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Chief Constables of Municipal Police Departments
Chief Officer Dave Jones, SCBCTA Police Service
Chairs of Police Boards

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Re: JIBC Police Academy Transition Funding

I am writing to provide an update on the new recruit funding model for municipal police recruit training in British Columbia, as we continue to work together to ensure the current delivery model at the JIBC Police Academy (JIBC PA) is sustainable.

As a result of emerging issues, Policing and Security Branch (PSB) will be working with the JIBC to implement the transition to the new funding model sooner than anticipated. Municipalities may be expected to pay on a per recruit basis beginning this fiscal year 2022, and this timeline will be dependent on the results of the financial planning to be completed by the JIBC. Of note, the City of Surrey will be contributing to the costs of recruit training as soon as the Surrey Police Service sends new recruits to the JIBC PA in May 2022.

PSB has encouraged the JIBC to consider cost mitigation strategies and to ensure that any decisions that may have a significant fiscal impact are made in consultation with police boards and chief constables, particularly through the Police Academy Chiefs Committee (PACC). I have also asked the JIBC to consider advancing efforts immediately to finalize the cost per recruit amount and to communicate these results in the near future, so that municipalities can plan to build these costs into their budgets.

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I trust that we can continue to work together to ensure that the JIBC PA is able to meet recruit training demands and I have recommended that the JIBC PA prepare a budget that will help answer any questions regarding ongoing expenses and existing sources of revenue, as the transition to the new funding model unfolds. If you have any questions regarding the new funding model or would like to meet to discuss the information in this letter, please contact Wendy Sutherland, Senior Program Manager (Wendy.Sutherland@gov.bc.ca) or David Pilling, A/ Executive Director, Municipal Policing, Governance and Oversight Division (David.Pilling@gov.bc.ca).

Regards,



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