

**Briefing Note/Timeline
Donald Dunphy Case**

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WHO WAS DON DUNPHY?

- Dunphy raised his only child, now a grown woman, alone after his wife died after complications with diabetes. He was injured in an accident several years ago involving a front-end loader that left him unable to work full-time.
- After that Dunphy became an outspoken advocate for injured workers on compensation. His Twitter profile was “a crucified injured worker from NL Canada where employers treat (the) injured like criminals.”
- The area of Mitchells Brook isn't covered by RNC jurisdiction; the RCMP polices the rural area.
- A local town manager for Mount Carmel-Mitchells Brook-St. Catherines, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said Dunphy was familiar with the members of the local RCMP detachment because he held a license to grow medical marijuana. She said that the RCMP would regularly call on Dunphy to check in and, she said they would enter his home and chat with him. She wonders if things would have ended differently if the local RCMP had gone along.

TIMELINE

Thursday, April 2, 2015 – @ 11:40 PM - Sandy Collins tweets about him and Premier were together listening to Sherman Downey in his car earlier that day

Friday, April 3, 2015 – Between 1:06 to 1:16 AM - Donald Dunphy did a series of 6 tweets on April 3, 2015. They are as follows:



Sunday, April 5, 2015 – Personal security for the Premier went to Don Dunphy’s house in Mitchells Brook on Easter Sunday around 2:30 PM. Dunphy was killed by the officer.

Sunday, April 5, 2015 – @4:50 PM Mark Quinn of CBC tweets that there are many police cars in Mitchells Brook area of Mount Carmel where there have been reports of gunfire.

Sunday, April 5, 2015 - @7:17 PM Dave Cochrane says he has exclusive details on the Michells Brook shooting

Sunday , April 5, 2015 - @ 7:23 PM Dave Cochrane sources say that the RNC officer at scene of a fatal shooting was investigating an alleged threat against Premier. Says officer was a member of Premier’s personal security detail. Provides protection and investigates threats. Premier’s office says no comment because of active investigation. Referred him to RCMP.

Sunday, April 5, 2015 - @7:44 PM Cochrane tweets that RCMP, RNC and Premier's office won't confirm but he says there are multiple sources and the story is solid.

Sunday, April 5, 2015 - @ 7:44 PM, CBC files this news story:

**Premier's security involved in fatal shooting in Mitchells Brook
59-year-old man dead following shooting incident in St. Mary's Bay community
Apr 05, 2015 7:44 PM NT**CBC News

CBC News has learned that an officer of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, who was at the scene of the fatal shooting on Sunday in Mitchells Brook, NL, was there to investigate an alleged threat against Premier Paul Davis.

The officer is a member of the premier's personal security detail, which provides protection to Davis and also investigates threats against him.

When contacted, the premier's office said it won't comment because the case is an active police investigation.

Neither the RCMP nor the RNC have responded to questions about the officer's presence in Mitchells Brook.

59-year-old man dead

In a release, RCMP said a member of the RNC was in the community in St. Mary's Bay around 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, following up on inquiries for an investigation.

During that inquiry, investigators said a shooting occurred, and a 59-year-old man was confirmed dead at the scene.

Holyrood RCMP, along with the major crimes unit and the forensic identification unit, are investigating.

The man's identity has not yet been released, pending notification of next of kin.

An autopsy is scheduled for Monday.

Monday, April 6, 2015 – RNC holds a news conference at 11:30 AM.

- Chief Bill Janes confirms that officer involved in the shooting was a member of the protective services unit (PSU), which provides protection to Premier, MHAs, VIPs visiting the province
- Confirms
- Janes won't release any evidence in the case as it is under investigation by the RCMP.
- Won't say if victim pointed gun at officer.

