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Her Worship Barbara Desjardins  
Mayor of the Township of Esquimalt  
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Dear Mayor Desjardins:

I am responding to Ms. Anja Nurvo's January 31, 2018 letter, regarding a motion passed by the Council of the Township of Esquimalt which calls on the provincial government to initiate a process for the regionalization of Capital Region policing services.

I acknowledge your concern that the Victoria Police Department faces issues that are regional in nature but whose costs are borne by the residents of the City of Victoria and Township of Esquimalt. A regional police force in the Greater Victoria area is not under consideration.

The CRD currently has several integrated units focusing on organized crime, road safety, police victim services, and specialized tactical response. Funding models for these integrated units include cost sharing among participating jurisdictions and, in some cases, external funding by the federal and provincial governments.

You may be aware that a review of integrated policing teams in the CRD was conducted in 2014. The resulting report, the *Integrated Police Teams Review*, identified a number of issues affecting the success of teams, including inconsistencies in governance, funding, and decision making. A shared commitment to address these issues was expressed by the mayors, chiefs of police and police boards at a June 2015 meeting. I affirmed my support to further integrating police services at the 2017 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention.

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

Mike Farnworth  
Minister of Public Safety  
and Solicitor General