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Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
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Re: Proposed Provincial Police Force.

The Town of Viking joins the many other communities, both urban and rural voicing their opposition over the proposed Provincial Police Force. The RCMP have been a core in Viking for many years and have served our community with great distinction. They coach our sports teams, belong to clubs, and participate in various Town activities.

The Provincial Government's is reducing the MSI funding for the foreseeable future. Many urban areas are struggling with infrastructure maintenance deficits over the coming years. Most local government budgets are already being stretched beyond their limits. How are we going to fund a Provincial Police Force? The Province will mandate municipalities to pay, thereby forcing local councils to increase municipal taxes to fund Provincial downloading.

The Town of Viking respectfully suggests that there are much more serious issues that your government should be dealing with. This council does not see the current policing model as broken. Therefore, why does your government see the need to fix it? It is our opinion that the Provincial government needs to seriously re-evaluate its priorities.

Many other Towns expressed the following sentiment, and this Council endorses the statement:

The Provincial Government continually encourages (and legislatively mandates) that municipal governments work together in a cohesive manner, perhaps they should take a page from their own book rerouting the funds allocated for research of an Alberta Police Service towards building stronger relationships with the RCMP and with Federal Partners.

The Town of Viking also council stands with:

- The 65% of respondents to the Fair Deal Panel survey that voiced opposition to a Provincial Police Force.
- The County of Paintearth No. 18
- The County of St. Paul
- Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
- Town of Didsbury
- Town of Magrath
- Town of Edson



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- Village of Hill Spring
- Town of Morinville
- Town of Redcliff
- Village of Rycroft
- Town of Edson
- Town of Claresholm
- Town of Mayerthorpe
- Smokey Lake County
- Any and all other citizens, municipalities, and organizations who have not voiced their opinions, yet.

Respectfully

Don R. McLeod
CAO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don R. McLeod".

cc

The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier
The Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Rachel Notley, Leader of the Official Opposition
Jackie Lovely, MLA Camrose
AUMA Members
RMA Members