

## **Resolution #2019-1**

### **First Nations Police Governance Council First Nations Policing Designated an Essential Service**

WHEREAS unlike all other policing institutions in Canada, First Nations police services are not all governed by legislation; and

WHEREAS First Nations police services are funded as programs through agreements with the federal and provincial governments and can be cancelled at any time; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General reported that policing services on First Nations reserves fail to meet the standards applying to police services in non-aboriginal communities; and

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the First Nations Police Governance Council (FNPGC) and the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) ask the Federal Government to:

- a) Draft legislation to recognize and fund First Nations Policing as an essential service and not a program.
- b) Satisfy all the recommendations made by the Auditor General to ensure that First Nations policing services meet the same standards applied to police services in non- aboriginal communities.
- c) Ensure there is a fair level of sustainable funding to ensure an effective and efficient level of First Nations policing service delivery and that their wages, pensions and benefits are comparable to all police services in Canada.

## **Resolution #2019-2**

### **First Nations Police Governance Council First Nations Policing Funding for Governance Training**

WHEREAS governance of First Nations police has been identified as a critical issue by the Auditor General, Public Safety Canada's review of First Nations Policing in Canada and by members of First Nations.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the First Nations Police Governance Council (FNPGC) and the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) ask the Federal Government to focus resources on strengthening community governance of First Nations police service providers including funding for training of oversight and governance bodies so they are culturally appropriate, responsive and accountable to the communities they serve.

## **Resolution #2019-3**

### **Regina Board of Police Commissioners Cannabis Revenue Sharing**

WHEREAS the legalization of recreational cannabis has resulted in the creation of a new excise tax that is creating revenue collected by the federal government, and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and its Big City Mayors Caucus endorsed the policy wherein 75% of that revenue is made available to the provincial governments with the federal government expressing support for a portion being shared with municipalities, and

WHEREAS municipal governments incur significant expenses as a result of legalization, including but not limited to police service costs related to officer training and the purchase of roadside testing equipment and laboratory testing;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) urge provincial and federal governments to provide a fair, equitable and permanent portion of cannabis excise tax to municipal governments to costs of increased demand on police resources and improved roadside drug screening technology.

#### **Resolution #2019-4**

#### **Regina Board of Police**

#### **Commissioners Mental Health Partnerships**

WHEREAS police services in Canada are dealing with an escalation in mental health-related calls and the impact on resources is becoming a material issue in increasingly-strained police and local government budgets, and

WHEREAS relying on police to provide a critical front-line response to mental health crises is a costly alternative to proactive care exposes police agencies to increased and unnecessary risk and exacerbates the emotional stress affiliated to mental illness, and

WHEREAS Police Services in several Saskatchewan cities have seen growing success as a result of implementing Police and Crisis Teams (PACT), which are a possible model and have been recognized through additional support by the provincial government;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) urge the federal and provincial governments to further increase funding to support and increase community partnerships involving police services and mental health professionals, such as the Police and Crisis Team (PACT) partnership that Regina Police Service has with the Provincial Health Region.