

CALL TO ACTION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

Dear Premier,

We are committed to ensuring Albertans live in safe communities that support their health and well-being. Communities where people have reliable access to critical health, social, public safety, and educational services. Ultimately, Albertans living in a safe and healthy community communicate those needs to the Government of Alberta, who listen and respond.

The Government of Alberta has lost the trust of its constituents in its pursuit of an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) by not undertaking fulsome, open, and transparent consultations with all those affected. Albertans have stated loud and clear that they do not want a costly new police service, with an overwhelming 84% of Albertans wanting to keep and improve the Alberta RCMP.

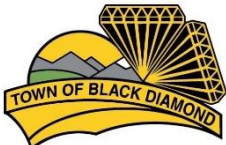
In addition, the Government of Alberta has not released a detailed funding model explaining who would be paying the costs of this proposed transition. The vague Transition Study noted initial transition costs of \$366 million over six years, and, at minimum, an additional \$139 million each year, increasing with inflation. Municipalities know that most of these costs will be downloaded directly to them, forcing them to significantly increase residents' and businesses' taxes.

Municipalities and engaged Albertans continue to call on the Government of Alberta to improve rural police response times and increase resources available to the justice system. The Province's \$2 million Transition Study did not highlight how a new APPS would address any of these issues.

We, the undersigned, call on the Government of Alberta to stop efforts and investment to advance the creation of an Alberta Provincial Police Service and instead invest in resources needed to:

- *Improve current policing services to reduce response times and address rural crime by increasing the number of RCMP officers within communities*
- *Improve social services to address the root causes of crime (health, mental health, social and economic supports)*
 - *Expand Police and Crisis Teams with police and Alberta Health Services*
 - *Work with communities to provide targeted social supports*
- *Increase resources within the justice system*
 - *Ensure timely trials by prioritizing violent over non-violent crimes*
 - *Hire more Crown prosecutors and appoint more Provincial Court Judges*







Organizations:

National Police Federation
Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association
Alberta Union of Public Employees
Clearwater Community Crime Watch
Public Service Alliance of Canada – Prairies
Union of Safety and Justice Employees
Victim Services Alberta

Cities:

City of Wetaskiwin

Towns:

Town of Beaverlodge
Town of Bon Accord
Town of Bowden
Town of Black Diamond
Town of Blackfalds
Town of Canmore
Town of Coalhurst
Town of Crossfield
Town of Edson
Town of Fairview
Town of Fort Macleod
Town of Grimshaw
Town of High Level
Town of High Prairie
Town of High River
Town of Innisfail
Town of Magrath
Town of Mayerthorpe
Town of McLennan
Town of Millet
Town of Penhold
Town of Ponoka
Town of Spirit River
Town of Swan Hills
Town of Sylvan Lake
Town of Tofield
Town of Trochu
Town of Vauxhall
Town of Vermilion
Town of Viking
Town of Wainwright
Town of Westlock

Villages:

Village of Alliance
Village of Berwyn
Village of Carmangay
Village of Caroline

Village of Champion
Village of Chipman
Village of Clive
Village of Coutts
Village of Delia
Village of Edgerton
Village of Elnora
Village of Girouxville
Village of Hines Creek
Village of Longview
Village of Marwayne
Village of Myrnam
Village of Rosemary
Village of Standard
Village of Two Hills
Village of Vilna
Village of Waskatenau
Village of Breton

Summer Villages:

Summer Village of Ghost Lake
Summer Village of Jarvis Bay
Summer Village of Seba Beach

Counties:

Big Lakes County
Brazeau County
County of Northern Lights
Northern Sunrise County
Smoky Lake County
County of Wetaskiwin

Municipalities:

Municipal District of Peace
Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

