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January 5, 2022

The Honourable Brad Johns  
Minister of Justice  
Government of Nova Scotia  
1690 Hollis Street, PO Box 7  
Halifax, NS B3J 2L6

The Honourable Marco E.L.  
Mendicino  
Minister of Public Safety  
Public Safety Canada  
269 Laurier Ave. West  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0P8

Re: 2023 RCMP Collective Agreement

Dear Minister Johns and Minister Mendicino:

The Town of Lunenburg is greatly concerned about the new RCMP Collective Agreement currently in negotiations.

A significant increase in policing services cost would have a substantial impact on the taxpayers of our small Town. Cost sharing currently sees municipal units like the Town of Lunenburg bearing 47% of the costs, which in 2021/22 amounted to \$855,650 on a total budget of \$7,539,900 or fully 17% of our annual budget. The percentage increase for 2022/23 budget purposes cannot be confirmed by the Province at this time.

The Town is therefore requesting:

1. Confirmation that any retroactivity included in the new RCMP Collective Agreement will be paid by the Federal Government; and
2. The Province of Nova Scotia and Public Safety Canada reconsider the cost sharing model to lessen the burden on municipal units for RCMP policing.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Mayor Matt Risser  
Town of Lunenburg, NS

cc: Juanita Spencer, CEO, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities  
Carole Saab, CEO, Federation of Canadian Municipalities

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