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Premier Jason Kenney
Office of the Premier
307 Legislature Building
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Dear Premier Kenney,

Re: Town of Fairview Support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

At the June 1st, 2021 regular meeting of Council, the many letters of support received from across the province in support of the RCMP were discussed. Council of the Town of Fairview would also like to express their support for the RCMP. The RCMP has, for decades, provided policing to Alberta. The Town of Fairview has a very good relationship with the local detachment and appreciates the care and commitment these members show in the community.

Rather than starting an entirely new police service and the burden of cost and management that would come with that, we believe it would be better for the Alberta government to investigate ways that the RCMP could receive more support. From 1917 to 1932, Alberta had its own provincial police force, called the Alberta Provincial Police. Economic hardships led to this police force being unsustainable and the RCMP policing services taking over. We believe that financial realities would also end up with the same result if this were tried again.

Our local RCMP detachment is well respected in our community. They are visible in the community and take part in community events and initiatives. Recently, the detachment Sergeant held a Town hall on Facebook to allow the region to submit questions and concerns and have them answered during the meeting. One of the most common comments during the meeting was expressions of appreciation for our detachment and all they do for the community.

Moreover, with many municipalities, including our own, indicating a good relationship with the current RCMP detachments in their area, we do not feel that a new police service would serve the best interests of our

residents. With only 35% of respondents supporting the recommendation to create an Alberta Police Service, we believe that Albertans as whole have also shown their support for the RCMP. We ask for the Provincial government to listen to the voice of the people and redirect the time, energy and funds being used to investigate an Alberta Police Service be used for other needs, such as RCMP support or enhanced social supports.

Sincerely,



Gordon MacLeod
Mayor, Town of Fairview

Cc: Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Kacee Madu, Minister of Justice & Solicitor General
Todd Loewen, MLA, Central Peace-Notley
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