

Dear Mayors and Councils,

My name is Ramona Kaptyn and I am a Surrey, BC resident and taxpayer as well as BC Chief Advocacy & Communications Officer for the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP).

I & many of my members are concerned that our democratic rights have been taken away by the Provincial government & our taxes are going to skyrocket due to the decision made by Minister Mike Farnworth regarding policing in Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke and her majority Surrey Connect team were elected on their major promise to 'Keep the RCMP in Surrey.' I ran for a council seat on Brenda's team and came 9th. Two more Surrey Connect candidates came 10th & 11th proving voters wanted what we were promising. Prior to the municipal election countless taxpayers signed petitions to Keep the RCMP.

In spite of this, Minister 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. Furthermore, vulnerable older adults already dealing with rising costs will be burdened with more taxes.

This has nothing to do with public safety and other municipalities could be the victims of provincial whims in the future as some have already been in the past.

**Every municipality is being financially affected as this transition is being forced on Surrey.** Every municipality will pay for eons, for generations. Money meant for your constituents will be diverted and wasted on an expensive experiment. As you know, there are not enough cops to go around and the Surrey Police Service does not have all the essentials a POJ needs nor will it have these essentials for years to come.

Mayor Brenda Locke has been a steady & powerful advocate working for the people and I and my members are grateful for her leadership. **Will you please join her in opposing Minister Mike Farnworth & Premier David Eby - please tell them that municipalities rights & the rights of voters who elected them must not be taken away.**

The people of B.C. and Surrey are not being served. **This is an appalling assault on taxpayers.**

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully, Ramona Kaptyn

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