



APPS BACKGROUNDER

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Issue

The Government of Alberta is considering the creation of an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) to replace the RCMP as the province's police service.

Between now and April 1, 2022, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General is consulting with municipal governments at more than 40 closed-door sessions to present the provincial government's vision on a prescribed set of topics. While members of the public and media are not allowed to take part in these stakeholder engagement sessions, the provincial government has committed to conduct a public survey in early 2022.

Alberta Municipalities' actions to date

In 2021 –

- Conducted 2021 President's Summit on Policing online in February 2021. Attendees were surveyed about the possible creation of an APPS at the end of the summit. Survey results showed there was widespread support among members for keeping the RCMP as Alberta's provincial police force.
- Repeatedly called on the provincial government to officially release the \$2-million [PricewaterhouseCoopers \(PwC\) feasibility report](#) it commissioned in October 2020.
- Issued an [official statement](#) outlining our main concerns on October 29, 2021, when the provincial government finally released its report.
- Conducted media interviews in November and December 2021 to increase public awareness of the issue and make our concerns known.

In 2022 –

- Conducted further media interviews on the issue to increase public awareness of the issue and our concerns.
- Participated in the National Police Federation's public consultations, which were conducted openly and transparently, on this critical issue.
- Conducted a virtual policing summit for our members on January 19, 2022. More than 400 participants received an update on the PricewaterhouseCoopers feasibility

report, discussed key aspects of the report, and raised many good questions about accountability, funding, operations, and logistics.

- Posted a web page outlining our association's advocacy efforts on this issue to date and presenting a summary of the questions our members raised at our January 2022 virtual policing summit.
- The issue was discussed at our [Municipal Leaders' Caucus](#) (MLC) in March 2022.
- Alberta Municipalities' official position on the possible creation of an APPS was shared publicly on March 9, 2022. More than 80 per cent of the members who voted at MLC opposed the creation of an APPS (see ABmunis' [news release](#) for more details).

Online resources (related links)

- Alberta Municipalities' [Policing Hub](#), including [Alberta Provincial Police Service \(APPS\)](#) information.
- Government of Alberta's [Provincial Police Service Engagement](#) synopsis.
- National Police Federation's [Public Engagement](#) calendar.

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