

PROTOCOL ON CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION

Between the
UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES (UBCM)
and the
BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS

WHEREAS:

1. The UBCM represents all of the local governments in the province.
2. The British Columbia Association of Police Boards represents the twelve municipalities in the province that have appointed police boards.
3. The UBCM and the British Columbia Association of Police Boards have common interests in the delivery and financing of policing services at the local level.
4. The UBCM and the British Columbia Association of Police Boards have an interest in ensuring that policing services are provided in the most cost effective and efficient way in the community.
5. The Parties support the need to ensure local accountability in the delivery of police services and equitable financing of police services in the province.

THEREFORE:

This Protocol represents a commitment by the British Columbia Association of Police Boards and the UBCM to work together to achieve the province-wide benefits of:

- support for community-based policing and crime prevention;
- providing community-based justice alternatives, as provided through restorative justice;
- equitable and accountable financing of policing;
- appointment of police board representatives who are from the community and are accountable to the community.

PRINCIPLES:

The following principles pertain to this Protocol and the actions arising from the Protocol. These principles are:

- Mutual respect for each Party's mandates, policies and areas of jurisdiction and that the Protocol does not fetter the individual mandates of the parties;
- Co-operation in the development and distribution of information; and,

COMMITMENT:

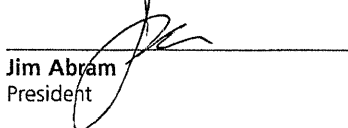
In witness of this Agreement the parties have executed this Protocol on Consultation and Cooperation at Vancouver on September 27, 2001.

SIGNED on behalf of the BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS by:



Mayor Wayne Hunter,
President

SIGNED on behalf of the UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES by:



Jim Abram
President

- Harmonization of projects or initiatives to maximize efficiency and effectiveness.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

The British Columbia Association of Police Boards and the UBCM have the following mutual objectives:

- Promote understanding of the interests of the British Columbia Association of Police Boards and local government in a province-wide context;
- Increase the governance capacity of local communities over policing and address key policing issues in the province;
- Promote changes to the regulatory setting to better reflect the interests of the communities;
- To work together on changes in federal/provincial policy and legislation of mutual interest to communities across the province.

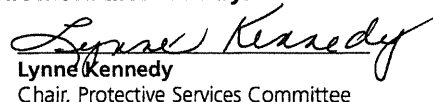
IMPLEMENTATION:

The British Columbia Association of Police Boards and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities agree to work together to further the objectives stated in this agreement. The UBCM Protective Services Committee and representatives from the British Columbia Police Boards Association will meet from time to time to review joint initiatives and projects as well as the general progress on goals and objectives.

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities shall endeavor to appoint a representative from the British Columbia Association of Police Boards as a member of the UBCM Protective Services Committee.

TERM OF THE PROTOCOL:

The Parties may agree to amend or terminate this Protocol at any time. The term of this Protocol shall be two years from the date of signing unless otherwise amended.



Lynne Kennedy
Chair, Protective Services Committee