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A Perspective on the Surrey Police Transition

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About the National Police Federation

- ~20,000 RCMP Members in Canada and internationally; ~850 in Surrey.
- Second largest police association in North America.

The NPF is committed to a fact-based, research-driven approach to improving public safety for Members and the communities they proudly and professionally serve across Canada.



Surrey RCMP Overview

- Mandate
- Governance
- Resources
- Integrated services

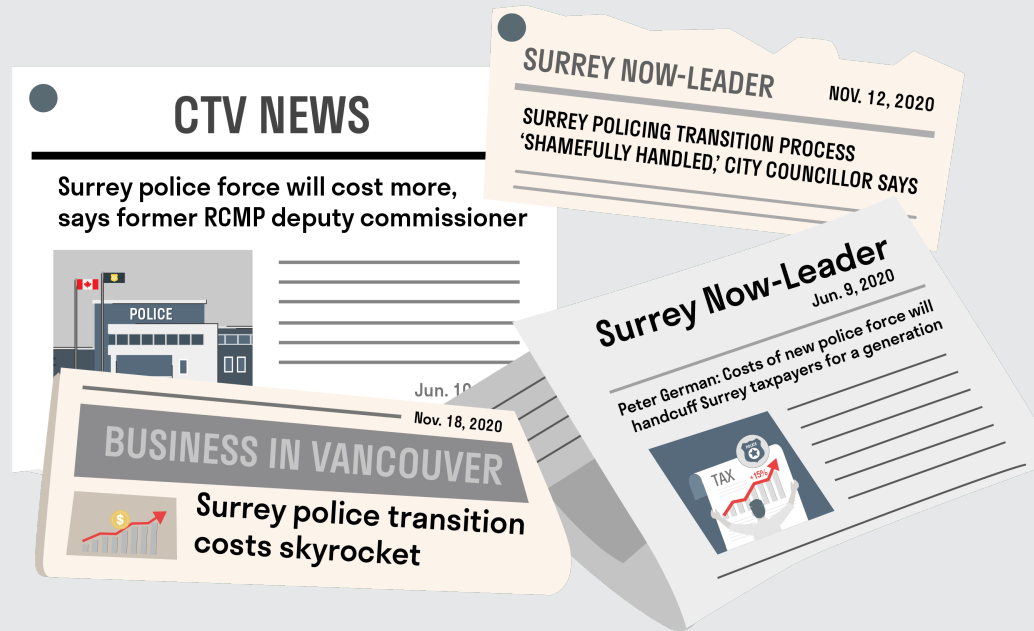


Rapidly Growing Costs & Taxes



- Tripling of transition costs from \$19m to \$64m
- 11% residential property tax, including homeowner levy increase from \$100 to \$300
- Many unknown or undisclosed costs
- No feasibility study

Unpopular and Unwanted Transition



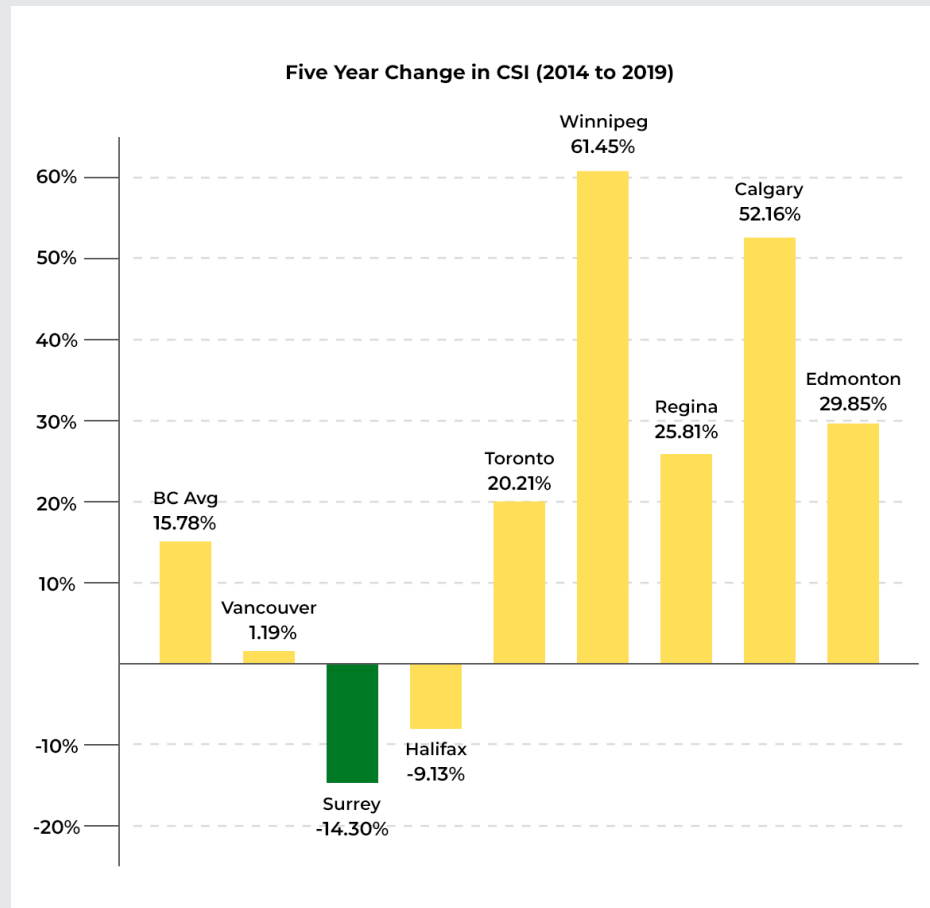
- Four rounds of research since February 2020 show ongoing, strong opposition
- **76%** of Surrey residents believe support for seniors and vulnerable citizens should be highest priority
- **77%** support keeping the RCMP, with improvements like increased resources
- Only **15%** want to replace the RCMP

