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Introductions



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Structure of Today's Session

- **What is currently happening?**
- **The Cumberland RCMP**
- **Open discussion period**

Purpose of Engagement

- **Inform the Community**
- **Answer Questions**
- **Gather Feedback**
- **Report to Council**



What is Happening?

In March 2022

Cumberland County Council voted in favour to review policing services



In April 2022

Council appointed a Policing Service Review Committee to review the current RCMP services

Committee comprised of the Mayor, 4 members of Council, and 4 members of the public.



In December 2022

the committee completed its review & proposed 2 recommendations: (1) Improve RCMP service or (2) Issue a Request for Proposals

Council voted to support the second recommendation and is going to issue an RFP.

Public Support

79%

of Nova Scotians served by the RCMP are **satisfied with the policing service they receive.**

74%

of Nova Scotians believe that the RCMP is **accountable to the communities they serve.**

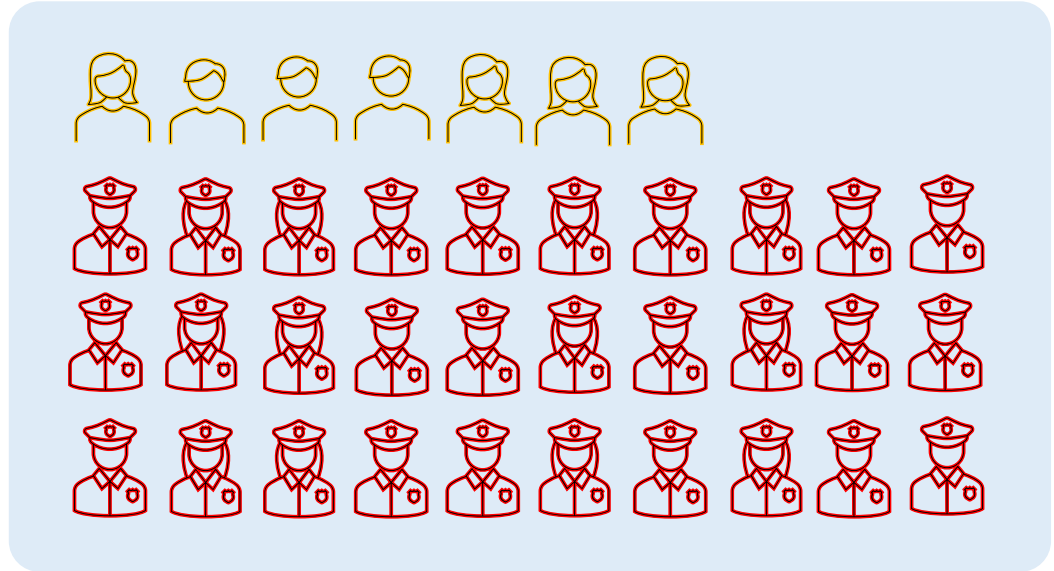
66%

of Nova Scotians agrees that **they benefit from the federal contribution of the cost of RCMP policing.**

