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Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence for Minister Farnworth, sent on behalf of Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Strachan.

Thank you,

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January 14, 2020

The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
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Via Email: [PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca]

Dear Minister Farnworth,

On October 2nd 2018, LNG Canada announced plans for Coastal GasLink (CGL) to construct a natural gas liquefaction facility in Kitimat, British Columbia (BC) which requires approximately 620 km of pipeline construction from Dawson Creek to Kitimat. On December 31st 2019, the BC Supreme Court in Prince George provided a court injunction decision which prohibits interference with work being done on the pipeline.

While the LNG project is supported by the elected First Nation governments along the pipeline route, there remains opposition from some hereditary leaders. The geographic focus for opposition is the Unis'tot'en Camp located near the Morice River Bridge approximately 60 km west of Houston, BC which is anticipated to be the most active protest site. On January 4th 2020, the Unist'ot'en with support from the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs evicted CGL staff from the area along the Morice West Forest Service Road, and blocked their access. The camp presently maintains a blockade on the Morice West Forest Service Road and controls access.

Keeping the safety and well-being of all people in mind, an appropriate and measured policing response will require an informed, consistent and coordinated divisional response. The RCMP has since developed an operational strategy to enforce this order. While a current emergency has not been declared pursuant to the *Emergency Program Act*, the ever-evolving and intensifying situation meets the definition of an emergency as outlined in the Police Service Agreements as it is "an urgent and critical situation of a temporary nature that requires a redeployment of additional police resources." Local jurisdictional police do not have sufficient resources to deal with the situation at hand within their geographical boundaries.

I am writing to request the application of emergency provisions under Article 9.1 of the Provincial and Municipal Police Service Agreements (PPSA and MPSA) for the deployment of RCMP officers to the extent necessary to "maintain law and order, keep the peace and protect the safety of persons, or property." As per Article 9.1 of the PPSA, if BC's Provincial Police

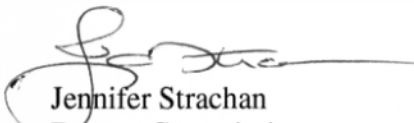
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Service (RCMP) is redeployed to deal with an emergency within the Province of BC, the Province of BC will pay 70% and Canada will pay 30% of the redeployment costs. As per Article 9.1 of the MPSA, if the BC RCMP Municipal Police Units are deployed, the Province is responsible for paying the costs of any redeployment including salary, transportation and maintenance, at the applicable cost-sharing ratio set out in sub-article 11.1 of the BC MPSA (i.e. 70% for municipalities under 15,000 and 90% for municipalities over 15,000).

The BC RCMP is cognizant of the potential costs of any deployment within the Province of BC, including the challenges of providing an appropriate response to potential protests in isolated parts of the province. Furthermore, should there be a requirement to increase the provincial policing establishment from non-contract business lines or from resources outside the Division, Sub-Article 9.2 would be invoked and all costs associated to the incremental resources would be at 100%.

I look forward to a continued partnership with you as we strive to provide the best possible policing services to the citizens of our Province. The BC RCMP will continue to notify the Ministry of planned actions and any developments.

Kind Regards,



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Dear Deputy Commissioner Strachan:

Thank you for your letter dated January 14, 2020, regarding the potential police response required to enforce the December 31, 2019 BC Supreme Court injunction prohibiting interference with work being done on the Coastal GasLink pipeline. As you state, opposition to the pipeline construction near Houston, BC has intensified and evolved to an urgent and critical nature, and the local jurisdictional police do not have sufficient resources to deal with this situation. I am satisfied that this constitutes a provincial Emergency under the *Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA)*.

As an urgent and critical situation of a temporary nature requiring additional resources, pursuant to Article 9.1 of the PPSA, I am authorizing the internal redeployment of resources within the Provincial Police Service to the extent necessary to maintain law and order, and to ensure the safety of persons, property, and communities in the area. This authorized temporary redeployment is inclusive of BC Municipal Police Service resources, pursuant to article 9.1 of the *Municipal Police Service Agreement (MPSA)*; however, I request that all provincial resources should be exhausted prior to making use of municipal RCMP resources. Should municipal resources be required, please ensure you discharge your obligations under Article 9 of the MPSA to consult with the affected local governments, including advance communications; and, that any impacted municipalities continue to receive adequate policing.

The operational deployment of resources and operational decisions are solely within the internal management and control of the RCMP; however, I ask that you please continue to inform the ministry of the planned actions and any further developments through established channels between executive Policing and Security Branch and RCMP staff. Further requests may be authorized upon consultation with Assistant Deputy Minister Brenda Butterworth-Carr.

I appreciate the urgency of these situations and look forward to receiving a report on the actual redeployment that was required, the composition of the members redeployed, including any equipment that was required. I understand the costs related to emergencies are tracked and monitored separately and I look forward to receiving a detailed accounting of these costs.

Sincerely,

Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
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March 19, 2020

The Honourable David Eby
Attorney General

The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

The Honourable Carole James
Minister of Finance

Dear Ministers,

I write to update you on the advancements made by law enforcement to combat money laundering as well as propose a permanent public-private partnership to address money laundering in British Columbia that will exist in perpetuity with formal governance. I seek your support, in principle, to endorse our initiatives as a united front from your Ministries.

As we know, money laundering is a major problem in B.C. Government, law enforcement, regulators, and industry are all challenged when it comes to addressing this problem. The sophisticated schemes criminals use to launder the proceeds of crime can span multiple financial institutions, professional services, and jurisdictions. Public-private partnerships, which bring stakeholders together to share information, are internationally recognized as an effective tool to protect, detect, and disrupt money laundering activity. Public-private partnership models have recently been adopted in the United Kingdom and Australia to combat this problem (i.e. the Joint Money Laundering Intelligence Taskforce and Fintel Alliance, respectively). Such a public-private partnership does not presently exist in Canada.

In 2018, the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of B.C. (CFSEU-BC) engaged with public and private stakeholders to address a money laundering scheme impacting B.C. casinos. The initiative, which became known as Project Athena, produced positive results and was well received by stakeholders. In 2019, Project Athena expanded to include more sectors and more stakeholders. The results included FINTRAC publishing a nationally distributed operational alert based on the Project Athena typology, numerous presentations delivered, and RCMP National Headquarters (NHQ) rolling out the Project Athena model for implementation across all divisions.

With the success of the initial phase of Project Athena, the plan is to evolve the Project into a permanent public-private partnership model to combat money laundering in B.C. This model will be tailored to the needs of B.C. while being coordinated with the federal Anti Money Laundering regime. This will be achieved by bringing together:

- all relevant crown corporations;
- all levels of government (municipal, provincial, federal);
- regulators (provincial and federal);
- law enforcement (municipal, provincial and federal) and
- relevant industry;

to lawfully share information, develop innovative solutions (data analytics, technology, etc.), and contribute to informed policy, regulatory, and legislative change.

