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On Tuesday, FCM outlined our profound disappointment in the federal government's decision to not **absorb retroactive costs** associated with the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement, despite months of municipal advocacy.

FCM issued a [statement](#) on Wednesday responding to this decision to pass unbudgeted and unaccounted-for RCMP costs on to municipalities, without consulting or engaging local governments in the discussions and negotiations. This statement further outlined FCM's position that this situation cannot occur again, and was dispatched to all FCM members.

Today, FCM is reaching out with a practical toolkit to assist RCMP-reliant communities that will be affected by this decision. It includes:

- A **draft press release**, which affected municipalities can use to articulate their position on this important development in line with FCM's ongoing advocacy. This resource may be useful in engaging with local media or local MPs on this important issue.
- A **draft resolution**, which can be adopted and utilized to ensure a resolution opposing this decision can be swiftly adopted at your next municipal council meeting.

FCM recognizes the impact and scale of this decision on municipal finances, all the more at a time of inflation and financial uncertainty for Canadians. As such, we will continue to draw attention to this challenge, to help ensure municipalities are properly consulted on issues related to community policing and well-being going forward.

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