

April 21, 2021

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

Dear Minister, Madu:

**Re: County of Paintearth's Support for the RCMP**

Our Council wishes to advise they are also not in support of the Government of Alberta's initiative to replace the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) as affirmed in Mayor Turner's letter from the Town of Morinville.

Council agrees that by revising the *Police Act*, the outcomes as identified through the review can be achieved such as improving the public's trust in policing, ensuring an effective complaint process, and having a more harmonious relationship between the police and all communities within Alberta.

Council too has concerns with the province establishing an APPS despite 65% of respondents indicating non-support. The costs of transitioning to an APPS are unknown and the increased operating costs will undoubtedly be borne by the municipalities. The municipalities are currently bearing a substantial amount of policing costs and are not willing to accept unknown additional increases that will be inevitable from a transition to an APPS. This simply cannot be done within a short time frame to offer the expertise and services currently provided to Albertans by the RCMP.

Our County has developed a collaborative relationship with our local RCMP detachment over many years and is satisfied with the level of service and degree of responsiveness received and their involvement with the communities located in the County. Council echoes and encourages the Government of Alberta to abandon the transition study and redouble efforts to work with the RCMP to achieve better outcomes.

Yours truly,

COUNTY OF PAINTEARTH NO. 18



Stan Schulmeister  
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cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier  
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