

Principles for a Provincial Police Service

Alberta Municipalities worked with members to develop the following principles for a provincial police service (PPS). These principles reflect the needs and priorities of municipalities and are applicable to any PPS, regardless of the service provider.

Police Governance and Oversight

- A PPS must ensure that all municipalities have meaningful input into developing local policing priorities.
- Governance and oversight bodies for a PPS must include servicemunicipal representation at local, regional, and provincial levels.
- A PPS must provide regular reporting on policing priorities and outcomes to the municipalities it serves.

Police Service Levels

- A PPS must establish and deliver a minimum standard of policing infrastructure, supervision, administration, and front-line services necessary to respond to calls for service and provide adequate proactive policing in all Alberta municipalities.
- This minimum standard must exceed current RCMP performance.
- The Government of Alberta must create, with input from municipalities, metrics to demonstrate that the minimum standard is being met or exceeded in all Alberta municipalities.
- The Government of Alberta must publicly share reporting on PPS performance.

Policing Costs

- Municipalities must not bear any of the costs associated with implementing and transitioning to a provincial police service.
- Police funding must be based on the principles of fairness, transparency, and predictability.
- The Government of Alberta must fill the funding gap associated with the loss of federal funding for using RCMP services.
- Municipal policing costs for a PPS must be at minimum 5% below current RCMP policing costs.
- All municipalities must pay an equitable share of policing costs for the minimum standard of policing.
- Municipalities must retain the ability to negotiate contracts with a PPS. Municipalities requesting contract enhancements, e.g. additional dedicated officers or staff, would be responsible for paying the additional cost of providing these.