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From: s.22

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 9:52 AM

To: Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX <Mike.Farnworth.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; Brenda Locke <brenda.locke@surrey.ca>; Falcon.MLA, Kevin LASS:EX <Kevin.Falcon.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: Today's Policing decision

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Minister Farnworth,

Your decision given today about policing in Surrey is disgusting & the NDP will NEVER see another vote from myself, my wife or extended family members! Your Government was gutless when Surrey Residents pleaded for a referendum & you stated you would not get involved with a Municipal decision. Instead, you allowed Surrey to flounder for 4 years! Suddenly, after Surrey Residents cast their democratic votes to elect Mayor Locke & to keep the R.C.M.P., you decided to get involved & push towards going with the SPS.

Mayor Locke has our vote to continue with the R.C.M.P. & if need be, challenge your decision in court! You are willing to offer \$30 million to keep the SPS transition absolutely stinks of prejudice to keep the SPS because the offer of those funds to help out Surrey policing will evaporate if Surrey keeps the R.C.M.P. To Mayor Locke I say - hold the line - we want the R.C.M.P.!

This decision will be remembered on the next election day in B.C.!

Regards,

s.22

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From: s.22

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 12:25 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RCMP

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Mr Eby, it is with a sad & heavy heart I advise you that after 40+ years as a loyal & enthusiastic supporter of NDP, in Alberta, BC, & Federally, I will not support or vote NDP again until you & Mr. Farnworth have left.

I am disgusted with your procrastination, weakness & hypocrisy surrounding Surrey RCMP decision. I just cannot believe this is the NDP I love so much.

Regards,

s.22

Sent from my iPad

From: s.22

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 12:56 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Surrey Police

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Poor Decision!

You have ignored the majority of the citizens of Surrey. We won't forget this at the next provincial election.

At least our mayor has the intestinal fortitude to stay the course.

Shame on you and your entire cabinet for abandoning democratic principals!

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From: Eby.MLA, David <David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 1:02 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: SURREY POLICE TRANSITION

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From: s.22
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 11:33 AM
To: Eby.MLA, David <David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: SURREY POLICE TRANSITION

Dear Mr. Eby,

I am sharing with you the letter I sent to Mr. Farnworth regarding his recommendation for Surrey's police force transition.

Sincerely,

s.22

Dear Mr. Farnworth,

I watched your news conference regarding the Surrey police transition and am both disappointed and frustrated with your recommendation. The conditions you placed on keeping the R.C.M.P. has provided little choice for the City of Surrey but to switch to the Surrey Police Services, even though our current city council won the election on a platform to keep the R.C.M.P. Now the residents of Surrey will be paying an extra \$30 million per year for the country's highest paid police force that will, in my opinion, be no more effective than the R.C.M.P. - so we are paying more for the same! \$72 million dollars for the S.P.S. officers' severance is a paltry amount, considering that a mere five years of the S.P.S. will cost us \$150 million - more than double the severance - and the cost will only continue to rise as officers' salaries and benefits increase. The province will help Surrey pay for the transition away from the R.C.M.P, but it most certainly will not provide any financial relief for Surrey taxpayers after

that. I am so upset by your decision, that for the first time since 1972, I will NOT be voting N.D.P. in the next provincial election - and may never again!

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From: s.22

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 1:14 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX <PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Brenda Locke does not recognize conflict in interest, and you left her in charge

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<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/surrey-police-union-files-ethics-complaint-against-city-councillor-in-ongoing-transition-battle-1.6291878?cache=noluapbixfwukoj%3FclipId%3D89530%3FautoPlay%3Dtrue>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/surrey-rcmp-transition-farnworth-decision-1.6824051>

Honoured Leaders,

Brenda Locke has zero respect for the conflict of interest that empowers her decisions, and is openly disrespectful to the conclusions of the province.

She is biased, and the RCMP need to be removed from Surrey.

Regards,

s.22

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Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 1:35 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Surrey

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Sent from my iPhone. Congratulations. First time in 59 years, a BC Government has made a real, meaningful, decision for improved policing in B C. I was pleasantly surprise sincerely,
s.22

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From: s.22

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 2:16 PM

To: Falcon.MLA, Kevin LASS:EX <Kevin.Falcon.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Bond.MLA, Shirley LASS:EX <Shirley.Bond.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; mike.dejong.mla@leg.gc.ca; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX <Mike.Farnworth.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Walker.MLA, Adam LASS:EX <Adam.Walker.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: Vaughn Palmer <vpalmer@postmedia.com>; ghoekstra@postmedia.com
Subject: Friday Gov't Announcements

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On Friday the B.C. government announced they are offering Surrey \$150M for policing along with a morass of conditions. The government's mishandling of this issue is proving to be a disaster for Surrey taxpayers, residents, safety, policing and the NDP government.

