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Official Statement – Alberta Municipalities responds to Government of Alberta’s deployment plan for a provincial police service

EDMONTON – Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) was among a small group of organizations that received a high-level briefing from Alberta Justice Minister Tyler Shandro and senior ministry officials earlier today. We appreciate having been briefed on the Government of Alberta’s deployment plan for a provincial police service prior to Minister Shandro’s news conference.

The Government of Alberta’s deployment plan is quite long and detailed, so it will take some time for us to digest and analyze it. Alberta Municipalities anticipates it will have more to say on the matter in the coming days.

Based on what we learned at today’s briefing, ABmunis has some outstanding concerns.

To start, we do not believe enough consultation and engagement occurred between the Government of Alberta, local governments and key stakeholders like us since October 29, 2021, when the provincial government released its Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) transition study final report.

Alberta Municipalities has a set of three principles for a provincial police service that reflect the needs and priorities of local governments in Alberta, and that apply to any provincial police service, regardless of the service provider. The principles address:

- **Police governance and oversight** – Meaningful local input, municipal representation and regular reporting to the communities they serve are required.
- **Police service levels** – Minimum standards for infrastructure, supervision, administration and front-line services, better performance than current RCMP delivers, metrics and public performance reporting are needed.
- **Policing costs** – municipalities should not bear any of the costs associated with implementing and transitioning to a provincial police service.

We will be looking closely at the provincial government’s report to see if the deployment plan aligns with our provincial police service principles.

Fundamentally, we believe the creation of an Alberta provincial police service should be driven by the real public safety needs of the communities it will serve rather than by political motivations.

Related links:

- [APPS transition study final report - Open Government \(alberta.ca\)](#)
- [Alberta Municipalities' Principles for a Provincial Police Service.pdf \(abmunis.ca\)](#)

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We work with elected and administrative leaders of Alberta's summer villages, villages, town, cities, and specialized municipalities to advocate for solutions to their common issues, which we categorize as economic, environment, governance, infrastructure, or social.

And we help them build resilient and thriving communities by providing valuable services. We use our members' combined purchasing power to negotiate the best possible value and competitive pricing on employee benefits, insurance, energy, and other services needed to run an effective and efficient municipality.