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Town of Bridgewater
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Dear Mayor Mitchell,

Re: RCMP and NSF

Thank you for your insightful letter sent on November 17, 2021. Your correspondence was discussed by the Board at the first board meeting of 2022, on February 4th.

We write you to confirm that we are paying attention to rising costs of local police along with the current conversation on RCMP costs. You are right to point out that rising costs of local police departments deserves an equal amount of attention as those of RCMP dispatches.

As a member of our Board of Directors and Executive of the Towns Caucus, Deputy Mayor Andrew Tanner has shared the additional costs and challenges resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic identified by the Bridgewater Police Commission. Other members of our Board representing incorporated towns have confirmed that they are experiencing an identical set of issues.

We will continue to raise local policing costs as an issue along with those related to RCMP contracts.

Amanda McDougall
President, NSF