On the same day, the B.C. government announced a grant of \$200M to B.C. indigenous leaders to offset their costs of negotiation and engagement with other levels of government and to support staffing, training and meetings in planning implementation and enactment of the U.N. Declaration Act.

The government's Declaration Enactment announcement means B.C. taxpayers will be paying for more administrators, bureaucrats, consultants and lawyers. And the benefits to indigenous people themselves? Dubious at best.

Just another Friday for the Eby government.

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From: Eby.MLA, David <David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 3:30 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Surrey Police

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From: s.22
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 2:45 PM
To: Eby.MLA, David <David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Surrey Police

Dear Mr. Eby,

My name is s.22 I am a long-term BC NDP member and supporter. I am proud of many things that Dave Barrett, John Horgan, you and your party have done for the people of BC.

However, I am deeply disappointed and appalled at the way that the Surrey Police selection process has gone from the outset, starting over 4 years ago. The lack of planning, diligence, referendum, and selection of the Surrey Police were avoidable. The BC Safety Minister was not doing his job (due diligence) to prevent the mess we find ourselves in now. Media is all over this!

My suggestion to you is to step up and take charge of the mess created/facilitated by Mr Farnworth. Supporting the Surrey Mayor in her choice of police is wise for you and us.

Brenda Locke was elected democratically with her #1 promise to retain the RCMP. This is the closest thing equivalent to the referendum that should have been done by Mr Farnworth.

Politically, the opposition will make hay with the apparent, biased position that the BC NDP has taken against the will of the people of Surrey. I am one of those NDP Surreyites who has tried to raise the faults in this file from Day 1. The bias being hurled against the RCMP in Surrey is unfair, especially coming from our BC Safety Minister. This is indicative of a problem.

Our safety is most important for me. More officers are needed. It didn't matter if it was SPS or RCMP. What a waste of my tax dollars by plundering along for 4 years, running two police forces. This

situation was preventable if a binding referendum was done in 2018-19. The Safety Minister should have made this prerequisite before allowing Mr MacCallum to forge ahead with the SPS.

Let's try and salvage the situation. Listen to the Mayor of Surrey. Otherwise, the NDP seats may be impacted south of Fraser in the future election. These are my thoughts as a party supporter. You need to help save this from Mr Farnworth and you need to meet Brenda Locke in front of the media. Damage control is needed.

Thank you, sir.

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From: s.22

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 6:20 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: re: Surrey police decision . . .

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To David Eby

Wow - it's been a long long time since I spoke out about government policies because you have been doing such a good job . . .

but hearing today that the province will give Surrey MILLIONS of taxpayer dollars to do a private police force is just not RIGHT!

If Surrey wants to have it's own police force and not the RCMP - then go ahead - but DO NOT give them any taxpayer dollars to do that . . . it is their decision and they need to step up to the place and handle what it takes to do that . . .

Is this really happening ? ? ?

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From: s.22

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 8:07 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; Brar.MLA, Jagrup LASS:EX <Jagrup.Brar.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Bains.MLA, Harry LASS:EX <Harry.Bains.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Begg.MLA, Garry LASS:EX <Garry.Begg.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; bruce.rolston.MLA@leg.bc.ca; Sims.MLA, Jinny LASS:EX <Jinny.Sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX <Mike.Farnworth.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: Mayor Brenda Locke <mayor@surrey.ca>; harry.bains@surrey.ca; rob.stutt@surrey.ca; gordon.hepner@surrey.ca; pardeep.kooner@surrey.ca; mike.bose@surrey.ca; Annis, Linda <linda.annis@surrey.ca>

Subject: Unacceptable way to treat Mayor Locke...we expect better from MLA Farnsworth

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Premier Eby

Former Mayor Doug McCallum hated the RCMP. This former Mayor cost Surrey Taxpayers wasted money he rejected Uber, Leased a vehicle when he was supposed to drive his vehicle, had two accidents, and returned the vehicle with damage. day after he lost the Election. The former Mayor had his picture taken in the City works yard pumping gas into his leased vehicle (he had a gas allowance) No Casinos were allowed in Surrey.

No one from Victora Stopped the former Mayor from over-cost runs our City ran willy-nilly. You left us with a Mayor out of control.

