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Minister Mike Farnworth
128 Parliament Buildings
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Honourable Minister Farnworth,

Re: Vanderhoof RCMP Membership

The District of Vanderhoof Council has reviewed the BC Police Resources 2015 report with members of our community. The Vanderhoof Police Member Levels remain at 10 members, includes 3 in supervisory roles and 1 First Nations Services Officer.

The Vanderhoof RCMP Detachment provides support to a population of 8,819, spread over a large geographic area. When statistics are compared with our neighbouring communities, Vanderhoof has substantially higher criminal case offences, higher crime rates and caseloads. Vanderhoof RCMP caseload was 119 and the provincial average is noted at 57. This raises significant concerns for Vanderhoof residents and businesses.

With the required amount of paperwork and court time ever increasing, this reduces the available officers actively policing our community. The Vanderhoof RCMP has difficulties retaining members, largely due to the unreasonable caseload which interferes with the work/life balance that provides a healthy lifestyle.

I am in full support of the Vanderhoof RCMP Detachment receiving more police officers along with administrative personnel, this would allow membership to become more proactively involved in our community with an enhanced level of service to our area.

Thank you for your time and I hope that my request will resonate with your consideration of providing more members to the Vanderhoof RCMP Detachment.

Regards,



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