look like for the pricelist consultation. Strat Comms should be able to review and/or provide you with appropriate language.

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
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Cc: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: Talking Points for CSAAA

Hi Comms colleagues - Please find attached draft talking points for the ADM/CSAAA discussion currently scheduled for Friday. Hoping to get your comments and suggestions by 2PM, as I am meeting with [REDACTED] and Greg to discuss shortly after.

Hi [REDACTED] – Sharing with you to ensure we aren't stepping out of bounds re. encouraging the sharing of the RFI amongst CSAAA members.

FYI – A revised draft incorporating your feedback as well as that from the ADM will be shared with PS Legal and PCO.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
 Senior Policy Analyst / Analyste principal des politiques
 Crime Prevention Branch / Secteur de la prévention du crime
 Public Safety Canada / Sécurité publique Canada
 Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

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Karikera, Nadia

From: Molinski, Taylor
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 8:59 AM
To: Grenier, Julie; Petter, Toni
Subject: FYI: CSAAA pricelist statement

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Good morning!

For your awareness – I think our existing engagement and price list MLQAs packages should be sufficient for any questions we do receive on this. The ADM and another PS official are expected to meet with CSAAA officials Friday.

We (strat comms + citizen and engagement) fed into some TPs for the ADM yesterday.

Thanks,

Taylor Molinski
 343-573-9486

CSAAA statement can be found here: <https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=6108cf2d89cb7a44f80a46e25&id=4038a12fd8>

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To: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; O'Brien, Judith <Judith.Obrien@PS-SP.GC.CA>; Molinski, Taylor <Taylor.Molinski@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: CSAAA pricelist statement

I presume you have seen CSAAA's tweet this morning and short statement on the pricelist consultation, but in case not, here is the statement: [CSAAA Reacts to Newly Released Buy-Back Pricing Structure \(campaign-archive.com\)](https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=6108cf2d89cb7a44f80a46e25&id=4038a12fd8)

Nothing particularly surprising -- they think the amounts are far too low.

[REDACTED]

Karikera, Nadia

From: PSPMediaCentre / CentredesmediasPSP (PS/SP)
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 11:38 AM
To: PSPMediaCentre / CentredesmediasPSP (PS/SP)
Subject: Firearms Buyback Program | Programme de rachat des armes prohibées - 2022-08-02 - 2022-08-04
Attachments: Media Scan | Survol médiatique - Firearms Buy Back Program | Programme de rachat des armes prohibées - 2022-08-02 to 2022-08-04.docx

Good afternoon,

Media coverage regarding the federal government's proposed firearms buyback program has continued to be fairly significant from August 2nd to August 4th. Coverage mainly focused on Public Safety Canada's release of a price list which details how much money owners of banned firearms can expect to receive under a firearms buyback program. Generally, feedback from firearms groups, stores, and owners has been negative in response to the pricing list. A major criticism is that the proposed prices do not accurately reflect the cost actually paid by firearms owners for each gun, and that they may not include the cost of additional accessories purchased with them. Another is that the firearms buyback program does not do enough to address illegal firearms in Canada.

Additionally, please find attached a social media scan for the firearms buyback program, which reflects discussion of the topic on Twitter from August 2nd, 2022, after 2pm, to August 4th, 2022.

Federal assault rifle buyback program misses target on prices, northern Ontario gun owners say

As more details emerge about a proposed buyback program for restricted firearms, gun owners are expressing concern that the federal government's set prices miss their target. According to Public Safety Canada, the planned mandatory buyback program would cover the more than 1,500 models and variants of what the government considers assault-style firearms, initially banned two years ago. In July, the government proposed a series of prices for forfeited guns, for example, \$1,337 in compensation for turning in an AR-15 rifle, while at the higher end of the scale, forfeiting a Swiss Arms SG550 could net an owner \$6,209. But George Fritz, a high school teacher and gun enthusiast in Sudbury, said the details amount to nothing more than "security theatre," as prices set by the federal government could be far less than what owners originally purchased the firearms for, and does little to keep illegal firearms off the streets. "The prices that they've come up with are probably likely to get most gun owners to say, 'yeah, right.'," Fritz said. "Because the prices do not reflect the reality of what people have spent. They're talking about \$1337 for an AR-15 where AR-15 can be as high as \$4-5,000, depending on the particular maker and model." "Then the [government] talks about things like rifles that are over 10,000 joules of energy," Fritz said, citing the government's offer of \$2,814 for firearms with a muzzle energy greater than 10,000 joules. "Depending on what calibre it is and who it's made by, these can be 5, 10, 15, 20 even \$100,000." "The amount that the Liberals are offering, or say they're going to offer, is downright insulting in many cases." Brian Ramakko, owner of Ramakko's Source For Adventure, told CBC News that the attempt to keep many of these restricted weapons out of owners hands isn't targeting the demographic that is likely using weapons in the commission of a crime. (...) A statement from Public Safety Canada recognized that although firearms control can be a contentious issue, they're looking at a balanced approach between safety and responsible gun ownership. "No single program or initiative can tackle the challenge of gun violence on its own," the statement, dated July 28 reads. "That is why the ban and buyback are two of the many elements in the government's comprehensive plan to keep Canadians safe." "This begins at our borders, where we've added resources to fight smuggling and stop guns from coming into Canada. We're investing in prevention programs to tackle the root causes of gun crime and stop it before it starts. Finally, we recently introduced Bill C-21 - the most significant action on gun violence in Canada in a generation - which includes a national freeze on handgun ownership, new "red flag" laws to stop domestic violence, and tougher penalties for organized crime." (...) In June, Public Safety Minister [Marco] Mendicino told CBC's The House that he's aware of the concerns about the smuggling of illegal firearms across the border. He said his department is working to give law enforcement the tools they need to counter increasingly sophisticated smugglers who use high-speed boats, hidden compartments in trucks, drones and even helicopters to supply a lucrative market for illegal weapons in this country. "We've already provided \$350 million specifically for the purposes of fighting organized crime and we're going to renew that particular fund in the coming weeks and months," Mendicino said, adding Bill C-21 will increase the maximum sentence for smuggling and give police additional powers in the form of wiretapping and surveillance of suspected criminals. Mendicino said the government also

intends "to make sure" police "use technology, whether it's X-ray technology, like scanning those commercial vehicles where firearms can be embedded, or even new technologies to surveil the skies." (...) [CBC News](#) (2022-08-04)

Proposed prices for federal gun buyback all over the place, say local gun owners

The federal government revealed its plan for buying back now-banned weapons and now wants to hear from Canadians before August 28. "Public Safety Canada is seeking feedback on the proposed compensation amounts for individual firearm owners," said the feds in a news release. Ottawa says a proposed price list for individual firearms is based on market prices and the compensation amounts will be finalized in the coming months. (...) Dan Shemley, secretary of the Joe Rich Sportsman Association and manager at Great North Precision, says responsible gun owners like himself are finding the price list a bit confusing. He says the feds appear to be ready to overpay for certain models while dramatically underpaying for others. "Some people are about to get a sweet deal," Shemley said, using an example of a Norinco CQA semi-automatic rifle he paid \$600 for in 2017 that Ottawa is now offering about \$1,300 for. "Which is fine with my bank balance right now, but it leaves me scratching my head as to how this is a proper program. There is no mention of percentages for the condition or special accessories that are meant for the specific guns — spare magazines being a perfect example, without the rifle there is no point in keeping magazines," Shemley said. At the other end of the spectrum, owners of a 50BMG long-range rifle, which can cost well in excess of \$10,000, are being offered just \$2,800. The federal government says the buyback price list is based on what Canadians may have paid to purchase these guns prior to the policy change in the wake of the Nova Scotia mass shooting in 2020. (...) [Castanet](#) (Prince George Citizen) (2022-08-03)

If adopted, weapons buy-back program would be mandatory

The federal government is proposing a buy-back model for assault-style weapons. During the provincial election, Ontario Liberal Leader Steven Del Duca was campaigning to make handguns and assault-style firearms illegal if elected. And at the eleventh hour, when it looked like Del Duca wasn't going to win, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that the federal government would strengthen gun laws across Canada by banning these products from the market. "Put simply, assault-style firearms, like the AR-15, do not belong in Canada. By design, their purpose is to kill as many people as possible, which is why our government took the bold step of banning them from our country, once and for all," said Mendicino. "Today's proposed price list represents another step towards getting these dangerous firearms out of Canadian communities while ensuring current firearms owners are compensated fairly." Since May 2020, the federal government has banned more than 1,500 different models of assault-style firearms from being used or sold in Canada. To ensure that the public is fairly compensated for the weapon they already purchased before the new laws are put in place the Feds are establishing a buyback program. According to the federal government's public safety office, "[t]he proposed price list for individual firearm owners is based on market price. The compensation amounts will be finalized in the coming months." The proposed pricing list was modelled after what the average Canadian may have paid for an assault-style firearm before May 1, 2020. (...) It should be noted that as Bill C-21 comes into effect, it will be mandatory for individuals to participate in the buyback program. The compensation models and other program details will be finalized in the coming months, and all known firearm owners will be contacted about how they can participate in the buyback program. If you are looking to share your thoughts on the buyback program, consultation surveys will be open to the public between July 28 and Aug. 28. (...) [Sudbury.com](#) (2022-08-02)

Cariboo gun shop manager blasts federal government's gun control strategy

Why is the federal government spending billions of dollars on gun registries that do nothing, and on buy back programs that demonize lawful gun owners? That from Hana Erikson, Manager of Chilcotin Guns, who says that 96 percent of violent gun crime in Canada is committed by those with unregistered, illegally owned firearms. "What will they do about that? Why are they so hell-bent on avoiding the real issue here: illegally trafficked firearms across our border." Erikson says many of the prices for firearms listed on the buy back program are so low they are laughable, but she says that's not the real issue. "What is most disturbing is the fact that the Liberal Government suddenly seems terrified and obsessed by Canada's 'Average Joe' who has no criminal record, is mentally sound, a contributing member of society, and who has the type of license that most RCMP members have not even bothered to acquire." Erikson says Average Joe possesses a firearm that most people will never know he has, and would never have cared that he had because he is a law abiding citizen. (...) [My Cariboo Now](#) (2022-08-02)

Saskatchewan's chief firearms officer opposed to handgun freeze included in C-21

Bill C-21 is coming under criticism from across the country, including from Saskatchewan's chief firearms officer. The aim of the C-21 is to reduce gun violence on Canadian streets, and the federal bill would put a freeze on the sale of handguns. Robert Freberg, Saskatchewan's chief firearms officer, told CKOM/CJME's John Gormley that while some measures included in the bill make sense, freezing handgun sales does not. "There is things in C-21 that we support that are targeting organized crime, illegal use of firearms and so forth," he explained. "We aren't saying C-21 is a bad bill, but what we're saying is we don't support the handgun freeze which negatively impacts law-abiding handgun owners across Canada and here in Saskatchewan." Freberg said there are currently over 50,000 RPAL (Restricted Possession Acquisition License) licences in the province, and a freeze on handguns could devalue their property. "We're very concerned for that, and don't understand why that's happened," he said. Last year, Freberg said, handgun sales

increased by 50,000 nationwide. While he said he understands that Marco Mendicino, Canada's minister of public safety, could be concerned by that, he said Saskatchewan has very strict rules when it comes to who can and can't purchase a handgun. (...) [CJME](#) (2022-07-31)

Federal gun buyback program not sitting well with licensed owners

It's been two years since the federal government announced a ban on assault-style weapons, and Ottawa has now released its list outlining the value owners will get for their guns under its buyback program. The proposed price list could see owners receiving anywhere from \$1,100 to \$6,200 for their firearms, depending on the type. But the buyback offer still isn't sitting well with licensed gun owners. Lance Kelsey, firearm instructor at Back-Forty Guns & Gear, said the buyback value can vary significantly between brands. "If I buy a Norinco, I might be paying \$900, but you buy an HK, or a Spikes Tactical, a Noveske, any of those, you could look at twice or three times the value of that," Kelsey said. The proposed buyback, Kelsey noted, doesn't cover any of the accessories that may be added to firearms, which can cost more than the firearms in some cases. In a media release, Public Safety Canada said the list was built to reflect what people may have paid for their firearms before March of 2020, when the ban was put in place. Kelsey said he thinks the ban is affecting the wrong people. The government, he said, should focus on gang enforcement and those committing gun violence, because licensed owners already have to meet a lot of regulations in order to purchase and store their firearms. "In order to have a restricted firearm – the ones they are confiscating – you have to do a minimum eight-hour course for non-restricted (firearms), which is your rifles and shotguns. Then, you have to take a four- to six-hour course after that in order to get your restricted (firearms)," he said. Kelsey said he's had many people tell him it's taken up to a year just to get the licenses, and the application process is extremely detailed. (...) [CJME](#) (2022-07-29)

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Public safety minister concedes Canada should do more to combat gun smuggling

An opinion piece says "Canadian border agents are only seizing a fraction of the guns being smuggled into Canada. Statistics obtained by Canada's National Observer show that thousands of smuggled firearms are making it onto Canadian streets, forcing Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino to concede in an interview: "We need to do more." (...) Despite the public safety minister's denial that most of the smuggled firearms come from beyond our borders, Criminal Intelligence Service Canada, the federal agency that combats organized crime, says most successfully traced handguns in Ontario used in violent crimes come from the United States. NDP public safety critic Alistair MacGregor says the gun-seizure data shows how widespread the problem is. (...) The federal government is banking on legislation to combat this long-standing problem. But the question of how best to crack down on gun smuggling is one that legislation may be unable to solve - at least in the short term. "There's a lot of work that needs to be done," says Mendicino. "And I would say that my top priorities in addition to passing Bill C-21 are going to be to take the next steps to implement the buyback program, which will get the assault-style rifles, AR-15 style rifles out of our communities once and for all." Mendicino, who is making the rounds to promote the federal gun policy, believes the Liberals are on their way to accomplish their safety goals. The data shows it's clear the Canada Border Service Agency is missing many of the guns coming into the country. Although the seizures have been increasing, the numbers are still low. (...) [National Observer](#) (2022-08-04)

Feds' gun buyback scheme off target

An opinion piece says "Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's plan to buy back 'assault-style' guns from law-abiding gun owners will do nothing to solve the real problem when it comes to violent urban street crime in Canada's major cities. That is, criminal gangs using illegal handguns smuggled in from the U.S. to terrorize law-abiding citizens. The Trudeau government knows this. It said so in a 2018 'engagement paper' on handguns and what it called 'assault weapons', although as the document written by Public Safety Canada noted, the term 'assault weapon' is not legally defined in Canada's firearms legislation. The reason going after law-abiding gun owners won't work, as the government's own discussion paper noted at the time, is that "the vast majority of owners of handguns and of other firearms in Canada lawfully abide by requirements, and most gun crimes are not committed with legally-owned firearms ... Any ban of handguns or assault weapons would primarily affect legal firearms owners ..." Concurrent with the 2018 engagement paper, the government circulated an online questionnaire to which 133,322 Canadians, both gun owners and non gun-owners - responded. In results released last month, 81% rejected more restrictions on handguns compared to only 18% in favour of more restrictions, while 77% opposed further restrictions on 'assault-style' weapons compared to only 21% in favour of more restrictions. Granted, these were people keenly interested in these issues, including legal gun owners. But that said, the results show a widespread understanding of the fact that taking away guns from law-abiding gun owners does nothing about the real problem - criminals, often operating in gangs, using illegal handguns smuggled across the U.S. border into Canada. (...) [Calgary Sun](#) (Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun) (2022-08-03)

