

Subject: Creation of Alberta Provincial Police Service - Councillor K. McGrath

APPROVALS:

Paul Thorkelsson

Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Recommended Motion:

WHEREAS the Wood Buffalo region and the Province of Alberta are rebuilding from the impact of significant economic stressors over the past six years; and

WHEREAS the region has enjoyed exemplary service from the RCMP as Alberta's police service of choice; and

WHEREAS crime rates are improved over the long-term through improving community access to mental health and addictions support services and through justice system reform, not through policing; and

WHEREAS in the spirit of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action Report, police and justice system reform MUST be implemented with the full consultation of our Indigenous communities and peoples;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo joins the 96 municipalities and stakeholder groups in a call to action to the Government of Alberta regarding the creation of an Alberta Provincial Police Service.

Summary:

At the October 11, 2022 Council Meeting, Councillor K. McGrath served notice of his intention to bring forward the following motion for consideration at the October 25, 2022 Council Meeting.

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Rationale for Recommendation:

Pursuant to Procedure Bylaw No. 18/020, the motion is now before Council for consideration.

Strategic Plan Values:

Building Partnerships