



Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
424 Legislature Building
10800-97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta

Re: Proposed Provincial Police Force

The Village of Holden joins the many other communities, both urban and rural in voicing their opposition over the proposed Provincial Police Force. The RCMP have been a core in the Village of Holden for many years and have served our community with great distinction. They are a vital part of our community.

The Provincial Government's is reducing the MSI funding in the near future. Municipalities are already stretched thin and the cost of funding a Provincially controlled Police force would far exceed what our municipality could afford. It is our view that attention be spent on ways to tweak what is already in place in the way of making it better rather than starting with a whole new policing service.

Our Council supports the continuation of the RCMP, and opposes the APPS. It is our view there is not adequate proof to suggest that a Provincial Police Force would be better equipped and/or provide a better service to our community than the RCMP. Therefore, justification for the increased costs that would be associated with this new policing service is highly questionable.

In closing, the Village of Holden Council does not support the Fair Deal Panel recommendation to establish a provincial police force. It is our wish to protect our community from this burden due to this endeavor.

The Village of Holden stands with:

- The 65% of the 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
- Village of Hill Spring

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- Town of Morniville
- Town of Redcliff
- Village of Rycroft
- Town of Claresholm
- Town of Mayerthorpe
- Smokey Lake County
- Any and all other citizens, municipalities, and organizations who have yet to voice their opinions.

Respectfully,



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CAO for Village of Holden

cc:

The Honourable Jason Kenny, Premier
The Honourable Rick McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Alberta Municipalities

