

Resolution 4A

CHRONIC UNDERSTAFFING OF RCMP OFFICERS (PASSED)

⇒ County of Annapolis

WHEREAS in recent years, every report published on the need for reform in the RCMP has stated that the RCMP is understaffed and that officers are experiencing “burn out; and

WHEREAS Nova Scotia municipalities have experienced chronic officer shortages over the past decade; and

WHEREAS this is a circumstance which places far too much obligation on our officers to work too long and too hard to compensate for the lack of officer resources; and

WHEREAS Officer shortages create serious and potentially life-threatening workload issues, in addition to impacting service levels; and

WHEREAS Municipalities are expected to honour their financial commitments to provide staffing of RCMP.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM and municipalities enter into discussions with the Province of Nova Scotia for a commitment to provide the number of RCMP Officers required and funded by municipalities.

Response from:
Department of Justice

RESPONSE:

The Province (Department of Justice) looks forward to discussing this and all other matters dealing with RCMP costs and service delivery with both the RCMP and the municipalities which they serve. Along with UNSM, Department of Justice is in the process of establishing a new a Local Contract Management Committee to facilitate these and other on-going discussions between the three parties.