



March 1, 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
424 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB
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Dear Minister,

Re: President's Summit on Policing

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, I am writing concerning the recent President's Summit on Policing. Our Council does not support The Province of Alberta's initiative to replace the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police force.

We do not understand why the Province would forge ahead with this process when the Fair Deal Panel survey results clearly showed that 65% of respondents did not support this idea. These are tangible results from a provincial survey which need to be recognized by the Province as a negative response, and a clear indicator by the people of this Province that the majority is not in favor of a Provincial Police Force.

The staggering costs to implement an initiative of this nature, should be enough of a deterrent to even consider proceeding. Municipalities across this Province are struggling to determine how they will absorb the costs for the existing Police Funding Model and should not be expected to consider facing additional expenses for an initiative that is unwanted and appears to have no ceiling where potential costs are concerned.

Finally, we would like to reiterate that the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass is pleased with the level of service provided through our local RCMP. We cannot presume to speak for other communities in Alberta, however we find that the unique circumstances due to our location has fostered highly collaborative relationships between the detachments serving southeastern British Columbia and those serving our neighboring communities in southwestern Alberta. We cannot foresee that the dollars invested would result in an increased level of policing over and above the service we receive now.

We respectfully request that you reconsider replacing the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police Force and consider working with the RCMP to improve the service where required.

Sincerely,



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