

July 28, 2023

Micheline Lahaie
Chairperson
Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP
P.O. Box 1722, Station B
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 0B3

Dear Chairperson Lahaie,

The Government of Nunavut (GN) sincerely thanks the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP for its skilled and thorough review of the Kinngait RCMP incident, which occurred in June of 2020. We take this incident very seriously and we are fully committed to working closely with our law enforcement partner to carefully review and learn from your report.

Regarding the provision of financial and resource support to the RCMP "V" Division, the GN is dedicated to ensuring the RCMP in Nunavut have the necessary funding and support to achieve our public safety goals. The GN has demonstrated this commitment through the consistent approval of RCMP business cases and the significant increases in funding provided by the Department of Justice to the RCMP.

Since 2013, the funding allocation from the GN to the RCMP has more than doubled, from \$30.2 million in 2012/2013 to \$67.2 million in 2022/2023. Thanks to this increased funding, "V" Division has been able to grow by 33 additional regular members since 2012/2013, bringing the current total to 152.

Additionally, the GN has taken significant steps to enhance RCMP infrastructure, including approving a substantial increase of \$7 million in funding for the construction and repair of detachments. This represents a three-fold increase from the 2012/2013 annual budget of \$3 million to \$10 million in 2022/23. We recognize the importance of modern and reliable facilities for our law enforcement officers, and we have responded with substantial financial support to improve RCMP detachments in Nunavut.

The GN wholeheartedly supports and welcomes the planned construction of a new detachment in Kinngait and have provided the necessary funding and support to prioritize its construction.

The above noted substantial financial commitment clearly demonstrates the GN's determination to address the needs of law enforcement effectively and reflects our commitment to bolstering the strength and capacity of the RCMP in Nunavut.

The GN will continue to work in strong partnership with our colleagues at the RCMP to improve and support policing in Kinngait and all our communities.

Thank you again for your diligent work on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Mansell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen Mansell
Deputy Minister of Justice

cc: Kate McDerby
Andrew Blackadar