- Officer involved is receiving the necessary debrief and taking the required # of days off
- He says he can't provide much info/answers at this point as incident is subject of RCMP investigation/in the hands of RCMP.
- Janes says next steps ensure officer receives assistance needed while ensuring RCMP gets information needed for a full & thorough investigation

Monday, April 6, 2015 – Premier Davis holds scrum in HOA at 12:30. Here is a summary of what was said (Based on notes I took in the scrum)

- There were two accounts: 1) premier - handled by staff 2) MHA. He generally doesn't know what's on the Premier's account
- His staff alerted police about the Twitter posts Friday out of concern they could be threats against his family and that of a cabinet minister.
- Davis said he was unaware of the online comments until after Dunphy was killed.
- He spoke twice about the Protective Services Unit handled by RNC, RCMP. When they become aware of something, they follow up and investigate
- He was not aware that officer was in Mitchells Brook - Wasn't aware of any of this until after it all happened
- Media asked him was there a perceived threat? He doesn't know
- The media asked him was there something else besides the 6 tweets that prompted the surveillance team to investigate this matter. He doesn't know what the officer knew. All part of what RCMP will investigate. He said it's important to allow the police to conduct the investigation.
- He says the incident occurred in RCMP jurisdiction - too early to make determination if there would be an independent police review. RCMP would make this determination.
- He spoke to the officer involved late last night (Sunday, April 5, 2015). He phoned him and passed along his regards. He called to offer personal support to him
- He had not spoken to the Dunphy family.
- Media asked him did he view the tweets as a threat. He said that when you put your hand up for politics your life and family become open books. You become accustomed to being challenged. But it's upsetting to see comments directed toward him and his family. The family didn't put up their hands. He did.
- He also said that from time to time, there are comments made publicly. People quite often make harsh comments. Leave it to police to follow up. He said it's a very different age and place. He leaves it in the hands of police to determine the actions they will take

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 – Paul Davis does live interview with Evan Solomon. Interview occurs at 1:20:42 at this link: <http://www.cbc.ca/player/News/TV+Shows/ID/2662639483/?page=5>

- Starts off with Dave Cochrane earlier in the show. This is a summary of Cochrane's account of what happened so far: 59 year old Don Dunphy is dead and Premier Paul Davis' security officer killed him. He was at Dunphy's home to investigate a tweet/threat. Look at single tweet in a large context you do not see a clear threat. But it

was enough to cause an investigation. Neighbours heard multiple shots. Dunphy raised gun and Officer responded to shoot Dunphy. RCMP is investigating this because it is in their jurisdiction. Officer went in plain clothes in unmarked car. This complicates the investigation because there was only 2 of them. Forensic evidence will be crucial.

- Headline is Perceived Threat Leads to Deadly Shooting at 1:20:42 Paul Davis is on the show.

Davis said the following: Didn't become aware of this until after this tragic event occurred on Sunday afternoon. It impacts many people: My Dunphy's family, the community and the province. He says he did not see these tweets before Sunday. He was not aware of it and it was not brought to his attention until after the incident occurred. He states we have to be very careful here as it is under investigation by the RCMP. The incident occurred in an area where it's RCMP jurisdiction. They are conducting an investigation and I think it would certainly be an error on his part to prejudge the circumstances when we don't have all the facts.

Solomon points out that Davis was a former RNC officer and he asks what he said to the officer involved.

Premier states that he had a brief conversation with him last night. "I just wanted to touch base with him and have that very short conversation with him. So, it was that. It was a brief conversation and I am sure I will be talking to him again at some time in the future."

Solomon points out that officer was there alone. He asks Davis if Dunphy used his gun to shoot at the police officer.

Davis points out that this is all part of the investigation and he "is not privy to those details of what the police know or what is informing their investigation. Generally speaking for an officer to go visit someone alone is certainly not unusual, it's not unheard of and happens in our province, I would think on a daily basis. So we have to be very, very careful because we don't know what the officer knew, we don't know on what basis he went to visit Mr. Dunphy and until that is known it wouldn't be right for us to assume."

