



MEMBER RELEASE

September 8, 2011

TO: Mayor & Council | Chair & Board | Senior Staff
FROM: UBCM Secretariat
RE: **British Columbia: RCMP Contract Management Committee**

1. Purpose

This communication is being forwarded to invite expressions of interest from local government representatives, elected officials and/or staff, who wish to be appointed as a member of the British Columbia/Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee. If a member of your Council/Board and/or staff wants to be considered for this appointment we would ask that you submit the following information – name, title and local government – to the UBCM by Friday, **October 7, 2011**.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide a forum for consultation, analysis and communication between Local Government and the Province regarding the management of the Agreement under which the RCMP provide local police services in BC and to analyze and respond to changes that may be proposed from time to time by the Federal government and/or the RCMP and recommend changes to the Federal government and/or the RCMP that may be considered necessary or appropriate.

2. British Columbia - RCMP Contract Management Committee

In British Columbia, the Province and local governments that have RCMP services will establish a management committee to monitor the RCMP agreement. This committee will not have to wait until the completion of the RCMP contract negotiations to begin operations, as it is not part of the Master Agreement. UBCM is working with the Province to establish this management committee as soon as possible.

The Provincial/Local Government committee, similar to its federal counterpart, will address issues and concerns related to the RCMP contract and the on-going delivery of local government police services by the RCMP. The committee will facilitate regular input/feedback between local governments and the Province, and ensure local government input into the 5 year RCMP Contract review process.

UBCM has received local government input on the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a British Columbia/Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee and the UBCM Executive has approved the Terms of Reference and the creation of a joint committee with the Province. A copy of the Terms of Reference is available on the UBCM website: www.ubcm.ca

3. RCMP Contract Management Committee: Membership

The local government representatives to the RCMP Contract Management Committee will come from communities policed by the RCMP and will be appointed by the UBCM. The RCMP Management Committee will have a total of ten local government representatives, this includes a UBCM Executive member.

Appointments to the Committee may be elected officials or local government staff, however, the majority of the Committee must be elected officials. Local government appointments to the Committee will coincide with the terms of elected office and will take into account the need for some level of continuity of service on the Committee for the effective functioning of the Committee. The appointments to the Committee will be made until the local government elections in 2014.

UBCM would point out that there may be a significant time commitment on the part of Committee members, in the early stages, to ensure that everyone understands the RCMP contract and is aware of the issues that the RCMP Contract Management Committee will need to consider.

4. UBCM Appointments to RCMP Contract Management Committee

UBCM is looking for representatives from the following areas to appoint to the Committee:

- 3 representatives (elected officials or staff) from a local government with a population over 15,000 in the Lower Mainland RCMP District (two of which must be from the Metro Vancouver Area);
- 2 representatives (elected officials or staff) from a local government with a population over 15,000 outside of the Lower Mainland RCMP District;
- 2 representatives (elected officials or staff) from a local government with a population between 5,000 and 15,000;
- 1 representative (elected official or staff) from a regional district policed by the RCMP;
- 1 representative (elected official or staff) from a local government with a population under 5,000.

UBCM Contact

Please forward the name of the local government representatives (elected officials and/or staff) interested in being appointed as a member of the British Columbia/Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee to UBCM by Friday, October 7, 2011 to Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor, Email: kvance@ubcm.ca; Tel: 604-270-8226 ext. 114.

If your local government has any questions regarding the communication please contact Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor Email: kvance@ubcm.ca; Tel: 604-270-8226 ext. 114.