Policing in Cumberland County

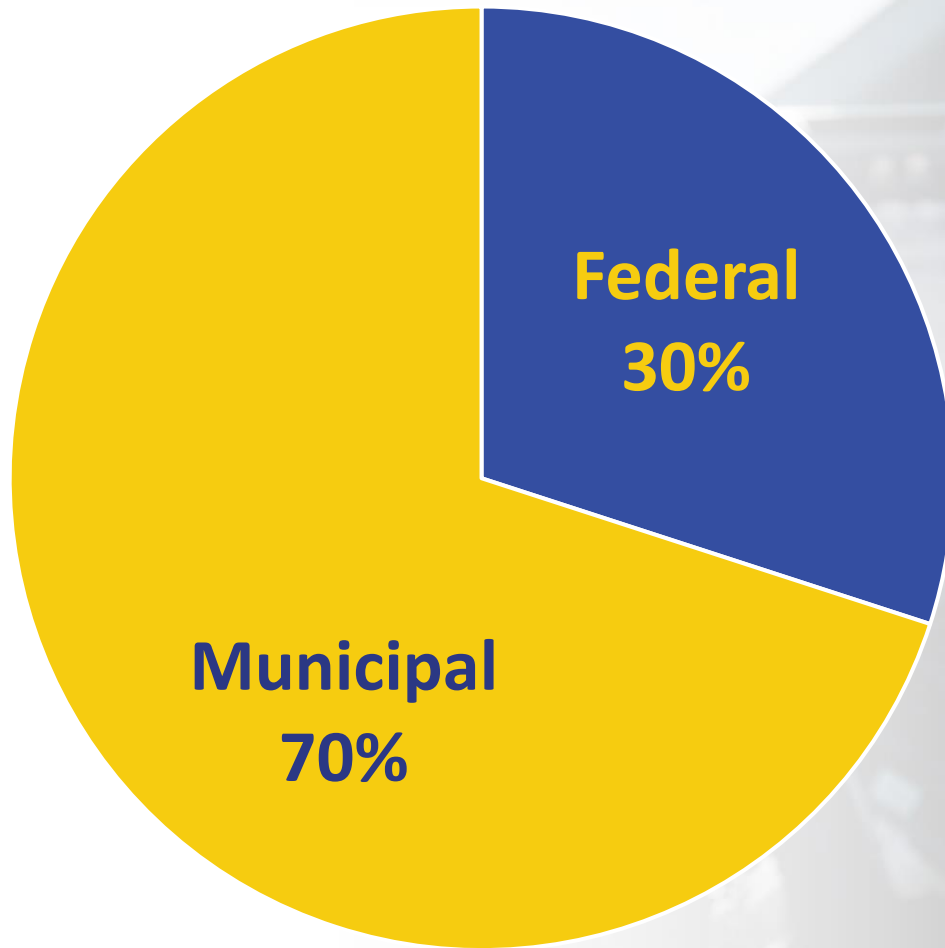


- Cumberland County is policed by the RCMP through the Provincial Policing Service Agreement (PPSA)
- The Cumberland RCMP has 40 full-time employees



Policing in Cumberland County

Policing Costs



Costs of Policing



Comparison: Cumberland RCMP and Amherst PD

	Amherst	Cumberland RCMP
Police Budget (2021-2022)	\$4,554,907.00	\$4,701,412.00
Population (2021)	9,404	19,964.00
Cost per capita	\$484.36	\$235.49
Officers (2021-2022)	24	30
Crime Severity Index (2010-2020 Average)	113.16	63.72

^[i] Town of Amherst. *Municipal Operating Budget 2021-2022*. <https://www.amherst.ca/budgethtml>

^[ii] Cumberland County. *Municipal Operating Budget 2021-2022*. <https://cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/finance.html>

^[iii] Statistics Canada. 2021 Population Census Data. <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E>

^[iv] Town of Amherst. *Amherst Police Sustainability Report*. <https://www.amherst.ca/police-department.html>

^[v] Statistics Canada. *Crime severity index and weighted clearance rates, police services in the Atlantic provinces*. <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=3510018601>

Specialized support services



- Along with the federal contribution, the Nova Scotia RCMP also provides several specialized and support services at little to no cost to the County.
- These costs are instead covered by the Nova Scotia provincial government, or the federal government through cost-share agreements.
- This means that, by having the RCMP, Cumberland County can access a fully equipped policing service without assuming the complete cost.

Specialized services offered to Cumberland County

Tactical and Specialized Operations

- Additional Officer Program
- Critical Incident Program
- Crisis Negotiation Team
- Emergency Response Team
- Emergency Medical Response Team
- Explosive Disposal Unit
- Police Dog Service
- Provincial Ground Search and Rescue Program
- Underwater Recovery Team
- Special Tactical Operation
- Tactical Support Group
- Traffic Services

Investigative Services

- Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Services
- Commercial Crime Unit
- Cyber Crime Coordinator
- Division Criminal Analysis Section
- Digital Forensic Services
- Forensic Identification Services
- Human Trafficking Unit
- Internet Child Exploitation Unit
- Interview Assistance
- Major Crimes Unit
- Proceeds of Crime Unit
- Synthetic Drugs Unit
- Truth Verification
- Violent Crime Linkage Analysis Unit

