



January 27, 2020

Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Strachan
RCMP "E" Division
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Dear Deputy Commissioner Strachan:

Thank you for your letter dated January 14, 2020, regarding the potential police response required to enforce the December 31, 2019 BC Supreme Court injunction prohibiting interference with work being done on the Coastal GasLink pipeline. As you state, opposition to the pipeline construction near Houston, BC has intensified and evolved and the local jurisdictional police do not have sufficient resources to deal with this situation. I am satisfied that this constitutes a provincial emergency under the *Provincial Police Service Agreement* (PPSA).

As an urgent and critical situation of a temporary nature requiring additional resources, pursuant to Article 9.1 of the PPSA, I am authorizing the internal redeployment of resources within the Provincial Police Service to the extent necessary to maintain law and order, and to ensure the safety of persons, property, and communities in the area. This authorized temporary redeployment is inclusive of BC Municipal Police Service resources, pursuant to article 9.1 of the *Municipal Police Service Agreement* (MPSA); however, I request that all provincial resources should be exhausted prior to making use of municipal RCMP resources. Should municipal resources be required, please ensure you discharge your obligations under Article 9 of the MPSA to consult with the affected local governments, including advance communications; and, that any impacted municipalities continue to receive adequate policing.

The operational deployment of resources and operational decisions are solely within the internal management and control of the RCMP; however, I ask that you please continue to inform the ministry of the planned actions and any further developments through established channels between executive Policing and Security Branch and RCMP staff. Further requests may be authorized upon consultation with Assistant Deputy Minister Brenda Butterworth-Carr.

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I appreciate the urgency of these situations and look forward to receiving a report on the actual redeployment that was required, the composition of the members redeployed, including any equipment that was required. I understand the costs related to emergencies are tracked and monitored separately and I look forward to receiving a detailed accounting of these costs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Farnworth". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General