



MEMBER RELEASE

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TO: Mayor & Council | Chair & Board | Senior Staff
FROM: UBCM Secretariat
RE: **RCMP Contract: Technical Briefing Sessions**

1. Purpose

A new RCMP contract has been agreed to in principle between the province and the federal government. A number of technical briefing sessions are being organized to inform local government about the new the RCMP agreement.

The provincial Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General will be leading the technical briefing sessions. Deputy Minister Lori Wanamaker, the lead negotiator for the Province in the contract negotiations, and Mayor Peter Fassbender, the local government representative appointed by the UBCM to the provincial negotiating team, will outline the details around the new contract.

The consultation session will be of particular interest to Mayors, Councillors, Administrators and Chief Financial Officers who are currently involved in dealing with the RCMP contract and paying for the cost of operating a detachment office. Based on previous consultations, an effective participation is one elected and one or two staff members from affected jurisdictions, particularly in the case of municipalities who are covered by the RCMP contract. There will also be an opportunity for those local governments that are policed by the Provincial Force, small communities and rural areas, to raise their issues.

The overall intent of the meeting is to develop a better understanding of the new RCMP agreement and to provide an opportunity for local government to ask questions about the new contract.

2. Technical Briefing Sessions

Local government elected officials and staff are invited to attend one technical briefing meeting or one technical briefing webinar.

The technical briefings will provide an opportunity to:

- Obtain information from the provincial government about the new RCMP contract;

- Raise questions about how the new RCMP contract will work;
- Discuss issues and concerns you have about the RCMP contract with provincial representatives and how these issues may be addressed under the new agreement.

Technical Briefing Meetings

- A) Wednesday, January 11, 2012
Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel
Richmond 1:00 to 4:00 pm

- B) Thursday, January 12, 2012
Inn of the North Coast Hotel
Prince George 1:00 to 4:00 pm

- C) Wednesday, January 18, 2012
Grand Okanagan Resort Hotel
Kelowna 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Technical Briefing Webinar

Those local governments unable to attend one of the meetings are invited to attend the webinar presentation. Technology requirements and sign-in instructions will be provided to webinar participants once they have registered.

- D) Thursday, January 12, 2012
Webinar (computer & internet connection required)
10:00 am to 12:00 noon

3. Registration

Please forward to UBCM via email the name of the local government, name and title of the local government representatives, and the session that they will be attending.

Email should be sent to: kvance@ubcm.ca

UBCM Contact

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