



Justin Trudeau

**Message from Justin Trudeau**

(On April 18 Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau issued the following statement)

"One year ago, 22 Canadians were senselessly killed and three more were injured when a gunman went on a rampage in small towns across Nova Scotia.

"On this solemn anniversary, we hold the victims in our hearts and honour their memory. Their deaths devastated close-knit communities in Nova Scotia, and all Canadians. Our thoughts are with all of those who lost a family member, a friend, a neighbour, or a loved one, and with everyone who continues to live with the pain and sadness from this tragedy.

"Today, we also honour Constable Chad Morrison, who was injured when he encountered the gunman, and Constable Heidi Stevenson, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. These first responders, and many others, faced danger without hesitation. On some of the darkest days in Nova Scotia's history, we saw - through their extraordinary example - the best of this country.

"I hope all Canadians take a moment today to remember those whose lives were forever changed on April 18 and 19, 2020. To all Nova Scotians: No person or community should ever have to experience such senseless violence and loss. In the last year, you have met unimaginable tragedy with unimaginable strength, and have kept going. You are truly Nova Scotia Strong.

"Our support for you, like your resilience, is unwavering."

**Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister,**

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# Nova Scotia March to Remember

By Linda Harrington

Over 200 people took part in the March to Remember in Bible Hill on April 18th, 2021, one year after the mass shooting. Organizer Bev Beaton, mother of Nick Beaton (who lost his wife Kristen and unborn child), encouraged family and friends to attend with an emotional post on Facebook saying in part, "It's been a heck of a year, but there is only ONE first anniversary let's show them all that we are still all United together & have more strength to get answers for our loved ones & will never stop till we do."

The peaceful March began at Foodland, with many people carrying signs and flowers in remembrance of the 23 souls lost. The March ended at the RCMP headquarters.

Councillors Tom Taggart and Marie Irving-Benoit read an emotional prepared statement from the families. "We have become a family that NO ONE wanted to be in," read Councillor Taggart, "But we

have found so many loving caring people within this new family. We get to lean on each other and be there for each other in the drop of a hat. Because they all are truly the only ones who realize and understand what this journey has been truly like. A bond that will hold us together in the coming years."

The families thanked fellow Bluenosers, people across Canada and throughout the world for the love and support they have received this last year. They recognized the help the Municipality of Colchester has given the families, calling this "a shining light in this very dark year" and saying they have gone above and beyond what their job descriptions calls for, "Standing up for us when we just couldn't face another day."

Councillor Irving-Benoit read the family's emotional thank you to the RCMP officers. "All the great and brave officers that weekend with boots on the ground. You have

become a part of our families because like us your lives have been turned upside down and will never be the same. We all share the pain and heartache that happened that weekend. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray that you heal deep within your soul and that you too come out on the other side stronger. May God bless each and everyone of you brace souls that had your boots on the ground that weekend and still bravely get

up each morning and answer the call."

The families are still looking for answers and this Nova Scotia March To Remember was important to also show they "are not alone and not going away." Their statement read, "We deserve answers and justice of How's and Why's our loved ones were murdered that weekend because next time it could be your family and we want to ensure ALL Canadians that THIS will NEVER happen again in any province to any other Canadians ever again."

A flower was presented to the RCMP in memory of each of the 23 victims- Jamie Blair, Greg Blair, Emily Tuck, Aaron Tuck, Jolene Oliver, Corrie Ellison, Lisa McCully, John Zahl, Joanne Thomas, Dawn Gulenchyn, Frank Gulenchyn, Joy Bond, Peter Bond, Sean McLeod, Alanna Jenkins, Tom Bagley, Lillian Hyslop, Kristen Beaton, Baby Beaton, Heather O'Brien, Joey Webber, Heidi Stevenson and Gina Goulet.



It was an emotional moment when each of the names of all the souls lost was read out loud and then a flower for each of them was presented to the RCMP.



Lenore Zann

**Message from Lenore Zann**

Dear Residents:

"One year ago, on the morning of Sunday April 19th, we, the citizens of Cumberland-Colchester, awoke to discover a devastating tragedy had ripped through our normally tranquil corner of the world.

Words cannot express my sorrow for the families and friends who lost loved ones, and the RCMP who lost a beloved colleague in the line of duty.

Thank you to all First Responders who risked their own lives trying to save others.

We are Nova Scotians. When we continue to support one another with kindness and generosity, we prove that LOVE wins the day, and that violence does not - and will never - define us."

**Lenore Zann, MP  
Cumberland-Colchester  
Nova Scotia**



Colchester County Councillors Marie Irving-Benoit and Tom Taggart read a prepared statement from family members.



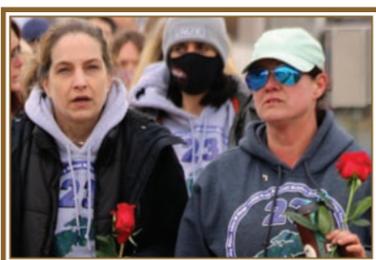
Many friends and family members carried signs on the March to Remember asking for answers.



March organizer Bev Beaton, who lost her daughter-in-law and unborn grandchild, talks to an RCMP Officer outside the Bible Hill Detachment.



Tara Long, sister of Aaron Tuck, who was killed with partner Jolene Oliver and their daughter, Emily Tuck addresses the crowd gathered at the RCMP detachment.



Charlene Bagley, daughter of Tom Bagley joins Tara Long, sister of Aaron Tuck, who was killed with partner Jolene Oliver and their daughter, Emily Tuck as they lead the March to Remember.



Members of the RCMP listen to participants who were taking part in the March to Remember.



Mayor Christine Blair talks with an RCMP officer after the March to Remember.

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