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Hon. Brad Johns
Minister, Department of Justice
1690 Hollis Street
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Delivered via email

Dear Minister Johns,

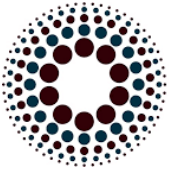
Re: Contract Policing and Retroactive Pay Amounts for RCMP Officers

Given the recent federal budget announcement regarding retroactive RCMP contract costs, I am writing to request a meeting with you to share the impact of this significant financial burden on municipalities and discuss potential provincial financial support.

Since 1995, Nova Scotia's municipalities have been charged with providing policing services within their jurisdictions and have diligently dealt with the associated rising costs. As you are aware, municipalities receiving contract policing service from the RCMP have recently been informed that the federal government will not be providing any assistance in paying retroactive salary costs that resulted from the last round of collective bargaining – bargaining that took place without municipal representation at the negotiating table.

While there are four municipalities in Nova Scotia that hold a Municipal Policing Service Agreement (MPSA), there are thirty-five municipalities that are partners to the Provincial Policing Service Agreement (PPSA). NSFM is requesting that the Province of Nova Scotia absorb these retroactive salary costs for PPSA holders.

NSFM has appreciated being an active partner with the Province on the national RCMP Contract Management Committee and we will continue to stand united in our call for the federal government to reconsider its position. We will also continue to work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to urge the federal government to reverse this decision. However, now that bills have been sent to contract holders, we are asking for a commitment that the Province will not pass these costs on to municipalities.



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I acknowledge that the Department of Justice is experiencing its own set of challenges, especially with the recent publication of the Mass Casualty Commission findings and recommendations. NSFM looks forward to future discussions with you, and staff at the Department of Justice, on the impacts of those recommendations and how we can best work together towards a high standard of public safety for all Nova Scotians.

I look forward to our meeting at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards

Brenda Chisholm-B

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cc: Candace Thomas, Deputy Minister of the Department of Justice