

# **MEMBER REQUEST FOR DECISION**

## **SPRING MUNICIPAL LEADERS' CAUCUS**

**DATE:**

February 17, 2026

**TOPIC:**

Police Funding Model Requisition

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Alberta Municipalities advocate for:

- the Government of Alberta to immediately review and amend the Police Funding Model (PMF) to ensure that it is fair and sustainable for municipalities,
- the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services (PSES) to exercise the authority granted to the Minister under the Police Funding Model Regulation to implement a cap on provincial policing costs, or other mitigation measures such as alternative cost-sharing mechanisms, in order to prevent disproportionate and destabilizing financial impacts on municipalities in Alberta.

**BACKGROUND:**

Under the current Police Funding Model, the Town of Daysland's police requisition is projected to increase more than 40% compared to the previous year. Further, the PMF estimate indicates the Town's annual requisition will rise from \$57,831 in 2026 to \$128,880 by 2031, representing more than a 120% increase over five years. Other municipalities across Alberta are seeing similar projected impacts.

All municipalities are affected by escalating provincial policing costs. As part of ABmunis broader advocacy to address the financial strain this places on already stretched municipal budgets, it is important to include specific advocacy on the impact that the renewed PFM will have on small communities with limited assessment bases. Rapid increases under the PMF significantly reduce municipal capacity to absorb additional costs without cutting essential services or imposing substantial tax increases.

The Police Funding Model Regulation provides the Minister with the authority to establish caps on municipal policing contributions and to implement other mitigating measures. Exercising this authority is necessary to ensure cost predictability, fiscal stability, and equity across municipalities.

Without timely intervention, the Police Funding Model risks undermining financial sustainability across Alberta, constraining local governments' ability to deliver core services, and shifting an inequitable share of provincial policing costs onto municipal taxpayers. Advocacy by Alberta Municipalities is necessary to ensure municipal capacity, regional equity, and long-term fiscal sustainability for all municipalities in Alberta.

**ENCLOSURES:**

1. Town of Daysland Police Funding Model Preliminary 5-Year Estimate.