

# 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

