

September 9, 2022



Honourable Tyler Shandro
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Honourable Ric McIver
Municipal Affairs
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Dear Ministers Shandro and McIver,

Proposal for Provincial Police Force

On September 6, 2022, Strathcona County Council unanimously endorsed the positions that have been taken by the Rural Municipalities of Alberta and the Alberta Municipalities regarding the establishment of an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS).

The business case for an APPS has several concerning gaps and issues that. Public consultation has been sparse, and there appears to be a distinct lack of public support for this initiative. The costs of switching to the APPS do not seem to fully take into account the additional expenses that would be required. In addition, the proposed model does not seem to address root issues such as capacity in Alberta's prosecution and judicial systems, officer availability, or response times in rural Alberta. Simply put, the value proposition for an APPS is unconvincing given the data and proposal provided so far.

Strathcona County has a strong, cooperative partnership with our local RCMP detachment. The RCMP actively collaborates with the County on numerous community safety initiatives such as the Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategy and the RCMP participates in regular updates and discussions with Council. They submit a 3-year revolving department business plan that requires Council and Executive Team approval, as well as participate in the Strathcona County RCMP Community Advisory Committee with Council members, stakeholders, and the public. The RCMP also continue to be very responsive to the community's needs as a specialized municipality and engage in proactive policing to reduce crime.

The RCMP have served Strathcona County well for many years and continues to provide excellent service to our residents. It is our desire that this relationship continue and that the Alberta Government work with the Federal Government and the RCMP to overcome any obstacles, such as those outlined above, in the way that might hinder this continued, and positive, service agreement.

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Strathcona County Council urges you and your ministry to not move forward with the proposed Alberta Provincial Police Service. If your staff require further information, please have them contact Darrell Reid, Chief Commissioner, at 780-464-8100.

Sincerely,

Dave Anderson
Deputy Mayor
Strathcona County

cc: Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier
Honourable Nate Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta
Honourable Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, Associate Minister of Status of Women
Jordan Walker, MLA for Sherwood Park
Strathcona County Council
Darrell Reid, Chief Commissioner