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The intended results of the public-private partnership are improved collective understanding of the money laundering threat, informed and strengthened financial systems and controls, and informed investigation and disruption of money laundering activity. Cornerstones of this initiative are leveraging partnerships, engaging communities, innovating, and responding to community needs.

Since the beginning of 2020, the RCMP has dedicated a Director of Development and engaged RCMP resources in B.C. and NHQ to transition Project Athena from a project to a permanent entity to exist in perpetuity as a public-private partnership with formal governance. Part of this evolution has included the change in name from Project Athena to the Counter Illicit Finance Alliance of British Columbia (CIFA-BC).

Recent meetings and exchanges between the Director of Development, CIFA-BC and your Executive Director and lead for the Anti-Money Laundering Secretariat, discussed how CIFA-BC aligns with the provincial Anti-Money Laundering Strategy to deliver on aspects of its goals to combat money laundering in B.C. The Cullen Commission has also taken a strong interest in the development of CIFA-BC and has expressed interest in tracking its progress.

As the Commanding Officer of the BC RCMP, I am in complete support of CIFA-BC. I pledge the full support of law enforcement under my command, including municipal, provincial, and federal business lines.

Having your support in principle will demonstrate unification and allow for CIFA-BC to move forward in the forging of the coalition amongst all relevant stakeholders in the anti-money laundering sphere. I respectfully request a written response pledging the united support in principle, of your Ministries, to the development of CIFA-BC.

Regards,



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Dear Ministers:

Due to COVID 19, nearly all contract provinces and territories are acting under a state of emergency or public health emergency.

To date, one jurisdiction has invoked sub-article 9.1 of the Police Service Agreement (PSA) and has indicated that the invocation of sub-article 9.2 may be necessary. The rapidly evolving situation may require that I temporarily adjust the strength of your police services should your jurisdiction or other jurisdictions invoke the emergency policing provisions of sub-article 9.2 of the PSA. It is my understanding that your Divisional Commanding Officer has been in contact with you in order to assess the readiness and capacity of your police services. This letter will serve to formalize any previous communications on this matter should sub-article 9.2 be invoked in your jurisdiction in the future.

Pursuant to sub-article 9.3 of the PSA, and with the approval of the Honourable Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada, the RCMP plans to redeploy members from all available contract jurisdictions and RCMP business lines as and when required. In accordance with the terms of the PSA, a maximum of ten per cent of members may be withdrawn for the purpose of an emergency. Since the need for additional resources could become necessary on short notice, I am seeking your concurrence to implement the emergency provisions of the PSA as an anticipatory measure. Given the unusual circumstances and the prospects of multiple jurisdictions simultaneously invoking article 9, the actual timing and number of resources deployed to or from your respective jurisdictions, as required, will be at the discretion of the Deputy Commissioner of Contract and Indigenous Policing, in consultation with your Commanding Officer. Commanding Officers will also be responsible for monitoring the use of any such additional resources. This approach will be used for all Article 9 Emergency declarations, COVID-19-related or not, until current pressures from COVID-19 are reduced. I will inform you once regular article 9 practices have resumed.

Consultations with the Contract Management Committee have been held to develop an agreed upon approach to this rapidly evolving and unprecedented situation.

Due to the 14-day self-isolation requirements after international travel or close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, situations may occur where a temporary influx of members is required for one jurisdiction. Following the 14-day isolation, the critical need should subside and members could be shifted to another jurisdiction or returned to their home police service. Localized outbreaks of varying levels of severity also may necessitate redeployments. In essence, your jurisdiction may provide resources to address a critical need in another jurisdiction, or, conversely, evolving circumstances may require an influx of resources into your jurisdiction.

Should members be redeployed to another province or territory as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, your jurisdiction will not bear any cost related to the redeployment. The requesting province or territory will, as per sub-article 9.2(b), assume all costs related to the redeployed members, including salaries, transportation, and maintenance. All salary costs will be deducted from the overall expenditures of the supplying police service, based upon the length of time the members were absent from their home units. A detailed accounting will be provided by the Commanding Officer of the receiving Division at the conclusion of any such redeployment.

Should any redeployment extend beyond 30 consecutive days, you will be promptly notified in order to prepare for consultation to examine whether measures are being taken to resolve the emergency without undue delay and without unduly affecting the services provided in your jurisdiction.

Please be assured that public safety within your jurisdictions will remain the priority for the RCMP even in the event that members are redeployed across the country. Given the unique national operational structure of the RCMP and the flexibility of article 9 of the PSA, the RCMP is well-positioned to ensure the areas of greatest need for policing resources will be addressed quickly to ensure that public safety will not be compromised. To the extent possible, additional resources required under article 9 will be drawn from other RCMP units or services across the Force.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation for your cooperation and flexibility during these uncertain times.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'B. Lucki'.

Brenda Lucki
Commissioner



May 6, 2020

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Dear Assistant Commissioner McDonald:

Thank you for your letter dated March 19, 2020, in which you provide an update on advancements made by law enforcement to combat money laundering, and the proposal for a permanent public-private partnership that would continue to address it in British Columbia.

After review and discussion with our ministerial colleagues, copied below, we can advise you that the Government of British Columbia supports the Counter Illicit Finance Alliance of British Columbia (CIFA-BC). We can also confirm that we have designated the Executive Director of the Anti-Money Laundering Secretariat, Megan Harris, as the Government of British Columbia's representative on CIFA-BC. She will serve as the liaison between the Anti-Money Laundering Deputy Minister's Committee, with which your team is familiar, and CIFA-BC.

We are encouraged by your progress being made provincially, your efforts to transition Project Athena to a permanent entity with formal governance, and in particular your obvious and demonstrated interest in this issue. However, we note that CIFA-BC can only be effective if the leads it generates can improve awareness and education, and can be investigated resulting in successful regulatory compliance, and criminal enforcement.

You will know that we have longstanding concerns directly related to the federal government's failure to provide adequate resources to the RCMP at the national and provincial level to enforce Canada's anti-money laundering laws.

