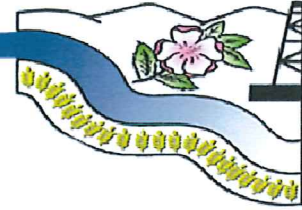




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Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
424 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Madu;

RE: Provincial Policing vs. RCMP

The Village of Elnora has been the recipient of numerous letters from both urban and rural municipalities forwarded to you supporting the RCMP versus the proposed provincial policing alternative. It is noted there has been no correspondence in support of provincial policing.

Each letter has reiterated numerous reasons against proceeding with provincial policing, all of which our Council is in agreement with. It is understood the cost will continue to escalate which is alarming in terms of future budgets. The Village will have no control over these costs but will be held accountable by our ratepayers for property tax increases as the municipalities will be required to collect the revenue on behalf of the province.

As stated, municipalities have developed long term partnerships with their local RCMP and have mutually worked together to resolve challenges and issues. The RCMP, through long term service and local commitment, have a keen knowledge and understanding of the communities and regions they serve.

As municipalities struggle with the realities of grant reductions, increasing servicing costs and pandemic recovery, it is not financially feasible to proceed with the proposed provincial policing. The benefit of an APPS over current RCMP policing has not been conveyed.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leah Nelson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Leah Nelson, Mayor
VILLAGE OF ELNORA

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Cc: The Honourable Jason Kenny, Premier
Barry Morshita, President Alberta Urban Municipalities
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