When asked was there any more threats than what we have seen in the single tweet. Davis said that there was a series of tweets and he is sure a full investigation will review all of the communications were created and comments that went back and forth and I am sure the police will grasp a better understanding of what took place. You know, very clearly Canada is changing. It's changed in the last few months and we have seen terrible and tragic incidents occur in NB, in Ottawa last year, we saw issues in Halifax just recently. Times for us as a province are changing. We know that social media quite often opens the door for people to make comments openly more than we have seen more than ever before.

Solomon holds what is clearly a bunch of Dunphy's tweets and points out that while Dunphy tweets about mental health, being an injured worker...there is no terror element here. He asks Davis what he means when he says Canada is changing.

Davis responds by saying that we see types of things happening in Canada today that we are not accustomed to. We've never seen things like this in years gone by. There are a variety of sources and reasons, its troubling to me that we see incident after incident. And to see this happen...this is a tragedy in many ways. Davis said it is a sad day. He said he was nothing short of shocked when he learned yesterday at what had taken place. As a province of NL we do see a change in the activities of crime in our province and there are things happening in the country that never used to occur before.

Solomon questions him, "Like what?" Can you drill down what is changing and why Davis believes this (the shooting) is emblematic of it?

Davis responds by saying that in NL we are well known as a very peaceful people as a very peaceful society. In recent years we have seen issues and concerns around escalation of violent crime in our province. We have seen things happen that never happened before. We have seen crimes involving firearms and weapons that traditionally that wasn't as in the forefront in NL as it was in the past. We do see a change. And also, social media adds a different layer because people can communicate and express their views that not that many years ago couldn't happen like it does today.

Solomon states that some of Dunphy's retweets were about politics but a lot of depression....and there's the mental illness element here. Is that an element that you and your officers will be thinking about? Is mental illness a factor? Is depression a factor here? How do you deal with that.

Davis responds by saying, "Again, we don't know the facts. We have to be very careful and try and assume what the facts may be when the RCMP are still conducting their investigation. But I want to make sure there is a full and a complete investigation that takes place. That's important to happen...grasping a full understanding of the circumstances and what transpired here is important to him as premier and its important to the RCMP and the RNC to understand that as well. So that will be fully part of this investigation."

Solomon asks him will he be revising his security in the wake of these events?

Davis says, "I take advice from the RNC and the RCMP on those matters and I have had some discussions with them today as well and we'll be having some discussions in the future." He went on to say in "my life and my role, and I talked about this earlier today to the people of the province, I like to go about my business as normal and a regular person as I can. Yesterday I spent it at a local arena, in my district, my wife and I with

friends watching a girls hockey game. We enjoyed our time. I had no staff with me, no security with me and that's for the most part how I have done my business and gone about my life in the past and I'd like to keep it as normal as possible. But all of us should be free from any threat that would be a risk to our own life and our own safety.

Interviewed ended 1:29:30.

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 – Don Dunphy's Twitter account was deleted.

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 - RCMP held a news conference on the Dunphy case

- Says Don Dunphy pointed a firearm at the RNC officer
- The rifle was loaded
- RNC officer contacted them before visiting Don Dunphy. Did a thorough risk assessment.
- RNC officer identified himself as a cop. Was invited inside by Dunphy.
- 15 minutes after Dunphy the officer went inside Dunphy had a "sudden and dramatic" change in demeanor. Then pointed loaded .22 calibre rifle at officer
- RNC officer then drew and fired his gun, killing Dunphy

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 – RCMP issues a statement

RCMP statement on Don Dunphy shooting:

On Friday, April 3rd, a Royal Newfoundland Constabulary officer assigned to the Protective Services Unit was advised of the existence of a social media comment, in the public domain, which was felt to be a concern as it was believed to be directed towards provincial politicians. On Sunday, April 5th., the officer attended a residence in Mitchell's Brook, near Mount Carmel, NL, to investigate the social media remarks.

Prior to attending the Mitchell's Brook residence the RNC officer conducted a routine risk assessment within the scope of his duties accessing police databases, discussions with other police personnel, and neighbourhood enquiries.

