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His Worship Bill Beamish
Mayor of the Town of Gibsons
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Dear Mayor Beamish:

I would like to thank the delegation from the Town of Gibsons for meeting with senior Policing and Security Branch (PSB) staff at this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention, held virtually by teleconference. I am writing to follow-up these discussions regarding the Town's potential to assume responsibility for policing within municipal boundaries, should it exceed 5,000 population in the upcoming 2021 Canada Census.

I commend the Town in its efforts to prepare for policing responsibility; as you know the transition may have significant impacts on a municipality's budget and as such I recommend proactively planning for these financial implications. To assist with this process, PSB staff will develop a Policing Information Package for the Town that includes information about the Town's current police services, highlights key components of the RCMP Agreements, identifies a minimum resource level for the Town and estimated costs for the provision of RCMP municipal police services, post-transition. Consultation with the RCMP is imperative throughout this work. I can advise that PSB staff have initiated efforts with the RCMP and anticipate beginning to build the Gibson's Policing Information Package this Winter. Lastly, I can confirm that should the Town exceed 5,000 population in the 2021 Canada Census, the transition to municipal policing responsibility would be effective April 1, 2022.

Should you have further concerns or questions with respect to this process, Ms. Katherine St. Denis, A/Director, BC RCMP Service Delivery, Policing and Security Branch, is available and may be reached by telephone at 778 572-3401 or by e-mail at Katherine.StDenis@gov.bc.ca.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ward Lymburner".

Ward Lymburner
Executive Director
Policing and Security Branch

cc: Ms. Katherine St. Denis, A/Director, Policing and Security Branch