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**Subject:** RCMP and NSFM

Good evening,

I understand that many municipalities use the RCMP for their policing needs and they are concerned but the costs that will be rapidly rising. I feel I need to express that there are many municipalities in Nova Scotia that do not have RCMP. We have never enjoyed the 30% reduction in costs that the province covers and in fact, we subsidize those (as we do anything covered by the province like roads) through our general tax rate that and through that, contributions to the province. It is becoming a growing concern for me that this issue continues to be raised on the NSFM calls but we are not having a balanced or fair discussion that includes the costs that ALL municipalities pay when it comes to policing.

The cost of policing has risen steadily for more than a decade. Communities with RCMP coverage have benefited from agreements that kept costs artificially low like the 70/30 agreements while towns like Bridgewater, Truro, Kentville and others had no choice but to find the money to cover 100% of their policing costs. The NSFM took no position to address those concerns. Now, I'm NOT suggesting for a moment that the NSFM not work on this file but rather that it please be with an eye on policing province-wide and not create division like we've seen on roads by making it RCMP vs. non-RCMP communities. If we are going to talk about RCMP costs then non-RCMP communities must be ensured any assistance or cost-coverage from the province be extended to them as well.

Thank you

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