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Storm that ripped through Harrington, Que., was a tornado, researchers say

Tornado left major damage behind

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The tornado caused major damage in Harrington, Que. (Kwabena Oduro/CBC)

The storm that passed through Harrington, Que., this week was in fact a tornado, according to researchers from the Northern Tornadoes Project (NTP).

"Snapped power poles and significant tree damage were documented by the NTP damage survey team along a track more than 10 kilometres long and at times exceeding one kilometre wide," wrote the NTP in a post on X on Friday morning.

"The preliminary rating is high-end EF1 with an estimated maximum wind speed of 175 km/h."

Tornadoes are measured on a scale of F0 to F5, with F5 being the most intense.

Earlier this week, Dominic Martel, a meteorologist with Environment and Climate Change Canada, said a radar suggested a tornado had formed at around 5:34 p.m., and had ended at around 5:44 p.m. on Tuesday.

Possible tornado rips through Harrington Que., in the Laurentians

Martel had also said that the agency was waiting for NTP researchers to confirm its suspicions.

Harrington is located about 115 kilometres northwest of Montreal.

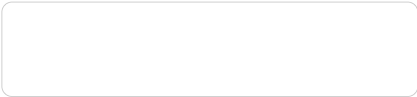
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Harrington, Que., is approximately 40 kilometres from Mont-Tremblant, with a population of under 1,000 people. The probable tornado hit Tuesday afternoon, resulting in downed power lines and outages in the small municipality and other parts of the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



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