



VIA EMAIL

February 27, 2020

His Worship Doug McCallum
Mayor of the City of Surrey
13450 104 Avenue
Surrey BC V3T 1V8

Dear Mayor McCallum:

Thank you for your letter of January 22, 2020.

I am writing to advise that, pursuant to s. 23 of the *BC Police Act* (the Act), this letter constitutes my approval for the City of Surrey to provide policing and law enforcement under Section 15 of the Act by means of a municipal police department governed by a municipal police board. This marks a significant next step in the transition process from the RCMP to a municipal police department for the City of Surrey.

Establishing a police board is an important step, and as you are aware, there is significant work ahead to ensure an orderly transition of policing services in the City of Surrey. The Director of Police Services, responsible for superintending policing for British Columbia, will provide continued oversight throughout the transition to ensure that the quality and standard of law enforcement is maintained in the City of Surrey, the region and Province.

As previously communicated, the Province has an established process to manage applications and appointments to a police board, and in the coming days, I expect the notice of positions for the Surrey Police Board to be posted by the Crown Agencies and Board Resourcing Office. You have my commitment that every effort will be made to conduct this process as expeditiously as possible. I anticipate there will be five board members appointed by the Province initially, in addition to your appointment as board chair and one person appointed by Surrey City Council. At a future point, consideration will be given by the Province to appointing two further persons to the Surrey Police Board in accordance with Section 23(1) of the Act.

To ensure maximum efficiency, the Province intends to make the first board appointments in a single Order in Council by the Lieutenant Governor. Upon confirmation of the appointments, the Director of Police Services and her staff will work with the established Surrey Police Board to coordinate training for board members and outline next steps as it relates to the board's responsibilities for the establishment of the Surrey Police Department.

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Reflecting on the progress to date, I echo your appreciation for the collaborative work of the Provincial Municipal Policing Transition Study Committee and for providing a comprehensive analysis of the identified issues. I continue to be impressed by the cooperation, productivity and level of engagement of our respective staff.

I look forward to continued collaboration on the policing transition process for the City of Surrey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Farnworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "M" and "F".

Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General