



Appointments to RCMP Contract Management Committee

February 17, 2021

UBCM is currently looking to appoint local government representatives from RCMP policed jurisdictions to the British Columbia Local Government Contract Management Committee (LGCMC). Interested local government elected officials and senior staff members have until March 12, 2021 to apply for any of the nine LGCMC vacancies. [Read more](#)

RCMP Contract Management Committee Update

Jan. 20, 2016

On December 15, 2015, the Local Government Contract Management Committee (LGCMC) met with provincial and RCMP representatives to discuss issues related to the RCMP contract and policing in British Columbia. The Committee provided feedback on a range of issues. The following summary highlights key issues discussed at the meeting.

1) Working Group Discussion Items

LGCMC Terms of Reference

The Committee approved a recommendation to the UBCM Executive (for the January 22, 2016, meeting) to endorse an amended Terms of Reference. The amendment clarifies which LGCMC member will represent the Committee at National Contract Management Committee meetings.

DNA Analysis Services Costs

An overview of recent correspondence and in-person meetings between UBCM and the Ministry of Justice was provided. The Committee re-iterated local government support for reversing the decision to transfer these costs to local governments, and a need for better consultation. In response, provincial representatives noted that UBCM is expected to receive a formal response from the new Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General in January 2016 regarding local government concerns.

Ongoing Negotiations

The provincial government has bundled together outstanding cost items for negotiation with the federal government. UBCM will be writing the new federal minister expressing concerns on Green Timbers, severance pay, the cost-share for integrated teams and other outstanding issues. These specific issues are described below.

Green Timbers

The Province and federal government disagree whether the new RCMP HQ is considered an existing building or a new building under the PPSA. The building was constructed and completed straddling the expiration of the previous Agreement and the signing of the new PPSA. The Province was originally asked only about the location of Green Timbers, which was planned and mostly complete when the new PPSA came into effect in 2012. The federal government has asked the Province to pay for additional expenses that are not required for an "existing" building.

Local governments with Division Administration Units and Lower Mainland District Integrated Units occupying space in the new building will face additional costs in proportion to the space they are utilizing. The RCMP continues to invoice municipalities for these costs. Some have chosen to pay immediately while others have decided to defer payment. The Province offered to pay fair market rent, but the federal government rejected that offer. The Committee has supported the Province's position that this is an "existing" building.

Severance Pay

The Federal Government terminated RCMP Members' entitlement to accumulate severance pay for voluntary resignations and retirements effective March 31, 2012. The termination of severance pay will generate savings in the long run. However, provinces and territories disagreed with the Federal Government's unilateral decision on a lump sum payout as they wanted to pay the accumulated severance entitlement over the 20-year Police Service Agreements. They also disagreed with the enhanced policy that included Members who wouldn't normally be entitled to the accumulated severance pay as of March 31, 2012 and, to pay out for partial years (instead of complete years) of service. The Province will be re-engaging the Federal Government in 2016 after briefing Mike Morris, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, on this issue.

Cost-Share for Integrated Teams

During contract negotiations for the 2012 police service agreement, Public Safety Canada stated their support for integrated teams to be cost-shared at 70/30 and, they did not dispute the inclusion of IHIT and some other major crime integrated positions in the Provincial Annex A. However, Public Safety Canada has subsequently rescinded their position and instructed the RCMP to bill participating RCMP municipalities with a population of 15,000 and greater at 90/10. The difference between a 70/30 and 90/10 cost-share for IHIT is approximately \$4 million annually.

5-Year Review

The Province discussed their deadlines regarding the 5-year review, and in particular how local government feedback needs to be received prior to February 2016 in order to be considered for the Province's submission to the federal government. Committee members also discussed the level of feedback received thus far, and UBCM's recent endeavour to solicit feedback: a letter to all mayors of municipalities with populations of 5,000 or more who currently receive policing services from the RCMP.

Police Act

UBCM has recently begun discussion with the Province about providing feedback to the *Police Act*, as per Action Item #16 of the British Columbia Policing and Community Safety Plan. In October 2015, Clayton Pecknold sent a letter to Gary MacIsaac about facilitating local government input into the *Police Act* review. Since that time, the Province has presented to UBCM's Community Safety Committee, where it was requested that the deadline to provide feedback be extended. UBCM will continue to work with the Province to provide a proper and substantive feedback process for local governments, beginning in early 2016.

BC Municipal Companion Document Working Group

The Province confirmed that a draft of the BC Municipal Companion Document would be shared with the BC Municipal Companion Document Working Group early in 2016. Working Group representatives requested that this document be presented to the LGCMC for review and feedback.

National Contract Management Committee Update

The LGCMC representative at the National Contract Management Committee meetings discussed the recent meeting in Ottawa, and some of the main issues discussed, including auxiliary police duties and uniforms, the RCMP website under the umbrella of the Government of Canada website, Shared Services Canada's attempt to balance savings with a properly functioning police service at the local level, and the RCMP labour relations survey that went out to RCMP members but not local governments (due to Public Safety Canada confidentiality rules).