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Possible tornado rips through Harrington Que., in the Laurentians

Storm damage in the municipality includes uprooted trees and damaged utility poles

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Researchers at the Northern Tornado Project are working to confirm whether Tuesday's night's storm was in fact a tornado. (Facebook / Xtrem Chase Québec - Chasseurs de tempêtes)

Officials are looking to confirm whether a storm that passed through Harrington, Que., —a municipality in the Laurentians—was in fact a tornado.

According to Dominic Martel, a meteorologist with Environment Canada, radar suggests a tornado formed around 5:34 p.m., and ended around 5:44 p.m. on Tuesday.

Martel says the agency is waiting for researchers at the Northern Tornado Project to confirm its suspicions, but added that tornado risk in the region is over.

The Sûreté du Québec (SQ) says it received several calls from residents in Harrington of broken tree branches and infrastructure damaged by the wind.

No injuries have been reported so far, though provincial police told CBC that officers on the ground were conducting wellness checks on Wednesday morning.

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Harrington, Que., is approximately 40 kilometres from Mont-Tremblant, with a population of under 1,000 people. The probable tornado hit Tuesday afternoon, resulting in downed power lines and outages in the small municipality and other parts of the Laurentians.

The municipality of Harrington is about 40 kilometres south of Mont-Tremblant and has a population of just over 900 people.

Martel says the storm's path was tracked from Bell Falls to Lake MacDonald, with the town located right in the middle of the two.

According to Hydro Québec, [431 addresses in the town](#) were still without power early Wednesday morning following the storm, due to damage caused by vegetation downed lines.

Close to 4,000 homes are affected across the Laurentians. Teams are assessing the situation.

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