The officer assessed the risk as low, based on all information he received and as such determined that a multi-officer response was not warranted. This included contacting the RCMP detachment at Holyrood, which is the police service of jurisdiction for Mitchell's Brook. The risk assessment process is an ongoing police activity that occurs throughout all aspects of every investigation.

To date, the RCMP investigation indicates the investigating officer attended the Dunphy residence, spoke with Mr. Donald Dunphy at the door, the officer was identified as a police officer, and was invited into Mr. Dunphy's home by Mr. Dunphy. Once inside the residence, a discussion unfolded between the officer and Mr. Dunphy over a period of approximately 15 minutes. During this time period there was a sudden

and dramatic change in the demeanor of the visit. The police officer was faced with Mr. Dunphy holding a long barrel firearm which was pointed at the officer. Evidence indicates the police officer responded to this threat with lethal force by drawing and discharging his service pistol. Mr. Dunphy was fatally shot and succumbed to his injuries immediately at the scene.

Examination of the scene by Forensic Identification investigators has led to the seizure of a .22 caliber rifle found on the floor of the residence next to Mr. Dunphy. The rifle was determined to be loaded. It has been seized and will be forwarded to a forensic laboratory for examination.

This matter remains under investigation by the RCMP.

The media are welcome to attend the Holyrood RCMP Detachment at 3:45 P.M. to meet with the below noted media contact on this matter.

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 – Autopsy completed but results not released.

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 – RCMP announced that retired provincial Supreme Court judge, David Riche, will report on the investigation into the shooting death of a man by a Royal Newfoundland Constabulary officer on the premier's security team. He will serve as an "independent observer" of the police investigation.

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 – Family releases statement: "Our hearts are broken as a result of the tragic and untimely death of our father and brother. While we understand the public interest in this matter, we respectfully request that members of the media grant us privacy during our time of sorrow. We anxiously await the results of the ongoing investigation and we will not be making any further public comments at this time."

On the same day their lawyer, Erin Breen, says it's too early to say if an inquiry is needed or if the family will sue. They want answers and time to grieve. Breen also says that the focus on tweets, jurisdiction and the fact that the officer was not in uniform a "red herring." She says what happened in the house all that matters. According to Breen, Dunphy's family is devastated, but they're looking for answers and want a thorough investigation by the RCMP into his death.

Thursday, April 9, 2015 – Close to 100 people gathered outside Don Dunphy's home for a vigil for him and his family at 9 PM. There were three moments of silence held; one in Dunphy's memory, the second for his daughter and a third for all people suffering from work-related injuries.

Friday, April 10, 2015 – Dun Dunphy's funeral

Friday, April 10, 2015 – On the same day as the funeral, an email written by the officer involved was leaked to the media. @5:02 PM Dave Cochrane broke news that RNC officer who fatally shot Don Dunphy addressed the fatality in an e-mail sent to all employees of the RNC. Sources tell Cochrane that officer has been reassigned. Will not return to the Protective Services Unit (PSU).

Text of Email:

Friends and Colleagues —

It is with a heavy heart I write this message, however, I feel it necessary that you hear my sentiments on Sunday's tragedy — the death of Mr. Donald Dunphy. Firstly, please accept my sincere gratitude for the messages, handshakes, and general support you have shown my family and I. We live in a period where opinion is ubiquitous, while facts seemingly take a back seat to what is titillating. The vocal minority engaged in social media and open line talk shows appear to want an immediate cyber-trial in a veritable town square, instead of a professional and detailed investigation involving interviews and scientific forensic analysis. I have come to the conclusion however that this is where we have a responsibility, and where we must take the time to reflect on why we decided to enter the world of Policing.

It is very easy for us to become frustrated at what appears to be prolific ignorance prevailing in our society (something I have had to reconcile myself); but we didn't choose to become police officers because it was easy. We are police officers, and we are the civilian police staff, because we get the unparalleled opportunity to help people. For Mr. Dunphy, we were simply too late — but that doesn't mean we stop forging ahead into hopelessness, anguish and despair with the view of creating betterment, safety and wellbeing for the citizens we serve.