This concern about the federal government's failure to expand resources in this area has been underlined recently by the further erosion of existing resources in the recent closure of the financial crime centre in Ontario over the Christmas holidays in late 2019, early 2020.¹ That this closure took place even after repeated entreaties by BC and Ontario that anti-money laundering and financial crime federal resources be increased, is troubling. What is arguably worse is that this closure took place just weeks before opening statements in an anti-money laundering public inquiry in British Columbia at which counsel for Canada stated:

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¹ <https://www.thestar.com/news/investigations/2020/01/15/the-rcmp-is-shutting-down-its-financial-crimes-unit-in-ontario-heres-why-former-top-mounties-says-its-a-mistake.html>

Assistant Commissioner Dwayne McDonald
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[T]he social, economic, and political consequences of money laundering and terrorist financing are sweeping and indiscriminate. By laundering money, serious and other organized criminals are able to profit from some of the most damaging crimes, and operate to expand their criminal empires.²

Beyond resourcing, based on recent experience we are gravely concerned about the ability and willingness of proposed partner FINTRAC to share complete, timely and relevant information with law enforcement and our government. We are also concerned about broadening information sharing with the proposed corporate partners given the involvement of HSBC at a company level in significant and systemic money laundering.³

For these reasons, our support is in principle only until further clarity can be provided around areas such as governance, funding, and most importantly, the direct connection to investigative and enforcement efforts.

We agree that together, we can make a difference. We look forward to monitoring the progress of CIFA-BC, learning more about how we can ensure its success, and cooperating on future requests for assistance. We have a shared interest in real, meaningful impacts on the ground to shut down this activity and send those involved to prison. We can only get there by working together. Thank you for your leadership.

Yours truly,



David Eby, QC
Attorney General



Carole James
Minister of Finance



Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

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Mark Sieben, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Doug Scott, Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Attorney General
Megan Harris, Executive Director, Ministry of Attorney General
Ben Robinson, Director of Development, CIFA-BC, RCMP

² Cullen Commission, 24 February 2020 at page 28, accessed at
<https://cullencommission.ca/data/transcripts/2020%2002%2024%20Hearing%20Transcripts%20-%20Opening%20Statements.pdf>

³ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/hsbc-s-1-9b-money-laundering-settlement-approved-by-judge-1.1377272>

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Mayors of Cities with Municipal Police Boards

Dear Sirs/Madams:

In accordance with Sections 2.1, 26(4.1) and (4.2) of the *Police Act*, I am writing to provide you with my policing priorities, goals and objectives for policing and law enforcement across British Columbia. These priorities are a reflection of the mandate given to me by the Premier of British Columbia as well as key priority issues in policing for today. This letter builds on and does not replace those priorities identified in my letter of June 18, 2019.

It remains a key priority of this government to protect people especially those who are most vulnerable. We must continue to strengthen relationships and public trust with those who have not historically felt supported by the police. Working with other leaders in public safety in a multi-faceted and integrated approach, including social, mental health and addictions, housing and community services will ensure those people who require support the most are receiving it from the appropriate resources with the specialized resources and training. All partners involved in public safety bear the responsibility to mete out racism in policing. As the Solicitor General and Minister of Public Safety, I encourage municipal police boards to demonstrate leadership in working with police executive and the public to ensure police departments reflect the diversity of the community they serve and to take active steps to increase cultural awareness, inclusion and eliminate discriminatory practices.

To that end, the ministry is supporting the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) Police Academy (PA) in ensuring the police recruit training curriculum is of the highest quality and meets the needs of communities and stakeholders. The curriculum is being updated to include two new competencies that will ensure recruits are trained and assessed to demonstrate proficiency in day-to-day policing tasks with a specific lens on equity, diversity and inclusion, and conflict management. It will also include the addition of the BC Fair and Impartial Policing course, which will provide a set of practical skills for recruits to help police more effectively, justly and safely, while improvements are also made to strengthen cultural competencies. Given the role police boards have in setting priorities, goals and objectives and in developing the budget for municipal police departments, I am requesting that you remain engaged with the JIBC to ensure your recruiting needs are being met. As well, I encourage you to stay apprised of updates through the BC Association of Police Boards as the JIBC PA works to develop a sustainable business and funding model for the future.

As you may be aware, BC Provincial Policing Standards (the Standards) for the promotion of unbiased policing are nearing completion which will require action in these and other related areas. This work builds on Standards governing police stops introduced in January of this year, a key purpose of which is to ensure that police interactions with the public are not random or arbitrary and are not motivated by a person's race or other identifying factors. In our current environment we all need to look at what and how we can do better. The Standards may evolve further, and I look forward to the continued cooperation of police boards in ensuring compliance with these and all other Standards.

British Columbia has seen a significant rise in illicit drug toxicity deaths in recent months, and concerns with overdose deaths are ongoing since being declared a provincial public health emergency in 2016. Increasingly, fentanyl is being detected in overdose deaths and changing patterns of production and importation of fentanyl, as well as increased toxicity levels, require law enforcement to continue work in addressing this issue through efforts to disrupt the supply chain. In keeping with the April 2019 recommendations of the BC Provincial Health Officer in the report "Stopping the Harm: Decriminalization of People Who Use Drugs in BC", any policing units who have not already done so must consider pursuing a public health and harm reduction approach and

work to support community efforts to reduce stigma and enhance pathways for those facing substance use challenges into substance use systems of care.

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General endorses Situation Tables, which are a proven practice for enabling community safety, health and social service providers to quickly identify and respond to the risks present in the lives of vulnerable people. Situation Tables allow the police to refer clients engaged in non-criminal behaviour (i.e. related to mental illness or poverty) to health and social services professionals. This approach ensures that vulnerable people receive the care that they require from those trained to assist, and that police can focus on their core law enforcement duties. Subsequently, I am requesting your consideration to implement this or other similar models if one does not already exist in your municipality.

With increasing pressure on budgets, there is urgency to find new and cost-effective means of policing and law enforcement. Exploration of alternative service delivery options and opportunities to leverage integrated policing units across regions can help reduce costs, increase efficiencies and eliminate redundancies for departments. Integrated services provide other benefits including improved use of specialized resources, a more holistic approach to investigations and a regional focus to cross-jurisdictional crime. I encourage police boards to continue to work with police leadership to find cost savings measures without impacting public safety and to explore opportunities to increase integrated services.

Equally as important and as recent events demonstrate, public awareness of police boards and their role in police oversight, accountability and public safety is critical. Not only should police boards be engaging with the community on developing priorities, goals and objectives for the department, it should be a priority for all boards to increase their profile in the community that it serves to encourage broad public participation in the decision-making process.

