

VIOLENCE IN CANADIAN SCHOOLS



The community of Tumbler Ridge, B.C., is in mourning after eight people were killed in a school shooting Tuesday afternoon in the province's Peace region. The suspected shooter died of a self-inflicted injury.

RCMP say there were "multiple victims" from a shooting at Tumbler Ridge Secondary School, where students attend grades 7 through 12. Prime Minister Mark Carney and federal party leaders paid tribute to the community of Tumbler Ridge, B.C., and the victims of Tuesday's deadly mass shooting in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

Eight people were killed at Tumbler Ridge Secondary School and a residence in the small northern B.C. community. The shooter was found dead with a self-inflicted injury, police said.

The statements came after MPs held a moment of silence in honour of the victims and their families, and agreed to adjourn the House of Commons until Thursday morning.

Across Durham condolences kept being released for families that had to endure such tragic event

The City of Oshawa lowered its flags to half-mast at City Hall and City facilities to honour the victims of the tragic events that took place in Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia on Tuesday, February 10.

"On behalf of City Council and the City of Oshawa, we stand together with the family, friends and colleagues who are mourning the passing of loved ones following yesterday's tragic events," said Oshawa Mayor Dan Carter. "We share in your profound sorrow and our hearts and thoughts are with the entire Tumbler Ridge community during this incredibly difficult time."

Mayor Kevin Ashe My heart is with the families, students, educators, first responders and everyone affected by the mass shooting at Tumbler Ridge Secondary School in British Columbia. Communities across our country are in shock and deep sorrow over the lives lost and those injured. The City of Pickering stands with the community of Tumbler Ridge and all British Columbians, grieving alongside you and holding you in our prayers. In honour of the victims and as a sign of respect and solidarity, our flags will be lowered to half-mast.

Clarington Mayor Adrian Foster has issued the following statement.

"My heart goes out to everyone in Tumbler Ridge, B.C., after this week's devastating school shooting. Like every

Canadian parent, my heart breaks for the families in this small community going through this terrible tragedy. Our community in Clarington shares the sorrow, and our thoughts are with everyone navigating this unbearably tough time."

Pickering Councillor Lisa Robinson stated: Devastated by the loss of life in Tumbler Ridge. Sending love to the families, friends, and first responders carrying unimaginable grief today. Canada needs better mental-health care, earlier supports for youth and families, and real prevention—so crises are addressed before they turn into tragedy. Our kids deserve care, stability, and protection.

Kids who are struggling deserve real mental-health support and time to grow—not pressure toward irreversible medical decisions. Let's invest in care that puts their long-term wellbeing first.

On social media:

Danny Rosen

According to liberals a gun walked into the school and shot everybody so it's obviously the gun's fault.

Tari Barnes

This government needs to stop brainwashing the children!! Our schools are all corrupt and run by woke folk confusing kids. It's disgusting and needs to stop. Should have done something with the drag storytime for children

Larry Wood

The politically correct lefty media will do its best to downplay this aspect of the shootings

Viola Randell

Adults promoting transgender ideology are totally complicit. It's evil and it's child abuse.

When will Canadians stop being silenced and take a stand to protect children who are being targeted and who are not getting the mental health intervention they need.

There I said it out loud despite the fact our government wants to call it all kinds of names to silence the TRUTH. Michelle M Sapara Abdai

So so Sorry for all.

Another mass shooting horrific....! Again this happens as they are working on stealing our guns remember N.S. Mass MURDERS & the next morning Trudeau was pushing to get our guns & it came out that TRUDEAU & GOVERNMENT AIDED THE MASS SHOOTER WITH COP CAR GUNS ETC. & TOLD RCMP

TO STAND DOWN WHICH THEY DID ALSO THEY DID NO EMERGENCY ALERT ON PHONES OR TV OR RADIO...! They blamed it on mental illness, sounds familiar

SD Sherry

But let's allow kids to transition with puberty blockers and

then be surprised when they behave with aggression and insanity! These ppl are mentally ill to begin with. They need to find God. Not change genders! God have mercy!