Most people in Surrey were against the TranslinkTrain going around Surrey. Former Mayors Diane Watts & Linda Hepner wanted a Train around the City of Surrey

Most RESIDENTS OF SURREY DID NOT WANT THE CONGESTION OF A TRAIN AROUND SURREY.....That is how Doug McCallum won.

Former Premier Horgan and MLA Mike Farnsworth let us down big time in Surrey and cost us mega-money in Taxes. They should have had a REFERENDUM on RCMP or Surrey Police when Former Doug McCallum won that would have been the done deal, but no they stayed silent as he ran the City.

When Brenda Locke was running for Mayor of Surrey last November why didn't MLA Farnsworth and Former Premier Horgan say no Brenda Locke we are staying with the Surrey Police?

What Mayor has ever had what they ran on overturned by an MLA? Then it takes him almost 6 months to come down with us taking the Surrey Police.

Were you expecting Doug McCallum to win the Election?

I think it is disgusting that MLA Farnsworth would not have had many meetings with Mayor Brenda Locke working on this decision and getting her points of view. Especially this week leading up to the announcement. This is not Professional. Not the way an MLA should be addressing issues.

Did MLA Farnsworth talk to the Surrey Police about his decision on Police this week? Sounded like they knew as the speech sounded like he had time to prepare also McCallum spoke shortly after the announcement on CKNW.

Why do we Taxpayers in Surrey have to pay the Surrey Police and the Chief of Police more money than any other Police Force in B.C.? Is this the way to do honest hiring? Stealing Officers from Other Police Forces? Are we Taxpayers paying moving expenses for the Police to move to Surrey? Are we paying for Real Estate fees?

The next Election can not come soon enough. I guess MLA Farnsworth will retire and leave you with this mess.

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From: s.22

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 8:35 PM

To: Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX <PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Prov tax subsidy to Surrey for police

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From info I see don't see the fairness in us as taxpayers who are not living/paying tax in Surrey now paying for the "Policing Issue" driven by politics in Surrey.

I and friends are looking for the NDP provincially to show up ASAP and fund new services in our area from provincial tax bases. Fingers crossed but not holding our breath's...

Please surprise us

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From: s.22

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 10:19 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Minister Farnworth and Surrey policing

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Mr. Eby

I am appalled at the decision of your government in relation to policing in Surrey. This smacks of BC Liberal style politics rather than NDP decency and integrity.

The RCMP remain the best choice for Surrey. The plan from the previous city government was wrong headed and absolutely ludicrous.

You have failed on this file Mr. Eby.

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 11:06 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Blackmail

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David Eby

As of today, it appears there is not Honor in the current government with your treatment of the people of Surrey and your parties use of blackmail to get your way. When Surrey elected a new team to lead us that promised to keep the RCMP, your government did not say you supported the voice of the people of Surrey. You said you had to look at the problem, while forcing the City to hire more police officers that Surrey taxpayers did not want. We waited and waited while costs continue to increase for terminating these unwanted officers. Now after all these months, your government do not have the balls to say "Surrey cannot keep the RCMP but just say it will cost Surrey tax payers and extra \$150 million. That is BLACKMAIL and the way thugs do things! My grandson just got bullied by his teammates and his father talked to the coaches. Too bad the people of Surrey do not have anyone to protect us from bullying government!

s.22

From: s.22

Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2023 7:56 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX <Mike.Farnworth.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: How Dare You Spend My Tax Dollars On Surrey!!!

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Outrageous!

I do not want my tax dollars spent on Surrey's bungling.

Now you are making a total mess and farce of the whole thing.

I don't pay my taxes to give to Surrey!!!

From: s.22

Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2023 6:34 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Policing in Surrey

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Dear Premier Eby,

I am a taxpayer and a long time resident in Surrey. I was shocked yesterday when I listened to the Solicitor General bribe (money or favor given or promised in order to influence the judgment or conduct of a person in a position of trust- Miriam Webster) the City of Surrey with short term funding if they took his recommendation of continuing the transition to the Surrey Police Service. I never thought that I would see such blatant disregard for ethical standards in Canada. This bribe is a slap in the face of any reasonable person and I would react the same way that the Mayor did.

The actions of your Solicitor General with his non-decision and open disregard for ethical standards while using the mantle of public safety has seriously brought the reputation of political figures and the political system into disrepute. The actions of the Solicitor General under your leadership has obliterated any semblance of trust that I might have had in the political system in British Columbia.

