

April 8, 2019

The Honourable Mike Farnworth  
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8V 2C2

**Re: Auxiliary Policing in British Columbia**

Dear Minister Farnworth,

I write to advise that the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Executive, at its February 22, 2019 meeting, endorsed the following motion:

*That UBCM write to the Province, indicating support for further research and analysis into the possibility of implementing a provincial Auxiliary/Reserve Constable Program for RCMP-policed jurisdictions.*

UBCM's support for further research into a made-in-BC Auxiliary/Reserve Constable program is the result of the RCMP's reluctance to address local government concerns related to the new Auxiliary uniform. It is understood that the provincial government's concerns are consistent with those held by UBCM.

In August 2018, UBCM wrote to RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki, requesting that the RCMP re-consider the proposed uniform, and instead introduce a uniform that visually conveys the professionalism and authority held by Auxiliaries. UBCM and the RCMP Local Government Contract Management Committee have expressed opposition towards the use of the word "volunteer" on the uniform, as we believe this does not adequately reflect the importance of the position of Auxiliary Constable.

Commissioner Lucki's response to UBCM indicated that the uniform would not be changed. Understanding the value to law enforcement that Auxiliaries provide, and the need for a uniform that minimizes the risks faced by Auxiliary Constables, UBCM supports the Province's efforts to analyze alternative options for auxiliary policing.

Very Best,



Arjun Singh  
President, UBCM