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Dear Brian Frenkel:

Thank you for your June 29, 2021 letter regarding financial and other impacts that may result from the policing model transition currently ongoing in the City of Surrey. Thank you also for your offer to work with Ministry staff to communicate relevant information to local governments.

I am pleased to provide you with a brief update on work currently underway. In the Fall of 2020, the Surrey Policing Transition Trilateral Committee (SPTTC) was established between Public Safety Canada, the Province, and the City of Surrey to collaboratively develop, support, negotiate and implement a phased transition of police services within the City of Surrey. The SPTTC also includes representation from the RCMP, the Surrey Police Board, and Surrey Police Service (SPS). The SPTTC is working towards a phased and integrated RCMP/SPS transition and have identified a target of Fall 2021 to see the first SPS officers operationally deployed in Surrey within the Surrey RCMP Municipal Detachment, as agency of jurisdiction. In addition, the SPS also recently obtained provincial approval for sworn officer status for its members, allowing them to conduct administrative and training related police functions required for the continued establishment of the Service, and for the eventual operational deployment of its members.

I am cognizant of the potential impacts to municipalities such as the anticipated changes to shared costs amongst RCMP contract partners and as such, the Province has been engaging stakeholders through forums such as the Local Government Contract Management Committee (LGCMC), and the Lower Mainland Mayors Forum. We are committed to continued engagement and will provide further information, as soon as practicable, as it becomes available.

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Thank you for your offer to support communication with local governments. My staff will reach out directly to your team to explore opportunities for sharing information with local governments. In the meantime, if you or your staff have any questions or concerns, please contact Christal Engleder, Director, Policing Model Transition at Christal.Engleder@gov.bc.ca.

Regards,



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