



# REQUEST FOR DECISION

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SUBJECT: Police Funding Model Review  
SUBMISSION TO: REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MEETING DATE: July 8, 2025  
DEPARTMENT: CAO SERVICES  
STRATEGIC PLAN: Governance

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION  
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## RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

**Provincial** (cite) – Provincial Police Services Agreement, Bill 49: Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act

**Council Bylaw/Policy** (cite) – N/A

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## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**MOTION:** That Council direct Administration to prepare and submit a letter to the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) expressing Greenview's support for the recommendations outlined in the Police Funding Model Member Guide, and further, that the letter be copied to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, local MLAs, and neighbouring municipalities.

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## BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

In 2020, the Government of Alberta introduced the Police Funding Model (PFM), requiring rural and small urban municipalities to contribute to policing costs under the Provincial Police Services Agreement (PPSA). Since its implementation, concerns have been raised over the model's fairness, lack of transparency, and the disconnect between municipal contributions and actual policing service levels in rural communities.

With the current PFM regulation set to expire in 2026, the Province has initiated a review process. In response, RMA has developed a detailed Member Guide outlining recommended reforms. These recommendations address key issues including tying funding to service levels, reducing reliance on equalized assessment, improving accountability, and ensuring municipalities have a voice in policing decisions.

RMA is encouraging a strategic and unified approach to advocacy, urging rural municipalities to align messaging and present a consistent voice to the Province. Greenview, as a major rural contributor under the current PFM, has a vested interest in ensuring the model is fair, transparent, and reflective of the realities of rural policing.

Administration recommends that Council formally endorse the RMA's recommendations as outlined in the attached Member Guide. In doing so, Greenview can also identify and highlight specific recommendations that are a priority for our municipality — such as:

- Linking municipal contributions to defined service levels (Recommendation 2),

- Ensuring a portion of PFM funds are directed to local frontline policing (Recommendation 1),
- Revising the formula to reduce reliance on equalized assessment (Recommendation 4),
- Enhancing accountability through annual service level reporting (Recommendation 10).

A letter of support will be submitted to RMA, with copies sent to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, local MLAs, and neighboring municipalities to reinforce Greenview's position and support rural alignment.

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#### BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of this motion is that by endorsing RMA's recommendations it strengthens Greenview's voice in a coordinated provincial effort to reform the Police Funding Model. By formally aligning with RMA, Greenview contributes to a unified rural message — increasing the likelihood of meaningful changes that address long-standing concerns around fairness, accountability, and service levels.

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#### DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The disadvantage of the recommended action is that The Province has not clearly outlined the full scope or timeline of the PFM review, or the ways that municipalities will be engaged, therefore it is not clear how this information will be taken into account or when.

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#### ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

**Alternative #1:** Council may choose to move forward with its own advocacy plan based on our individual concerns with the Police Funding Model instead of a blanket endorsement of RMA's recommendations.

#### **Motion:**

**That Council direct Administration to engage with the appropriate provincial ministries, elected officials, and review consultants to advocate on Council's behalf regarding the Police Funding Model review, based on the priorities and direction discussed, and bring a report back to Council once complete**

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#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

There are no financial implications to the recommended motion.

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#### STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

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#### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

#### **INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT**

Inform

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL**

Inform - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

**PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC**

Inform - We will keep you informed.

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**FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:**

A letter of support will be submitted to RMA, with copies sent to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, local MLAs, and neighboring municipalities.

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- Police Funding Model Review – Member Guide
- Bill 49: Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act