Our community is reeling from this terrible misfortune, and we must do what we are supposed to do in any community tragedy — we must show strength, understanding, compassion, leadership, and empathy. This is our responsibility; so there lies in this most unfortunate of circumstances an opportunity to educate and empathize.

We are the experts in our field, and can't expect everybody to simply "get it." While we cannot discuss confidential details of any police file or investigation, we can indeed articulate our expertise in a concise way that alleviates some of the confusion that exists even amongst our own friends and family:

Protective Policing — is predicated on intelligence led investigations. Most will inherently view police work as something that is reactive. ie. Somebody is threatened and we respond accordingly. Intelligence based policing is proactive, and in the case of protective services, attempts to identify potential concerns and disconcerting behavior, and through a risk analysis endeavors to assign threat levels and implement

corrective measures before an act of targeted violence occurs. Use the Ottawa shooting as an inverse comparison; society was quick in this case to ask where the police were in identifying red flags. Erroneous misleading statistics associated to the depth of work police carry out is difficult to explain in a media sound-bite, but people need to understand that a singular police file number does not capture what we do in its totality.

Security for elected officials — is sadly a topic of public debate. Newfoundland and Labrador is an amazing place to live and work. We are however not impervious to singular acts of violence. Our elected officials make great sacrifices to carry out important work, and they suffer a level of public exposure and scrutiny like no other group I am aware of. They are charged with managing public funds and our social programs. This leads to individuals and groups who will be disgruntled, and when desperation and instability is added to the mix you will have security concerns. Our elected officials and their families deserve to live and do their work unencumbered by concerns for their safety and well being. Whether our Premier wears a blue, red or an orange stripe, their security should be as static as the desk in their office. Some will tell you that our Premier should be, or is an ordinary person; the reality however is that while they may have once been an "ordinary person" (if such a thing exists), they are now our Premier, and there is nothing ordinary about that Office. Society has eroded many of the comforts and standard amenities that should come with being an elected official — all in the name of politics. We are however the Provincial Police, and we will continue to provide a service and make recommendations that are founded in principle and good policing philosophy.

A capable and professional police service requires community support and confidence for success; to achieve community support and confidence we require dedicated professionals who are well trained, proud and confident in their duties, and who can empower stakeholders to play an active role in creating safer communities. When such tragedies are at our forefront, we risk eroding that confidence.

While there are many people who are and will be impacted by this, make no mistake that at the core of this matter, there is a family that no longer has a father and a brother. I sincerely appreciate the tremendous support you have shown me and my family, but we must also bear in mind that we have a community who is confused, scared, hurt and grieving. We must also help them heal.

Although I cannot regret my actions last Sunday, I unequivocally wish I could have visited Mr. Dunphy at a point in his life where another level of intervention may have been possible. Our lives can change or end in the blink of an eye. Please seize any opportunity to help those who need it.

Monday, April 13, 2015 – RNC Chief Bill Janes says the RNC is investigating to find out if somebody on the force broke the law by leaking the officer's email.

- He said three RNC officers in the professional standards section are looking into the matter.
- He said that he did not authorize the leak of the email.
- "As soon as we saw the email, our professional standards section immediately opened an investigation into the source of the email and if it had been released by one of our staff to the media. Step No. 1 is to try to find the source, and we have three investigators on that."
- He said in addition to the possible breach of the RNC Act, releasing the email could be a breach of the staff's oath of confidentiality which all RNC employees take.

Monday, April 13, 2015 – Erin Breen responds to the leaked email and says that whoever leaked it showed disrespect by doing so.

- The family learned of the leaked letter on the day of Dunphy's funeral, said Breen, adding they are trying to come to grips that someone chose to leak it.
- She told CBC: "It was a traumatic day for his daughter and then to have to deal with another release of information from the police to read that on that day was really devastating for her."
- Breen said Janes is right to launch an internal investigation, noting employees with the RNC have a duty not to leak information that pertains to the investigation.
- "Any kind of release of information has the potential to influence how a person will say something, will report something, or how information is interpreted," Breen said. "At this point in time, I don't know who is left to be interviewed. I presume interviews are still ongoing."
- Some people have called for a judicial inquiry. However, Breen said the Dunphy family is waiting for the RNC's investigation to be complete before deciding what to do next.
- Breen said because there is a lot of forensic analysis to be done in the Dunphy investigation, she expects it will take at least several more weeks.