I find that the non-action and overt delay of dealing with this issue for so long including the bribe of extra money rips at the heart of fairness when dealing with the citizens of this city and its elected municipal government.

I will have a hard look at what I do during the next election.

Leadership requires integrity and this situation demonstrated that there is no such thing in government. The will and the interest of the people was shown to be the least concern over the last few years and reinforced again on Friday.

I watched the Mayor on Friday. I am comfortable with her reasoned and principled approach. I will support her. She has a grip of the municipal situation.

I watched the RCMP. I am comfortable with their principled approach. I will support them.

The leadership of the SPS stated that they take direction from the Province and now in light of the non-decision they want to work with the City. Too late.

Somebody needs to get a grip of this situation at the Provincial level.

The buck stops with you. I will watch with interest to see if integrity prevails.

Sincerely

s.22

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Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2023 11:20 PM

To: Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX <PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Surrey Police Decision

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Hello:

As a lifelong NDP voter, and Surrey resident, I am appalled by this Farnsworth performance: sneaky, disrespectful, gutless, too clever by half, ill-considered and unnecessary.

As for Police Chief Lipinsky, he has no credibility: disrespectful, arrogant, confrontational, untrustworthy. Not the demeanour necessary of a public servant. This is brutal, just brutal.

Mayor McCallum was a joke and this is his vanity project, which you support.

You had better give Surrey \$\$\$ for keeping the RCMP. We expect much better from an NDP government.

Sadly, s.22

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22

Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 2:19 AM

To: Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX <PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RCMP

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

I support your move towards local policing, but it's important to recognize how big of an enemy you just made. RCMP E Division (All of BC RCMP) has its massive headquarters at Green Timbers. The RCMP is a gigantic, powerful federal agency. Sectors of the RCMP are heavily involved in national security and intelligence activities.

They will retaliate. They will try to bring down the BC NDP.

You're going to need new, powerful friends. I suggest you liaise with the Ontario provincial police force, the Quebec provincial police force. They'll have tips for how to build up the provincial security and intelligence apparatus. They may have tips for how to weather the storm, as our province's policing tries to become as independent as their provinces are.

Good luck, thank you for having the courage to do what you think is best for BC

From: s.22

Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 12:49 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Surrey Police Transition

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Dear Premier Eby

First off, I want to say that I am not only a B.C. taxpayer, but I am also a supporter of the NDP.

I am writing with regards to the extremely, poor handling of the Surrey Police Transition & the unnecessary costs to the taxpayers of Surrey , & now a financial burden, for all of British Columbian's.

For the life of me, I cannot understand why your government would allow this to happen, here are concerns that I have ;

- Why did the Provincial Transition committee, not force former Surrey Mayor McCallum to reveal the true costs of the Transition?. No financial numbers were released, until Mayor Locke was elected.
- What evidence, was there to show, that a more costly Municipal SPS force, was going to reduce crime more?. Especially, since there would be less Officers under SPS, of 729, then the current RCMP authorized strength of 887 Officers.
- During this economic period, of high inflation, rising property taxes, are Surrey taxpayers being burdened to pay for the loss of \$241 million in federal subsidies, that Surrey would receive over 5 years?
- Why are other B.C. taxpayers, be burdened to contribute \$150 million to pay for this Transition?. Why does a taxpayer in Coquitlam or Golden, have to contribute? The province should put that money , towards healthcare, education infrastructure or debt reduction.
- Why was Mayor Locke given a redacted report, 20 minutes before the press conference? Why is the report redacted in the first place? . Taxpayers, should be given the full picture. I don't see any valid reason, why are a report on a Police Transition should be vetted. This is taxpayers money, & we have a right to know how its being spent. Secrecy, always comes back to haunt, the Government in power. If you were in opposition, you would be making the same argument.

- Why does the RCMP , have unfair binding conditions, to not able to take Officers from other areas of the Province, when SPS has no such conditions , when SPS can poach Officers, from other police agencies.

Premier, I have always had a lot of respect for you. I found you to be very credible, honest & a politician with good political instincts. I have also enjoyed listening to you, on CKNW.

However, the same cannot be said about Minister Farnsworth. His office handled this extremely poorly, from a political perspective & a financial one.

Minister Fransworth has released a report based in secrecy, he showed little respect to Mayor Locke, has gone back on his word that there would be no Provincial dollars to pay for this transition & his political handling , was an unmitigated disaster.

This whole issue, was simply an expensive empire building exercise, & I am tired of seeing taxpayers dollars wasted, on issues like these, that are not pressing to the public

Premier, you should step in, remove the conditions, let Surrey keep the RCMP & not spend anymore tax dollars on this transition.