C-21 face aux multiples visages de la violence

Un article d'opinion dit « Le projet de loi C-21, qui vise à limiter grandement l'accès légal aux armes à feu, est fortement critiqué par des propriétaires d'armes et le lobby pro-armes. Plusieurs affirment que la loi n'aura aucun impact sur la

criminalité armée. Bien qu'ils n'aient pas tort à certains égards, il importe de comprendre que le débat sur les armes à feu dépasse la lutte contre la criminalité. Une arme à feu facilite l'action de tuer. Un meurtrier doit avoir un motif et l'occasion d'agir. Les armes n'engendrent pas ces conditions, mais une fois que le tueur est en possession d'au moins l'une d'entre elles, lorsqu'il se retrouve en présence de sa victime potentielle, l'arme devient le moyen facile et rapide de commettre le méfait. (...) Pour comprendre la situation, il faut diviser la violence par arme à feu aux États-Unis et au Canada en au moins quatre branches distinctes, mais liées entre elles. La première est celle des suicides par arme à feu. Le deuxième est celle de la violence urbaine, essentiellement d'origine criminelle. La troisième est la violence conjugale et la dernière, mais la plus spectaculaire, est celle des tueries. (...) C'est dans ce cadre que le projet de loi C-21, aussi inéquitable soit-il, doit être compris. Son objectif est de réduire la violence engendrée par les armes à feu légalement détenues par les Canadiens, soit les suicides, leur utilisation dans un cadre de violence conjugale et les tueries. (...) » [Le Devoir](#) (2022-08-03)

Regards,

PSPMediaCentre / CentredesmediasPSP (PS/SP)

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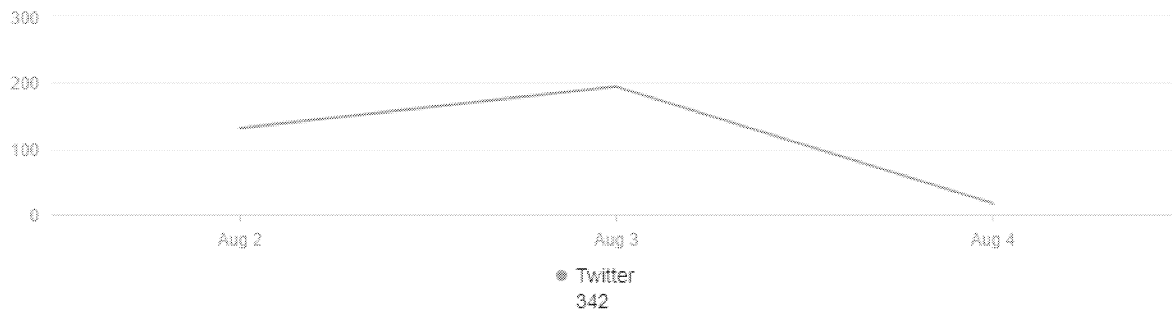
Social Media / Médias sociaux



Social media coverage of the federal government's firearms buyback program has remained significant since the previous scan. From August 2nd after 2pm, to August 4th, discussion continued to focus on reactions to Public Safety's release of the price list for the firearms buyback program. While some media outlets continued to gain coverage, the Twitter users with the most engagement shifted to pro-firearms groups, like the CCFR, and their members. Discussion mainly consists of these groups and individuals who are opposed to gun control measures sharing their criticisms of the buyback program. An opinion piece criticizing the program by Sun Media's Brian Lilley was shared widely. There was also some criticism of Minister Mendicino's announcement for funding to prevent guns from being smuggled across the border, as the funding was less than funding for the firearms buyback program. The overall volume of coverage was fairly high over the past three days, with around 342 mentions of the topic on Twitter in the time surveyed.

Further analysis regarding social media coverage on the subject is broken down below.

Latest activity by source



August 2, 2022 - August 4, 2022

The Latest activity by source widget provides insight into the trend over time of the volume of social and editorial content over a given period, broken down by data source.

The below graph indicates top metrics for Twitter. 250 users discussed firearms buyback programs, and there were 342 mentions of the keywords used. Impressions indicates the total number of followers for all tweets included in the analysis. Reach indicates an estimate of all follower counts for each twitter handle which interacted with the tweets, and marks the potential total audience of the tweets.

Key Metrics for Twitter

250

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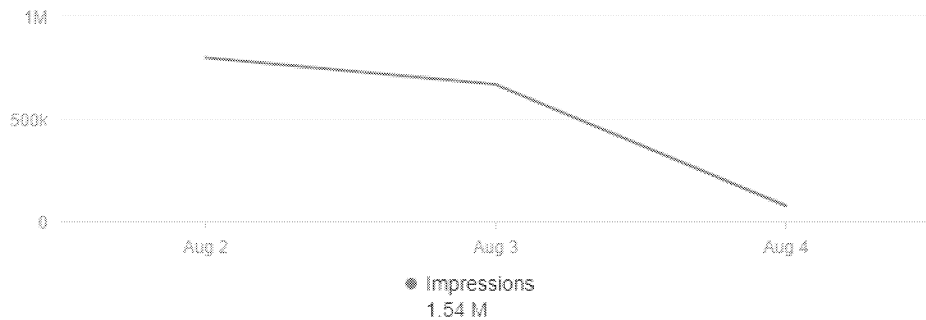
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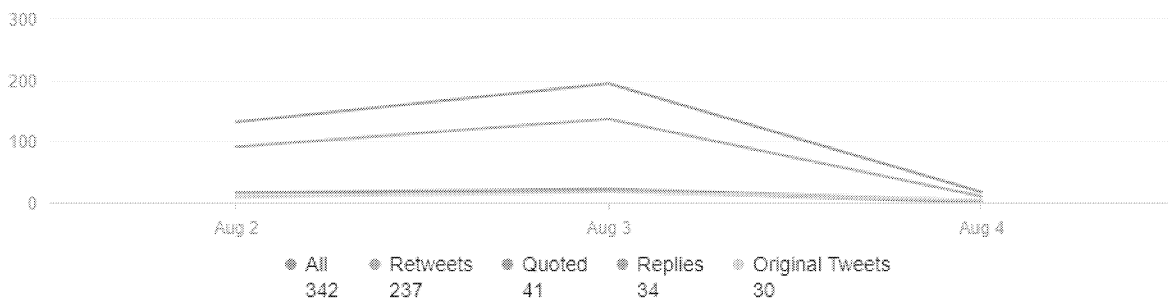
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The Key metrics for twitter widget provides insight into both the trend over time as well as top level metrics for the volume of Twitter content over a given period.

The below graph shows the format of tweets most often used to discuss the topic.

Tweet type breakdown

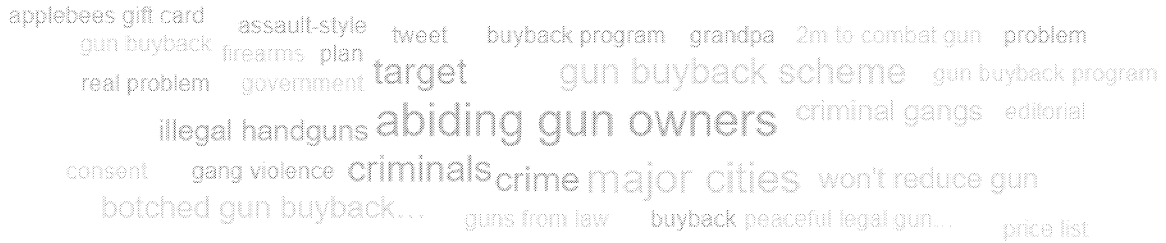


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The Tweet type widget provides insight into the trend over time of the volume of different types of tweets - original, retweets, etc. - over a given period.

The word cloud below shows the most commonly used words on Twitter on the topic.

Top keywords

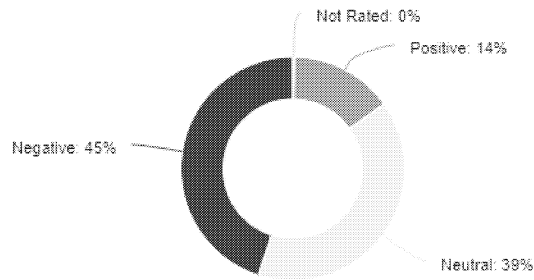


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The Top keywords widget provides insight into the most frequently used words and terms over a given time period.

The sentiment of most social media posts on the topic was neutral to negative in tone this week. Please note sentiment is determined by our social media provider's algorithm, and as such, is not guaranteed to be fully accurate.

Sentiment



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The Sentiment widget provides insight into how social and editorial content may be categorized as having positive, negative and neutral sentiment over a given time period.

Tweets of Note:

[CBC Sudbury](#)

@CBCSudbury

Federal assault rifle buyback program misses target on prices, northern Ontario gun owners say. On some models, proposed buyback offering is far less than purchase price. (2022-08-04)

Jenn Gadbois (Member of the CSAAA)

@jenndvc

Facts: "The border agency is catching less than four per cent of the firearms that police are nabbing on the streets." Government: "my top priorities in addition to passing Bill C-21 are going to be to take the next steps to implement the buyback program." Make it make sense... (2022-08-04)

Public Safety Canada

@Safety_Canada

*** Firearms Consultation ***

We're consulting Canadians on the proposed pricing model for the assault-style firearms buyback program. Have your say: submit feedback by August 28: <http://Canada.ca/buyback-pricing-consultation> (2022-08-03)

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Hey @marcomedicino GUN BANS DONT AFFECT CRIMINALS "Both men had a mandatory firearms prohibition, one was on judicial release for fentanyl possession & carrying a loaded stolen handgun." <https://castanet.net/news/Kelowna/378300/Kelowna-RCMP-find-guns-including-AR15-style-rifle-after-responding-to-an-impaired-driving-call> #cdnpoli #bcpoli #oic #liberals #gunban #billc5 #billc21 (2022-08-03)

Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association

@csaaaofficial

A unified industry is a strong industry. We need to ensure our collective voice is as loud as possible as we fight to stop Bill C-21, challenge Bill C-71 and the May 2020 OiC and combat the many struggles the firearm and hunting industry faces day to day. (2022-08-03)

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@TheTorontoSun "PM @JustinTrudeau 's plan to buy back 'assault-style' guns from law-abiding gun owners will do nothing to solve the real problem when it comes to violent urban street crime in CA major cities. The #Trudeau government knows this." <https://torontosun.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-feds-gun-buyback-scheme-off-target> #cdnpoli (2022-08-03)

Calibre

@Calibremag

Replying to @marcomedicino @VivianeLapointe and 2 others If you're spending \$2M on prevention but billions on a buyback of legal guns, you're not taking aim at root causes. You're taking aim at licensed gun owners. (2022-08-02)

Brian Lilley

@brianlilley

They've announced price list for their gun "buyback program" but more than 2 years after saying they'd do this, the @JustinTrudeau government is still at the idea stage, doesn't have a plan or a program and is asking the private sector for help. Read & RT (*2022-08-02)

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Good day,

Please find attached the requested product concerning firearms from July 29, 2022 to August 4, 2022.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

PSPMediaCentre / CentredesmediasPSP (PS/SP)

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Media coverage regarding firearms has been moderate over the past week. The majority of coverage remained factual and balanced in tone. Overall, coverage consisted of various RCMP detachments responding to situations where firearms were present, to search warrants that revealed illegal firearms, firearms related deaths, gang related operations, and seizing firearms in the course of their duties and investigations. Notable coverage this week involved a targeted shooting at South Surrey Athletic Park in B.C. that killed two and left one person in hospital recovering from life-threatening injuries. Additionally, four males were also shot in Bunibonibee Cree Nation and had to be airlifted to a hospital in Winnipeg. Minister of Public Safety Marco Mendicino has been touring Canada to promote funding to combat gun and gang related crime around the country. This has led to an uptick in gun-related articles at the national level. Though not much of this coverage directly mentions RCMP, some of it has been included in this snapshot as general firearms media coverage under the National section. The majority of coverage for this week came from British Columbia, the National section, and Alberta. A summary of coverage broken down by province can be found below.

National

- Marco Mendicino was in Sudbury on Wednesday to promote new funding spent on fighting gang and gun violence in the area.
- Saskatchewan's chief firearms officer is criticizing Bill C-21's freeze on handgun sales.
- Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino blames the federal Conservatives for delays in legislation to freeze the sale of handguns which led to a bottleneck in firearm registrations.

- An opinion piece says that the federal government's firearms buyback program has run into some issues, partly due to the fact that the RCMP have said that they cannot be in charge of the program as some areas of Canada have no RCMP presence, including large areas of Ontario and Quebec.

Alberta

- A man is facing charges after shots were fired outside the Calnash Ag Event Centre in Ponoka
- Ponoka RCMP responded to a report of a shooting in Ponoka. One man was charged with aggravated assault and firearms-related offences.
- Peace River RCMP are searching for a man suspected of murdering another man in a Cadotte Lake residence using a firearm.
- A suspect in the shooting death of a man on a northern Alberta reserve is at large and believed to be armed and dangerous
- Two Athabasca men are facing multiple charges, including a charge related to a stolen firearm, in relation to two executed search warrants.

British Columbia

- A Lower Mainland man was gravely injured by a targeted shooting.
- Vernon RCMP arrested a man wanted for pointing a firearm at a woman.
- The Canada Border Services Agency announced Wednesday that officials have made "two significant seizures" of ghost guns in B.C. Minister Marco Mendicino, while touring CBSA facilities, remarked that more needs to be done to combat gun violence and the influx of ghost guns in our communities.
- The manager of Chilcotin Guns, a Cariboo gun shop, says that 96 percent of violent gun crime in Canada is committed by those with unregistered, illegally owned firearms. The owner says the federal government should not be concerned about the "average Joe" who has the same type of license that most RCMP members have.
- An arrest has yet to be made following a shooting at a Coquitlam home; Coquitlam RCMP are seeking witnesses of the incident, though no one was injured.
- Fort St John RCMP responded to a call in Taylor where a resident barricaded themselves in their home. Responding officers were informed that the man had access to firearms but none were produced during the incident; all firearms were safely stored in the home.
- A 44-year-old Langley man has been taken into custody following a standoff with police in a Willoughby townhouse.
- Kelowna RCMP seized multiple firearms during an impaired driving stop.
- Nanaimo RCMP arrested a man after he shot another man near the Nanaimo Parkway. The victim, a 43-year-old homeless man, was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries.
- A vigil for the victims of the Langley shootings was held on Wednesday, Aug. 3
- Two men have died and one other suffered life threatening injuries as a result of a targeted shooting in South Surrey Athletic Park. Police are seeking witnesses.
- Surrey RCMP have arrested three people who were wanted on warrants during two recent traffic stops in Surrey, where officers seized firearms and body armour.
- Surrey RCMP are alerting people about shots fired at a home in Surrey's Newton neighbourhood.

Manitoba

- RCMP reported that two men and two teenage boys were airlifted from Bunibonibee Cree Nation to Winnipeg after being shot.
- Three men were arrested after a standoff with police ended with several explosions in a home on Ebb and Flow First Nation.

Nova Scotia

- N.S. Mounties responded to a call about a suspicious man with a rifle, and subsequently investigated a break-in

Quebec

- Quebec will soon distribute \$40 million in federal funding intended for gun violence prevention in metropolitan centers.

Saskatchewan

- Prince Albert RCMP sought public assistance to locate three men wanted in connection to an alleged shooting that injured two men, but the three men have since been arrested.