Plan in Disarray

- First senior officers hired are all former RCMP; none of whom live or have recently worked in Surrey; team does not reflect Surrey's diversity.
- New Chief stated the transition has been delayed to late 2022.
- No contract exists for RCMP policing beyond March 31, 2021.
- Only 14% of current RCMP Members say they'll consider transferring.
- Pension transfer would cost early and mid-career RCMP Members ~\$80,000 to \$110,000 out of pocket
- SPS would not have access to RCMP technology or shared services



Surrey RCMP achieved best 5-year crime reduction of major Canadian municipalities



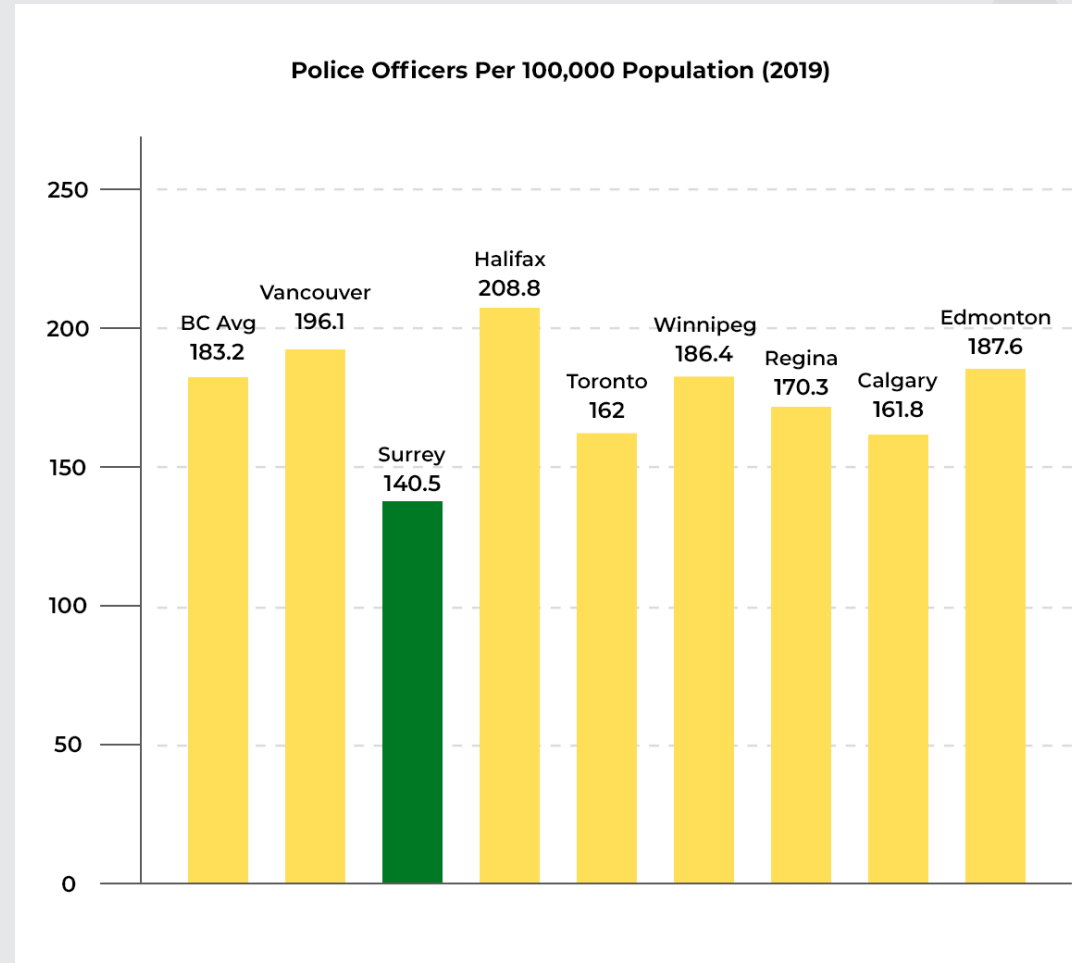
Source: Stats Canada Crime Severity Index, 2019

Surrey RCMP Does More with Less

Mayor and Council have not added any new police resources.

Surrey is growing by about 1,000 residents per month.

The \$64m current earmarked for police transition could significantly increase Surrey RCMP resources.



Source: Stats Canada Police Personnel, 2019

Not a Done Deal

- The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General has the ongoing authority to withhold, grant, or withdraw approval for the police transition
- Slow and challenging recruitment – no training capacity
- No plan in place for integrated services:
 - Integrated Homicide Investigation Team
 - Emergency Response Team
 - Underwater Recovery Team
 - Forensic Identification
 - Explosives Disposal
 - Police Dog Services
 - LMD Road Safety Unit, etc.
- More than 18-month delay so far ... and growing



What you can do:

Tell Mayor and Council you don't support double-digit tax increases to fund a disorganized, expensive and unpopular police transition.

BROKEN PROMISE COUNTDOWN

35

DAYS

10

HOURS

56

MINUTES

53

SECONDS

Doug McCallum promised a new Surrey police force by April 1, 2021 with minimal cost to taxpayers. Costs have more than tripled, taxes are up 11% and the new Surrey Police Service is nowhere in sight.

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