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Dear Wardens Albright and Cunningham:

Re: MODA-MODY RCMP Additional Resource Request

Thank you for your most recent letter of October 1, 2025, advising of the Municipality of Argyle and the Municipality of Yarmouth's joint request to increase the police resource level of the RCMP's Yarmouth Rural Detachment. Your request is to increase the Detachment's overall police resource level by two (2) officers in the 2025-2026 fiscal year and one (1) officer in the 2026-2027 fiscal year along with confirmation of each Municipality's associated incremental financial commitment for half (50%) of each additional resource.

I wish to highlight that the RCMP's 2023 GDRPM resource analysis completed in 2024 identified that a total of five (5) additional officers, inclusive of supervisors, were required to meet its minimum-recommended benchmark for an adequate general duty police resource level. The RCMP recommended a phased-in approach to staffing the five positions to balance operational needs, staffing timelines and recognizing the additional cost to the municipalities. Their recommendation was for three (3) additional officers in 2025-2026 and two (2) in 2026-2027. Although your request does not fully address the need for police resources the requested increase is hereby approved. It is expected that the RCMP will make all efforts to staff the positions as quickly as possible to be assigned within its Yarmouth Rural Detachment.

As is my responsibility under the *Nova Scotia Police Act*, I must ensure that an adequate and effective level of policing is maintained throughout the Province. I have asked Department of Justice staff and the RCMP to undertake discussions with your Municipalities to ensure that the implications to public safety of an under-resourced police service in your communities are clear and that a path forward is developed to address under resourcing. I invite you to reach out to the Executive Director of the Department of Justice's Public Safety and Security Division, Ms. Hayley Crichton, via email at Hayley.Crichton@novascotia.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott Armstrong
Attorney General and Minister of Justice

cc: Assistant Commissioner Dennis Daley, Commanding Officer "H" Division RCMP