On July 8, 2020 the Legislative Assembly appointed the Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act* to examine, inquire into and make recommendations on: reforms related to the modernization and sustainability of policing under the *Police Act*; the role of police with respect to complex social issues including mental health and wellness, addictions and harm reduction; the scope of systemic racism within police agencies; and whether measures are necessary to ensure a modernized *Police Act* is consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. As the Special Committee advances with this work, I ask for your leadership and cooperation to work closely with the Director of Police Services and ministry staff as needed.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the sworn and civilian officers for their dedication to the safety of the citizens and communities in this Province. In times when policing and law enforcement is under intense scrutiny and criticism, police need to know they have their employer's support. As mentioned above, the police board plays an important role through cooperation with police leadership and the community, to maintain public confidence and trust. I commend those boards that have taken recent action on this front.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that in accordance with Section 26(4.2) of the *Police Act* municipal police boards must provide their priorities, goals and objectives to Assistant Deputy Minister of Policing and Security Branch and Director of Police Services, Brenda Butterworth-Carr. If you have any questions or concerns regarding compliance with this statutory requirement, please contact David Pilling, Director of Police Governance (David.Pilling@gov.bc.ca).

I look forward to our continued work together in ensuring the fair, safe, and accountable delivery of police services in BC.

Sincerely,

Mike Farnworth

Minister of Public Safety
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cc: Jennifer Strachan, Commanding Officer, 1st Division, RCMP

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September 18, 2020

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Dear Deputy Commissioner Strachan:

In accordance with s.2.1 of the *BC Police Act* and the *Provincial Police Service Agreement* (PPSA), I am writing to provide you with my policing priorities for the Provincial Police Service. These priorities are an extension of mandate given to me and my ministry by the Premier of British Columbia as well as key priority issues in policing for today.

Public safety is the foundation for policing in BC and it is critical that policing is done in a way that ensures the highest degree of public trust. Strengthened relationships with vulnerable persons and those who have not historically felt supported by police remains a priority to this government – in particular, Indigenous peoples, women who are victims of violence, and people of colour. Working with other agencies in a multi-faceted approach, including social, mental health and addictions, and community services will ensure those people who need help the most are in the care of the right people with the right training at the right time.

It is crucial that the BC RCMP ensure the highest standards for fair and unbiased conduct. I ask that the RCMP identify gaps and bias in existing partnerships and services to those at risk and work towards enhancing inclusivity, equity, and fairness. In addition, and consistent with BC Provincial Policing Standards, principles guiding the use of force must prioritize crisis intervention and de-escalation using the least amount of force to address the risk at hand. When force is used, there must be transparency and accountability. It is my expectation that when there is an investigation into the use of force, whether internally or by an outside agency such as the Independent Investigations Office (IIO) or the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission (CRCC), that the BC RCMP emphasizes cooperation with any such investigation.

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On July 8, 2020 the Legislative Assembly appointed the all-party Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act* to examine, inquire into and make recommendations to on: reforms related to the modernization and sustainability of policing under the *Police Act*; the role of police with respect to complex social issues including mental health and wellness, addictions and harm reduction; the scope of systemic racism within police agencies; and whether measures are necessary to ensure a modernized *Police Act* is consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. I am looking forward to this significant and challenging work to maintain public safety and ensure policing continues to reflect our communities' needs and values. As the Special Committee advances through this work, I ask your leadership and continued cooperation to work closely with the Director of Police Services and ministry staff as needed.

As you know, in 2019 the Province adopted strategic changes to the opioid initiative to include a preventative front-line policing approach. New, additional funding was provided to the RCMP to augment front-line, uniformed provincial policing by increasing police resources at the highest risk, greatest need detachments and through the creation of the Provincial Support Team. As the face of RCMP policing in BC, I am committed to prioritizing those initiatives that directly increase or improve front-line provincial policing to BC communities. The opioid crisis continues to harm our communities across BC to this day and in keeping with the BC Provincial Health Officer's April 2019 recommendations in the report "Stopping the Harm: Decriminalization of People Who Use Drugs in BC", I request that the RCMP, if it has not already done so, prioritize public health and harm reduction as part of its approaches to substance use. Due to the severity of the current situation, the disruption of opioid trafficking remains relevant and a priority of this Government.

It is also essential to me that the RCMP work with community leaders to address local needs and be accountable to the communities they serve. In areas of municipal policing responsibility, this includes respecting each Municipal Police Unit Agreement (MPUA) as unique, distinct, of equal weight and importance, and reflected as such in the RCMP's local Annual Performance Plan process. In areas of provincial responsibility, this includes fully and collaboratively consulting with Indigenous governments as well as local municipal or regional governments to identify and implement local priorities in each community; similarly reflected distinctly in the local Annual Performance Plan process.

In addition, it is imperative that the RCMP manage resources and service delivery across contract jurisdictions, levels of government, and to individual communities in an equitable and accountable way. Encroachment on municipal or provincial responsibilities, whether front-line General Duty, specialized functions, or serious and major crime services will directly impact the respective partner's resources and budgets. The BC RCMP and its police operations must be

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Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Strachan
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data-driven to not only be accountable to contract jurisdictions, but also to illustrate both impact and need in communities within provincial policing responsibility. To this end, it is a priority of this government that the RCMP develop methodologies and systems for the accounting and tracking of police services. This work should be implemented and entrenched in Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) principles.

Lastly, and as you are aware the City of Surrey voted unanimously to terminate their agreement with the RCMP and transition to a municipal police department, in accordance with their authority under the Police Act and Municipal Unit Agreement. As part of the transition process, in February of this year, I provided approval to the City, to establish a municipal police board, marking a significant milestone in the City's transition to a municipal police department. A transition of this nature is largely unprecedented. As we proceed to the next phases, cooperation and communication are required from the RCMP. Another key priority for this government is that the RCMP works collaboratively with City, Police Board and ministry staff to facilitate an orderly, integrated transition that maintains public safety and ensures adequate and effective policing in the City of Surrey throughout the transition process.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the members and staff of BC RCMP Provincial and Municipal Police Services who are dedicated to the safety of the citizens and communities in this province. Police play a critical role in and are essential to maintaining public safety. I look forward to our continued work together in ensuring the fair, safe, and accountable delivery of police services in BC. I would also appreciate receiving regular reports in keeping with the above priorities.

Sincerely,

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Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

pc: Brenda Butterworth-Carr, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Services

Correspondence from D/Commr. Strachan - Teal Cedar Products Injunction Order Enforcement

From: E_Commanding_Officer <E_Commanding_Officer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca, Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX <PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca, Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca, Stubbs, Eric <Eric.Stubbs@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, Attfield, Dave <dave.attfield@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, Richards, Mac <Mac.Richards@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, Strachan, Jennifer <Jennifer.STRACHAN@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>, Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca>
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April 29, 2021

The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Province of British Columbia
Room 232 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Via Email: [PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca]

Dear Minister Farnworth,

Subject: Teal Cedar Products Injunction Order Enforcement

The Teal-Jones Group and their subsidiary Teal-Cedar Products have been conducting logging operations of both old growth and second growth trees in an area that includes the Fairy Creek Watershed (FCW) over the past number of years. Since 2020, the Rainforest Flying Squad (RFS) group has scrutinized these activities, as they are opposed to all logging of old growth forests. They are supported by a number of well-established environmental, non-governmental organizations. The RFS has called for these blockades to be another “War in the Woods”, recalling the 1993 Clayoquot Sound protest.

On April 1, 2021, Teal Cedar Products was granted an order for an interlocutory injunction by the Supreme Court of British Columbia. This order prohibits interference or obstruction of work activity associated to the harvest of timber in the area of Tree Farm Licenses 41 and 46, which includes the FCW and other areas north of Port Renfrew and northwest of Lake Cowichan. The order authorizes any police officer to arrest and remove any person who has knowledge of the order and whom police have reasonable and probable grounds to believe is contravening the order. The order is valid until September 26, 2021.

Since April 1, 2021, Teal Cedar Products has advised the RCMP of their attempts to serve the injunction on April 6, 7, and 19, 2021. Teal Cedar has now served a substantial number of people with the injunction, and multiple blockades remain in place in at least three areas. On each of those dates, the blockaders declined access past the blockades. The first two visits were primarily focused on serving the blockaders with the injunction, while the last was to advise the blockaders they were in contempt.

Keeping the safety and well-being of all people in mind, an appropriate and measured policing response will require an informed, consistent and coordinated divisional response. The RCMP is developing an operational strategy to enforce this order. While a current emergency has not been declared pursuant to the *Emergency Program Act*, the ever-evolving and intensifying situation meets the definition of an emergency as outlined in the Police Service Agreements, as it is, “an urgent and critical situation of a

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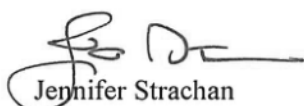
temporary nature that requires a deployment of additional police resources". Local jurisdictional police do not have sufficient resources to deal with the situation at hand within their geographical boundaries.

I am writing to request the application of emergency provisions under Article 9.1 of the Provincial and Municipal Police Service Agreements (PPSA and MPSA) for the deployment of RCMP officers to the extent necessary to, "maintain law and order, keep the peace and protect the safety of persons, property or communities". As per Article 9.1 of the PPSA, if BC's Provincial Police Service (RCMP) is redeployed to deal with an emergency within the Province of BC, the Province of BC will pay 70% and Canada will pay 30% of the redeployment costs. As per Article 9.1 of the MPSA, if the BC RCMP Municipal Police Units are deployed, the Province is responsible for paying the costs of any redeployment including salary, transportation and maintenance, at the applicable cost-sharing ratio set out in Article 11.1 of the MPSA (i.e. 70% for municipalities under 15,000 and 90% for municipalities over 15,000).

The BC RCMP is cognizant of the potential costs of any deployment within the Province of BC, including the challenges of providing an appropriate response to potential protests in isolated parts of the province. Furthermore, it may become necessary for the Province to invoke Article 9.2, should there be a requirement to increase the provincial policing establishment from non-contract business lines or from resources outside the division. If Article 9.2 is required, all costs associated to the incremental resources would be at 100%. Should the need for these incremental resources be required, I will advise you as soon as possible in order to sufficiently prepare for any potential deployments under Article 9.2.

I look forward to a continued partnership with you as we strive to provide the best possible policing service to the citizens of our Province. The BC RCMP will continue to notify the Ministry of planned actions and any developments.

Kind Regards,



Jennifer Strachan
Deputy Commissioner
Commanding Officer, BC RCMP

14200 Green Timbers Way
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cc: Mr. Wayne RIDEOUT, ADM Police Services
Mr. Glen LEWIS, Associate Director of Police Services
Assistant Commissioner Eric STUBBS, CROPs Officer – Core Policing
Chief Superintendent Dave ATTFIELD, Gold Commander, C-IRG.
Superintendent Mac RICHARDS, Acting Island District Officer



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VIA EMAIL

Ref. 621298

July 13, 2021

Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald
Commanding Officer, BC RCMP
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14200 Green Timbers Way
Surrey BC V3T 6P3
Email: dwayne.mcdonald@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Dear Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald:

Thank you for your letter dated July 2, 2021 requesting the Province invoke the emergency provisions under Article 9.1 of the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA) to allow resources to be redeployed to maintain law and order and ensure the safety of persons and property where multiple large wildfires are currently threatening several communities and surrounding areas within the province.

Pursuant to Article 9.1 of the PPSA, I authorize the redeployment of the BC RCMP Provincial Police Service effective July 6, 2021. This temporary redeployment includes the BC Municipal Police Service Agreement (MPSA) resources as well as associated equipment, in accordance with Articles 9.1 of that Agreement. I recognize that efforts are underway in advance of formalizing matters under the applicable provisions of the PPSA and MPSA. However, I request that all provincial resources be exhausted prior to utilizing MPSA resources. Should municipal resources be required, please ensure you meet your obligations under Article 9 of the MPSA and consult with the affected local governments in collaboration with ministry staff.

Further requests may be authorized upon consultation with the Deputy Solicitor General and Assistant Deputy Minister. Please continue to notify the ministry of the planned actions and any further developments, including the potential to request resources from other provinces.

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Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald
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Thank you for your commitment to ensuring the safety of British Columbians and prompt response to this emergency.

Sincerely,

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Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

pc: Mark Sieben, Deputy Solicitor General
Wayne Rideout, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Services
Glen Lewis, Associate Director of Police Services, Policing and
Security Branch
Ward Lymburner, Executive Director of Police Agreements & Law
Enforcement Administration, Policing and Security Branch
Billy Castillo, A/Executive Director, Finance, Policing and Security Branch
Assistant Commissioner Eric Stubs, CROPS Officer Core, RCMP "E" Division
Max Xiao, Corporate Management Officer, RCMP "E" Division

Article 9.2 Invocation - Province of British Columbia Wildfires

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Cc: Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca, Stubbs, Eric <Eric.Stubbs@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, Brewer, John <john.brewer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, McDonald, Dwayne <Dwayne.McDONALD@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence for furtherance to Minister Farnworth from Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald.

Thank you,

Office of the Commanding Officer
BC RCMP

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police Gendarmerie royale du Canada
Commanding Officer Commandant divisionnaire

July 14, 2021

The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Province of British Columbia

Via Email: [PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca]

Dear Minister Farnworth,

Subject: Article 9.2 Invocation – Province of British Columbia Wildfires

In my letter dated July 2nd, 2021, regarding the various wildfires burning throughout the Province of British Columbia, I requested the application of emergency provisions under Article 9.1 of the Provincial and Municipal Police Service Agreements (PPSA and MPSA) for the deployment of RCMP officers to the extent necessary to, *“maintain law and order, keep the peace and protect the safety of persons, property or communities”*.


The dynamic and intensifying wildfire situation continues to meet the definition of an emergency as outlined in the Police Service Agreements, as it is, *“an urgent and critical situation of a temporary nature that requires a deployment of additional police resources”*. While the redistribution of resources facilitated under Article 9.1 have helped contain the situation, it has since become apparent that local jurisdictional police do not have sufficient resources to deal with the situation at hand within their geographical boundaries.

As such, the BC RCMP is requesting, and deem it necessary, for the Province of British Columbia to invoke Article 9.2, in order to augment the provincial policing establishment from non-contract business lines or from resources outside the division. In accordance with Article 9.2 of the BC PPSA, all costs associated to the incremental resources will be billed at 100%. The BC RCMP is cognizant of these increased costs, including the challenges of providing an appropriate response to potential wildfires in isolated parts of the province. To that end, I will continue to advise as any potential deployments commence and will continue to provide details to the Province as and when required.

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I look forward to a continued partnership with you as we strive to provide the best possible policing service to the citizens of our Province. The BC RCMP will continue to notify the Ministry of planned actions and any developments.

Regards,



Dwayne McDonald
Deputy Commissioner
Commanding Officer, BC RCMP

14200 Green Timbers Way
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cc: Mr. Wayne RIDEOUT, ADM Police Services
Mr. Glen LEWIS, Associate Director of Police Services
Assistant Commissioner Eric STUBBS, CROPS Officer – Core Policing



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Ref. 622063

August 4, 2021

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Dear Deputy Commissioner McDonald:

As you are aware, on July 20, 2021, the Province of British Columbia declared a provincial state of emergency under the *Emergency Program Act* due to multiple large wildfires currently threatening several communities and surrounding areas within the province. I write further to my previous letter dated July 13, 2021 and in response to your letters dated July 14 and 22, 2021, regarding your request to invoke Article 9.2 Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA) to augment the existing provincial establishment.

As a result of the declaration and the current situation as referenced in your July 22, 2021 addendum, I am authorizing a temporary increase to the Provincial Police Service to be deployed in aid and support of your efforts in this emergency. It is understood that the Province is responsible for 100 per cent of the cost for the associated redeployment.

It would be appreciated if you would continue to notify the ministry of the planned actions and any developments and direct future resource requests to Mark Sieben, Deputy Solicitor General and Wayne Rideout, Assistant Deputy Minister. Thank you for your prompt response to this provincial emergency and the dedication of the members to public safety in our communities.

Sincerely,

Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

pc: Mark Sieben, Deputy Solicitor General
Wayne Rideout, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policing and Security Branch
Glen Lewis, Associate Director, Policing and Security Branch
Assistant Commissioner Eric Stubbs, CROPS Officer – Core Policing, RCMP “E”
Division
Superintendent Andrew Blackadar, A/CROPS Officer – Federal Investigative Services &
Organized Crime, RCMP “E” Division



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Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

pc: Mark Sieben, Deputy Solicitor General
Wayne Rideout, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policing and Security Branch
Glen Lewis, Associate Director, Policing and Security Branch
Assistant Commissioner Eric Stubbs, CROPS Officer – Core Policing, RCMP “E”
Division
Superintendent Andrew Blackadar, A/CROPS Officer – Federal Investigative Services &
Organized Crime, RCMP “E” Division

FW: Correspondence from Assistant Commissioner Eric Stubbs | BC RCMP 2020-2021 Year-End Report

From: PSSG Correspondence PSSG:EX <PSSG.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:17 AM
To: Thompson, Angella N PSSG:EX <Angella.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Correspondence from Assistant Commissioner Eric Stubbs | BC RCMP 2020-2021 Year-End Report
Hi Angella,
Just wanted to send your way in case they forgot to send to the MO as well.
Should I cliff?
Vanessa

From: E_Commanding_Officer <E_Commanding_Officer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 2:16 PM
To: Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: PSSG Policing and Security Branch PSSG:EX <SGPSPB@gov.bc.ca>; Stubbs, Eric <Eric.Stubbs@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: Correspondence from Assistant Commissioner Eric Stubbs | BC RCMP 2020-2021 Year-End Report

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Thank you,
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August 9, 2021

The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Province of British Columbia
Room 128 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8W 1X4

Dear Minister Farnworth,

Subject: BC RCMP 2020/2021 Year-End Report

In accordance with Article 7.2(c) of the *Provincial Police Service Agreement*, I am writing to provide you with the status of the Province's objectives, priorities, and goals for the BC RCMP for the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

The BC RCMP continues to direct efforts towards the priorities established in 2017 and 2020.

Please find enclosed the 2020/2021 Year-End Report for the BC RCMP.

Should you wish to discuss this submission in further detail, I would be pleased to meet with you or your delegates.

Regards,

Dwayne McDonald
Deputy Commissioner
Commanding Officer, BC RCMP

14200 Green Timbers Way
Mailstop #308
Surrey, B.C. V3T 6P3

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BC RCMP YEAR END REPORT

2020-2021

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January 27, 2020

Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Strachan
RCMP "E" Division
Mailstop #308
14200 Green Timbers Way
Surrey BC V3T 6P3

Dear Deputy Commissioner Strachan:

Thank you for your letter dated January 14, 2020, regarding the potential police response required to enforce the December 31, 2019 BC Supreme Court injunction prohibiting interference with work being done on the Coastal GasLink pipeline. As you state, opposition to the pipeline construction near Houston, BC has intensified and evolved and the local jurisdictional police do not have sufficient resources to deal with this situation. I am satisfied that this constitutes a provincial emergency under the *Provincial Police Service Agreement* (PPSA).

As an urgent and critical situation of a temporary nature requiring additional resources, pursuant to Article 9.1 of the PPSA, I am authorizing the internal redeployment of resources within the Provincial Police Service to the extent necessary to maintain law and order, and to ensure the safety of persons, property, and communities in the area. This authorized temporary redeployment is inclusive of BC Municipal Police Service resources, pursuant to article 9.1 of the *Municipal Police Service Agreement* (MPSA); however, I request that all provincial resources should be exhausted prior to making use of municipal RCMP resources. Should municipal resources be required, please ensure you discharge your obligations under Article 9 of the MPSA to consult with the affected local governments, including advance communications; and, that any impacted municipalities continue to receive adequate policing.

The operational deployment of resources and operational decisions are solely within the internal management and control of the RCMP; however, I ask that you please continue to inform the ministry of the planned actions and any further developments through established channels between executive Policing and Security Branch and RCMP staff. Further requests may be authorized upon consultation with Assistant Deputy Minister Brenda Butterworth-Carr.

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I appreciate the urgency of these situations and look forward to receiving a report on the actual redeployment that was required, the composition of the members redeployed, including any equipment that was required. I understand the costs related to emergencies are tracked and monitored separately and I look forward to receiving a detailed accounting of these costs.

Sincerely,

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Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General



VIA EMAIL

Ref. 622659

September 27, 2021

Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald
Commanding Officer, BC RCMP
RCMP "E" Division
14200 Green Timbers Way
Mailstop #308
Surrey BC V3T 6P3
Email: E_Commanding_Officer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Dear Deputy Commissioner McDonald:

Thank you for your August 9, 2021 correspondence in which you submitted the BC RCMP 2020/21 Year End Performance Plan Report, per Article 7.2(c) of the *Provincial Police Service Agreement*.

I understand that Assistant Deputy Minister Wayne Rideout and Policing and Security Branch are reviewing the report and that ADM Rideout will be discussing the relevant highlights with you at an upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,

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Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

pc: Wayne Rideout, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policing and Security Branch
Ward Lymburner, Executive Director, Policing and Security Branch



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VIA EMAIL

Ref. 625726

November 19, 2021

Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald
Commanding Officer, BC RCMP
RCMP "E" Division
14200 Green Timbers Way
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Surrey BC V3T 6P3
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Dear Deputy Commissioner McDonald:

The Province of British Columbia declared a state of emergency pursuant to the *Emergency Program Act* on November 17, 2021 to respond to flooding across the province. On November 19, 2021 you sought verbal authority related to Articles 9.1 of the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA), which I have provided on November 19, 2012. This letter is the follow-up written authorization for the temporary redeployment of the Provincial Police Service effective November 19, 2021 to maintain law and order, ensure the safety of persons and property where flooding across the province has occurred, and to support essential travel restrictions and fuel rationing recently established, and in accordance with Articles 9.1 of the PPSA. This includes the temporary redeployment of the BC Municipal Police Service Agreement (MPSA) resources and necessary equipment in accordance with Articles 9.1 of that Agreement.

I recognize that there are efforts underway in advance of formalizing matters under the applicable provisions of the PPSA and MPSA. However, I request that all provincial resources be exhausted prior to utilizing MPSA resources. Should municipal resources be required, please ensure you meet your obligations under Article 9 of the MPSA and consult with the affected local governments in collaboration with ministry staff.

Further requests may be authorized upon consultation with the Deputy Solicitor General and Assistant Deputy Minister. Please continue to notify the ministry of the planned actions and any further developments, including the potential to request resources from other provinces.

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Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
and Deputy Premier

RE: File No. 625726

From: PSSG Correspondence PSSG:EX <PSSG.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>
To: E_Commanding_Officer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca, dwayne.mcdonald@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Sent: November 19, 2021 4:08:07 PM PST
Attachments: 625726 response.pdf

Dear Deputy Commissioner McDonald:

Sending on behalf of the Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, and Deputy Premier.



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VIA EMAIL

Ref. 625676

November 26, 2021

Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald
Commanding Officer, BC RCMP
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Mailstop #308
Surrey BC V3T 6P3
Email: E_Commanding_Officer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca; dwayne.mcdonald@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Dear Deputy Commissioner McDonald:

I am writing to you following your request to redeploy RCMP resources to the extent reasonably necessary to maintain law and order, keep the peace and protect the safety of persons, property or communities. Specifically, enforcement by the RCMP relating to the enforcement of a court injunction related to the Coastal GasLink pipeline. Pursuant to Article 9.1 of the *Provincial Police Service Agreement* (PPSA) and following my verbal approval provided Monday November 15, 2021 I am authorizing the temporary internal redeployment of resources from within the Provincial Police Service to the extent necessary to maintain law and order, and to ensure the safety of persons, property, and communities in the area.

This authorized temporary redeployment is inclusive of BC Municipal Police Service resources, pursuant to article 9.1 of the *Municipal Police Service Agreement* (MPSA); however, I request that all provincial resources should be exhausted prior to making use of municipal RCMP resources. As a reminder, should municipal resources be required please ensure you discharge your obligations under Article 9 of the MPSA to consult with the affected local governments, including advance formal communications and any impacted municipalities continue to receive adequate policing.

If the situation escalates and there is a need for further resources from federal or another Provincial or Territorial Police Service, I would appreciate an appraisal of the situation. Please continue to notify the ministry of the planned actions and further developments. Further requests may be authorized upon consultation with Assistant Deputy Minister, Wayne Rideout, Glen Lewis, Associate Director of Police Services.

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Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald
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I appreciate the urgency of these situations and look forward to receiving a report on the actual redeployment that was required, the composition of the members redeployed, including any equipment that was required. I understand the costs related to emergencies are tracked and monitored separately and I look forward to receiving a detailed accounting of these costs.

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Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
and Deputy Premier

pc: Wayne Rideout, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Services
Glen Lewis, Associate Director, Police Services

Letters from CO McDonald to FARNWORTH re Article 9.2 Invocation

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Hello,

Wayne Rideout received the two attached letters directly from RCMP via email. As they are addressed to Minister Farnworth, I paused on cliffing as I thought you would receive them, but today we received the second letter and these should be brought to the Minister's attention. Reply is being drafted by ADM Wayne Rideout's team and is forthcoming.

I have cliffed the incoming (662062 & 662063).

I have also notified RCMP to email pssg.minister@gov.bc.ca with correspondence addressed to Minister Farnworth.

Kind regards,

Juliet Grove

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Article 9.2 Invocation - Province of British Columbia State of Emergency Wildfires - Addendum

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence for furtherance to Minister Farnworth from Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald.

Thank you,

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BC RCMP

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police Gendarmerie royale du Canada
Commanding Officer Commandant divisionnaire

July 22, 2021

The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Province of British Columbia

Via Email: [PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca]

Dear Minister Farnworth,

Subject: Article 9.2 Invocation – Province of British Columbia State of Emergency Wildfires - Addendum

In my letter dated July 14th, 2021, the BC RCMP requested, and deemed it necessary, for the Province of British Columbia to invoke Article 9.2, to augment the existing provincial policing establishment from non-contract business lines or from resources outside of the Division.

On July 20th, 2021, in response to its numerous wildfires, the Province of British Columbia declared a provincial state of emergency. While the redistribution of resources facilitated under Article 9.1 have helped to contain the situation, it is now more apparent that local jurisdictional police do not have sufficient resources to deal with the situation at hand within their geographical boundaries. In addition to the intensifying wildfire situation, the BC RCMP is simultaneously supporting the following ongoing pressures across British Columbia:

1. The Community-Industry Response Group Quick Response Team (C-IRG QRT) has been fully engaged at the Fairy Creek Watershed (FCW) injunction enforcement since early May 2021. The previous QRT deployments at Houston and Clearwater have been turned over to local police for the duration of the FCW injunction enforcement. The Teal Cedar Products court-ordered injunction is in effect until September 26th, 2021. Police enforcement prohibiting interference continues.
2. The Coastal GasLink and Trans Mountain Pipeline expansions continue. The project across the Fraser River and North Thompson River has been completed and the boring into Burnaby Mountain has begun. Police enforcement prohibiting interference continues.
3. As of March 16th, 2020, the BC RCMP Emergency Response Centre has been responsible for coordinating its divisional COVID-19 response with the National Operations Centre providing current COVID-19 safety information, tracking employee health, providing Personal Protective Equipment to BC RCMP employees, mobilizing, and provincial enforcement planning.

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4. To address the recent rise of violence related to the Lower Mainland gang conflict, the BC RCMP is currently part of the CFSEU-BC Joint Forces Task Force. Dedicated resources from the various gang units, strike force teams, drug units, criminal intelligence teams, criminal analysts and patrol units are involved in overt and covert operations. The coordinated efforts commenced in May 2021 and since that time, the Task Force has seen a reduction in violence. However, withdrawal or the reduction of personnel assigned prior to a comprehensive assessment could minimize the prevention and suppression efforts currently underway.

Thank you for your continued support of the RCMP and our ability to deliver the best possible policing services to British Columbians. The BC RCMP will continue to notify the Ministry of forthcoming planned actions and developments.

Regards,



Dwayne McDonald
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Article 9.2 Invocation - Province of British Columbia Wildfires

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence for furtherance to Minister Farnworth from Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald.

Thank you,

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police Gendarmerie royale du Canada
Commanding Officer Commandant divisionnaire

July 14, 2021

The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Province of British Columbia

Via Email: [PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca]

Dear Minister Farnworth,

Subject: Article 9.2 Invocation – Province of British Columbia Wildfires

In my letter dated July 2nd, 2021, regarding the various wildfires burning throughout the Province of British Columbia, I requested the application of emergency provisions under Article 9.1 of the Provincial and Municipal Police Service Agreements (PPSA and MPSA) for the deployment of RCMP officers to the extent necessary to, *“maintain law and order, keep the peace and protect the safety of persons, property or communities”*.

The dynamic and intensifying wildfire situation continues to meet the definition of an emergency as outlined in the Police Service Agreements, as it is, *“an urgent and critical situation of a temporary nature that requires a deployment of additional police resources”*. While the redistribution of resources facilitated under Article 9.1 have helped contain the situation, it has since become apparent that local jurisdictional police do not have sufficient resources to deal with the situation at hand within their geographical boundaries.

As such, the BC RCMP is requesting, and deem it necessary, for the Province of British Columbia to invoke Article 9.2, in order to augment the provincial policing establishment from non-contract business lines or from resources outside the division. In accordance with Article 9.2 of the BC PPSA, all costs associated to the incremental resources will be billed at 100%. The BC RCMP is cognizant of these increased costs, including the challenges of providing an appropriate response to potential wildfires in isolated parts of the province. To that end, I will continue to advise as any potential deployments commence and will continue to provide details to the Province as and when required.

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I look forward to a continued partnership with you as we strive to provide the best possible policing service to the citizens of our Province. The BC RCMP will continue to notify the Ministry of planned actions and any developments.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dwayne McDonald', written in a cursive style.

Dwayne McDonald
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Assistant Commissioner Eric STUBBS, CROPS Officer – Core Policing

FW: Correspondence from A/Commr. Eric Stubb, Acting Commanding Officer | Article 9.1 Invocation - Province of British Columbia Severe Flooding & Landslides Travel Restrictions Order

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Subject: Correspondence from A/Commr. Eric Stubb, Acting Commanding Officer | Article 9.1 Invocation - Province of British Columbia Severe Flooding & Landslides Travel Restrictions Order

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Good Afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence from Assistant Commissioner Stubbs, Acting Commanding Officer.

Thank you,

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November 19, 2021

The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Province of British Columbia

Via Email: [PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca]

Dear Minister Farnworth,

Subject: Article 9.1 Invocation – Province of British Columbia Severe Flooding & Landslides Travel Restrictions Order.

On November 17th, 2021, the Province of British Columbia declared a state of emergency to mitigate impacts on transportation networks and movement of essential goods and supplies, and to support the province-wide response and recovery from the widespread damage caused by severe flooding and landslides.

Today, under section 10(1) of the *Emergency Program Act*, a Travel Restrictions (Flooding and Landslides) Order will take effect that will restrict travel for:

- Highway 3 – from the junction of Highway 3 in Hope to the west entrance to Princeton from Highway 3;
- Highway 7 – from the junction of Highway 7 and Highway 9 in Agassiz to the junction of Highway 7 and Highway 1 in Hope; and
- Highway 99 – from the junction of Highway 99 and Lillooett River Road to the BC Hydro Seton Lake Campsite access in Lillooet.

I am writing to request the application of emergency provisions under Article 9.1 of the Provincial and Municipal Police Service Agreements (PPSA and MPSA) for the deployment of RCMP officers to the extent necessary to, “*maintain law and order, keep the peace and protect the safety of persons, property or communities*”. As per Article 9.1 of the PPSA, if BC’s Provincial Police Service (RCMP) is redeployed to deal with an emergency within the Province of BC, the Province

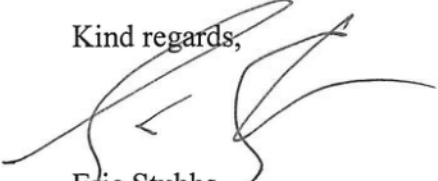
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of BC will pay 70% and Canada will pay 30% of the redeployment costs. As per Article 9.1 of the MPSA, if the BC RCMP Municipal Police Units are deployed, the Province is responsible for paying the costs of any redeployment including salary, transportation and maintenance, at the applicable cost-sharing ratio set out in Article 11.1 of the MPSA (i.e. 70% for municipalities under 15,000 and 90% for municipalities over 15,000).

The dynamic and intensifying flooding and landslide situation meets the definition of an emergency as outlined in the Police Service Agreements, as it is, "*an urgent and critical situation of a temporary nature that requires a deployment of additional police resources.*" Local jurisdictional police do not have sufficient resources within their geographic boundaries to enforce the Travel Restrictions Order.

I look forward to a continued partnership with you as we strive to provide the best possible policing service to the citizens of our Province. The BC RCMP will continue to notify the Ministry of planned actions and any developments.

Kind regards,



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