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National

Money to help keep Sudbury's kids away from gangs and guns

Mayor Brian Bigger hopes new funding will help curb the crime that has been plaguing Greater Sudbury – and many other jurisdictions – in recent years. Bigger, along with Sudbury MP Viviane Lapointe and Nickel Belt MP Marc Serre, announced Tuesday \$2 million in funding, as part of the \$250-million Building Safer Communities Fund, a federal initiative. (...) The fund puts the power “into the hands of the Greater Sudbury Police Service and our community,” Bigger added. “As mayor, I am grateful for this investment as we continue to build a safer future for our youth.” (...) The money will enable community service organizations to engage youth early to stop the downward spiral before it begins. “We created the Building Safer Communities Fund to stop gun crime before it starts,” Marco Mendicino, minister of public safety, told The Star on Tuesday. “What we hope to achieve with the \$2 million we announced for Sudbury is a strengthened partnership with the community to address the root causes of gun crime.” Mendicino said the money is intended to encourage young people, especially those at higher risk, to “make the right choices – to stay in school, to get a job, to be positive contributing members of their community, rather than going down a darker path that leads to organized crime and gun violence.” There are a number of challenges at the root of gun crime, Mendicino said, including the disenfranchisement and exclusion of young people. “The most important thing for young people is that they have a safe and inclusive space where they can congregate, where they can participate

and engage with their fellow residents, and really strengthen that confidence, so that if they do come into contact with organized crime or somebody who has a gun and would try to take them down a darker path, they instead can make good choices," Mendicino said. "Whether you're talking about affordable housing or access to health care, specifically mental health care, the BSCF is designed to create those spaces based on the skills, experience and the wisdom of the community itself." Mendicino said the money will be funneled through city hall to the Greater Sudbury Police Service and other organizations with boots on the ground. "My department and those responsible for implementing the BSCF are going to work hand-in-glove with the mayor and his team at the city to see that those federal dollars are being delivered to the communities that need them the most," he said. "This is where we're going to allow the community and the City of Greater Sudbury to lead with solutions, programs and supports that are necessary to prevent gun crime." Officials are still combing through the details, but Mendicino said the goal is to "make the biggest impact" possible with the \$2 million. (...) [Sudbury Star](#); [CTV News Northern Ontario](#) (2022-08-03) [Sudbury Star](#) (2022-08-01); [Sudbury.com](#) (2022-08-02)

Saskatchewan's chief firearms officer opposed to handgun freeze included in C-21

Bill C-21 is coming under criticism from across the country, including from Saskatchewan's chief firearms officer. The aim of the C-21 is to reduce gun violence on Canadian streets, and the federal bill would put a freeze on the sale of handguns. Robert Freberg, Saskatchewan's chief firearms officer, told CKOM/CJME's John Gormley that while some measures included in the bill make sense, freezing handgun sales does not. "There is things in C-21 that we support that are targeting organized crime, illegal use of firearms and so forth," he explained. (...) Last year, Freberg said, handgun sales increased by 50,000 nationwide. While he said he understands that Marco Mendicino, Canada's minister of public safety, could be concerned by that, he said Saskatchewan has very strict rules when it comes to who can and can't purchase a handgun. [CKOM News](#) (La Ronge Now) (2022-07-31)

'No appetite': Federal minister urges parliament to pass handgun freeze after Alberta calls for help with application backlog

Canada's Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino says the federal Conservatives are to blame for delays in legislation to freeze the sale of handguns that led to a bottleneck in firearm registrations. In May, Ottawa introduced a bill that proposes freezing handgun sales and transfers, a move slammed at the time by Teri Bryant, Alberta's chief firearms officer, as an "intrusion" into the lives of gun owners. It also led to a spike in handgun sales, and, according to the Alberta government, a bottleneck in transfers and licence applications that has resulted in ballooning wait times. In a news release July 21, Alberta Justice Minister Tyler Shandro said the federal government had done Albertans and firearms owners "a great disservice." The Alberta ministry said the dramatic increase in purchases across the country was predictable, but the federal government did nothing to ensure the Canadian Firearms Program could handle a flood of new licence and transfer applications sent to the national processing centre in New Brunswick. In an interview with Postmedia Tuesday during a trip to Edmonton, Mendicino said the federal government anticipated a potential increase in handgun purchases following the announcement, but argued that if the Opposition Conservative Party of Canada had been on board to pass the bill and its regulations more quickly, that would have put a stop to new permits, and problems. "If we had had unanimous consent, and if we had gotten the Conservatives on side to pass just the regulations, we could have mitigated against some of the spike in sales, but there was no appetite. None. And that's unfortunate," he said, urging his fellow MPs to support the bill when the House of Commons is scheduled to return Sept. 19. (...) As of June 23, the bill had passed second reading in the House of Commons before taking a summer recess. Mendicino said this week his top priority is working to reduce gun violence, and one way to do that is to pass the regulations and Bill C-21 into law. "We owe it to the survivors, we owe it to the victims, to not be shackled by complacency and so we need to keep pushing and we are going to do that," he said, adding the legislation has the broad support of Canadians. "It is not a foolproof strategy, it will not guarantee that there will never be another gun crime committed in this country, but it will help and that's what law enforcement has said, and that's what others have said." (...) Mendicino was in Edmonton to discuss addressing the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the criminal

justice system, meet with the REACH Edmonton Council for Safer Communities, visit the Stan Daniels Healing Centre, and participate in mass led by Pope Francis at Commonwealth Stadium. He noted the federal government's \$250-million Building Safer Communities Fund, which aims to help prevent gun violence with grants for local municipal efforts, will see an accelerated rollout, and promised an upcoming announcement in Edmonton, although he did not provide details. Mendicino said the Liberal government respects responsible hunters, gun owners and recreational sports shooters, but it makes sense to put a handgun freeze in place. According to recent numbers from Statistics Canada, handguns have become "the most serious weapon present in the majority of firearm-related violent crimes." "The status quo will not work," Mendicino said. [Edmonton Sun](#) (2022-07-31)

Gang that couldn't shoot straight

An opinion piece says "The Trudeau government's announcement of a price list for their much hyped gun buyback program is nothing but pure political theatre. Not only isn't there a program to collect and destroy the guns they now claim are too dangerous for licensed, law-abiding Canadians to own, they are still looking for ideas on how to build it, more than two years into the matter. The federal government currently has a tender notice on their website for a "request for information (RFI)," not even a "request for proposals," on how to design the program. The RFI was posted July 14 and amended on July 29 with a closing date of Aug. 17 for those interested in helping with the "BBP or buyback program." "The intent of this RFI is to determine the capacities and capabilities that currently exist within the marketplace to deliver on the notional requirements of the envisioned commodity for the BBP," the tender notice reads. The government is looking to find out what expertise or capacity there is in the marketplace for collection and transportation, tracking, storage solutions, package inspection, destruction and post-destruction recycling. This is more than two years after they announced this program, and they don't have even the basic structure, despite having already spent more than \$8.8 million on it. "No buyback program exists," said Tracey Wilson, of the Canadian Centre for Firearms Rights, in an interview recently. "So, to put out this price list is not only premature, it's intentional." Wilson said he believes the Liberals are publishing their price list to turn the headlines from problems with inflation, airport delays, passport problems and more onto an issue that gets them positive headlines in much of the media. (...) Part of the problem for the government is that the RCMP has said they can't be in charge of this program in terms of collecting firearms. While the Mounties have a large presence in Western and Atlantic Canada, there are large areas of Ontario and Quebec with virtually no RCMP presence. (...)" [Edmonton Sun](#) (Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Toronto Sun) (2022-08-02)

Alberta

Man charged after shots fired outside Ponoka event centre

A man is facing charges after shots were fired outside the Calnash Ag Event Centre in Ponoka. On July 29 at 9 p.m., RCMP responded to a report of a man who assaulted another man at the event centre after he was seen driving erratically in the parking lot. The man left only to return 10 minutes later to the event centre where he was seen shooting two rounds into the air from a gun in his vehicle. He left again, driving on Highway 2A, firing three more rounds in the air from his vehicle while driving. The man was arrested near the Ponoka Aquaplex. A 12-gauge shotgun was found in his vehicle following a search by police and seized. The vehicle has also been seized. The 25-year-old man from Ponoka is facing charges of careless use of a firearm and unauthorized possession of a firearm/prohibited weapon. He also received an immediate roadside sanction for impaired operation of a motor vehicle. (...) [Edmonton Journal](#) (2022-08-04)

Ponoka RCMP looking for male wanted for aggravated assault

On July 19, at 5:34 p.m., Ponoka RCMP responded to a report of a shooting in the 5500 block of 50 Street in Ponoka. As a result of this investigation, Ryken Rairdan, 22, of Ponoka was charged with aggravated assault and firearms-related offences. Ponoka RCMP's efforts to locate Rairdan

have been unsuccessful and they have obtained a warrant for his arrest. (...) [Ponoka News; Lacombe Online](#) (2022-08-03)

Alberta man wanted for 1st-degree murder: Peace River RCMP

Peace River RCMP are searching for a man suspected of murdering a 35-year-old man from Cadotte Lake, First Nation, Alta. Romeo Flett was shot inside a Cadotte Lake residence and flown by air ambulance to a hospital in Edmonton. He later died from his injuries, police said. Brenon Grey, 31, is wanted by RCMP for first-degree murder and is considered armed and dangerous, according to an RCMP news release on Saturday. [Global News](#) (2022-07-31)

RCMP seek 'armed and dangerous' suspect in northern Alberta murder

A suspect in the shooting death of a man on a northern Alberta reserve is at large and believed to be armed and dangerous, RCMP say. Brenon Gray is wanted for first-degree murder in connection with the death of 35-year-old Romeo Flett, who was shot inside a home on Cadotte Lake First Nation on July 26. In a news release Saturday, police said the 31-year-old Gray is likely armed and dangerous. He is described as five-foot-four, 185 pounds, with brown eyes and brown hair. An RCMP-supplied image of Brenon Gray, 31, a suspect in a July 26 homicide on Cadotte Lake First Nation. Anyone with information on Gray's whereabouts is asked to call the Peace River RCMP non-emergency line, their local police station or Crime Stoppers. Police said Gray should not be approached. [Edmonton Journal](#) (2022-07-30)

Two men charged after Mounties seize drugs, gun

Two Athabasca men are facing multiple charges in relation to two executed search warrants resulting in Mounties seizing drugs, a stolen gun and cash. On Thursday RCMP executed two search warrants at two separate homes. One residence was located in the town of Athabasca and the other home was in the County of Athabasca. The months-long investigation into drug trafficking resulted in the seizure of 448 grams of cocaine, with an estimated street value of about \$66,800, two kilograms of marijuana, a stolen Glock nine millimetre pistol, a conducted energy weapon and \$22,000 in cash, RCMP said. The Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) eastern Alberta crime reduction unit and the Boyle and Wabasca-Desmarais detachments assisted Athabasca RCMP officers with the two search warrants. A 45-year-old man from Athabasca is facing charges of possession of cocaine for purpose of trafficking, possession of illicit cannabis and possession of the proceeds of crime over \$5,000. He has been released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Athabasca provincial court on Sept. 26. [Edmonton Sun](#) (2022-07-30)

British Columbia

Man not expected to survive 'targeted shooting' at Kelowna gas station

A Lower Mainland man was gravely injured Tuesday in what Kelowna Mounties are calling a targeted shooting. It was around 10 p.m. when a man with an apparent gunshot wound was brought to Kelowna General Hospital by an unidentified associate. RCMP said he "is not expected to survive his injuries." Investigators have confirmed the shooting occurred at a gas station located in the 1800 block of KLO Road in Kelowna. They assert that the shooting is "connected to people who are well-known to police," though the motive is currently unknown. "Incidents of this nature are concerning to say the least, it is our belief that this was a targeted incident," Insp. Beth McAndie said. "The police would like to assure the public that there is a team of dedicated resources assigned to this investigation and want to ensure that the public that the safety of the citizens of Kelowna remains our primary focus." [Global News; Castanet; Penticton Herald; Vancouver Sun](#) (2022-08-03)

Vernon, B.C. RCMP arrest man wanted for gun crime

A man wanted for allegedly pulling a gun and pointing it at a woman he was in an argument with was arrested Wednesday morning. In a brief email, Vernon RCMP said on Aug. 3, at around 9:05

a.m., Michael Bopfinger, 47, was arrested in Vernon on his outstanding warrant. He was transported to the Vernon detachment to later appear in court. Bopfinger has been at large since July 23, after the pair had an “altercation” in an apartment complex parking lot in the 3700 block of 27 Avenue, according to an RCMP media release. She told police the suspect pulled out a handgun and pointed it at her, and eventually walked away. She called 911 when he left, and Mounties with police dogs swept in but made no arrests. Despite being wanted, Bopfinger was active on a social media account. RCMP even tried to reach out to him on a post he commented on, asking him to come in. Bopfinger is wanted for an alleged assault, uttering threats and a number of firearms offences, RCMP said. [Global News](#) (2022-08-03)

Two arrested in ‘ghost guns’ and 3D-printed gun parts investigation in B.C.’s Interior

With a heightened emphasis in recent months on gun control and laws surrounding firearms in Canada, the Canada Border Services Agency announced Wednesday that officials have made “two significant seizures” of ghost guns in B.C. “We’re taking action to keep Canadians safe from gun violence,” said Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety. “‘Ghost guns’ pose a serious risk to our communities for many reasons including they are becoming easier to manufacture and difficult to trace when used by criminals.” The investigation began in B.C.’s Interior at a number of international mail centres, when officials identified firearms parts arriving in the mail. “These cases started when border services officers, in Vancouver and in Toronto, identified firearms parts arriving by international mail,” the Canada Border Services Agency said in a release. “This information led the CBSA’s Criminal Investigations Section to further investigate the people importing the firearms parts.” Evidence led investigators to a home in West Kelowna on April 27, where they found a 3D-printing machine in action, creating an illegal lower-receiver for a handgun. Along with seizing six more handgun receivers with no serial numbers, police arrested a 46-year-old man connected to the investigation. [Global News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (National Post, CTV News Vancouver, CBC News British Columbia, CP24); [Reuters](#); [Quesnel Observer](#); [ICI Radio-Canada](#); [Reuters](#) (2022-08-03)

Cariboo gun shop manager blasts federal government’s gun control strategy

Why is the federal government spending billions of dollars on gun registries that do nothing, and on buy back programs that demonize lawful gun owners ? That from Hana Erikson, Manager of Chilcotin Guns, who says that 96 percent of violent gun crime in Canada is committed by those with unregistered, illegally owned firearms. “What will they do about that ? Why are they so hell-bent on avoiding the real issue here: illegally trafficked firearms across our border.” Erikson says many of the prices for firearms listed on the buy back program are so low they are laughable, but she says that’s not the real issue. “What is most disturbing is the fact that the Liberal Government suddenly seems terrified and obsessed by Canada’s ‘Average Joe’ who has no criminal record, is mentally sound, a contributing member of society, and who has the type of license that most RCMP members have not even bothered to acquire.” Erikson says Average Joe possesses a firearm that most people will never know he has, and would never have cared that he had because he is a law abiding citizen. (...) [My Cariboo Now](#) (2022-08-02)

Coquitlam RCMP seeking video of shooting at Austin Heights home

No one was hurt and an arrest has yet to be made following a shooting at a Coquitlam home over the long weekend. RCMP are now turning to the public for help in potentially providing dashcam, CCTV or video footage of the incident as investigators try to determine the motive behind the incident. Mounties responded to reports of shots fired before 5 p.m. on Monday (Aug. 1) at a residence in the 900-block Foster Avenue — near the northeast corner of Vancouver Golf Club. Bullet holes were found in the exterior of the home, says spokesperson Const. Deanna Law in a news release sent to the Tri-City News. Witnesses on social media claim they were in a window, adding police cleared the area around 7:30 p.m. (...) [Tri City News](#) (2022-08-02)