Monday, April 13, 2015 – Andrew Parsons spoke to Erin Breen. She stated the following:

- Family is extremely angry and upset.
- Family wants criminal charges but there probably won't be any
- Speaks about possible systemic issues within RNC wrt the leaked email
- Says a lot of information has been taken out of the house and will go to forensics. Will take a long time for forensics to come back. Says it is foolish to ask for an inquiry and that it is too early to ask for it
- However, a commission of inquiry is the type that is needed
- The family is disappointed by the treatment they have received from the RCMP and RNC
- Planning to write letter to Premier next week (week of April 20-24) and will CC us
- Breen met with daughter this week and will be meeting with her again next week

Monday, April 13, 2015 – Anna Maria Tremonti of CBC's, The Current devoted the show to Deciphering Tweets: a threat, a rant or an ill-advised joke? Provoked by Don Dunphy's tweet and subsequent death

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- ██████████ - ██████████ spent 2 years in and out of court in ██████████ because of an ill-advised tweet in 2010. Was arrested under anti-terror legislation for a tweet joke he made about blowing up the airport because of bad weather and he wanted to see his girlfriend. He felt that all of his followers understood his humour. Detained for 8 hours. Released on bail. He just felt it was just a misunderstanding. People assumed it would be sorted out. He was one of the first guys to be arrested thru Twitter. Law wasn't equipped to deal with Twitter. Went on for 2.5 years. Unemployable during this time. July 27, 2012 – acquitted. He says he was awakened by the whole process.
- David Fraser – McInnis Cooper, Lawyer from Halifax; seems to him that there is an overreaction to social media. Based on his experience he says that law enforcement officers who are given the important task of determining whether something is a threat and following it up is that law enforcement officers are not regular users of social media. They are regular observers of it. They use it as a tool to look for threats. But he is not sure that there is enough understanding of the context of the hyperbole of the sort of language that is used to fully contextualize what is going on. If officers see something as a threat they should investigate the matter. But they have to go in to it with the nuance and understanding that in many ways the social media and particularly the political debate and things like that is a very, very different culture than what you'll overhear for example in coffee shops. For example, Mr. ██████████ had a stream of conversation with his followers. He had a tone of conversation and one singular, insular tweet was taken completely out of context and it was perceived to be a threat. But you need to have people who understand the culture, the hyperbole, the language, the milieu, in order to fully understand. Are we wasting our resources going after people who mean no real threat in the tweets, instead of going after the people who are making real threats? If someone makes a threat it needs to be responded to quickly and viewed by someone who is immersed in the milieu so that they understand it. Consequences of overreaction? One needs to immediately react and investigate and then they need to be cautious about the next steps. There needs to be a robust assessment instead of fly off the handle immediately. People need to be mindful that they are broadcasting to their followers but that you are also broadcasting to the world. Anybody can listen in and not everyone can get the context.
- David Harris – lawyer and director of the International and Terrorist Intelligence Program for INSIGNIS Strategic Research in Ottawa – Context and circumstances are very important here. Evidence in front of parliamentary committees have RCMP scrambling to stay on top of vital threats. This is unnerving on many levels including law enforcement officers not having enough time to take some of the subtle analysis that is required for the best interest of all citizens. This can bring with it certain risks. He also says that he doesn't want to underplay either that the whole context becomes an important issue. Then he speaks about the hindsight of 20/20 and not acting and speaks of the man who killed two cops in NY. He acknowledges that we cannot expect cops to

be psychic about the cultural milieus of the various individuals who may be contributing to tweets/so forth. It is a very difficult problem. Maybe there should have been more room for an investigation of a subtle kind but how much time might one have if there is a bone fide threat.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – Darin King did a scrum about the Electoral Boundary Commission. They also asked him about the Dunphy case.

