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Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council

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NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Provincial Police Act Overhaul

Sponsoring Councillor(s): COUNCILLOR DEMONG; COUNCILLOR KEATING; COUNCILLOR GONDEK; COUNCILLOR SUTHERLAND; AND COUNCILLOR COLLEY-URQUHART

WHEREAS the current Police Act is a decades old piece of legislation which no longer meets the requirements for an efficient, effective and sustainable delivery of policing services to citizens, and is in significant and urgent need of modernization to reflect contemporary community expectations and to address the current realities of present day policing;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Alberta (GoA) has recently undertaken a similar exercise in modernizing the Municipal Government Act for the same reasons of dated legislation that did not appreciate the significant changes to urban areas over time;

AND WHEREAS the GoA and key stakeholders have undertaken numerous consultations over at least the past ten years requesting not only amendments but a major overhaul of The Police Act to no avail;

AND WHEREAS a major overhaul needs to consider but not be limited to:

- a) Human resource management principles and processes;
- b) Performance management aspects operating a modern workforce;
- c) Restrictive capital and operating financing models that are no longer meeting the needs of the modern police service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AUMA formally request that the Government of Alberta commit to a comprehensive review of the Alberta Police Act by:

- a) Immediately engaging with policing agencies and key stakeholders to identify and address major changes required to the Police Act to enhance and preserve public confidence and transparency in Alberta policing to better reflect current community and police officer standards and expectations and,
- b) Overhauling the Police Act to reflect but not be limited to:
 - 1. Civilian Oversight of Police Professional Conduct
 - 2. Effective, Transparent and Accountable Criminal Investigations
 - 3. Public Complaint Process
 - 4. Fair Complaint Adjudications
 - 5. Indigenous Peoples and Policing
 - 6. Enhanced Professionalization of Alberta Police

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