FSJ RCMP respond to medical issue in Taylor over weekend

The Fort St John RCMP responded to a call in Taylor this weekend after a resident barricaded themselves in their home. On Saturday, July 30th, police received a call reporting that a man had barricaded himself in his residence on 98th Street and was potentially experiencing a medical

issue. Individuals reportedly informed officers that the man had access to firearms. However, police say the guns were possessed legally, were not used, threatened, or produced during the matter and were safely stored within the home. "There was no threat to the public based on the information we received. We never had a man with a gun. We had a man experiencing an issue. There were weapons in the home, but the weapons were no different than kitchen knives in a drawer," said Cpl. Madonna Saunderson with the RCMP. RCMP say that due to the nature of the call and the reported presence of firearms in the home, multiple officers responded. (...) [Energetic City](#) (2022-08-02)

RCMP, ERT in standoff at Langley home

UPDATE: A 44-year-old Langley man has been apprehended, apparently unharmed, after a standoff with police in a Willoughby townhouse on Tuesday, Aug. 2. The incident began with multiple calls to the police 9-1-1 and non-emergency phone lines on Monday and Tuesday, said Cpl. Craig Van Herk, a spokesperson for the Langley RCMP. On Tuesday, the man barricaded himself into the home on 72nd Avenue near 208th Street, Van Herk said. The Lower Mainland Emergency Response Team arrived to help Langley RCMP, and negotiated with the man. That evening, he was taken into custody, and has been taken to hospital for a medical assessment. (...) [Peace Arch News](#) (2022-08-02)

Kelowna RCMP seize multiple firearms during impaired driving

On Saturday, July 31, 2022, Kelowna RCMP responded to a call of a possible impaired driver in a parkade in the 1900 block of Pandosy St, Kelowna. Kelowna RCMP frontline members attended and found a red Mercedes-Benz with mismatched licence plates. When members approached the vehicle, the occupants refused to comply with police commands and attempted to flee. Members were able to block the vehicle and prevent it from escaping. Two males were arrested. One, who had a Mandatory Firearms Prohibition, and was already on judicial release for fentanyl possession and carrying a loaded, stolen handgun, had climbed into the trunk of the vehicle attempting to hide from police. He was extricated from the trunk, and multiple loaded firearms were located within arms reach of him. The other male is also subject to a Mandatory Firearms Prohibition, and was on Probation with a condition not to possess any weapon. One police officer sustained minor injuries during the arrest, but fortunately has been treated and released from hospital. (...) [Penticton Herald](#) (2022-08-02)

Man shot alongside Nanaimo Parkway, suspect arrested

A man was shot and taken to hospital with serious injuries and another man was arrested after an incident close to the Nanaimo Parkway yesterday. Nanaimo RCMP were called to parkway near Northfield Road at about 3:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, and found a man injured on the side of the highway. "It was in interaction between two people, which led to one individual being shot with serious injuries and transported to hospital," said reserve Const. Gary O'Brien. Passersby stopped and provided emergency first aid until B.C. Ambulance Service paramedics reached the scene. O'Brien said the suspect was located and arrested "very quickly." He said both men were known to police and one of the men may have been living in a tent in the area. (...) [Nanaimo Bulletin](#) (2022-08-02); [Victoria Times Colonist](#) (2022-08-03)

Vigil for victims of Langley shootings planned

A vigil for the victims of the Langley shootings will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m. at Innes Corners Plaza, which is located at the northwest corner of 204th Street and Fraser Highway in Langley City. A joint announcement by the City and Township of Langley said a representative from each municipality will speak at the vigil to open the event, "followed by a moment of silence and an invitation to citizens, organizations, and community groups to speak if they are so inspired." "There will be no formal program for this event," the announcement said. It is the same site as an informal vigil that was held on July 26, the day after four people were shot. (...) [Black Press Media](#) (Aldergrove Star) (2022-08-02)

Update: Two killed, one critically injured in shooting at South Surrey Athletic Park

Police are seeking more witnesses after a shooting at South Surrey Athletic Park Saturday afternoon that left two dead and one person suffered life-threatening injuries. Surrey RCMP responded to reports of shots fired in the 14600-block of 20th Avenue in Surrey at about 2:45 p.m., where they found three men who had been shot. Officers provided life-saving measures until Emergency Health Services arrived on the scene. One of the men died at the scene. Another later died in hospital, while a third victim is in hospital with life-threatening injuries. RCMP cordoned off the scene and called in the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT). "Investigators believe the shooting to have been targeted and do not believe there is any further risk to the public," said IHIT in an update on Sunday morning. Police are looking into whether the shooting is linked to the ongoing Metro Vancouver gang conflict. [Vancouver Sun](#); [CBC News British Columbia](#); [Postmedia](#) (Vancouver Province) (2022-07-31); [ICI Colombie-Britannique–Yukon](#); [CTV News Vancouver](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Victoria Times Colonist); [CBC News British Columbia](#) (2022-07-30); [Vancouver Sun](#) (2022-08-02)

Weapons seized in traffic stops

Surrey RCMP have arrested three people who were wanted on warrants during two recent traffic stops in Surrey, where officers seized firearms and body armour. RCMP say assistance from a police helicopter helped track down one of the suspects, who fled from police. On July 21, shortly before 6:30 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle that had inactive insurance in the 9900-block of 154th Street. A 40-year-old man, who is a prohibited driver, and a 20-year-old woman were arrested on several outstanding warrants out of Surrey, Kamloops, Oliver and Kelowna, according to the RCMP. RCMP say officers searched the vehicle and found a loaded rifle, a loaded handgun and body armour. All three people remain in custody awaiting their next court appearance and additional firearms charges have been recommended. [Postmedia](#) (Vancouver Province) (2022-07-29)

Shots fired at house in Newton area

Mounties in Surrey are alerting people about shots fired at a residence in Surrey's Newton neighbourhood early Thursday. Shortly after 3 a.m., Surrey RCMP received a report of shots fired at a residence in the 8300-block of 142A Street. Officers spoke with homeowners who had discovered bullet holes in the exterior of their residence. No one was injured as a result of the shooting. The motive of the shooting hasn't yet been determined. Residents in the area can expect to see police canvassing for CCTV footage and additional witnesses. [Postmedia](#) (Vancouver Province) (2022-07-29)

Manitoba

Four people shot in Bunibonibee Cree Nation in northern Manitoba

Two men and two teenage boys have been airlifted from a northern Manitoba First Nation to Winnipeg after being shot on Sunday, RCMP say. At about 9:30 p.m., Mounties responded to East Back Lake Graveyard in Bunibonibee Cree Nation for a report of shots fired, RCMP said in a news release on Monday. Police were told shortly afterwards that three males were dropped off at the nursing station with gunshot wounds. A fourth male arrived at the nursing station shortly afterwards with injuries as well. [CBC Manitoba](#); [Radio-Canada Manitoba](#); [Winnipeg Sun](#); [iheartradio.ca](#); [CTV News Winnipeg](#) (2022-08-01); [Thompson Citizen](#) (2022-08-02)

3 arrested after hours-long armed standoff in western Manitoba, explosions in home

Three men were arrested Wednesday after a standoff with police that ended with a series of explosions and one of the suspects jumping from a window of a house on Ebb and Flow First Nation, according to Manitoba RCMP. The Mounties say they got a call around 7:35 a.m. that day with a report a 38-year-old man - who had warrants out for his arrest for firearms offences - was seen driving in the western Manitoba community. (...) While officers were setting up a perimeter around the house, they got information that identified the two other men inside, both of whom were also wanted for firearms offences. (...) As officers negotiated with the men, they heard loud

bangs that led them to believe the home was being barricaded, the release said. Within a few minutes, there was an explosion inside the house that sent flames and smoke through the doors and windows. One of the men, a 37-year-old, then jumped from a bedroom window and was arrested. A large group of people that had formed in the area then began to throw rocks at the officers and their vehicles, damaging two windows, RCMP say. Spokesperson Sgt. Paul Manaigre said the crowd demanded police go into the house and save the men from the fire. The first explosion was soon followed by several more, Mounties said. The other two men inside - the 38-year-old who initially drew police to the house and a 27-year-old - also came out, as the fire spread through the house. (...) All three men were charged with offences including arson, possessing a weapon while prohibited, possessing a prohibited weapon, use of explosives and pointing a firearm, the RCMP's news release said. (...) [CBC News Manitoba](#) (2022-07-29); [Winnipeg Free Press](#) (2022-07-30); [Winnipeg Sun](#) (2022-07-31)

Nova Scotia

Pistols never found from N.S. break-in: 'He knew the neighbours were not at home'

It was an hour before sunset on March 5 when George Ernst spotted a heavy-set stranger walking through the back of his property on Keddy Bridge Road in Oakland, Lunenburg County. Ernst couldn't identify the man, but he looked to be wearing a backpack. "He could see the stock of a rifle sticking out of the backpack," RCMP Cpl. Daniel Smith wrote in information to obtain a warrant filed in Bridgewater provincial court. "Upon further investigation Mr. Ernst observed foot tracks going in and out of his neighbour's property. He knew the neighbours were not at home and out of the county." Ernst told police the man he'd seen was white and somewhere between the ages of 40 and 50. Police seized a Ruger M77 rifle, like the one pictured here, as well as two other long guns during their investigation into a spring break-in at a home in Oakland, Lunenburg County. Two pistols stolen during the burglary have not been found. – Wikipedia Const. David Simms and his partner checked out the 5:23 p.m. call about the suspicious man with the rifle. Ernst took them to his neighbour's property on Janes Road and showed them the man's footprints. When Mounties went to look at the neighbouring house, they found a basement door had been pried open. Inside, they discovered a locked desk drawer that had also been jimmied. "Investigator's note: it is believed this locked desk drawer kept the key to a gun cabinet," Smith said in his signed statement. "A gun cabinet was open with six firearms still remaining inside. The remaining firearms were secured by Const. Simms and retained for safekeeping." By 7 p.m. that night, Simms had reached William Lantz, the owner of the Janes Road home that had been burgled. "Mr. Lantz was confirmed to currently be in Florida." Based on the firearms remaining, Lantz told investigators his gun case was missing a long gun, as well as two handguns: a .44-caliber Ruger Blackhawk and a Smith & Wesson .38-caliber Police Special. A Smith & Wesson .38-caliber Police Special, like the one pictured here, was stolen during a spring break-in at a home in Oakland, Lunenburg County. (...) "In addition, since the theft of firearms (was) involved the RCMP's Emergency Response Team was contacted for assistance as well." (...) "Christopher David John Dixon is known to members of the Lunenburg District RCMP and has an extensive criminal record," Smith said. (...) Mounties told Dixon's mother they'd be seeking a warrant to search the place for stolen firearms. A few minutes later, an RCMP officer reached Dixon by phone and persuaded him to come outside, where police took him into custody. Investigators found no records indicating Christopher Dixon had a firearms licence. But a member of the Emergency Response Team had spotted him earlier carrying three long guns wrapped in a blanket to the outbuilding near his home. A Remington Nylon 66 rifle, like the one pictured here, was among three long guns seized during the RCMP investigation into a spring break-in at a home in Oakland, Lunenburg County. (...) "I can confirm that the handguns were not recovered during the search and are still outstanding at this point," Cpl. Chris Marshall, who speaks for the RCMP, said this week. (...) Other firearms stolen recently in Nova Scotia have proved difficult to recover. (...) Firearm thefts in rural Nova Scotia appear to be on the decline in recent years. In 2018, the RCMP fielded complaints about 171 guns being stolen. That number dropped to 135 the next year, and in 2020 Mounties got complaints about 138 stolen firearms. Last year, the

number plummeted to 50 stolen guns, and as of the end of July, the RCMP were investigating 61 firearms reported stolen this year. (...) [SaltWire Network](#) (St. John's Telegram) (2022-08-04)

Quebec

Plus de 40 millions \$ pour prévenir la violence armée

Québec distribuera bientôt dans les municipalités plus de 40 millions \$ de nouvel argent tout droit venu d'Ottawa pour prévenir la violence liée aux armes à feu et aux gangs, a appris Le Soleil. Sachant que la violence par armes à feu a explosé dans la métropole, Montréal touche avec 17,12 millions \$ la part du lion, soit près de la moitié. Avec elle, neuf grandes villes québécoises, dont Québec, Lévis, Gatineau, Sherbrooke, Trois-Rivières et Saguenay se partageront une somme totale de 37,41 millions \$. Le gouvernement du Québec a confirmé la réception des sommes mercredi, dans sa Gazette officielle. Il utilisera la contribution versée par Ottawa «pour financer des projets proposés par les municipalités visant à contribuer à la prévention de la violence liée aux armes à feu et aux gangs». Les ministres canadien et québécois de la Sécurité publique, Marco Mendicino et Geneviève Guilbault, feront l'annonce de ce nouvel argent fédéral, selon le cabinet de la vice-première ministre du Québec. Tous les détails de ces montants issus d'une entente asymétrique Canada-Québec, qui totalise plus de 40 millions \$, seront «très bientôt» connus, assure-t-on. Initiée pour le financement relatif au Fonds pour bâtir des communautés plus sécuritaires, cette entente intergouvernementale canadienne est valide pour les années financières 2022-2023 à 2025-2026. [Le Soleil](#) (La Voix de l'Est, Le Droit, Le Nouvelliste, La Tribune, Le Quotidien) (2022-07-29); [ICI Radio-Canada](#); [CTV News Montreal](#) (iheartradio.ca); [QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal, Journal de Québec, TVA Nouvelles); [La Presse](#) (2022-08-04)

Saskatchewan

Sask. RCMP arrest suspects in alleged shooting

UPDATE: Prince Albert RCMP say Kade, Klay and Kein Patterson were arrested on Tuesday. Original story follows below. Prince Albert RCMP are asking for the public's help in locating three men wanted in connection to an alleged shooting that left two men seriously injured. Police responded the shooting around 4:45 a.m. on July 30, on the Lac La Ronge Indian Band side of Little Red River, according to an RCMP media release. (...) [CTV News Saskatoon](#) (2022-08-03); [Prince Albert Herald](#) (2022-08-04)

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Good afternoon,

Media coverage regarding the federal government's proposed firearms buyback program has been moderate from August 9th to August 15th. The majority of coverage has been focused on reaction from firearms stores and owners to the federal government's decision to implement a freeze on importing handguns. The new regulation has received mostly criticism from these pro-firearms groups, and there are reports that the freeze is actually causing an increase in the purchase of firearms.

Additionally, please find attached a social media scan for the firearms buyback program which reflects discussion of the topic on Twitter from August 9th, 2022, to August 15th, 2022.

