

**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY BRANCH
POLICE SERVICES DIVISION
BRIEFING NOTE**

ISSUE

Cost of replacing the RCMP with our own BC Provincial Police Force

BACKGROUND

- If the Province replaced the RCMP with a BC Provincial Police Force – similar to the OPP in Ontario and SQ in Quebec –

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- Under the terms of the Provincial Police Services Agreement (PPSA), the costs are shared between the province and Canada. The province pays 70% of the cost base described in the PPSA and Canada pays the remaining 30%. In 2008/09 the budget for the RCMP Provincial Force was approximately \$428 million, of which the Province paid \$299.5 million and Canada paid the remaining \$128.5 million.

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- Contract Costs –

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- Federal Specialized Units –

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In addition to the cost base, there are costs associated with BC's RCMP Provincial Force which are borne 100% by Canada. In 2007/08 it is anticipated that Canada will pay about **\$3 million** for items associated with the Provincial Force such as civil actions, compensation and ex-gratia payments, building security provided by Corps Commissionaires, etc. Canada also pays 100% of the cost of several specialized units that provide services to the province, such as Special "I" and Special "O".

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The RCMP Provincial Force must move from its current offices in Vancouver. Public Works Canada is planning to construct a new building on a site that has been selected in Surrey.

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