Terry Rekar

1 hand delivered a 300 page binder 3 mths ago to The education minister, Paul Calandra and Doug Ford on behalf of Action4Canada Oshawa Chapter on the harms and peer reviewed studies that have been done in Canada and the US and other countries on the severe harms and brainwashing ideology telling kids that they might be born in the wrong body.

This is what they are teaching our kids at a very young age under the Wynne Sex Ed curriculum. I followed up to make a appointment with Paul Calandra to discuss the contents of the binder. I attended a summer bbq hosted by him in August 2025 in Markham where we discussed setting up an appointment with his office to arrange a meeting date. I have emailed and called several times to his constituency office and to the Ministry of Education in Toronto and talked with his assistant who informed me that Mr Calandra had no time at the moment! I continue to call for an appointment. To this date I have not heard back. I also have called Doug Ford at his Queens Park office with no call back. This should be shared everywhere to get their attention NOW!!!

Frank Russell
I have nothing at all polite or socially acceptable to say about that delusional lump of a man....only that he should be put away or.....PUT AWAY!

Rob Wright

Doug Ford allows them to fly their terrorist flags at the schools and promote mental illness as a norm.

Rob Nelson

When will the Liberal adopt mandatory Mental health regulations

Larry Wood

Better health care is a great concept but people who have those problems don't broadcast it. Also, sometimes we don't know of a problem until something very seriously wrong happens; that's the first clue. It's not that simple, unfortunately....tragically.

Val Nicholson

Liberals & school groomers .. & our pathetic medical in .. are responsible for for this

Ron Thertell

We also need to ban all celebrations for these people - no more pride flags, parades and donations from the government with our money.

Laura Lee

I think it's time that there's a real investigation into why there's so many trans people

who are shooters.

Could it have something to do with our school system and our healthcare? I do believe our poor children are snapping.

Marylisa Murphy Fraser

Prayers for the victims and may they rest in peace. Also prayers going out to the many family and friends that are here trying to deal with this and climbing out of their skin. I can't imagine! Just heartbreaking!

People are upset. People want change.

Just last week in Numerous schools have been forced to go on alert and some event lock down due to this phantom.

At first it was believed to be a local problem. After investigating the number of occurrence increasing.

Police have determined that it is a bigger problem than anticipated.

According to Durham Regional Police. There a movement of sort that is targeting our Durham youth. The group is known as

'The Com'.

"The Com" (short for "The Community") refers to a decentralized, international online network of cybercriminals and associated groups, primarily composed of English-speaking young people (often minors aged 11–25) from places like the US, Canada, UK, and elsewhere. It's not a single organized gang but a loose ecosystem of interconnected Discord, Telegram, and forum-based communities where members collaborate on or compete in various crimes.

Motivations include financial gain, notoriety among peers, ideology, retaliation, or sexual gratification.

No single person or entity is "responsible" for creating or leading "The Com" (short for "The Community").

It is a decentralized, loosely organized online ecosystem—or subculture—of primarily English-speaking cybercriminals, rather than a traditional hierarchical group with a founder or central leader. Origins and nature: The Com emerged organically from online communities, likely starting in the mid-2010s (with some roots traced back to around 2013 in forums like Doxbib) among young people involved in activities like doxxing, SIM swapping for Bitcoin, swatting, and harassment.

It grew from toxic subsets of gaming platforms (e.g., Roblox, Minecraft, Discord) where harassment evolved into more serious crimes like phishing, extortion, and ransomware. It is not a monolithic organization but a fluid network of interconnected

Discord/Telegram servers, forums, and chat groups where individuals collaborate opportunistically, form temporary subgroups, compete for notoriety, or splinter off.