Pistol shooting competition comes to Vancouver Island as feds work to tighten handgun laws

It's a sport that combines speed with accuracy, and this weekend, it's coming to Vancouver Island. More than 200 of Canada's top action pistol shooters will compete in a B.C. qualifying event sanctioned by the International Practical Shooting Confederation at the Malahat range this weekend. (...) The federal government is in the process of banning handguns in, a process it sped up last week by banning the importation of the weapons through a regulatory mechanism. "(Handguns) have one purpose and one purpose only and that is to kill people," said federal Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino at a news conference on Aug. 5. "As of the 19th of August, everything you've seen and witnessed here goes on life support," said Don Senft, vice president of operations at the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association. As of next Friday, the importation of handguns from the U.S. will stop. "Canada has no domestic handgun production capabilities," said Senft. That means when the guns owned by the action pistol shooting community wear out, members won't be able to replace them. "This bill (C-21) will kill (the sport)," said Deeley. (...) [CTV News Vancouver](#) (2022-08-13)

Joly's intervention to ban handgun imports 'a significant and creative measure,' says gun control advocate

The government's move to ban the import of most legal handguns as of Aug. 19 came as a surprise both to gun control advocates and to gun enthusiasts, but it is also a tacit acknowledgment of a boom in gun sales in Canada since the government's May 30 announcement of pending gun control legislation. Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino (Eglinton-Lawrence, Ont.) and Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly (Ahuntsic-Cartierville, Que.) announced on Aug. 5 that Joly would use her authority over import permits to ban the import of most handguns as of Aug. 19, as a stopgap measure until the government's proposed regulations freezing the sale, transfer, and import of handguns can take effect in the fall. Nathalie Provost, a survivor of the 1989 École Polytechnique massacre and a spokesperson for the gun control group PolySeSouvient, called the import ban "a significant and creative measure" in an Aug. 5 press release and praised Mendicino and Joly for their "determination and ingenuity" in reining in "the exponential growth of the number of handguns in private hands in Canada." Provost told The Hill Times that she and other advocates have been concerned about an increase in gun sales after the May 30 announcement, and that "everyone was looking for ways to stop it." She said the import ban had not emerged as a possibility before the summer, but that it will serve as an important temporary measure because it could take a long time for the government's sweeping gun control legislation, Bill C-21, to make its way through both Houses of Parliament and actually come into force. Nicolas Johnson, the editor and publisher of TheGunBlog.ca and a former reporter and editor with Bloomberg News, told The Hill Times the announcement about the import ban came as a surprise to him and to many people in the gun industry. Johnson said he disagrees with the use of the import ban to preempt the legislation and regulations that are working their way through Parliament. He pointed out that the other file on which Joly has intervened to deny import or export permits recently is in relation to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a scenario that involves clear human rights abuses. (...) [Hill Times](#) (2022-08-11)

Buy-back prices will rip off gun owners, say gun shops

The prices that the federal government is pitching to pay gun owners for their banned firearms are "total garbage," say gun shop owners in New Brunswick who predict that the plan will fail without fair compensation. But they say the feds have lowballed compensation amounts knowing that payouts could cost taxpayers upwards of \$500 million if they paid back retail prices. "Canadians lose one way or another," said Justin Faulkner, co-owner of The Gun Dealer in McAdam which bills itself Atlantic Canada's largest firearms store. "I think they will see a very small percentage of people turn them in at these prices. "It will be fair for some, but very unfair for most." Public Safety Canada has released a price list detailing how much money owners of banned firearms can expect to get under the program. The buyback offer applies to the more than 1,500 models and variants of "assault-style" weapons the government banned the sale and use of in May 2020, more than two years ago. "It will be mandatory for individuals to participate in the buyback program, have their assault-style firearms rendered inoperable at the government's expense, or otherwise lawfully disposed," said Public Safety Canada in a statement. "It's total garbage," said Cary Baker, a gun retailer who owns Iron Sights Training Centre in Hanwell. "It doesn't reflect actual prices." Faulkner and Baker listed off several examples. Baker pointed to the AR platform of firearms which has a proposed compensation rate of \$1,337, but while adding that he has sold several semi-automatic carbines that fit into that category for thousands of dollars more. (...) [Miramichi Leader](#) (2022-08-11)

Retailer braces for Ottawa's freeze on handgun imports

An Edmonton gun store is preparing sooner than expected for a ban on handgun imports. The temporary ban was put in place using a regulatory measure and is set to go into effect in two weeks, federal Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino said on Friday. The national ban comes without approval from Parliament and will remain in place until a permanent freeze is passed in Parliament following its summer break. Chris Gubersky, owner of P & D Enterprises, said he knew the government was trying to push the legislation through, but he questions how the ban can be imposed without a passing vote. "I think the bigger question for everyone is how can they put out a temporary ban when the house is not sitting and the bill is not passed," said Gubersky. "It's not due course. Due course is to have them sit in the house, debate it and go through the motions of pushing the bill. I just don't get how our government can temporarily ban (something) that has not been pushed through the house." The ban will effectively prevent businesses from importing handguns into Canada, with a few exceptions that mirror those in the legislation tabled in May. Gubersky said the ban will affect his store, adding handguns make up about 30 per cent of the business. He said the process taken in this situation doesn't end at guns. (...) [Edmonton Journal](#) (2022-08-09)

Proposed handgun legislation missing the mark, say critics

A proposed ban on handgun imports will do little to make Canadians safer while boosting the firearms black market, says a Red Deer outdoors shop owner. "I don't think it will help at all," said Dale Malin, owner of The Sportsmen's Den. "It just makes the black market weapons worth more." Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government announced last week that it will ban the import of restricted handguns into the country. The policy change is being made through regulatory restrictions rather than going through Parliament for approval. The new rules take effect on Aug. 19. (...) Customers are both disappointed and in disbelief at the government's misguided steps to tackle the issue of gun violence, said Malin. "You try not to believe he can do it, but I guess he can." There is also plenty of confusion about what the government's no-transfer clause will mean for handgun owners should that be made law. "What does that mean? So, if you buy a handgun that's it. You can't transfer it or will it to anybody? There are so many questions that haven't been answered on this." The steady stream of new gun measures has prompted many gun owners to make new weapons purchases to stay ahead of new regulations. "(Trudeau) is my best salesman right now," said Malin. "Right now, we're selling lots of handguns." Canadian trade data shows \$26.4 million in pistols and revolvers were imported into Canada in the first six months this year, up nearly 53 per cent over the same period last year. Malin said what frustrates many gun owners is that they feel the new laws do nothing to address the problem they are aimed at — the illegal firearms trade. "They're trying to stop illegal guns coming across the border because it's big business. I don't think it's going to help at all. I think the illegal guns are going to still keep coming across the border." Not only will they not stop gun smuggling, but overly restrictive regulations put law-abiding gun owners in the position of breaking the rules to buy and sell guns as they once did. (...) [Red Deer Advocate](#) (2022-08-09)

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YOU SAID IT: Feeling so much safer

An opinion piece says "Re: Import ban shooting past Parliament, Aug. 6 Now we have a ban on legal handguns. Add that to the ban on 1,500 models of legal registered rifles. Feel safe now? Don't worry. Much like the budget balancing itself, all those illegal guns that are used in the vast majority of gun crimes will take care of themselves and respect the bans. Never did I think common sense would leave Canada. Probably thought it was banned and took care of itself and disappeared. Maybe after the next election we can all say, "Canada is back" ... to using common sense. (...)" [Ottawa Sun](#) (2022-08-13)

JIVANI: Trudeau's gun-crime policies lack required focus

An opinion piece says "Prime Minister Justin Trudeau seems confused about how to fight violent crime. One day he wants to appear tough on crime by banning handguns. The next day he is reducing penalties for gun crimes. He'll call himself a progressive politician and in the same breath confesses to being the leader of a supposedly racist justice system. It doesn't make a lot of sense. (...) But Trudeau Liberals have refused to be narrow in scope when making criminal justice policies. Indeed, the federal government's new gun control policies mostly impact law-abiding gun owners and new criminal sentencing rules make it easier for gun-crime offenders to walk freely. There is no focus. And vulnerable families are less safe because of Trudeau's decisions." Toronto Sun (2022-08-12)

Liberals miss target with ridiculous online surveillance

An opinion piece says " (...) Useless, burdensome, rights-bashing Liberal gun laws of the past 30 years have done tremendous damage to the image of police - especially the RCMP. Most Liberal gun controls - the long-gun registry, the High River Gun Grab, the so-called assault-weapons ban and the recent handgun ban - have been completely pointless. To the extent Canada has a gun problem, the problem is almost entirely among drug dealers using guns smuggled in from the United States. But in their rush to virtue signal a stance against violent crime, successive Liberal governments have gone after legit gun owners, rather than criminals, confident the Lib voting base is ignorant of and indifferent to where the real gun problem lies. Time and again, the Liberals have proven that an attack on the rights of law-abiding gun owners is as effective at securing their base as any campaign to root out real gun criminals. Indeed, in the twisted world of "progressive" logic, it might be even more popular, because real crime control might be seen as racist or politically incorrect. Liberal gun controls of the past three decades were government initiatives, not RCMP. But the goodwill between gun owners and Mounties was shredded because the Mounties were left to enforce these unjust, unwanted, unpopular laws. (...)" Ottawa Sun (2022-08-10)

Ban won't stop illegal guns

An opinion piece says "Re. Handgun ban fast-tracked (Castanet, Aug. 5) "Given that nearly all our handguns are imported, this means that we're bringing our national handgun freeze even sooner," (Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino said. "From that moment forward, the number of handguns in Canada will only go down." Does Mendicino actually think that banning legal handgun imports will miraculously stop illegal imports? Just imagine the impact on crime the (government) could have had if it used the billions of taxpayers dollars spent punishing legal and responsible firearm owners and instead put it directly towards stopping the illegal firearms trade and gun crime." Castanet (2022-08-09)

Regards,

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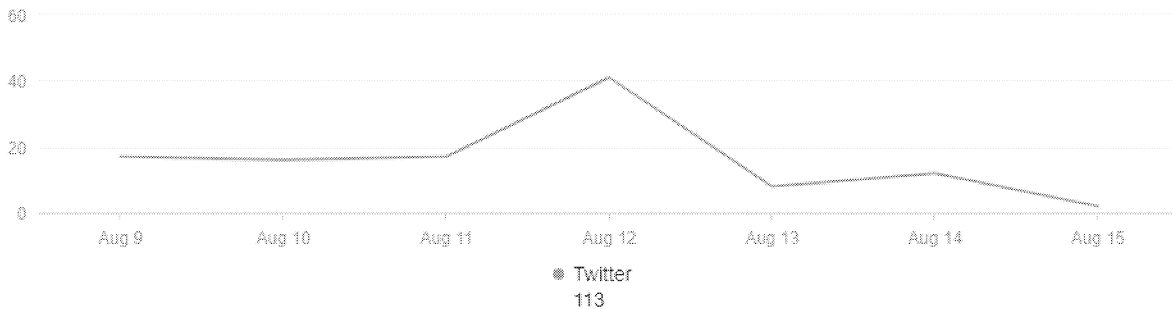
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Social media coverage of the federal government's firearms buyback program has decreased since the previous scan, but remains moderate. From August 9th to August 15th, discussion mainly consisted of firearms groups and pro-firearms individuals criticizing the buyback program and freeze on importing handguns. Twitter users with the most engagement and reach continued to be mainly pro-firearms groups, like the CCFR, and their members. The overall volume of coverage was moderate with around 113 mentions of the topic on Twitter in the time surveyed.

Further analysis regarding social media coverage on the subject is broken down below.

Latest activity by source



August 9, 2022 - August 15, 2022

The Latest activity by source widget provides insight into the trend over time of the volume of social and editorial content over a given period, broken down by data source.

The below graph indicates top metrics for Twitter. 100 users discussed firearms buyback programs, and there were 113 mentions of the keywords used. Impressions indicates the total number of followers for all tweets included in the analysis. Reach indicates an estimate of all follower counts for each twitter handle which interacted with the tweets, and marks the potential total audience of the tweets.

Key Metrics for Twitter

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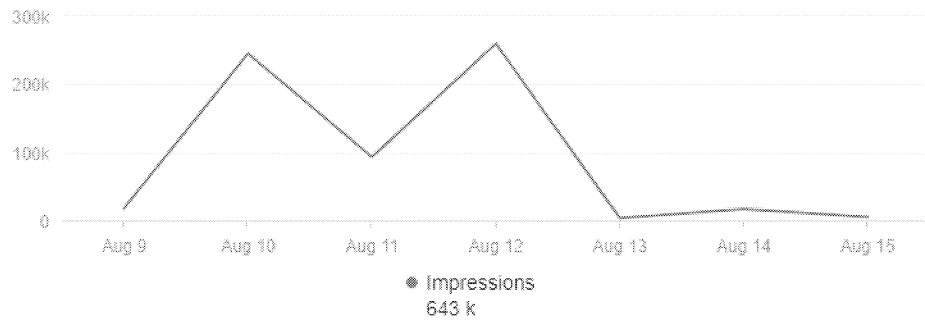
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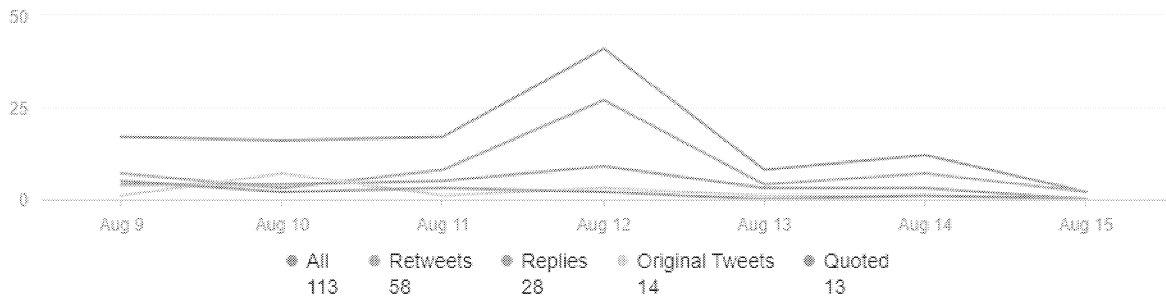
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The Key metrics for twitter widget provides insight into both the trend over time as well as top level metrics for the volume of Twitter content over a given period.

The below graph shows the format of tweets most often used to discuss the topic.

Tweet type breakdown

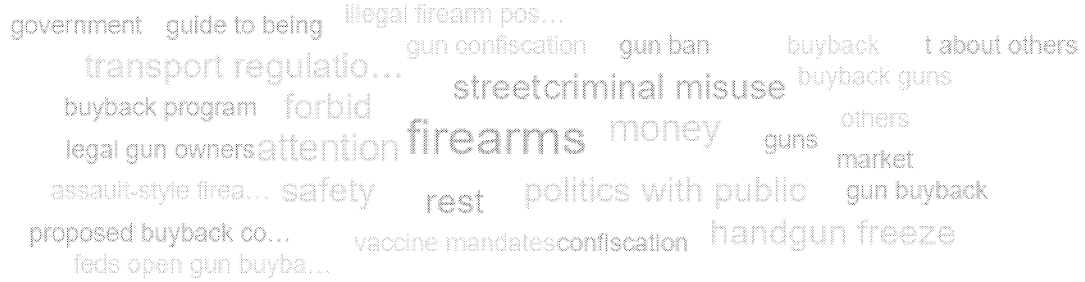


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The Tweet type widget provides insight into the trend over time of the volume of different types of tweets - original, retweets, etc. - over a given period.

The word cloud below shows the most commonly used words on Twitter on the topic.

Top keywords

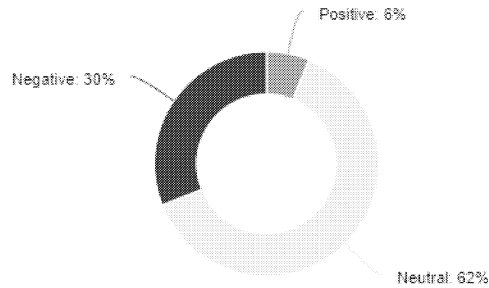


August 9, 2022 - August 15, 2022

The Top keywords widget provides insight into the most frequently used words and terms over a given time period.

The sentiment of most social media posts on the topic was generally neutral in tone this week. Please note sentiment is determined by our social media provider's algorithm, and as such, is not guaranteed to be fully accurate.

