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

**Re: LGCMC Input Towards Policing Transition Evaluation Framework**

Dear Minister Farnworth,

Thank you for providing the RCMP Local Government Contract Management Committee (LGCMC) with the opportunity to contribute towards the development of a policing transition evaluation framework. As a UBCM Committee, the LGCMC provides a forum for consultation, analysis and communication between local governments, the Province and RCMP regarding police services in BC. While we support local government autonomy as it pertains to policing, we also seek to ensure that any actions taken do not negatively impact communities that pay for RCMP policing services.

The LGCMC offers the following issues, impacting communities that pay for RCMP policing, for consideration by the Province as it develops the policing transition evaluation framework:

1. Financial Liabilities

- Any and all outstanding financial liabilities should be considered when a local government seeks to leave the RCMP.
- Examples include:
  - a) Retroactive pay (RCMP pay agreement expired at end of 2016);
  - b) "E" Division headquarters building costs (formula/amount still being negotiated by the Province and Canada);
  - c) Ongoing investigations/court cases (e.g. officers conducting work on cases that originated in jurisdictions formerly policed by the RCMP);
  - d) Training (potentially a larger burden on the Justice Institute, impacts on the RCMP Training Academy).

2. Shared Services

- There are a number of services that RCMP members share, sometimes with other police agencies in BC. Withdrawal from these

shared services could have major financial and operational impacts on local governments that utilize RCMP services.

- Examples include:
  - a) Integrated teams (e.g. homicide investigation teams, Police Dog Services, Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Services, Forensic Identification Services, emergency response, etc.);
  - b) Divisional administration (fee paid for shared administrative services);
  - c) RCMP national programs (e.g. recruiting, cadet training, etc.).

### 3. Additional Considerations

- There are a number of other issues that may potentially impact local governments that utilize RCMP policing services.
- Examples include:
  - a) Vacancies/recruitment (issues resulting from RCMP members leaving to join a new municipal police force, officers who elect to retire, etc.);
  - b) Future costs (including unused vacation, overtime, deferred entitlements from retirement that may need to be paid out);
  - c) Economies of scale (cost savings that may be impacted by a reduction in communities that use RCMP policing services);
  - d) Governance (e.g. E-Comm, PRIMECorp, other agreements)
  - e) Emergency management (e.g. reduction of available resources to use during a state of emergency, impact on mutual aid agreements, etc.).

Once again, thank you for providing the LGCMC an opportunity to submit feedback towards this process. We look forward to continued engagement on this file and other RCMP policing matters.

Sincerely,



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