

Good day Mayor and Council,

My name is Debi Johnstone - I am a Surrey BC resident and taxpayer.

I am writing to you as a BC constituent who has had my democratic rights taken away by the Provincial government.

[October 2022](#) saw Mayor Locke and her majority Surrey Connect team elected on their major promise to "Keep the RCMP in Surrey". Since that time Minister of Public Safety, Mike Farnworth has continued to force his agenda of creating a municipal police force at a great cost to Surrey taxpayers - money that should be used for housing, healthcare, removing school portables, homelessness, infrastructure, essentials and amenities for our growing city.

It is no secret the transition has nothing to do with public safety but is purely political with taxpayers as the pawns.

It's not just Surrey that will be financially affected if the transition is forced upon us - it's every community in BC that will pay for generations. Money meant for your constituents wasted on an expensive experiment.

Mayor Brenda Locke has been a fierce advocate working for the people. She won't capitulate to a government knowing it's not in the best interests of the citizens - I am grateful for her leadership.

I urge you to support Mayor Locke with letters/emails to Mike Farnworth and Premier Eby. Tell them to respect the democratic process and remove themselves from our city's decision to keep the RCMP.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
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