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Mr. Barry Morishita
President
President@auma.ca

Dear Mr. Morishita:

Thank you for your email and attached letter of November 3, 2020, regarding the *Police Funding Regulation* and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association's (AUMA) resolution requesting that the Government of Alberta take into account in the funding model that municipalities often employ peace officers and other levels of law enforcement in their communities.

The *Police Funding Regulation* came into force on April 1, 2020 and was created to implement two separate initiatives, both of which address police funding and resourcing matters. These are:

- The implementation of the Police Funding Model (PFM); and
- The absorption of Option 1 Enhanced Policing Positions.

The Government of Alberta recognizes that municipalities are responsible for ensuring they have bylaws in effect for the safe and orderly operations of their municipalities and that they have peace officers in place to enforce their municipal bylaws. The work of peace officers is very important for the continuum of law enforcement in the province.

However, the PFM is a Regulation under the *Police Act* and only reflects the costs associated with police officers. It cannot include the costs related to peace officer enforcement as peace officers fall under the authority of the *Peace Officer Act*. There can be no subsidy for peace officers in the PFM.

I appreciate your bringing the AUMA's concerns to my attention. Thank you for your continued support of law enforcement in Alberta's municipalities.

Yours very truly,

Kaycee Madu, QC
Minister

cc: Honourable Tracy Allard
Minister of Municipal Affairs