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Office of the Mayor

June 23, 2021

Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
424 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Madu:

On behalf of Lac La Biche County Council, I wish to express our support for the continuance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) service as Alberta's primary law enforcement agency. The RCMP are an iconic and well-respected law enforcement agency that Canadians turn to in times of need throughout our country—Alberta should not be an exception to this rule.

Moreover, we are concerned that the change from RCMP services to provincial police would mean a significant increase in the amount of taxes for the average citizen, whether through a rise in provincial taxes or a new burden placed on municipalities to pay for the policing that they need. This is especially important as we aim for a significant economic recovery as the end of the COVID-19 pandemic nears.

Lac La Biche County has also spent a significant amount of time building a collaborative, productive and positive relationship with the local RCMP detachment. Introducing a new police force at this time would put the fruitful dialogue and significant improvements in our local policing in jeopardy.

We look forward to having an open dialogue with the Province as to the outcome of the continuance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration

Sincerely,

Omer Moghrabi
Mayor, Lac La Biche County

cc: Lac La Biche County Council

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