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Chair of Municipal Police Boards
Chair of SCBCTA Police Board
Chief Constables of Independent Municipal Police Departments
Chief Officer, SCBCTA Police Service
Chief Officer, Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am writing regarding the delivery of municipal police recruit training at the Justice Institute of British Columbia Police Academy (JIBC PA). As you are aware, on March 21, 2020, police boards and Chief Constables were advised of a temporary suspension of certain BC Provincial Policing Standards (BCPPS or Standards) to help facilitate social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a province, our top priority is to reduce activity and enforce social distancing to stop virus transmission chains. To further support the direction of the Provincial Health Officer, we have requested the JIBC PA to no longer proceed with recruit intake until at least early June.

I understand that Class 162, currently in Block One of the recruit program, has transitioned to an online training format for the final two weeks of the block and will enter into Block Two as of April 10, 2020. Policing and Security Branch (PSB) acknowledges that this direction will also impact Class 161, set to attend the JIBC PA in-person for Block Three on April 27, 2020.

Close proximity during hands-on instructing, as well any other related training techniques that may require close interactions, is not advisable during this pandemic. We will reassess on an ongoing basis and we can all look forward to resuming face-to-face training once it is safe to do so. I am assured that the JIBC PA will be consulting with police agencies to confirm scheduling details at that time.

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The health and safety of individuals and adherence to the orders of the Provincial Health Officer remain paramount, s.16

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PSB remains committed to ensuring police training is of a superior level and consistently fulfills the evolving needs of communities and emerging priorities for police. I appreciate your flexibility in this unprecedented time, as we continue to work collaboratively to resolve the challenges and impacts to police training as a result of the pandemic.

Take care,



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Dear Dr. Michel Tarko:

As you are aware, the JIBC Recruit Curriculum Improvement Steering Committee was recently established to assess, prioritize, and support the JIBC with the implementation of recommendations stemming from the recruit curriculum evaluation. I understand the Steering Committee has currently prioritized the review of the core competencies and the need to devote time to develop recruits' cultural competencies, and that associated working groups have been created. I look forward to hearing about the progress on these priorities, as well as the advancement of the other recommendations.

As stated in my letter dated November 25, 2019 to the Chair and members of the JIBC Police Academy Recruit Curriculum Evaluation Steering Committee, the implementation of all 20 recommendations in the Chair's report is essential to enhance the overall quality of training at the JIBC PA. When the implementation is completed, the JIBC will need to reflect the changes to the curriculum by finalizing the Course Training Standards for submission to Policing and Security Branch (PSB) to review and approve under section 40 of the *Police Act*.

I understand that PSB staff recently received the JIBC PA curriculum implementation plan and budget request for s.16; s.17 to hire contracted resources for analysis, curriculum design and development, and sign off. s.16; s.17
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s.16 While the Steering Committee and respective working groups can support the JIBC PA in an advisory capacity, the JIBC should continue to plan and execute the implementation of recommendations and develop concrete strategies to enhance and continuously improve the curriculum.

Thank you for your ongoing support to ensure the successful implementation of the recommendations to revitalize the recruit curriculum.

Take care,



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