



# Village of Lougheed

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Premier Jason Kenney  
Office of the Premier  
307 Legislature Building  
10800 - 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Premier Kenney,

Re: **Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Provincial Policing**

Council for the Village of Lougheed strongly opposes the establishment of a provincial police force and unanimously supports the continuation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as Alberta's primary law enforcement agency.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are the foundational law enforcement agency in our nation and in Alberta. The RCMP are as iconic and recognized as the Canadian Flag. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police service continues to be a beacon for people of all nationalities fleeing from the lawlessness of other countries. The agency continues to be held in a position of utmost respect throughout the world.

Village of Lougheed Council does not support the Fair Deal Panel recommendation to establish a provincial police force. We acknowledge that the province has contracted Price Waterhouse Coopers to complete an analysis and we anticipate further information on this topic.

In addition, the 2020 Alberta Police Federation survey concluded that "replacing the RCMP is viewed as a least helpful measure tested to improve Alberta's place in Canada." 81 % of Albertans served by the RCMP are satisfied with the service they receive, and 70 % of Albertans oppose replacing the RCMP with an expensive new provincial police service.

In closing, Village of Lougheed does not foresee where a new police force would improve efficiency or quality of life for our residents and ratepayers. In fact, as economic challenges remain on our municipality and taxpayers in the Province of Alberta.

We ask the Government of Alberta reassess priorities and abandon the transition study through the Police Act review to focus efforts towards upgrades to the criminal justice and social support systems in the province to achieve better outcomes.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Village of Lougheed

Debra Smith, Mayor

Cc: Alberta Municipalities