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## Re: RCMP Retroactive Costs

Dear Minister Johns:

Council of the Town of Lockeport are deeply concerned and disappointed that the Federal Government made the decision not to absorb retroactive costs associated with the RCMP's latest Collective Agreement.

Despite months of Municipal advocacy led by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and local leaders across Canada, the Federal Government has indicated in the most recent budget that it will not be meeting the request to absorb the retroactive costs associated with the latest RCMP Collective Agreement.

This decision indicates that the Municipal Units/Communities across Canada that are dependent on RCMP services will be expected to cover these costs while the only relief being offered is a slightly extended timeline for repayment.

The FCM and other Municipal Associations intend to express their disappointment with this decision by issuing a joint statement.


It is very disappointing to the Municipal Units that the decision was made to pass unbudgeted and unaccounted for RCMP costs on to us without consulting or engaging local governments in the discussions. This will have a serious impact on Municipal Finances.

Municipal Units are under increasing pressure to provide high quality services while managing the challenges of inflation and financial uncertainty and will continue to draw attention to this challenge to help ensure that Municipal Units are consulted on issues related to Community Policing and well-being going forward.

If the Federal Government does not change its decision, we respectfully request that the Province of Nova Scotia fully absorb the retroactive costs.

Thank you in advance for your serious consideration of this request and do not hesitate to contact me directly if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours truly,

  
Cory Nickerson  
Mayor

Cc: The Honourable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia  
The Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Mr. Nolan Young, M.L.A. for Shelburne County  
Mayor Chisholm-Beaton, President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

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Lockeport – where we partner to build a prosperous future with services that provide value and a quality of life which we take pride in.