Key points from reports by the FBI, Europol, cybersecurity firms, and media:

Subsets include: Hacker Com — Focused on cybercrimes like phishing, SIM swapping, ransomware, account takeovers, crypto theft, and corporate intrusions (linked to groups like Scattered Spider/UNC3944, involved in high-profile hacks of companies like MGM, Reddit, and others).

Extortion Com — Involves blackmail, sextortion, doxxing, and coercing victims (often minors) into producing/sharing child sexual abuse material (CSAM).

IRL Com ("In Real Life") — Escalates to real-world violence, including swatting, threats, violence-for-hire, or coercion tied to online disputes.

Many members are teenagers or young adults recruited via gaming platforms, social media, or minor-friendly apps. Overlaps exist with extreme groups like 764 (a satanic/neo-Nazi child exploitation network).

Law enforcement (FBI, RCMP, Europol) has issued warnings and made arrests, describing it as a rising threat to youth through grooming, exploitation, and radicalization toward violence or crime.

This isn't a mainstream band, crew, or innocent group—it's flagged by authorities as a serious cybercrime and exploitation network.

Several arrests have occurred, such as a 19-year-old from Florida in 2024 and a UK citizen in Spain that same year.

The group's sophistication has increased over the years, with advanced methods for hiding identities and laundering money.

Just this past week The Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) is alerting parents, caregivers, and community members to an emerging online threat involving coordinated groups known as "The Com" (short for the Community).

"The Com" is a network of online predators who use grooming, manipulation, coercion, and intimidation to exploit Durham young people. Offenders often build trust, create secrecy through fear or shame, and pressure victims into harmful or violent activities, which has led to criminality in certain instances.

These groups target children and youth aged 8 to 17 across popular online platforms, including Discord, Telegram, Snapchat, Roblox, Minecraft, Twitch, and Steam.

These online predators operate using the following tactics: Building trust through friendship or romantic attention.

Manipulating youth using fear, guilt, or intimidation.

Coercing victims into harmful or unsafe activities, including: Sharing inappropriate and exploitative images or videos Engaging in self-harm or harm toward others or ani-

als.

Displaying concerning user-names, symbols, or messages.

Coercing children to participate in crimes—such as hoax 911 calls (swatting), online attacks, or sharing harmful content—often without realizing the seriousness of what they're being manipulated into.

Forcing compliance through threats such as exposing private information, doxing, or swatting.

The Durham Regional police service (DRPS) said a threat that led to a Hold and Secure at an Oshawa school on Thursday, February 5, was a prank call.

DRPS had responded to a shooting threat at Harmony Heights Public School (see below).

Around 2 pm, Harmony Heights Public School was placed on a hold and secure and a large police response ensued, with several units deployed including the K9 unit. It was discovered that the call was a prank, police said.

A 14-year old was arrested and charged with criminal harassment, mischief, endangerment and more.

DRPS stated: "These incidents are not jokes: they cause fear and divert police from real emergencies."

They asked parents and guardians to speak with their children about the importance of not diverting resources.

This is the second time this year that a school in the Durham Region has faced a threat.

On January 28, DRPS reported a threat to William Dunbar Public School in the City of Pickering which led to a lock-down situation.

DRPS has recently responded to a number of incidents in the community that are believed to be linked to this online predatory group.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to watch for patterns or clusters of the following behaviours:

Use of encrypted apps (e.g., Discord, Telegram) without parental knowledge.

Withdrawal, secrecy, mood changes, or declining academic performance.

Increased or secretive use of phones or electronic devices.

Interest in extreme or harmful online ideologies.

New online contacts your child seems unusually attached to—or afraid of.

While one of these signs may not be of concern, multiple indicators together may warrant attention. Visit drps.ca/onlinesafety to learn more about the signs and how to protect children from this online threat.

You can help protect your child by talking to them about the risks of sharing personal information or images online. Ask direct, non-judgmental questions about the platforms they use and the individuals they interact with.

Ensure you have access to your child's online platforms and regularly review their activity. Pay close attention to platforms with chat or group features.