Thank you, for attention to this matter.

s.22

From: s.22

Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 1:17 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Minister Mike Farnworth's Announcement - Keep RCMP

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Premier Eby,

I just thought I would like to let you know the concerns of many Surrey residents and taxpayers. Here is the letter I drafted for Mayor Locke and her council members. I know you are very busy but I feel that the presentation given by Minister Farnworth was very misleading and inappropriate. Surrey is suffering terribly with hundreds of portables and to be offered \$30 million a year to keep a police force that is not even fully operational for 5 years would be better used for schools. It will definitely help the students feel safer and will hinder gang activity. Has the Province of BC taxpayers been asked about using their funds for the SPS? They will also be paying more each year for their RCMP units if the RCMP are removed from Surrey. The aftermath would be very high increases in the City of Surrey taxes.

Yours truly

s.22

Mayor Locke and council members:

As a resident and taxpayer of Surrey I feel the need to point out a few concerns over Mr. Farnworth's announcement.

Firstly, I say, **Keep the RCMP and Keep taxes as they are**

Taxpayers need to know **RCMP pay their own lawsuits, SPS is paid by Surrey taxpayers.**

Surrey residents do not want higher taxes which comes with the SPS

Farnworth did not mention the following:

1. That his offer **only brings the SPS yearly costs closer to being in line with the RCMP**, of course without including the Federal Rebate of 10% for the RCMP. **Once gone, Surrey pays \$30 million or more a year which means higher property taxes and less infrastructure support**

2. **Surrey will need to build a training facility, an administration building, supply, IT upgrades, gun range and an administration building. All outside support for forensics and Helicopter 1 etc, Surrey taxpayers pay for all this.** These were never included in Farnworth's payments.

3. **Safety in Surrey is not just a policing matter.** Taking the funds and investing in mental health, opioid treatment/recovery facilities and a trauma center would make Surrey residents feel safer.

4. **SPS demand 2 man vehicles so double the cost for patrol officers** to cover the area the RCMP currently cover.

Add all of those extras costs and the extra strain put on City Hall administration staff, and the SPS is not a fiscally responsible choice.

Farnworth is using Surrey for NDP campaigning

Surrey will not be NDP pawns

RCMP have strong community ties, stronger than the SPS

Just pay the severance of \$72 million, which is incorrect, it will be less. It saves Surrey taxpayers money. Paying for the SPS current requirements is more than the \$72 million and will be ongoing.

NDP and SPS are not being truthful with their statements. They are manipulating the Surrey residents into believing that the \$30 million will save Surrey money. How?? Keeping the RCMP saves money, and the residents feel safer with an established Surrey police force called the **RCMP**.

Farnworth/NDP Gov't should be using those available BC taxpayer funds for Surrey schools. No portables will help reduce gang activity in the schools. Let our children have a proper learning environment to help them on their way.

Farnworth/NDP Gov't should also be asking all of BC if they want their tax money to be used for a non-fully operational police force just to secure NDP votes.

Signed,

s.22

(a genuinely concerned citizen that does not like to be used as a pawn for NDP votes)

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Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 1:35 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Surrey RCMP

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Mr. Eby,

The voters in Surrey rejected the move to a city police force in the last civic election. YOU and your government have no business trying to cancel that decision.

You are behaving like BCLiberals with your position.

The best force for Surrey is the RCMP, and you need to fully support that position. Any less smacks of manipulation and divisive political tactics.

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

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From:s.22

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 4:50 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Surrey RCMP

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Keep the RCMP- Vancouver has city police- their crime is terrible!!! Judy.

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Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 3:37 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX <Mike.Farnworth.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: Unforgivable foot dragging by your Minister Farnworth

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Dear Premier Eby:

It is with great sorrow that my wife and I hereby submit our resignation from the NDP. We have been members for more than 40 years. Here's why.

Your government's indecision on Surrey policing has resulted in unbelievable and unwarranted stress for my extended family. After 15 years of loyal service in Surrey policing, they are looking at a potential forced move out of their community & with son starting high school in September, the uncertainty is cruel.

You keep saying it is up to the municipality, so do your job and let the decision be there's.

Sincerely yours,

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From: s.22

Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 6:11 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Surrey Policing

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Dear Premier,

This should not be a difficult decision.

The people of Surrey voted to retain the RCMP who have served Canada for many many years.

I hope you will honour their wishes.

Sincerely,

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From: s.22

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 6:47 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Just beyond repair.