Sentiment



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The Sentiment widget provides insight into how social and editorial content may be categorized as having positive, negative and neutral sentiment over a given time period.

Tweets of Note:

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It should come as no surprise that the majority of ca's who meet the (daily) high threshold required to possess & use firearms 🗞️ in Canada, are the most law abiding. Fact is many, who vehemently oppose our community, would be disqualified before they began. 🗞️ #cdnpoli #onpoli (2022-08-13)

Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association

@csaaaofficial

"Indeed, the federal government's new gun control policies mostly impact law-abiding gun owners and new criminal sentencing rules make it easier for gun-crime offenders to walk freely. Vulnerable families are less safe because of Trudeau's decisions." (2022-08-12)

Jenn Gadbois (CSAAA Member)

@jenndvc

Legal firearm businesses import an average of \$50,000,000 worth of handguns and handgun accessories, and over \$28,000,000 in replica firearms every year. These sales make up almost 40% of firearm business. Bill C-21 impacts these firearms only. Not the illegal guns used in crime. (2022-08-10)

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Subject: FW: Buyback Program Pricelist

Bonjour – email to CSAAA just sent.

Will keep you posted once a meeting date is set.
 Speaking points being prepared.
 Expecting social media impact post meeting.

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Good morning Ms. Gadbois,

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Most respectfully,

Greg Kenney
613-314-8968

From: Jenn Leigh Gadbois <jgadbois@csaaa.org>

Sent: July 28, 2022 7:22 AM

To: Mendicino, Marco - M.P. <marco.mendicino@parl.gc.ca>; bill.blair@parl.gc.ca; Paquette, Kellie <kellie.paquette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>

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Karikera, Nadia

From: Kenney, Greg
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 4:28 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Buyback Program Pricelist

Hi [REDACTED]

As discussed, here is the response we prepared.

Happy to discuss,

Greg

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 3:47 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Buyback Program Pricelist
Attachments: PS-SP-4356929.docx.DRF; PS-SP-#4356929-v2-Draft_letter_to_CSAAA.DOCX

Attachment on p.73

FYI

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 3:37 PM
To: Kenney, Greg <Greg.Kenney@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: Buyback Program Pricelist

Hi Greg,

Please see attached is the draft letter to CSAAA (with input from [REDACTED] approved by [REDACTED])

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 8:06 AM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Subject: FW: Buyback Program Pricelist

Hi [REDACTED] could you please work on a response to the CSAAA email below? Please see note from Greg below about including his planned engagement email.

A draft to me by 3 pm today would be much appreciated.

Merci

From: Kenney, Greg <Greg.Kenney@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 7:57 AM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
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Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Unfortunately I have something booked 10:00 to 10:30am.

Could we please prepare a response incorporating my planned engagement email?

Happy to discuss,

Greg

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Ok I have some time at 10 am.

From: Kenney, Greg <Greg.Kenney@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 7:42 AM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Subject: Fwd: Buyback Program Pricelist

Good morning,

Let's please discuss.

Respectfully,

Greg

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From: Paquette, Kellie <kellie.paquette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 7:29:09 AM
To: Kenney, Greg <Greg.Kenney@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Cc: Savard-Shaw, Julie <Julie.Savard-Shaw@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: Buyback Program Pricelist

Good morning Greg,

Forwarding the below request from CSAAA for your awareness and follow up as required.

Regards,
Kellie

From: Jenn Leigh Gadbois <jgadbois@csaaa.org> Duplicate e-mail chain per p.74
Sent: July 28, 2022 7:22 AM

To: Mendicino, Marco - M.P. <marco.mendicino@parl.gc.ca>; bill.blair@parl.gc.ca; Paquette, Kellie <kellie.paquette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ps-sp.gc.ca](mailto:[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ps-sp.gc.ca](mailto:[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ps-sp.gc.ca](mailto:[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca)>

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Karikera, Nadia

From: Molinski, Taylor
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 5:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Petter, Toni
Subject: FYI: BBP Twitter Mentions

Hi,

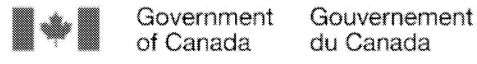
Please see below, for your information, social media feedback on the BBP price list consultation.

| Link | Post |
|------------------------------|---|
| Twitter link | <p>What is an "assault-style firearm"?</p> <p>I own AR-15s, but they're not "assault-style firearms".</p> <div data-bbox="310 772 1047 1381" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;">  Government of Canada Gouvernement du Canada <p style="margin-top: 20px;">List the type / types of assault-style firearms you currently own (check 1 or more):</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> AR Platform <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Cx4 Storm or variant <input type="checkbox"/> </div> </div> <p style="margin-top: 10px;"> 🗨️ 3 ↻ 3 ❤️ 14 📤 </p> |

[Twitter link](#)



They're literally forcing you to acknowledge the meaningless expression "assault-style firearm" if you intend to take this useless survey.



List the type / types of assault-style firearms you currently own (check 1 or more):

[Twitter link](#)

Style is not a type. FFS.



[Twitter link](#)

What is an "assault-style firearm"?



[Twitter link](#)

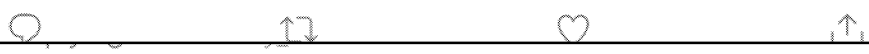
That question invalidates the entire info gathering exercise.



[Twitter link](#)

Replying to @Safety_Canada

Until the inaccurate, fear-mongering terminology in the survey is corrected, it won't be filled out by most gun owners. "Assault style" is a fabrication of the propagandists in the gun-control community & Liberal gov't, its not an accepted term among the firearms community.



[Twitter link](#)

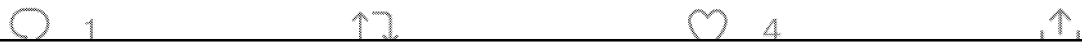
I can't answer the survey cause it asks stupid questions and uses Hyper partisan Propaganda language.



Can you please produce the survey With the intent on Actually getting feed back... NOT promoting your aggenda.

[Twitter link](#)

First of all the wording is 100% wrong. There are no "assault style" firearms owned by civilians.

Are you going to pay me for storing them for you for the last 2 years? My rate is \$24.99/day.



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| <p>Twitter link</p> | <p>...replying to @Safety_Canada...</p> <p>@Safety_Canada can you please refrain from incorrectly referring to your confiscation scheme as a "buyback"? You didn't previously own any of the firearms you're planning to confiscate, ergo it's ridiculous to imply that you're "buying them back". Just refer to it as confiscation</p> |
| <p>Twitter link</p> | <p>We should not be discussing pricing or valuation until the courts have decided that you are legally allowed to take our property.</p> |
| <p>Twitter link</p> | <p>Warning:: the government will use this information to make a list of guns you own.</p> <p> Response: replying to @junder200 and @Safety_Canada</p> <p>Except for that part where they ask no personal details, let you fill out the survey as 'not a current owner', and even if tracking IP addresses and such, couldn't show who actually responded...</p> <p>Not that we should be doing their homework anyways...</p> |
| <p>Twitter link</p> | <p>So Im supposed to tell you what I own but I dont actually own it because youre buying it but im not selling it?</p> <p> thats as stupid as it reads</p> |
| <p>Twitter link</p> | <p>...replying to @Safety_Canada...</p> <p>Opinions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- "assault-style" is a fearmongering propaganda term- The price list is laughable for the private property to be stolen.- this venture will cost billions and only do harm to peaceful Canadians- the premise for the confiscation has been show to be false |

[Twitter link](#)

Absurdity right out of the gate. We're asked to accept a "privacy statement", but they just link to the Privacy & Access2Info Acts. Do they honestly expect everyone to read those acts in order to understand how they'll use our data from the survey? Utter absurdity.

afety Canada is seeking your responses for an anonymous survey regarding proposed compensation models for the Buyback program. The GC values your privacy and is committed to protect your personal information in accordance with the *Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*.

Read and agree to the privacy statement

[Twitter link](#)

A fishing expedition to find out who has what guns. No thanks. BTW...pound sand.

[Twitter link](#)



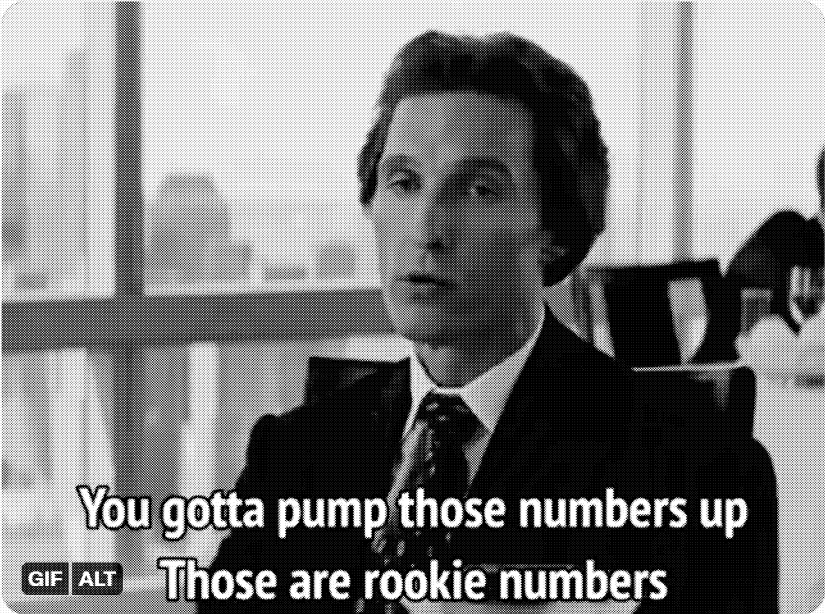
Make sure you respond this survey. Don't let the government say some nonsense like "80% of those consulted felt this gun grab was fair". History is written by those who show up.



Public Safety Canada @Safety_Canada · 1h

*** Firearms Consultation ***

We're consulting Canadians on the proposed pricing model for the assault-style firearms buyback program. Have your say: submit feedback by August 28: Canada.ca/buyback-pricin...

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| Twitter link | <p>My response to the initial prices:</p>  |
| Twitter link | <p>How about you just scrap the whole entire buyback program and start funding the communities at risk like you've been promising the past few years. Families don't need the neighbours gun to be taken away they need community programs.</p> |
| Twitter link | <p>You AREN'T consulting. You need help making your scheme work and the appearances of consulting. Just do your worst. You always were going to.</p> |

Thanks,

Taylor Molinski

343-573-9486

From: Molinski, Taylor

Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 10:22 AM

To: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>

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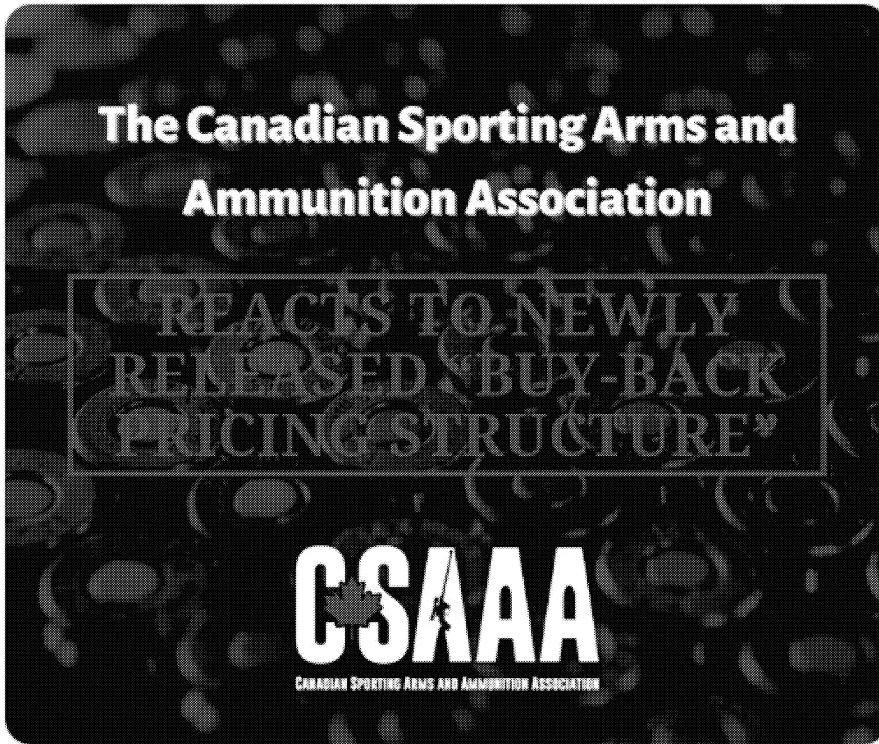
There haven't been many social media mentions since CSAAA's tweet yesterday, but see below for a few that may be of interest.

We'll keep an eye out for any other mentions/comments throughout the day and share accordingly.

Images are clickable

After the following letter was sent to Marco Mendicino and his office, we look forward to meeting with Public Safety to present our many questions and concerns.

THREAD



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CTV Ottawa @ctvottawa · Jul 28

HAVE YOUR SAY: Should the federal government spend taxpayers' money to buy back assault rifles?

ottawa.ctvnews.ca/community/polls

WEB POLL

Should the federal government spend taxpayers' money to buy back assault rifles?

Yes

No



356

219

95



<https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/community/polls>

Here's a post by @mindingottawa on the cost of the buy-back. All this money the liberals are wasting to take firearms from licensed owners, who by virtue of the fact that they're licensed, have never broken the law.

 **Blacklock's Reporter** @mindingottawa · Jun 30, 2021

.@BillBlair gun buy-back could cost three-quarters of a trillion, not a typo, though really final costs are impossible to know, says Budget Office: "Impossible" blacklocks.ca/gun-buy-backs-... #cdnpoli @Safety_Canada



1:42 PM · Jul 28, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

8 Retweets 42 Likes

Your survey does not allow comments, it only allows someone to quote a price on the list of firearms. No matter what ownership option is picked. How is this allowing comments. It's a farce, right up there with the liar you are.

10:06 PM · Jul 28, 2022 · Twitter for Android

3 Retweets 17 Likes

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Karikera, Nadia

From: Molinski, Taylor
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Fletcher,
Brittany; O'Brien, Judith
Subject: FYI: Social media analysis re: BBP pricelist
Attachments: PS-SP-#4369305-v2-Buyback_Pricelist_Social_Media_Analysis_.DOCX

Hi [REDACTED]

As requested on the buyback program call yesterday, we've put together the attached social media analysis report re: buyback program social media trends and chatter to this point.

Please let us know if you have any questions/concerns.

Thanks!

Taylor Molinski
343-573-9486

Proposed Buyback Pricelist – Social Media Analysis

Report date:

Statistics current as of August 16, 2022

Summary of Analysis

This document summarizes general traffic/sentiment on social media, specifically Twitter regarding the Buyback Program Consultations.

To date, traffic was highest on July 28, when the proposed pricing model was first announced. Although the first tweet published from PS/SP corporate accounts didn't garner a large number of comments, mentions were high as Minister Mendicino's [tweet](#) from his personal account received extremely high engagement with over 1,800 comments. Multiple news outlets were also tweeting about the announcement spiking the overall mentions.

Since then, there have not been any noticeable and significant spikes in traffic. A post published on PS/SP on [August 3](#) did generate over 50 comments leading to a slight increase in traffic.

Social media feedback for the Buyback Pricelist posts has been in line with expected response for firearms campaigns. This audience is deeply engaged but overwhelmingly critical. Top feedback and sentiments received on PS/SP channels include:

1. Government can't buy back something that's not theirs.
2. Government wants to track people and their guns.
3. The price list is not adequate.
4. Targeting law-abiding citizens will not solve crime, gang, and firearms issues.
5. The use of the term "assault-style" is incorrect and fear-mongering.

