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Re: Financial Impacts of the Surrey Police Transition

Dear Mr. Rideout,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) regarding the ongoing Surrey Police Transition. In particular, I am requesting that the Province provide information to local governments regarding financial and other impacts that may result from this transition.

As you are aware, in 2019 UBCM provided input into the development of a B.C. policing transition evaluation framework. At the time, we advised the Province that local governments could be affected by numerous issues, including outstanding financial liabilities, withdrawal from shared services, as well as through other areas (e.g. vacancies, governance, deferred entitlements, etc.). We have not been provided any details regarding the status of this framework or any key findings.

Given that the Surrey Police Service may soon be operational, it is imperative that local governments, including many that hold policing contacts with the Province, be advised as soon as possible regarding the impacts of this transition. UBCM would be pleased to work with your Ministry to communicate relevant information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Brian Frenkel UBCM President