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I would use Sir / Mme but this is BC andGive no respect , get none. Discrimination is taught in BC and fear equals hate.

Firstly Surrey Police vs RCMP ? Second largest city in BC ?
IDIOTIC NONSENSE. SLOW AND STUPID LOSES THE RACE.

AMALGAMATION OF ALL GREATER VANCOUVER AND THE POLICE IN THE AREA.

Secondly , that "my area" nonsense is exactly the same as all corrupt BC folk.
All areas , rural and metropolitan should have the same access to many things

ARE YA STUPID OR WHAT ?

Enabling addicts is just making the situation worse and it's obvious yet it continues.

When my surname and cousins have been very known historically for years in this Province and from coast to coast in both Canada and our southern neighbours , none of the simple lessons have ever been learned. Classism , racism , any ism and prejudice is quick to those taught discrimination instead of taught not to discriminate.

Didn't the Vancouver Foundation write a simple yet very obvious report on making friends in Vancouver? Imagine tiny rural areas where prejudice and discrimination are just outrageous, blatant and in government as well as supporting services. A total qualification it appears.

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PLEASE NOTE: the outgoing correspondence below references a letter from Mayor Locke sent April 17. I've included the letter for reference

From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 1:56 PM
To: 'HarpreetDhillon@surrey.ca' <HarpreetDhillon@surrey.ca>
Subject: RE: Mayor Locke - Letter to Premier Eby

Dear Harp:

Thank you for your email. We appreciate your sharing the attached letter from Mayor Brenda Locke and the City of Surrey regarding critical services.

We have been in contact with the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and have requested that they follow up with Mayor Locke directly regarding this matter. Please be assured that the appropriate ministry official will respond at their earliest opportunity.

Thank you, again, for writing. We appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Office of the Premier

CITY OF SURREY

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

VIA EMAIL

April 17, 2023



BRENDA LOCKE
MAYOR

MAYOR@SURREY.CA

604.591.4126

Hon. David Eby Premier
Province of British Columbia

Surrey is the second largest municipality in the province and, as you can appreciate, there are many critical infrastructure challenges facing our city. Simply put, our infrastructure is not keeping pace with anticipated growth of 10,000 newcomers each year, many from outside of Canada. Such growth brings both vitality and challenges in terms of housing, schools, public transportation, and health care. To make progress on these priorities, Surrey and the Province will need to focus attention and resources.

First, however, we require a timely decision confirming our right to maintain the RCMP as the Police of Jurisdiction (“POJ”) in Surrey. The City is currently incurring \$8 million/month for an unnecessary duplication of policing services. Surrey and its residents cannot bear the cost of further delays on the future of policing in Surrey; nor can Surrey and its residents accept the cost that would be incurred over the next five years to adopt

the Surrey Police Service (“SPS”) as POJ. The cost of adopting SPS as POJ would seriously hamper our ability to do much more than offer the most basic services – something that is simply not compatible with a growing, dynamic young city such as ours.

Further, Surrey operates with a significant deficit in social infrastructure. While Surrey has more than 60,000 housing units in the development pipeline, much of the development industry’s focus has been on building one bedroom and studio condo units. This type of housing stock will not be appropriate for the many families who will choose Surrey as their new home. The City has significant plans to increase housing supply and have prioritized the development of affordable family sized rental units as well as accessible family sized market units.

With respect to mobility, TransLink services south of the Fraser are currently running at 112% of capacity, while much of the rest of the TransLink network runs at approximately 75%. We will require an investment in rapid transit to Newton and South Surrey to keep us aligned with our growth.

Surrey already has the largest school district in the province, and it will see unprecedented growth in the coming years, compounding the problems with school capacity. Many of our schools now operate at 130% of capacity and plans to develop additional seats fall short of our rapid pace of development.




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Every workday an entire classroom of babies is born at Surrey Memorial Hospital's maternity ward. Our hospital is desperately short of capacity and Surrey citizens are forced to cross a bridge to receive care for several common conditions. In addition, the three most common causes of death cannot be treated at Surrey Memorial Hospital (stroke, heart, and trauma). Plans to develop a second hospital in Cloverdale, while positive and necessary, will not bring these crucial services closer to where our citizens need them.

We look forward to working with your government to deliver critical services to our citizens of today and tomorrow. I would greatly appreciate you taking action to bring the policing matter to a close by supporting Surrey Council's decision to retain the RCMP as POJ so we can move forward together on all the many important challenges confronting the City

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Locke'.

Brenda

Locke Mayor