Social Listening

The next several graphs will be part of the Social Listening analysis. These graphs assess tweets by the public with the key terms “firearms”, “assault-style”, “buyback program” with a date range of July 28, 2022 to present (August 16). Tweets were filtered to Canada. The term “guns” was omitted as it included a large amount of mentions with regards to the US. There were a total of 599 results.

Observations:

July 28th was the day that had the highest mentions to date.

476

Users ⓘ

599

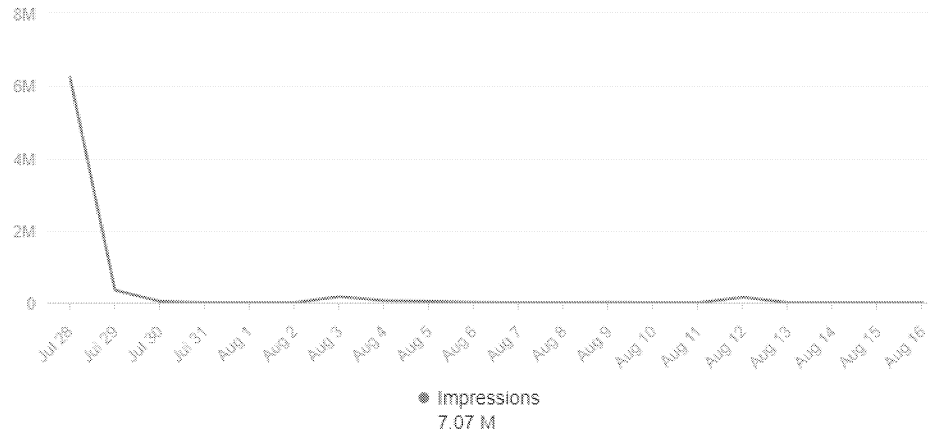
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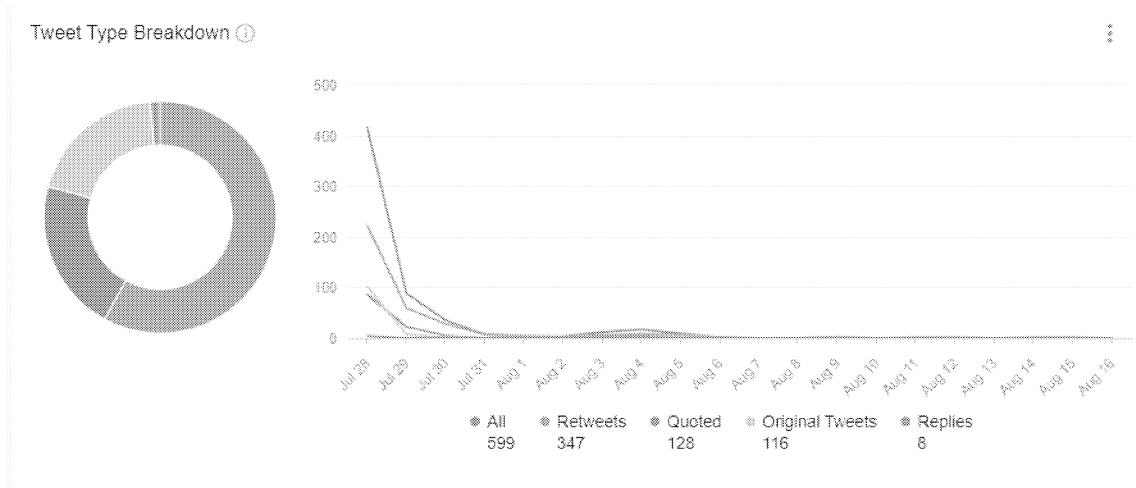
August 3 corresponds to a [consultation post](#) published from PS/SP account which garnered 58 comments spiking the mentions.

***Please note:**

The number for reach is an **estimate** of the total follower count for all unique Twitter handles. It is an estimate of the potential total audience of the tweets.

The key metrics for Twitter widget provides insight into both the trend over time as well as top level metrics for the volume of Twitter content over a given period.

Tweet Type Breakdown



The tweet type widget provides insight into the trend of the volume of different types of tweets – original, retweets, etc. – over a given period. Retweets take up the majority of the tweet type.

Top Keywords



The top keywords widget provides insight into the most frequently used words and terms over a given time period. The term “buyback program” was used the most.

Posts/Accounts Most Retweeted

- Minister Marco Mendicino: [Link to post](#)
- Firearms lobbyists (various twitter users)
- Various news outlets

Top Twitter Authors

| Author | Tweets | Followers |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------|
| @CP24 | 1 | 2M |
| @TorontoStar | 1 | 1M |
| @NationalPost | 1 | 978K |
| @CTWinnipeg | 1 | 151K |
| @MarcoMendicino | 1 | 112K |
| @CityNewsKit | 1 | 111K |
| @CTVLondon | 1 | 93K |
| @CTVNewsVI | 1 | 76K |
| @NewsroomGC | 1 | 75K |
| Various twitter users | -- | -- |

Note: Top Twitter authors are ranked by the author’s number of followers.

The top Twitter authors for the mentioned time range were mostly news outlets. There were several Twitter users from the general public with a high number of followers who tweeted with regards to the Buyback program as well.

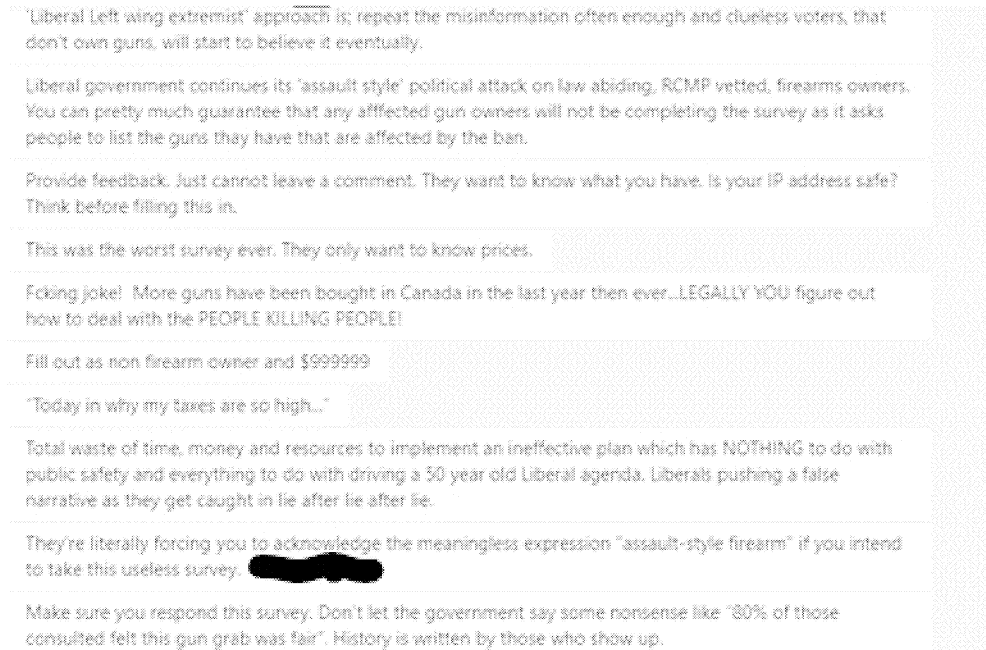
Sentiment/Tone/Messaging

Among users that responded directly to our posts, the sentiment/tone was overwhelmingly critical and negative. Throughout monitoring, we've seen approximately five topline messages in social media feedback. Many of the messages track with common feedback we've received over the course of multiple firearms campaigns. We have based these topline messages on FYI monitoring emails sent over the course of the campaign. For specific examples, please refer to those emails.

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| 1. | <p>Government can't buy back something that's not theirs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users consider their firearms ownership a part of their identity and community. • They are reluctant to part with their firearms. • They express fear of firearms seizure/confiscation. |
| 2. | <p>Government wants to track people and their guns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users expressed reluctance to respond to the survey under the belief that the government is tracking IP addresses and personal information. • They worried that responding to the survey would lead to seizure of their guns or "swatting" attacks. • This sentiment is often expressed alongside partisan criticism of the current government. |
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| 4. | <p>Targeting law-abiding citizens will not solve crime, gang, and firearms issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a common sentiment expressed in the feedback of all firearms campaigns. • Users believe that government efforts to engage with firearms owners are, at best, misguided, and at worst, persecutive. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Users believe the government does not do enough to target “real criminals.” |
| 5. | <p>The use of the term “assault-style” is incorrect and fear-mongering.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This was one of the most common and persistent complaints with the campaign.• Users believe the term “assault-style” is, at best, incorrect, and at worst, persecutive.• Many users expressed that they did not want to engage with the survey based on use of this term. |

The most notable user to respond was David Lepage (@LepageDavid), a user whose online presence is notable for firearms advocacy. He has 3000+ followers. Notable tweets include [this comment](#) (posted on our page). Please find below a roundup of the quote retweets from the [most engaged-with post](#). These are posts from users who shared our post on their page with additional commentary for their followers.



Concluding Thoughts

Firearms as a topic generates a lot of cross-chatter from American users; we have, to the best of our ability, filtered out response from American sources. Along with Minister Mendicino's account, news outlets accounted for top twitter authors (and thus, traction) on the Buyback Pricelist campaign.

Social media feedback for the Buyback Pricelist posts has been in line with expected response for firearms campaigns. This audience is deeply engaged but overwhelmingly critical. Many users express skepticism about the government's efforts to engage people that own firearms and the firearms advocacy community. This skepticism forms two primary and oft-repeated sentiments. First, that the government is ignoring "real criminals" to target this audience with unfair or restrictive policy. Second, they have many opinions on firearms issues but refuse to engage with the government on the suspicion that they will be monitored or tracked if they do so.

If there has been positive response to the Buyback Pricelist and its efforts, it is not apparent in our monitoring or mentions. Audiences that have positive or neutral feedback regarding firearms issues are either not as engaged, or not as vocal, as audiences with negative feedback. Audiences that may have felt positively about completed the survey were absent or not vocal about their experience.

On the suspicion that they were being tracked or monitored, some users advised others to engage with the program using false or misleading information, which may skew program feedback and results.

One consistent piece of feedback from users for this specific campaign was the contentious use of a specific term: "assault-style." Over and over users expressed that they felt this language was, at best, incorrect, and at worst, fear-mongering and persecutive. These same users also expressed that they refused to engage with the program based on the use of this term. Based on this observation, the client may wish to review use of this terminology going forward to better engage with firearms owners and their advocacy community.

Karikera, Nadia

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 1:36 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Buyback Program Pricelist
Attachments: PS-SP-4356929.docx.DRF; PS-SP-#4356929-v2-Draft_letter_to_CSAAA.DOCX
Attachment on p.73

Hi [REDACTED]

As requested, attached is the draft letter to CSAAA (with input from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]).

Happy to amend as required,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 8:06 AM
To: [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Subject: FW: Buyback Program Pricelist

Hi [REDACTED], could you please work on a response to the CSAAA email below? Please see note from Greg below about including his planned engagement email.

A draft to me by 3 pm today would be much appreciated.

Merci
[REDACTED]

From: Kenney, Greg <Greg.Kenney@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 7:57 AM
To: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: Re: Buyback Program Pricelist

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Unfortunately I have something booked 10:00 to 10:30am.

Could we please prepare a response incorporating my planned engagement email?

Happy to discuss,

Greg

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 7:47:37 AM
To: Kenney, Greg <Greg.Kenney@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Buyback Program Pricelist

Ok I have some time at 10 am.

From: Kenney, Greg <Greg.Kenney@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 7:42 AM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Subject: Fwd: Buyback Program Pricelist

Good morning,

Let's please discuss.

Respectfully,

Greg

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From: Paquette, Kellie <kellie.paquette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 7:29:09 AM
To: Kenney, Greg <Greg.Kenney@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Cc: Savard-Shaw, Julie <Julie.Savard-Shaw@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: Buyback Program Pricelist

Good morning Greg,

Forwarding the below request from CSAAA for your awareness and follow up as required.

Regards,
 Kellie

From: Jenn Leigh Gadbois <jgadbois@csaaa.org> **Duplicate e-mail chain per p.74**
Sent: July 28, 2022 7:22 AM
To: Mendicino, Marco - M.P. <marco.mendicino@parl.gc.ca>; bill.blair@parl.gc.ca; Paquette, Kellie <kellie.paquette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: Buyback Program Pricelist

Good Morning,

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Would we be able to get a copy of this proposed price list? I understand that the separate price list for the industry is not available yet, but we would definitely need to see this as soon as it is available.

We are also requesting a quick virtual meeting to discuss these proposed price lists as well as the roll-out of the buyback program further. We can set up a meeting for any day or time that works for you.

Thank you very much and we look forward to hearing back from you shortly,

Jennifer Gadbois

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Karikera, Nadia

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 3:53 PM
To: Kenney, Greg; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Buyback Program Pricelist

Bonjour,
 here is a suggested response to the CSAAA email:
 /////

Good afternoon Ms. Gadbois,

Thank you for your quick response. I would be happy to meet later next week. Would the morning of August 5, say 10:30 AM, work for you and Wes?

If so, unless you indicate otherwise, I'll use the addresses in this email for yourself and Wes to setup the on-line meeting. Please expect the invitation Tuesday or Wednesday.

Enjoy the long weekend,

Greg
 /////

From: Kenney, Greg <Greg.Kenney@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 12:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: Buyback Program Pricelist

Hi [REDACTED]

Please see response below. I would like us to connect to discuss our approach for an initial meeting next week. Before I ask [REDACTED] to find us 30 minutes early next week, who should we invite to participate?

Also note that [REDACTED] is expected to join the team on August 2nd. We will likely want to include him in the discussion.

Greg
 613-314-8968

From: Jenn Leigh Gadbois <jgadbois@csaaa.org>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 12:23 PM
To: Kenney, Greg <Greg.Kenney@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Cc: kellie.paquette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca; [REDACTED]@canada.ca; [REDACTED]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Wes Winkel <wes@ellwoodepps.com>
Subject: RE: Buyback Program Pricelist

Good Afternoon Gary,

It's very nice to meet you and thank you very much for your response. We saw the list when it was posted publicly later in the day after the media releases. Wes (CSAAA president) and I would be very happy to meet at your earliest convenience. Is there a day or time that would work best on your end?

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From: [Kenney, Greg](#)

Sent: July 29, 2022 11:50 AM

To: jgadbois@csaaa.org

Cc: kellie.paquette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca; [REDACTED]@canada.ca; [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Buyback Program Pricelist

Good morning Ms. Gadbois,

Please allow me to introduce myself, I am the Public Safety Canada (PS) Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for the Firearms Program. Thank you for your email yesterday addressed to Minister Mendicino, as well as to both PS and RCMP senior executives.

I'd like to begin by thanking you for the Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association's (CSAAA) ongoing engagement, including providing us with a list of retailers and distributors which helped facilitate our technical consultation questionnaire back in February 2022. With your help, we were able to consult by email, with twenty three organizations from the firearms business community, with the purpose of helping inform program design, including the development of a compensation model for firearm businesses and retailers. The returns we received from industry were most helpful in developing the notional price list, which you reference in your email.

