

### TORONTO-AREA POLICE INCREASE PRESENCE AT TOURIST SPOTS DUE TO 'UNCONFIRMED PIECE OF INFORMATION'

Police in the Greater Toronto Area say they have increased the number of officers at key tourist locations, such as the CN Tower and Canada's Wonderland, as a precaution due to an unconfirmed and "unsubstantiated piece of information."

Toronto police and York Regional Police did not reveal the source of the "information" or what it entails. "Public safety is our primary concern and we are working closely with our emergency service partners across the GTA as we investigate and respond to the information we have received," York police said in a statement. "We will be keeping the community informed through our website

at [yrp.ca](http://yrp.ca) and through our social media accounts. We encourage the public to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to police by calling 911."

The CN Tower was seen Thursday with multiple cruisers surrounding the structure and adjacent streets. A statement released by CN Tower officials said they were made aware of the unconfirmed information by police and are cooperating with authorities to ensure employees and guests are safe.

"Yes, we have been made aware by Toronto Police Services that they are responding to an 'unconfirmed, uncorroborated piece of

information' relating to the GTA," CN Tower director of sales, marketing and communications, Joanne Pawlicki, said.

"As a result, they will be deploying an increased number of police officers across the city, particularly downtown, and are closely monitoring the situation."

Canada's Wonderland, an amusement park in Vaughan, Ont., just northwest of Toronto, was also surrounded with an enhanced police presence.

"In conjunction with York Region Police, we are aware of unspecified and uncorroborated information regarding venues in the GTA," Canada's Wonderland director of communications, Grace Peacock, said in a statement.

"Canada's Wonderland officials are working with York Region Police and continue to take their guidance on this matter. I can confirm York Region Police are onsite, but the park is still open to guests."

The Ontario premier's office said in a statement that they are aware of the "potential threat" and are monitoring the situation closely. "While the information is unsubstantiated, the Premier has been briefed by the Provincial Security Advisor and is actively monitoring the situation," the statement read. "Our officials remain in close contact with federal and municipal security partners."

The federal government's Ministry of Public Safety told Global News they are also monitoring the situation but as for now, it is a matter for local police.

A statement from both the RCMP and the Canadian military said they have been made aware of the situation in Toronto but are not actively involved in the operation. "The RCMP works closely with municipal and provincial police partners and will assist as required," RCMP Sgt. Penny Hermann said. "We have no further comment at this time as matter is under investigation by local police."

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