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**Re: Enhancing Collaboration Through Unified Command Between Okotoks  
Municipal Enforcement and Okotoks RCMP**

Dear Assistant Deputy Minister Zablocki:

Thank you to Minister Ellis for his leadership and ongoing commitment to strengthening collaboration between federal and municipal law enforcement agencies in addressing public safety and health challenges. The Town of Okotoks is prepared to do our part to support the Province of Alberta and Government of Canada in strengthening our response to Fentanyl.

Community Peace Officers (CPOs) play a vital role in supporting local public safety priorities in Okotoks. They have earned the trust of residents and business owners. As the Authorized Employer of CPOs, we have recognized the operational efficiencies that can be achieved through a collaborative and coordinated response to public safety. As such, we have had an aligned operational command with our RCMP detachment for the past several years. We currently have eight community peace officers available to support the social and civil disorder prong of your multi-pronged approach to drug trafficking.

The key requirement for our community will always be the safety and well-being of our officers. This initiative could present an excellent opportunity to equip CPOs with access to law enforcement systems, such as CPIC, directly in their vehicles, ensuring they have access to critical, timely information.

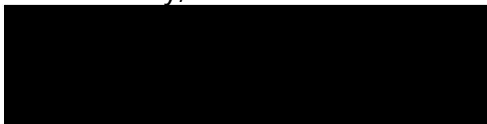
While we have many questions, that will no doubt become clearer as this initiative progresses, some top-of-mind considerations we have are:

- Expectations from the Province on roles and responsibilities for CPO's;
  - Reporting requirements,
- Officer Mental Health & Safety supports;
- Triggers for activation of CPO involvement and triggers to end this temporary initiative;
- Financial considerations – how will billing be done, type of documentation (if any) that will be required;
  - If the Federal Government does not cover associated costs, will the Government of Alberta?

While I appreciate that many of the details are still being established, I fully support efforts to enhance coordination and collaboration in law enforcement, provided officer safety remains a top priority in the planning and execution of this initiative. I look forward to additional clarification on the concerns/considerations outlined above.

Please feel free to contact me should you require further information or wish to discuss this matter in more detail.

Sincerely,



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