1. Purpose

To provide a brief update on the Local Government Contract Management Committee meeting that was held on May 1, 2012 and to provide information about future meetings.

To provide an update on the negotiations for the new RCMP Headquarters to be located in Surrey (Green Timbers).

2. Local Government Contract Management Committee Meeting

The Local Government Contract Management Committee (the LGCMC) held its first meeting with the Province on May 1, 2012 at the UBCM office in Richmond.

The LGCMC discussed how it will operate and how information will be shared with local government.

The Province re-affirmed its commitment to share information with the LGCMC and to seek their input into decisions that impact on the costs and/or the delivery of local police services.

The LGCMC received an update on the changes announced in the Federal budget regarding the RCMP compensation package (wages, service pay, senior constable allowance, health care benefits, severance and pensions). The Province indicated that the Federal government and the RCMP were still analyzing the compensation changes to determine what the cost would be to the Province and local governments.

In addition, the LGCMC was informed about the changes in the cost-sharing formula for the integrated teams. The Province stated that on April 1, 2012 IHIT (Integrated Investigative Homicide Team) moved from the 90/10 cost-share to 70/30 cost-share, this would result in approximately $2.6 million in savings to
large municipalities in the Lower Mainland, and that a letter would be sent out to local governments informing them of this change.

A draft of the national Provincial Police Services Agreement Companion Document was shared with the Committee. The process for developing the Municipal Companion Document was discussed and a complete draft of that document was subsequently shared with Paul Gill, Murray Dinwoodie, Ken Vance and Mayor Fassbender for their feedback.

The next meeting for the LGMC is set for July 10, 2012. E Division Commanding Officer Craig Cullens and other senior RCMP staff will be in attendance at that meeting.

3. **RCMP Headquarters – Green Timbers**

Attached is a report from the co-chairs of the LGMC outlining the status of the upcoming negotiations on the new RCMP Headquarters in Surrey (Green Timbers).
Green Timbers Negotiations

This note has been prepared in response to requests for more information about the new RCMP Headquarters building – called ‘Green Timbers’ – accommodation charge negotiation and the potential impact on municipal costs.

The 1992 Provincial Police Services Agreement (PPSA) required the RCMP to consult with the Province with respect to the location of any new Headquarters building – that was the extent of the Province’s involvement. The Province was otherwise not involved in planning or constructing Green Timbers.

Under the 2012 PPSA accommodations charges related to New Headquarters buildings are to be negotiated on a case by case basis by means of a separate agreement. The 2012 PPSA includes further provisions related to new Headquarters as follows:

8.2 b) If a divisional or regional headquarters building is to be Renovated or constructed, then during the planning phase of the project, and prior to commencing Renovations, demolition, or construction, Canada will consult with the Provincial Minister and obtain approval on all financial terms and conditions of the project including the size of the building and improvements to ensure that the proposed building and improvements are appropriate and proportionate to the anticipated demands on, and uses of, the Provincial Police Service’s portion of the divisional or regional headquarters building.

Green Timbers has already been constructed through a Public/Private/Partnership arrangement at a site in Surrey. The Province is not a party to this arrangement, and the Province intends to use the provisions of the new PPSA to negotiate the occupancy charge for Provincial and Municipal units located in the new building.

The Province has begun to gather information that will support the negotiation process; however, negotiations have not been initiated. The Province has recently been provided with the federal contact for the negotiations. Municipalities will be represented at the negotiations.

It is the Province’s position that all items related to Green Timbers are up for negotiation; including what portion of the proceeds of the sale of the federally owned current Headquarters at Heather Street will offset the costs of the new building.

The five-year forecasts prepared by and delivered to municipalities by the RCMP in May 2012 included an estimate of $1,200 per member as the Divisional Administration cost associated with Green Timbers. This does not include the cost for locating any Regional Integrated Teams at Green Timbers. To be clear: this amount has not been negotiated with the Province.
Based on the RCMP’s projected space allocations, all municipalities will be responsible for sharing about 9% of the total space to accommodate Divisional Administration staff. Lower Mainland Region municipalities will be responsible for sharing an additional 7% to house integrated teams.

Over the coming weeks the Province will be gathering information and consulting with experts in the accommodations field. All factors will be considered in approaching the negotiations and arriving at a fair and reasonable charge.

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