National Police Federation

President's Summit on Policing

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association





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RCMP in Alberta

- ~3,500 RCMP Members in Alberta
- Majority serve career in Alberta
- Engaged in local community
- Unique policing perspective
- History of local governance with communities and Province





The Fair Deal Panel

- Purpose: to engage Albertans on how to strengthen the province's position in Confederation
- Recommendation: create an Alberta Police Service to replace the RCMP
- FDP report findings:
 - ~42,000 Albertans engaged (68.5% from Calgary & Edmonton regions)
 - "Establishing a provincial police service" ranked 14 in a list of 15 priorities
 - Only 35% of respondents support the idea.
 - Key concerns: cost of creating an entirely new police service, and community safety.





Pollara survey

Online survey, 1,300 residents, rural and urban, Oct 2020. Commissioned by NPF (margin of error +/-2.7%).

Distribution of respondents:

- 202 Calgary
- 208 Edmonton
- 100 Calgary suburbs
- 100 Edmonton suburbs
- 242 rural central
- 226 rural north
- 222 rural south





Replacing the RCMP viewed as least helpful measure tested to improve Alberta's place in Canada

- Only 8% say replacing the RCMP helps "a lot", while about half say trading goods freely (52%) and energy and resource projects (47%) help "a lot"
- The measures tested were also part of the Fair Deal Panel consultation

	Don't know	DOES NOT HELP AT ALL	HELPS SOMEWHAT HELPS A LOT
The ability to trade our goods and services freely across provincial/territorial borders	6% <mark>5%</mark>	36%	52%
Major energy and resource projects built, like the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project	6% 13%	34%	47%
More equal representation in federal institutions, such as the House of Commons and the Senate	8% 9%	43%	40%
To reassert and strengthen provincial authority over areas of provincial jurisdiction, such as natural resource development and the environment	12% 18%	40%	6 30%
Alberta alone or with other Western Provinces separating from the rest of Canada	8%	62%	18% 12%
Hold a referendum on separation from the rest of Canada	8%	62%	20% 10%
Alberta establishing its own police force, replacing the RCMP	17%	58%	17% 8%



Only 6% support replacing the RCMP



of Albertans served by RCMP are satisfied with the service they receive.

of Albertans oppose replacing the RCMP with an expensive new provincial police service.



Costly transition

- Feds pay 30% or \$112.4 million annually.
- Transition would cost municipalities and province.
- PwC review needs to include a full accounting of costs.
 - One-time transition costs
 - Special units: terrorism, major crimes, forensics, Emergency Response Teams, Police Service Dogs, Explosive Disposal Units, Underwater Recovery, VIP protection
 - IM/IT
 - Pensions
 - Facilities & Maintenance
 - Ongoing recruitment & training



Replacing the RCMP would cost Albertans millions more for unknown service levels, further deepening the imbalance between what Alberta contributes to Canada and what it receives.





How YOU can help:

- Insist that review of potential transition be objective, transparent and thorough;
- Get involved to ensure that full-cycle costs and community safety impacts of a transition be determined and considered.
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