- He says it's too early to determine if an inquiry is needed.
- He wants to see the current investigation unfold.
- Says he has every confidence in RNC, RCMP.
- He says it is unfortunate that public confidence is shaken, but it is understandable because it is a tragedy.
- He sends his condolences to the Dunphy family.
- Says they have professionals on both forces and he is confident that the RCMP will due its due diligence and he eagerly awaits the conclusion of the investigation.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – CBC runs a story about how police interpret and act on social media with a Halifax based lawyer who specializes in Canadian privacy and technology.

- He said that police officers have a responsibility to investigate social media threats, but must be cautious not to overreact.
- He said Dunphy's tweets didn't appear to be a serious threat. He said "I actually had some difficulty interpreting exactly what it meant."
- He said it is the police's responsibility to investigate any potential red flags. "If something goes wrong and you look in 20/20 hindsight that there were tweets pointing in that direction or other information, you would say, 'Where were the police? Why weren't they on top of that?'"
- While investigators needs to monitor activity on social media, Fraser said it's important for police to have a good sense of the "distinct culture" on websites such as Twitter.
- "There's something different about social media — about the language that's used — there's very often a whole lot of hyperbole."

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – @2:00 PM, NDP, Earl McCurdy, calls for a commission of inquiry into the Don Dunphy shooting

- Says its needed to restore the public's confidence in the province's police force
- Said the provincial government should commit to an inquiry prior to the conclusion of the RCMP's investigation into Dunphy's death
- Says calling an inquiry wouldn't prejudice the RCMP's investigation into what happened in Dunphy's home
- Says the start of the inquiry should wait until the conclusion of the police investigation
- Says the call for an inquiry isn't criticism against any one particular individual group or person but is needed due to the public's concerns

- Says: "Among other things it would need to look into the protocols and decision making processes of the protective security unit and the relationship between and among that unit, the premier's office, and the RNC, the RCMP and the general public."
- Says it should also look at the email written by the RNC officer who shot Dunphy, which was leaked to the media.
- "I don't know what happened there — I'm not passing judgement on what happened but I think, as in the Reid and Powers cases a few years ago, it's of sufficient magnitude and concern as to warrant a public inquiry."

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – Erin Breen tells media that Don Dunphy's daughter generally supports a call for a commission of inquiry into the death of her father. Although up until now they're primarily focused on the criminal investigation being conducted by the RCMP.

Thursday, April 16, 2015 – Andrew Parsons does media on the Dunphy case.

- Says it is very likely that an inquiry into Don Dunphy's death will be necessary, but it's too early to set its terms
- Says he is not going to play politics with this. He says there is a family right now who we know wants a full, criminal investigation into this matter.
- Says at the end of the day, what he wants is all the facts to ensure that the public has trust in the process and that public is satisfied that there are no unanswered questions.
- The family and the general public want their questions answered. Certainly so do I and an inquiry may be the way to do that
- I think the OPP (Ontario Police Department) would have been the right force to bring in to handle this investigation. The RCMP played a part of this situation,
- The RNC called the RCMP for a risk assessment in this matter. That directly involves them in the chain of events that led to this tragedy.

Friday, April 17, 2015 – Erin Breen does On Point with CBC for Saturday, April 18 however, CBC took this from her interview and ran it as a story.

- Breen says that an inquiry will be sought but only after the RCMP investigation is completed.
- "I can say that for certain they do want to see an inquiry of some kind after they have their answers, but we have all agreed that certainly it must only take place after the investigation — criminal investigation — ends." According to Breen, the family will wait to see what the outcome of the RCMP investigation is before determining what issues they want addressed in a public inquiry.
- "We certainly think that the collection of evidence, the analysis of evidence and the interpretation, conclusions that come from that evidence must take place first," she said.
- "As well, before we even consider what are the terms of reference of an inquiry like this, those things all have to take place."