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Dear Mayor Helps and Mayor Desjardins:

Thank you for your letter of March 26, 2021 seeking clarification of the “two year” timeline recommended in Doug LePard’s report: *Budget Allocation Formula for Policing in the City of Victoria and the Township of Esquimalt*, dated September 15, 2020.

Police Services’ staff have consulted Mr. LePard regarding your question. I can confirm that, after weighing all the information and competing interests, his recommendation for the transition to the new Budget Allocation Formula was for a two-year period beginning with the 2021 police budget. Mr. LePard’s expectation was that half the budget increase for the City of Victoria and corresponding decrease for the Township of Esquimalt would be implemented in 2021 with full implementation in the 2022 police budget.

The Terms of Reference for the s. 42 study had specific timelines to align Mr. LePard’s recommendations on cost sharing with the budget process set out under s. 27 of the *Police Act*, specifically the requirement to submit a provisional budget to the municipalities by November 30, 2020.

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I trust this will assist your discussions.

Regards,



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