

Hello Everyone,

I trust this email finds you well. This is a concept note meant to provide clarity and confirm interest.

During the last General Election (GE) there were gaps and inefficiencies in sharing intel between organisations. We would like to develop an interdepartmental task force (IDTF) in a single operations center. The **purpose** is to **increase efficient intelligence communication during a GE**, especially if a security event occurs.

Elections Canada met with the RCMP on Tuesday February 6th. We identified two activities to be carried out:

- There is a by-election on March 4th in Durham. We would like to use this as a trial run. We will
 monitor Durham, but also run an unclassed tabletop exercise (TTX) complex enough to
 include all the departments. We are still working out the details and location, but it will likely
 be in a large boardroom at the RCMP
 The exercise will help determine:
 - Lines of communication and who should lead when,
 - Roles and responsibilities of the various actors,
 - c. The level of personnel required for decision-making,
 - d. If we have the equipment we need (monitoring capabilities, communication etc.),
 - e. Any continued gaps or inefficiencies, and
 - f. Any strengths we can leverage further.
- 2. Develop a fully operational IDTF for the next GE (current readiness date is Spring 2025) which will likely be held at the RCMP. You will need to consider retention rates and choose personnel who could be committed to the event. Everyone will need to be RCMP. Top Secret cleared to be in the Clearance would take months. If someone leaves, there may not be time to clear someone else. It will also likely be 2-4 weeks of monitoring, so you will need to consider if you want one person doing long hours or alternates doing shifts.

Details are still be negotiated, but could you please confirm:

- Who would attend on March 4th,
- Their clearance level/s and which department they are cleared with,
- Any equipment you hope to bring for monitoring, communication, etc.
- Suggest any other organisations not included below if you feel they should be:
 - GOC
 - CSIS regional and HQ

- Gatineau police
- INTERSECT OPS
- OCCE
- CSE
- GAC RRM
- ITAC
- RCMP
- Elections Canada

Finally please save the date in your calendar. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please reach out. We look forward to hearing from you, and will follow up with further details once confirmed.

Warm Wishes
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