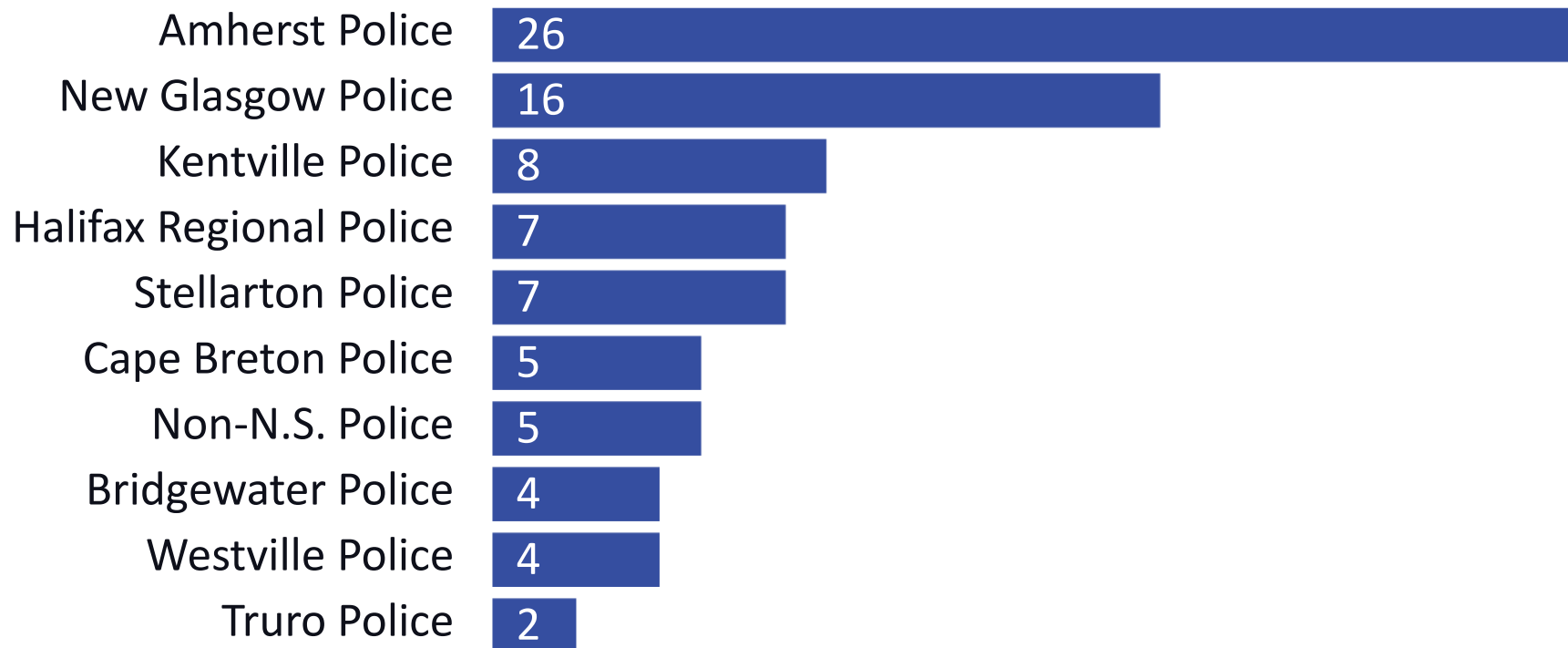
Operational Communications and Emergency Operational Coordination

- Division Emergency Operations Centre
- Provincial Operational Communications Centre
- Risk Manager Program
- Division Liaison Team
- Operational Communications Centre
- Employee Management Relations Office

Municipal calls for specialized services

Municipal Police Service Calls for Specialized Services from the RCMP

January 2021 to December 2021



Full transition study needed

Policing transitions are complex and can take 5-7 years to fully complete. Any transition that is to occur will need a true feasibility study that examines each stage and its needs, costs and goals.

- **Further study & expanded stakeholder engagement.**
- **Negotiations on RCMP exit between Cumberland County/Nova Scotia/Federal Government.**
- **Prepare for a “go-live” period with a new police service.**
- **Formal transition from RCMP to new police service**

Next steps

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