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Their Royal Highnesses Visit Cornwall, PEI

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Despite the grey skies and chilly temperature, it was a festive, parade-like atmosphere at the Cornwall United Church in Cornwall, PEI as people of all ages gathered to get a glimpse of The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall. A school band, members of the Kensington Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and Pathfinders with their tents, youngsters on horses from the Canadian Pony Club and a host of little princes and princesses with their homemade crowns, proudly waving their PEI and Canadian flags, were on-hand to make the Royal Couple feel welcome.

Their Royal Highnesses were greeted by PEI Premier Robert Ghiz and Dr. Kate Ellis Ghiz who presented Reverends Nigel Weaver and Jean Ward, Ministers of Cornwall United Church, member Mrs. Valerie Acorn and Cornwall-Meadowbrook MLA and Minister of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development, the Honourable Ron McKinley. They entered the Sanctuary where they met with church leaders from various denominations and took in a performance by a combined choir from local churches in Cornwall. After meeting with choir members, The Prince and Duchess talked to some young children who were colouring as part of a children's program run by the church. They asked about their art project, where they went to school and if they liked to read.

Prince Charles and Camilla then made their way into the Church Hall where they viewed displays and chatted with several community groups. Camilla stopped to stitch on a piece of embroidery for Marie Kenny, President of the Women's Institutes of Canada, which had been designed to mark the Royal Visit. They also talked to individuals drawn from the community who were enjoying afternoon tea.

Outside, rain had not dampen the spirits of the crowd who had waited patiently for hours. The Royal Couple did not disappoint as they donned their umbrellas and took time shake hands and talk to many of the groups and individuals on both sides of the route. They departed separately. The Prince went to Bonshaw Provincial Park while The Duchess visited Immanuel Christian School.

