

April 13, 2022

**UBCM Members** 

Attn: Mayors, Chairs and Chief Administrative Officers of RCMP Policed Communities

## Re: Opportunity to Discuss RCMP Collective Agreement

Dear Mayor/Chair and CAO,

We write to you regarding the RCMP collective agreement, and in particular the billing and collection of retroactive payments. Following a UBCM request, Public Safety Canada and the RCMP have offered to meet with our members to answer questions and better understand how associated costs are impacting B.C. local governments.

UBCM has secured the following one-hour virtual meetings with Public Safety Canada's Assistant Deputy Minister and the RCMP's Chief Financial Officer:

- Monday May 9, 2022 @ Noon B.C. municipalities over 15,000 in population that receive RCMP police services.
- Tuesday May 10, 2022 @ 11:00 AM B.C. municipalities between 5,000 and 14,999 in population that receive RCMP police services.
- Tuesday May 10, 2022 @ Noon B.C municipalities under 5,000 in population and unincorporated areas that receive police services through the RCMP Provincial Service.

We also intend to deliver a short presentation to attendees in advance of these meetings, providing an update on the issue and ongoing advocacy, including UBCM's call for the federal government to cover all retroactive costs associated with the RCMP collective agreement.

These meetings represent an important mechanism for all local governments to convey feedback directly to Public Safety Canada and the RCMP. While our members over 5,000 in population are affected through their Municipal Police Unit Agreements, local governments under 5,000 in population will also be impacted through changes to the Police Tax.

Meetings are open to local government elected officials and senior staff members. To RSVP for one of these virtual meetings, please contact Bhar Sihota, UBCM Senior Policy Analyst at <u>bsihota@ubcm.ca</u> by April 29, 2022.

We appreciate your participation and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg UBCM President

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Councillor Craig Hodge Co-Chair, Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee