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Dear Randy Goulden and Ray Orb:

RE: Police Cost Re-distribution Formula

This letter is to advise you of the annual per capita levy that will be invoiced to municipalities in the coming weeks for the 2023 calendar year.

The Police Act section 23.1(2)(b) provides the ministry with a formula to calculate a rate payable by municipalities for police services. In summary, the percentage increase in the per capita rate is equal to the percentage increase of budget provided to RCMP to fund the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA). In 2023-24, the increase to the RCMP PPSA budget is 5.92%.

The Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety has two rates used to calculate the levy: 1) the rate invoiced to communities with a detachment, and 2) the rate invoiced to communities without a detachment.

The per capita rates invoiced to municipalities for 2023-24 will be as follows:

	2022-23 rate	2023-24 rate	Increase (5.92%)
With a Detachment	$88.99	$94.26	$5.27
Without a Detachment	$55.05	$58.31	$3.26

The formula used to calculate the annual levy does not contemplate number of RCMP members deployed to a community, support provided by provincial units such as Major Crimes, Emergency and Serious Event Response Teams, Police Dog Services, Search and Rescue, etc.; nor does it contemplate central support and clerical support services.

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In relation to the 2023-24 Federal Budget announcement, rural municipalities that are part of the police cost redistribution program will not be invoiced for the retroactive costs of the National Police Federation union member pay raise effective July 2021. Essentially, the formula in *The Police Regulations* precludes any additional charge back to municipalities for the retroactive pay liability.

Over the years, the ministry has received requests from members of your organizations to consider alternate redistribution options. At the SUMA 2018 Spring Convention, Honourable Christine Tell, Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety made a commitment to consider any revenue neutral proposal from the task force relative to distribution of police costs.

At a January 14, 2020 meeting of the Task Force followed up with letter dated March 25, 2020, clear messaging was provided relative to the ministry's unwillingness to proceed to change the formula at the request of one member of the Task Force. We continue to encourage SUMA and SARM to work together to bring forward a proposal to the ministry for consideration. As no joint proposal has been received by our office, the ministry will proceed to invoice municipalities in the coming weeks using the formula found in the Act.

Plans are underway to restart the Policing and Justice Administration Committee (formerly the Task Force) in fiscal 2023-24.

Per capita data will be sourced from the StatCanada 2021 census.

Please share this information with your municipalities.

I can be contacted at 306-787-3572 or email Curtis.kosolofski@gov.sk.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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