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## Gananoque Damage Reports

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## **August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 – Gananoque, ON – “Tornado” Report**

Damage reported to have occurred around 1pm, confirmed by Gananoque Fire Department’s Blake Richardson ([redacted] – duty officer’s cell), photos (video?) to be sent to the Storm.Ontario email. Reports of damage from Victoria Ave, North Street, and out to the east on the 1000 Islands Parkway that parallels the St. Lawrence River

Ray Tedford – retired police officer – sent in photos to Storm.Ontario address on Sunday, confirmed timing of storm and location of damage on Victoria Ave and North Street and reported that the touchdown occurred on Garfield Street. A trampoline reportedly was transported by the winds from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street and noted that the damage on Victoria looked “chaotic” – he was able to differentiate it from straight-line wind damage. His photos are on the Outreach FTP.

A message was left on Hydro One’s media line on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> asking about any reports of damage in the Gananoque area, but there hasn’t been a response

### **Update – August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

I had a chat with Allison Turner (who'd left the voicemail [redacted]) and her description sounded pretty convincing in terms of it confirming a tornado...

From out on a boat between Hay Island and Gananoque, she and her son saw a "twister" grow from the clouds, spinning clockwise and becoming longer and wider with time. She couldn't tell if it was on the ground because of the tree line, but she did note that during the 5-10 minutes the event was occurring there were "things" flying around in the air - initially she thought it was birds flying around it, but then her friend pointed out that it could have been debris. She lives on Oak Street and her backyard experienced extensive damage. She said that the Oak Street/Victoria Street/River Street areas experienced the heaviest damage and she also mentioned that her father had witnessed the tornado at a close distance near Hwy 2 - I called and left a message at his number[ redacted].

Link to a news blog: <http://ingananoque.com/gananoque-was-that-a-mini-tornado-that-hit-the-town/>

(photos added to FTP)

### **Update – August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

Terry Hill (Allison’s father) called back and I spoke with him about his experience (he watched it from about 100 yrds away)

He noted that the large flock of blackbirds that inhabits his area was become noisy and were seeming to panic about 10-15 minutes before the event occurred. The sky became very dark quickly and the winds picked up, blowing leaves from his neighbour’s yard toward the north. The vortex crossed the farmer’s field to his north in about 2 minutes, and was around 3-4 ft across at the ground and 12-15 ft across with increasing height. The vortex churned up leaves as it moved across the field, moving northeast and was

rotating in a counterclockwise direction and he noted a temperature drop as the tornado was occurring.

Terry lives at [redacted] Gananoque which is across the street from the golf course and can be reached at [redacted]