

UAP in Canada: What MPs Need to Know

Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena — a documented gap in Canadian science, transparency, and airspace policy.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Canada's own Chief Science Advisor has confirmed it: UAP are a real issue that Canadians want their leaders to take seriously, and Canada has a tangible reporting gap. The data sits scattered across departments, no one is in charge, and roughly one in four Canadians say they have seen something they could not explain. This is not a fringe topic, it's a serious matter of public policy impacting issues like scientific research, public-trust, and airspace-sovereignty. This issue is ready for serious Parliamentary leadership, and Canadians need representatives like you to be those leaders.

Sky Canada Project highlights:

- **June 2025:** the Office of the Chief Science Advisor released the Sky Canada Project report — the first federal review of UAP reporting in nearly 30 years.
- **No one is in charge.** Reports arrive across DND, Transport Canada and NAV CANADA with no standard system and no lead a gap the report says actively hinders scientific study.
- **1 in 4 Canadians** report witnessing a UAP in a government survey — only 10% reported it, 40% wouldn't know who to tell — and an estimated 600–1,000 sightings are filed every year.
- **68% are paying attention to this issue.** This issue is on the minds of a plurality of your constituents.

Canada's Roots on UAP

- **1950–54 - Project Magnet:** a federal UAP investigation led by Department of Transport engineer Wilbert Smith. In 1950, Smith was tasked by Transport Canada to review this issue, and he confirmed it was a real concern, held closely by the US Government (more closely than the Manhattan project), and that Canada should prioritize learning more about these incidents and the technology involved (read the [original memo here](#), or an [easier to read reproduction here](#)).
- **1967–1995 — National Research Council:** the federal home for public UAP reports, inherited from National Defence. The NRC's mandate was meteor science, so it filed every non-meteor report (including planes, balloons, and the genuinely unexplained alike) in a "Non-Meteoric Sightings" file rather than investigating them. Collection stopped in 1995 and the archive went to Library and Archives Canada, where much of it is now public.
- **1967 - Falcon Lake (MB) & Shag Harbour (NS):** two of the best-documented cases anywhere on earth. Shag Harbour was searched by the RCMP, Coast Guard and military, and remains unexplained. The Falcon Lake incident has physical evidence at the University of Manitoba. Both are now commemorated on Royal Canadian Mint coins, showing the cultural interest in these stories.
- **The pattern:** Canada took this seriously at the federal level, then stepped back in 1995 and never rebuilt the capacity. According to Sky Canada, Canadians want that capacity.

The data is abundant

- **Experiencer accounts are data, not anecdotes.** People who report something in our skies are offering observations worth gathering and studying; dismissing them as "just stories" discards evidence before anyone has examined it.
- **We believe people when they tell us what they saw.** Honouring honest testimony doesn't mean endorsing any one explanation — it means treating a witness as a credible starting point for inquiry, not a punchline.
- **The accounts are abundant.** Across decades and across the country, consistent reports accumulate — and a lone anecdote becomes a pattern the moment the whole body of testimony is treated as a dataset.
- **Indigenous stories are owed equal respect.** For countless generations, Indigenous peoples have carried knowledge of the sky and other-than-human relations — living knowledge systems held by their own communities, to be honoured and led by them, never mined or dismissed.

A live national-security question

- **September 2005:** The Hon. Paul T. Hellyer, former Minister of Defence under Pierre Elliot Trudeau, addressed over 400 Canadians and the press at the University of Toronto's Convocation Hall on the policy and national security implications of UAP. Hellyer was the first North American politician of cabinet rank to issue a public challenge to UAP secrecy within the Canadian government and a call for transparency and open public dialogue.
- **February 2023:** an unidentified object was shot down over the Yukon under NORAD and logged as "UAP 23." It was never publicly identified.

- **Sovereignty, not curiosity.** In an era of drones and foreign surveillance, not being able to identify everything in Canadian airspace is a defence gap.
- **Allies are already moving:** the U.S. (AARO, a NASA study, Congressional hearings), France (GEIPAN) and Japan (a parliamentary inquiry). Canada risks lagging its Five Eyes and G7 partners.

The momentum already exists

- **Cross-party interest:** MP Larry Maguire (CPC) has pressed for UAP transparency in Parliament since 2021.
- **Petition e-5178 (2024-25):** A concerned citizen started this petition and urged Ottawa to stand up a National UAP Task Force spanning DND, Transport Canada and Public Safety, with public reporting. Mr. Maguire's March 2023 letter to then Minister of Defence Anita Anand not only outlined aviation safety concerns and a concern about transparency and accountability regarding UAP programs, and called for a review of Canada's ongoing efforts of analyzing recovered UAP material.
- **Non-partisan by design:** the asks are coordination, transparency, and scientific inquiry. Nothing more.

What your office can do

- **Get briefed.** We provide accurate, plain-language background and sourcing on request. Grounded, factual, informed, and serious.
- **Bring other MPs along.** Canada needs a strong, bipartisan, and united voice on UAP in the House of Commons. Help us form a UAP Caucus to make this a reality.
- **Support open reporting** for pilots, military and citizens. We need a system that is standardized, transparent, and free of stigma.
- **Raise this issue where it counts - everywhere.** Written questions, committee, and constituent casework are all impacted by the UAP issue, and leaders like you need to bring it up.

Summary

This introductory, non-partisan briefing document is intended to provide Parliamentarians with an overview of key foundational issues. While it addresses several important topics, a number of more complex issues remain beyond the scope of this briefing document.

Canadians for Disclosure remains committed to advancing this work by further examining these foundational matters, exploring more complex issues in greater depth, and responding to any questions or requests for clarification from Parliamentary leadership.

WHO WE ARE

Canadians for Disclosure is a grassroots, volunteer-led, non-partisan hub for credible information on UAP. We are credible, never sensational, because we let Canada's own official record do the work. We know we are all in this together, and together we stand to help our friends and neighbours navigate this change as communities from coast to coast to coast - but they need leadership to do it, and we need that leadership to come from you. When your office needs to understand this file, we're who you can call first.

Sources: Sky Canada Project, "Management of Public Reporting of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in Canada" (Office of the Chief Science Advisor of Canada, June 2025); House of Commons Petition e-5178; written question Q-3227 (NORAD / RCAF "UAP 23").

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