

**U-18-02**

**Mover: Rexton**

**Subject: Funding for services from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)**

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**WHEREAS** the municipalities participating in the Provincial Policing Service Agreement (PPSA) of the RCMP have been incurring annual increases that are largely surpassing the inflation costs, for the last fifteen years;

**WHEREAS** the RCMP is the national police force and is an organization that reports to the Canadian Department of Public Safety;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has the obligation to adequately fund its national police force in order to serve the rural regions of the country, at an affordable cost for the provinces and the municipalities that have the services of the RCMP;

**WHEREAS** the Government of New Brunswick has designated the RCMP as the provincial police force;

**WHEREAS** the Government of New Brunswick has the obligation to assume a larger part of the RCMP costs in order to have an accessible and affordable service for all municipalities and local service districts in the province;

**WHEREAS** the municipalities are assuming most of the costs for the RCMP services and that this proportion is increasing significantly, comparatively to the contribution of the Government of New Brunswick;

**WHEREAS** the RCMP costs increases in the last years were taken on by the municipalities in the PPSA in bigger proportion;

**WHEREAS** there are important inequities between the municipalities, the local service districts (LSD's) and the different regions of the province, regarding the cost sharing formula;

**WHEREAS** the municipal associations were not invited to take part in the work undertaken by the working committee put in place by the Department of Public Safety of the province who are currently renegotiating some of the provisions of the PPSA with the representatives of the RCMP, and that, contrary to the disposition in the agreement;

**Be it resolved that** UMNB begin the necessary steps with the federal and provincial authorities in order to find solutions to the ongoing increasing costs of the RCMP services and to eliminate the inequities to the provincial cost sharing formula related to the Provincial Policing Service Agreement