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Mayors  
Local Governments with Auxiliary Program

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am writing today regarding your options for the new RCMP Auxiliary Program (Tier 3). As you know, this program has undergone significant changes recently, and at the request of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General is currently exploring possible BC models for the long-term delivery of this program. Necessary legislative amendments and policy and program development issues are currently being identified; however, timelines have not yet been established, and the Province cannot provide a specific implementation date.

While the Ministry continues to explore options for a BC model, the Ministry is also exploring the option of implementing the new national RCMP Auxiliary Program (Tier 3) program in the interim. I am in receipt of a letter from UBCM and the Local Government Contract Management Committee (LGCMC), endorsing this approach. In an effort to confirm which communities are interested in proceeding with an interim program, I am writing to share information regarding the financial impacts of this option. You were included in this correspondence because your RCMP detachment currently has an active program.

The approximate costs per member are identified below, as they relate to uniform, training, and medical testing. Please note, the principles of the Ministry of Justice Auxiliary/Reserve Constable Program Provincial Policy would apply to the funding of an interim program. Therefore, the Province would provide funding for local governments with a provincial RCMP detachment. While the Provincial Policy states that medical tests are the responsibility of the candidate, it would be reasonable for candidates to be reimbursed any fees related to these new medical standard requirements.

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- Uniform: \$700 per candidate;
- Training (first aid, firearm, etc.), in addition to the online and/or detachment level training: from \$350 to \$500 per candidate;
- Medical tests: from \$150 to \$300 per candidate.
- **Estimated total: from \$1,200 to 1,500 per candidate.**

At this time the Province is unable to provide a specific timeline for all current auxiliary members to be fully trained; however, it is expected that most members can complete the new training in approximately four (4) to six (6) months. Please also note that current situation with COVID-19 may delay some in-person or in-detachment training, and there may be some downtime associated with retrofitting uniforms to the new standards.

In order for the Ministry to consider moving ahead with the interim implementation, please provide us with confirmation of your intent to proceed by **July 15, 2020**, by emailing Marie-Helene Lapointe at [MarieHelene.Lapointe@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MarieHelene.Lapointe@gov.bc.ca) or via phone at 236 478-2495. Marie-Helene is also available to answer questions and receive other comments. Once we understand the level of interest, we will provide information regarding next steps.

Take Care,



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And Director of Police Services  
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Detachment Commanders, RCMP detachments with active Auxiliary Program  
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