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Royal Party Arrives in Halifax

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The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall departed RAF Brize Norton, UK at 4:15 BST and arrived at the Robert L. Stanfield International Airport in Halifax, NS at 6:35 pm ADT on May 18 to begin their 4 Day Royal Visit to Canada.

Prince Charles, wearing a blue pin-striped suit and maple-leaf lapel pin, and his wife, Camilla, attired in a cream and gold tweed coat with black gloves, carrying a Canadian black clutch bag given to her on her last visit by a Canadian friend, descended the 25 stairs of the Government of Canada plane onto the tarmac.

The Royal Couple shook hands and exchanged greetings with roughly 22 dignitaries including Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Peter MacKay, his wife, Nazanin, and son, Kian Alexander; Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil and wife, Andrea; Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley MP Scott Armstrong and wife, Tammy; Commander of H Division RCMP, Chief Superintendent Brian Brennan and wife, Cariann; Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley MLA Larry Harrison and wife, Suzanne; Mayor of Halifax Michael Savage and Darlene Killen; Deputy Royal Tour Coordinator, Joel Girouard; Nova Scotia Chief of Protocol, Glennie Langille; and President of Halifax International Airport Authority, Joyce Carter.

Wearing purple tiered-lace dresses with purple lace and sequin flowers adorning their hair, Grace Elizabeth and Molly Jane Lenihan, ages 3 and 9, presented flowers to Camilla. They are the daughters of Carla MacQuarrie and Peter Lenihan of West Chezzetcook, NS.

The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall's motorcade departed for Government House, the oldest official residence in Canada, and a meeting with The Honourable J.J. Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret'd), Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, and his wife, Joan. The Duchess of Cornwall and Mrs. Grant sat on the same couch and visited while The Prince of Wales and Lieutenant Governor sat in two separate arm chairs for their conversation. The four posed for a photo then Prince Charles was sworn in to the Queen's Privy Council for Canada by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, near a painting of his grandfather King George VI. Later, The Royal Couple attended a reception with invited media, where they both went around the room, had conversations and shook hands. The Prince and The Duchess stayed overnight at Government House.

