



Justice

Public Safety and Security Division

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Dear Chief Administrative Officers,

I am writing following calls to municipalities on March 17, 2026, regarding municipal billing for Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) policing services for the 2026–27 fiscal year. The information shared during these calls reflected estimated costs only. Final billing letters will be issued following the passage of the provincial *Appropriations Act*, in accordance with the usual course of business.

I would like to acknowledge the challenges the timing of sharing estimates may have created for municipalities as you worked through your own budget planning. I recognize that uncertainty can be frustrating, and I sincerely appreciate the patience and understanding shown by municipal partners. We are mindful of the impacts on municipal planning.

Looking ahead to 2026–27, we are committed to strengthening communication with municipalities. As we contemplate the implementation of a new billing mechanism, our goal will be to approach this consultatively and ensure a more accessible and responsive approach to RCMP service administration.

My team and I are available at any time should you have questions or wish to discuss billing and/or policing service matters further. Please feel free to reach out to any of us directly:

- Hayley Crichton, Executive Director – 902-225-0416
- Charcy Marchand, Director – 902-240-6706
- Matthew Ritchie, Manager – 902-497-2167
- Danielle Desjardins, RCMP Liaison to the DOJ – 902-818-9719
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Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in supporting effective policing services across Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be "Hayley Crichton", written in a cursive style.

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