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Re: Billing and Collection of RCMP Retroactive Payments

Dear Mr. Dakalbab and Ms. O'Donoghue,

We write to you regarding the collective agreement for RCMP Regular Members (below the rank of inspector) and Reservists, and in particular the letter Public Safety Canada recently conveyed to all contract holders. The Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) would like to request a series of meetings between B.C. local governments and yourselves to discuss related concerns and impacts.

As you are aware, the federal government's decisions regarding the billing and collection of retroactive payments will profoundly impact local government budgets and create downstream effects on policing in our communities. It is vitally important that our members, including those policed by the RCMP Provincial Service, be provided a venue to meet with yourselves and deliver their feedback.

To support discussion between yourselves and B.C. local governments that receive RCMP police services, we are proposing separate meetings with the following groups:

- Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee (LGCMC);
- BC local governments over 15,000 in population;
- BC local governments between 5,000 and 14,999 in population; and,
- BC local governments under 5,000 in population.

The request for these meetings has been made with consideration towards your own limitations, most notably the difficulty in meeting individually with every contract holder in

Canada.

With that being said, UBCM does not wish for these meeting requests to preclude B.C. local governments from securing their own meetings with yourselves. We support our members in seeking individual meetings consistent with the invitation included in your recent letter.

UBCM continues to call on the federal government to cover all retroactive costs associated with the RCMP collective agreement. As we await a response from the Minister of Public Safety, we would welcome an opportunity to facilitate these proposed discussions between our membership and yourselves.

To schedule meetings or to further discuss this request, Bhar Sihota, UBCM Senior Policy Analyst may be reached at (604) 270-8226 Ext. 114 or bsihota@ubcm.ca.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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cc: *Wayne Rideout, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Services, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General*

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