

## Saskatchewan Funding for Policing in Lloydminster

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### **ISSUE:**

Currently Saskatchewan does not provide targeted funding for policing services in Lloydminster.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Lloydminster straddles the border of Alberta and Saskatchewan with slightly over 30% of the population or 11,637<sup>(1)</sup> people living in Saskatchewan.

The Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce has a membership of 560 businesses with approximately one-third of the businesses located in Saskatchewan providing tax revenue to the province. In addition, the oil, gas, manufacturing, and agricultural industries in the Lloydminster region have provided royalties and revenues to the Saskatchewan government through times of economic prosperity and during the years of challenging times.

The City of Lloydminster is policed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). The City is responsible for 90% of policing costs, the remaining costs associated with policing costs (10%) is paid by the Federal Government. Currently, the City of Lloydminster budgets and pays approximately \$6,800,000<sup>(2)</sup> to provide policing services to its residents on both the Alberta and Saskatchewan side. The City of Lloydminster receives grant funding from the Province of Alberta in the amount of \$580,000<sup>(3)</sup>. The Province of Saskatchewan does not currently provide any targeted police funding to the City of Lloydminster.

In several communities in Saskatchewan, Corrections and Policing, through the Ministry of Justice, contributes funding for police officers. These officers work on a number of community-based policing initiatives to help reduce crime and victimization. "Our government is focused on community safety," Corrections and Policing Minister Christine Tell said. "This grant, and the positions it funds, provides the support needed to those working to protect Saskatoon communities and families."<sup>(4)</sup>

The City of Lloydminster has focused crime reduction strategies and community crime prevention programs, which include: the Prolific Offender Program, Social Chronic Program, Missing Youth Program, COMPSTAT, Crime Free Multi housing, focused crime reduction through analyzing crime occurrences and patterns, and are currently working with community groups to create a Crime Prevention Society.

### **RESOLUTION:**

The Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce supports the City of Lloydminster's efforts in obtaining, from the Province of Saskatchewan, funding support under the Targeted Policing Funding Initiative in order to support and enhance the crime reduction and prevention strategies in the City of Lloydminster.

<sup>1</sup> 2015 Municipal Census

<sup>2</sup> Taken from City of Lloydminster budget information

<sup>3</sup> Taken from 2014 budget and Alberta Grant funding approved

<sup>4</sup> Government of Saskatchewan. (2015, November 6). *\$4.8 million for Saskatoon police service targeted policing initiatives*.

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