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Alberta Municipalities establishes position on APPS

EDMONTON – More than 300 representatives of Alberta Municipalities member-communities met this afternoon to determine the Association’s position on the possible creation of a provincial police service.

Executive Committee members Angela Duncan, Trina Jones and Tyler Gandam led members through a detailed presentation on the Government of Alberta’s \$2 million [PriceWaterhouseCoopers \(PwC\) feasibility report](#). Following the presentation, members asked questions related to federal funding of provincial police services in Ontario and Quebec, options for preventing crime, and comparator police services.

A Request For Decision (RFD) statement was presented, discussed, amended, and voted on. In all, 144 representatives voted in favour, and 34 voted against.

Alberta Municipalities’ policy position on the PwC proposal for an APPS is as follows:

THAT Alberta Municipalities oppose the APPS models proposed in the PwC study and develop an advocacy and communications strategy to advance our position.

Further, THAT Alberta Municipalities urge the Government of Alberta to invest in the resources needed to:

- Address the root causes of crime (i.e., health, mental health, social and economic supports); and
- Ensure the justice system is adequately resourced to enable timely access to justice for all Albertans.

Further, THAT prior to issuing formal notice to terminate Alberta’s contract with the RCMP, the Government of Alberta will put this question to all Albertans in the form of a clear referendum.

Should significant new information be forthcoming on the proposal, Alberta Municipalities may choose to revisit this position.

For more information on Alberta Municipalities’ work on this important issue over the past two years, see the [media backgrounder on APPS](#).

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We work with elected and administrative leaders of Alberta's summer villages, villages, town, cities, and specialized municipalities to advocate for solutions to their common issues, which we categorize as economic, environment, governance, infrastructure, or social.

And we help them build resilient and thriving communities by providing valuable services. We use our members' combined purchasing power to negotiate the best possible value and competitive pricing on employee benefits, insurance, energy, and other services needed to run an effective and efficient municipality.