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EDMONTON – The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) welcomes today’s announcement by the provincial government that it is sharing the long-awaited PricewaterhouseCoopers’ report on the viability of a provincial police service with Albertans.

AUMA will need some time to review and analyze the contents of this report before we can offer specific comments. We owe it to our members to do a thorough job. Consequently, we are unable to present an official position right now.

While we are unable to comment on specific details from the report at this time, we are concerned that some important questions may not have been asked by PwC, and therefore, may not have been answered. We are also concerned that the report may be missing some key information and may have failed to consider some important factors.

The AUMA maintains that a fair and democratic referendum on the establishment of a provincial police service should occur if the Government of Alberta decides it wants to go this route. Premier Jason Kenney said as much in November 2019, and we expect him to honour his commitment.

Albertans deserve a fair deal from their provincial government when it comes to how our hard-earned tax dollars are spent on policing. We are concerned that Alberta would forfeit about \$160 million a year in federal funding for police services if it were to form a provincial police service.

If all Albertans must pay for something, then all Albertans must have a say in the decision.

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