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Dear Prime Minister Carney and Minister Anandasangaree,

Re: Future of RCMP Contract Policing

On behalf of our local government associations, we write to you regarding the future of RCMP contract policing, and in particular the need for certainty with respect to the renewal of the 20-year Police Services Agreements (PSAs). Local governments require certainty and direct involvement at a time when they are struggling to absorb rapidly increasing RCMP policing costs.

Last year, following the federal assessment of RCMP contract policing, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General issued letters to provinces and territories, committing to renegotiate the PSAs. Although these letters did not specify the role that local governments would play as part of the re-negotiation process, they did provide certainty for contract partners.

Any degree of certainty achieved in 2024 was undone this spring, when the outgoing Prime Minister published a white paper recommending that the federal government “support a transition away from contract policing.” *A New Policing Vision for Canada: Modernizing the RCMP* was published more than six months ago, yet contract partners are still awaiting a response from the federal government. With the PSAs set to expire in 2032, it becomes even more critical that a response be delivered immediately.

It is also important that the federal government seek to work directly with local governments, including members of the Contract Management Committee, as

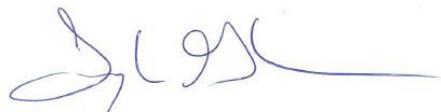
part of a renewed commitment to re-negotiating the PSAs. Policing is the most financially significant budget item for many of our members, and any changes to the PSAs could impact the governance, cost, quality and capacity of police services in our communities.

Local governments with their own PSAs (e.g., MPSA, MPUA) pay the largest share of policing costs among all contract partners. Our members' interests are unique from those of provincial and territorial governments, and must be given adequate consideration as we consider the future of these policing agreements. We ask the federal government to immediately outline its plan for the future of RCMP contract policing, and to commit towards working with local governments as part of any next steps in this process.

Sincerely,



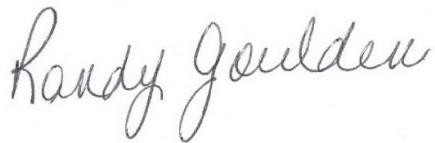
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