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His Worship Brad Schlossberger
Mayor
Town of Claresholm
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Dear Mayor Schlossberger:

As a respected partner in the field of police governance in Alberta, I am writing to highlight how recently proclaimed legislative changes may affect your community.

The Government of Alberta is enhancing civilian governance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) by proclaiming sections of the *Police Amendment Act, 2022*, and creating the Police Governance Regulation and Police Governance (Ministerial) Regulation. These amendments will ensure communities policed by the RCMP have a voice in setting local and province-wide policing priorities and performance goals by creating municipal and regional policing committees, as well as a Provincial Police Advisory Board.

These changes will take effect on March 1, 2025, after a transition period to allow municipalities to pass and implement relevant bylaws. Every community in Alberta served by the RCMP will be required to be represented by one of the following types of governance bodies, depending on their population size and type of police service agreement.

Communities with a population of 15,000 or greater, policed under a Municipal Police Service Agreement

- These communities are required to establish a Municipal Policing Committee (MPC), through bylaws, by March 1, 2025.
- MPCs will consist of between three and seven members appointed by the municipality's council.
- The Minister may also appoint committee members based on the size of the committee.

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Communities with a population of less than 15,000, policed under a Municipal Police Service Agreement

- These communities are required to establish a Regional Policing Committee, through bylaws, by March 1, 2025.
- Each RCMP district is a region (e.g., South, Central, East, and West), and each region contains five to 10 municipalities required to work with other communities in the same RCMP district to form a Regional Policing Committee (RPC).
- RPCs will consist of at least one member appointed by each municipality represented.
- Communities may opt out of a RPC in favour of establishing their own municipal committee, or a joint committee with another municipality, with ministerial approval.

Communities policed under the Provincial Police Service Agreement

- Small and rural communities policed under the Provincial Police Service Agreement, including municipalities with a population under 5,000, municipal districts and counties, and Metis Settlements, will be represented by the Provincial Police Advisory Board.
- The province will appoint up to 15 members to the Provincial Police Advisory Board, including representation from First Nations, Métis communities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Alberta Municipalities, and all four provincial RCMP districts.
- Costs for the Provincial Police Advisory Board will be borne by the province.
- The Provincial Police Advisory Board will be operational by March 1, 2025.

Attached for further reference is a Frequently Asked Questions document with more information about the new requirements for RCMP local governance bodies. You can also find the Police Governance (Order in Council) Regulation, the Police Governance (Ministerial) Regulation, and the proclamation of the *Police Act* sections establishing these governance bodies on the Alberta.ca website at www.alberta.ca/alberta-kings-printer.

Please note that in the next few weeks your administration will receive communication from department representatives with details about planned information sessions regarding these governance bodies. If you have any questions or require support in the set-up of these governance bodies, please contact the department at: AlbertaPoliceGovernance@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you for everything you do to help ensure Albertans can live, work, and raise families in safe and secure communities.

Sincerely,



Honourable Mike Ellis
Deputy Premier of Alberta
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

Attachment