The proposed price list consultation is now live ([Share your thoughts: proposed pricing model for the assault-style firearms buyback program \(publicsafety.gc.ca\)](#)), which details the notional compensation amounts that owners would receive as part of the buyback program. Feedback from firearms owners on the proposed list is being requested until August 28, 2022. While this notional pricelist would be applicable for individual owners,

businesses that participate in the buyback program would be compensated along the terms of a distinct pricing scheme currently in development.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with yourself and the President to further discuss the parameters of the notional pricing model for businesses, and to better understand how we can best enable the firearms industry to participate in the buyback program. By all means, feel free to reach out to me (or my staff) and we will organize a meeting at your earliest convenience.

Most respectfully,

Greg Kenney
613-314-8968

From: Jenn Leigh Gadbois <jgadbois@csaaa.org>

Sent: July 28, 2022 7:22 AM

To: Mendicino, Marco - M.P. <marco.mendicino@parl.gc.ca>; bill.blair@parl.gc.ca; Paquette, Kellie <kellie.paquette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca; [REDACTED]@ps-sp.gc.ca;

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Project Background

Since 2020, the Government of Canada has banned approximately 2,000 models and variants of assault-style firearms (ASF). The Government is launching a buyback program (BBP) to ensure these firearms are safely and permanently removed from Canada's communities. Additionally, the Government will provide compensation to lawful owners and business impacted by the prohibition.

In preparation for the launch of the BBP, Public Safety Canada via the Buyback Program Secretariat (Program Development and Intergovernmental Affairs Directorate) conducted an anonymous survey of the Canadian public regarding the proposed compensation model and price list. The proposed price list for individual firearms owners was developed to reflect what Canadians may have paid for an ASF prior to May 01, 2020. The list was developed by using data sources that include manufacturer prices, Canadian retailer prices, foreign retailer prices (e.g. USA/EU), pricing guidebooks and auction listings. Wherever possible, manufacturer prices and Canadian retail prices were given priority.

The survey ran from 28 July 2022 – 28 August 2022 and was available at <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/frms/bp-en.aspx> to all Canadians. It was advertised to the public through direct consultation with Canadians, on the Public Safety website and social media channels.

Executive Summary

A four-question survey was disseminated to the Canadian public, to measure agreement or disagreement with the Government's proposed BBP firearm price list. The objective was to gain a better understanding of the value of the banned models and variants of ASFs, thereby validating the proposed compensation model against public feedback, or altering it based on what was heard.

In total, 19,177 survey responses were received. Of these, 74% self-identified as firearm owners, whether affected by the BBP or not. An overwhelming majority of respondents – 78% of global responses and 83% of those who indicated their firearm ownership status – did not agree with the proposed price list.

The global range of prices submitted in the pricing matrix skewed to unworkably high numbers, so a value range was determined for further analysis.

The range of data for analysis was established as \$1,000 – \$10,000 Canadian Dollars on the basis the high occurrence rate of these specific price-points in the data overall.

Nevertheless, average respondent price inputs were as much as 68% higher than the suggested price for all but one firearm category. Furthermore, 38% of respondents who

indicated their disagreement with the Government's price list left the pricing matrix blank or at default \$0.

It appears that due to the limited nature of the survey, survey respondents may have used very high figures or blank answers as indicators of general disagreement with the BBP price list – the specific motives of which are unknown.

Engagement Strategy and Objectives

Survey development and questions

The survey was comprised of four questions. The first question (Q1) asked participants to self-identify as: *an owner of a firearm affected by the ban; an owner of a firearm not affected by the ban; or as a non-firearms owner*. The second question (Q2) asked participants to identify the types of firearms they currently owned, selecting from 11 AFS variants. The third question (Q3) displayed the Government's proposed price list and asked participants to indicate if the price list accurately captured the price of firearm categories.

The proposed price list can be seen in the table below.

| Category | Compensation Amount (in Canadian Dollars) |
|--|---|
| AR Platform | \$1,337 |
| Cx4 Storm | \$1,317 |
| CZ Scorpion | \$1,291 |
| M14 Rifle | \$2,612 |
| Robinson Armament | \$2,735 |
| Ruger Mini-14 | \$1,407 |
| SG550 & SG551 | \$6,209 |
| SIG Sauer MCX, MPX | \$2,369 |
| VZ.58 | \$1,139 |
| Firearms with a >20mm bore diameter | \$2,684 |
| Firearms with a muzzle energy >10,000 Joules (e.g. 50 BMG) | \$2,819 |

In the case that the participants did not agree with the proposed price list, they could indicate their recommended prices for the 11 categories of ASF variants in the fourth and final survey question (Q4).

What we were hoping to learn

This consultation of Canadians on the proposed price list was designed to allow the BBP Secretariat to gain a better understanding of the value of the banned models and variants of ASFs, thereby validating the proposed compensation model against public feedback, or altering it based on what was heard.

How we analyzed the data

The data was initially filtered for all duplicate entries, removing 1,925 submissions. Since the global range of prices submitted in the pricing matrix skewed to unworkably high numbers, a range of data for further analysis needed to be determined.

In order to establish the range, we scanned for the number of occurrences around specific price-points in order to map the low and high limits.

Figures under \$1000 generated very low numbers of occurrences. The first significant cluster of entries appeared at \$1,000 and occurrences jumped significantly at \$2,000. As the prices of the proposed pricelist were at least \$1,139 or more, the lower limit was established at \$1,000.

For the higher end of the range, the occurrences sweep found notable clusters around the \$3,000 and \$5,000 values, however the \$10,000 value was by far the most populous cluster. Figures over the \$10,000 value dropped significantly in their occurrences: the higher limit was established as \$10,000.

With the range established as \$1,000 - \$10,000 Canadian Dollars, the mean and median averages could be calculated for each firearm category and sub variant. A comparison was made against the price list proposed by Public Safety Canada.

Further analysis probed for emerging trends among the different respondent categories.

Entries that were blank or left at their default "0" were excluded from the calculations of averages. These entries were analyzed separately for possible trends and correlations, because they indicate a different respondent behaviour.

It was not possible to derive meaningful insights regarding geographical location and analyze for possible trends solely on the basis of the Internet Protocol (IP) addresses. IP addresses are not a reliable source of information regarding a user's geographical location.

Relevant definitions

In order to identify the central tendency in the data, we used both mean and median averages for a fuller view of the results.

Mean average is arrived at by dividing the sum of a set of values by the number of values in the set.

Median average is the middle number in a set of values when those values are arranged from smallest to largest. Median average tends to be less influenced by outlier figures.

Participants

How participants identified themselves

In total, 19,175 survey responses were received. 1,925 submissions were removed as duplicates. Of the 17,250 submissions remaining, 7,881 submissions were from people who identified themselves as owning an affected firearm.

The chart below indicates how participants self-identified their firearm ownership status.

| Category | Number of Submissions | Percentage |
|--|-----------------------|------------|
| Individual firearms owner of an affected firearm | 7,881 | 46% |
| Individual firearms owner of a non- affected firearm | 4,853 | 28% |
| Non-firearms owner | 3,460 | 20% |
| Blank/no response | 1,056 | 6% |

The vast majority of respondents – 74% – self-identified as firearm owners, whether affected by the BBP or not.

Correlation between participants and responses

16,194 respondents indicated their firearm ownership status in Q1 and could subsequently indicate their agreement or disagreement with the proposed price list in Q3.

Overall, participants overwhelmingly indicated that they did not agree with the prices set by Public Safety Canada, with 13,437 submissions — 83% of those who indicated their firearm ownership status, that is 78% of global responses — responding with “No” to the question *Whether you are in possession of a now-prohibited firearm or not, does this list accurately capture the price of the firearms categories?*

The distribution of agreement and disagreement with the proposed price list by respondent status can be seen in the table below.

| Category | Number of Respondents | Agree with Price List | Disagree with Price List | Left Blank |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Individual firearms owner of an affected firearm | 7,881 | 800 (10%) | 6,335 (80%) | 746 (9%) |
| Individual firearms owner of a non- affected firearm | 4,853 | 326 (7%) | 4,282 (88%) | 245 (5%) |
| Non-firearms owner | 3,460 | 351 (10%) | 2,820 (82%) | 289 (8%) |
| SUB TOTAL | 16,194 | 1,477 (9%) | 13,437 (83%) | 1,280 (8%) |
| Left Blank | 1,056 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 17,250 | - | - | - |

The majority of respondents believed that the price was too low for all but one category of ASF.

The SG550 & SG551 mean and median averages were within 6% of the Government's proposed price list, while the survey prices in the other categories were as much as 68% (mean average) or 65% (median average) higher than the proposed price list.

The full comparative breakdown of the prices proposed by Public Safety Canada and the mean and median prices as indicated by respondents can be seen in the table below. These calculations are based on data within the established \$1,000-\$10,000 range.

| Category | Proposed Compensation Amount (in Canadian Dollars) | Survey Results Mean Price (in Canadian Dollars) | Survey Results Median Price (in Canadian Dollars) |
|--|---|--|--|
| AR Platform | \$1,337 | \$3,489 | \$2,700 |
| Cx4 Storm | \$1,317 | \$3,962 | \$2,800 |
| CZ Scorpion | \$1,291 | \$4,026 | \$3,000 |
| M14 Rifle | \$2,612 | \$4,506 | \$3,500 |
| Robinson Armament | \$2,735 | \$4,988 | \$4,000 |
| Ruger Mini-14 | \$1,407 | \$3,788 | \$2,500 |
| SG550 & SG551 | \$6,209 | \$6,513 | \$6,600 |
| SIG Sauer MCX, MPX | \$2,369 | \$5,041 | \$4,000 |
| VZ.58 | \$1,139 | \$4,074 | \$3,000 |
| Firearms with a >20mm bore diameter | \$2,684 | \$6,229 | \$5,000 |
| Firearms with a muzzle energy >10,000 Joules (e.g. 50 BMG) | \$2,819 | \$7,546 | \$8,000 |

Further analysis looked for trends among survey respondents who indicated the answer “No” in Q3 but left the pricing matrix blank, or at its default \$0 setting for all firearm categories.

2,539 respondents left the pricing matrix at default \$0 for each of the ASF categories, while an additional 2,648 respondents left the pricing matrix blank. This population represents 38% of respondents who indicated “No” to Q3, and 30% of all survey respondents.

See the table below for breakdown of responses.

| Category | Submitted \$0 | Left Blank | Total |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Individual firearms owner of an affected firearm | 252 (10%) | 767 (29%) | 1,019 (20%) |
| Individual firearms owner of a non-affected firearm | 1237 (49%) | 1214 (46%) | 2,451 (47%) |
| Non-firearms owner | 1050 (41%) | 667 (25%) | 1,717 (33%) |
| TOTAL | 2,539 | 2,648 | 5,187 |

This table may indicate several possible correlations.

The first is that firearm-owning respondents, accounting for 67% of the respondents who input \$0 for each of the categories or left the matrix blank, either a) do not support the BBP for unknown reasons, or b) would return and decommission their firearms without compensation.

The second possible correlation is amongst the 33% of respondents who indicated that they do not own a firearm and also indicated \$0 in all firearm categories or left the matrix blank. A deeper investigation into this correlation may reveal that some non-firearm owning members of the public, a) do not support the BBP for unknown reasons, or b) do not believe that federal money should be spent on this initiative.

In both instances, it is impossible to understand *why* these populations responded the way they did without additional data.

The Global Data Set

A final set of calculations was conducted with the full set of responses in order to determine if any information could be gleaned from the global data set.

First, the data was scrubbed to remove 0's, blanks and extreme outliers over \$1,000,000. Mean and median averages were calculated for individual firearm categories. Alongside these figures, we also ran a calculation to see what would occur if the data was trimmed by 20% at the highest and lowest points.

The table below offers a sample of the global mean and median average calculations after scrubbing data. The first and third column of figures shows the results for the global set of data, while the second column of figures shows the outcome if 20% of highest and lowest figures are trimmed. In all three instances, the figures are very high.

There is a strong trend of respondents submitting figures so high that they would be prohibitive to the implementation of the BBP. There is a possible correlation between respondents who input these figures and their overall disapproval of the BBP or its premises. As the survey did not allow for additional comment or feedback, it is plausible that these respondents communicated their opinion of the program via these other means.

| Category | Mean (in Canadian Dollars) | Mean trimmed* by 20% (in Canadian Dollars) | Median (in Canadian Dollars) |
|-------------|----------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| AR Platform | \$42,394 | \$3,688 | \$3,000 |
| Cx4 Storm | \$81,229 | \$9,891 | \$3,500 |
| CZ Scorpion | \$84,476 | \$10,360 | \$3,600 |
| M14 Rifle | \$75,433 | \$9,166 | \$4,000 |

*: 20% of the highest and lowest figures within the range were eliminated

Sentiment and Pricing

Overall, it appears that there is strong disagreement with the Government’s proposed BBP price list amongst all three respondent categories (*owner of an affected firearm, owner of a non-affected firearm and non-firearms owner*). At present, the data generated by this survey is not sufficient for a deeper analysis as to *why* that is the case.

Furthermore, the survey results do not generate a clear directive regarding amendments to the price list. Global figures appear unusable, as they are prohibitively high, while figures arrived at by liming the range (\$1,000-\$10,000) produces values up to 3 times higher than the proposed list.

Finally, 38% of all respondents who indicated their disagreement with the price list in Q3, left the price matrix blank or with “0”. It is not possible to determine if this is because they a) disagree with the BBP for unknown reasons, b) would return and decommission their firearms without compensation, or c) do not believe that federal money should be spent on this initiative.

It is possible that assigning a single average price for each of the 11 categories would limit program participation by those that paid above the average price, and that individually pricing each of the more than 2,000 models may ensure maximum take-up by owners.

Conclusions

It can be concluded that irrespective of firearm-ownership status, survey respondents are not in approval of the BBP price list.

It appears that due to the limited nature of the survey, survey respondents may have used inputs of very high figures or blank answers as indicators of general disagreement – the specific nature of which is unknown.

Based solely on the data available from this survey, it is impossible to conclusively ascertain why this is the case, and therefore impossible to determine which changes, if any, would result in more buy-in for the program.

Further public consultation would allow us to understand the motivations behind the responses that were received in this survey.

(she, her | elle, la)

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2023 11:10 AM
To: [redacted] (she, her | elle, la)
Subject: FW: survey - quick observations

2nd

From: Kenney, Greg <Greg.Kenney@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 1:49 PM
To: [redacted]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: [redacted]@PS-SP.GC.CA>; [redacted]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Subject: RE: survey - quick observations

Hi [redacted]

Do we have the final report?

Respectfully,

Greg
613-314-8968

From: [redacted]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 8:30 AM
To: [redacted]@PS-SP.GC.CA>
Cc: Kenney, Greg <Greg.Kenney@ps-sp.gc.ca>
Subject: survey - quick observations

Hi gentlemen, here are a few observations on the survey thus far:

French: 101 surveys taken
English: 5,591 surveys taken

- 58% claim to be owners of an affected firearm
- 40% claim to be owners of AR platform arms
- 90% of respondents have indicated that the price list does NOT accurately represent prices
- Many attempts to skew the results have been identified, i.e.:
 - o attempt to claim \$900K cost of firearm for each category, costs of firearms \$696969696, etc.
 - o Respondents so far have claimed they have paid \$23B for their firearms
 - o Average prices per firearm have been "claimed" to be as follows:
 - AR platform - \$529K
 - Cx4 Storm: \$443K
 - (all other platforms similar, with average between \$443K and \$554K each)
 - o At least 576 duplicate responses have been identified by the software

I will note these numbers are changing by the minute (survey responses climbed by more than 100 in the hour it took me to extract this data), and that ultimately, it will be the responsibility of Publivate to analyze and report on this data once the survey closes.

Wishing you both a wonderful Friday,

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