

National Police Federation

President's Summit on Policing

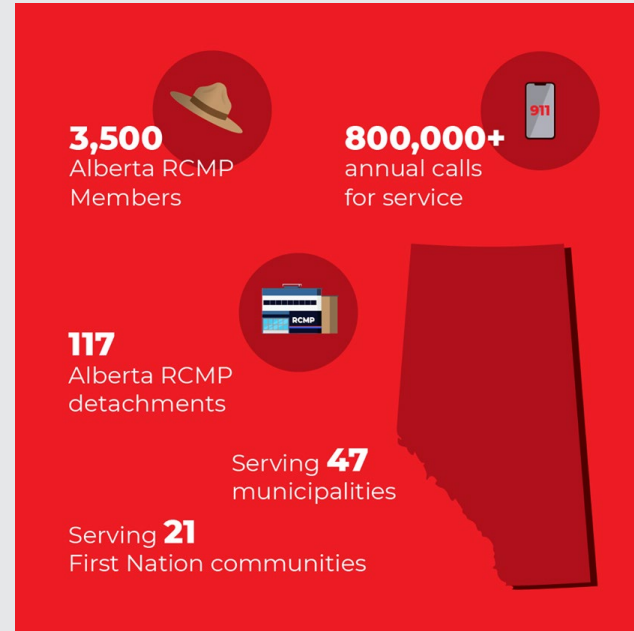
Alberta Urban Municipalities Association

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RCMP in Alberta

- ~3,500 RCMP Members in Alberta
- Majority serve career in Alberta
- Engaged in local community
- Unique policing perspective
- History of local governance with communities and Province



The Fair Deal Panel

- Purpose: to engage Albertans on how to strengthen the province's position in Confederation
- Recommendation: create an Alberta Police Service to replace the RCMP
- FDP report findings:
 - ~42,000 Albertans engaged (**68.5% from Calgary & Edmonton regions**)
 - "Establishing a provincial police service" ranked 14 in a list of 15 priorities
 - Only 35% of respondents support the idea.
 - Key concerns: cost of creating an entirely new police service, and community safety.

Pollara survey

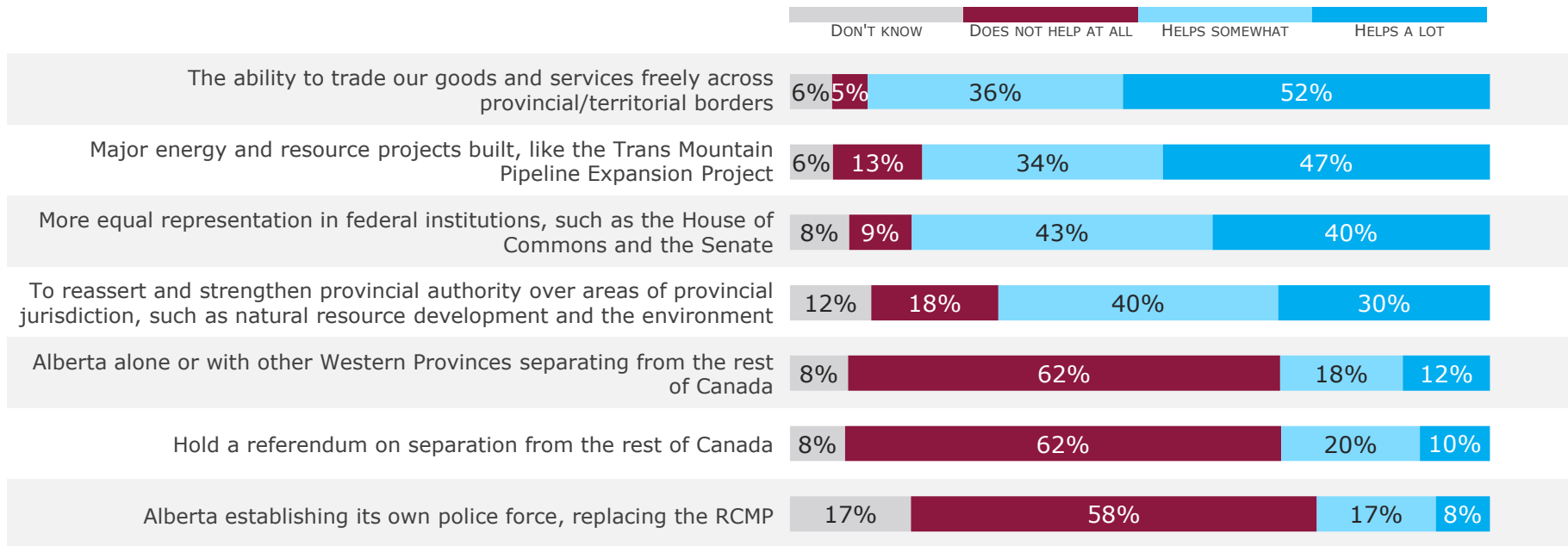
Online survey, 1,300 residents, rural and urban, Oct 2020.
Commissioned by NPF (margin of error +/-2.7%).

Distribution of respondents:

- 202 Calgary
- 208 Edmonton
- 100 Calgary suburbs
- 100 Edmonton suburbs
- 242 rural central
- 226 rural north
- 222 rural south

Replacing the RCMP viewed as least helpful measure tested to improve Alberta's place in Canada

- Only 8% say replacing the RCMP helps “a lot”, while about half say trading goods freely (52%) and energy and resource projects (47%) help “a lot”
- The measures tested were also part of the Fair Deal Panel consultation



Only 6% support
replacing the RCMP

81% 

of Albertans served
by RCMP are satisfied with
the service they receive.

 **70%**

of Albertans oppose replacing
the RCMP with an expensive
new provincial police service.

Costly transition

- Feds pay 30% or \$112.4 million annually.
- Transition would cost municipalities and province.
- PwC review needs to include a full accounting of costs.
 - One-time transition costs
 - Special units: terrorism, major crimes, forensics, Emergency Response Teams, Police Service Dogs, Explosive Disposal Units, Underwater Recovery, VIP protection
 - IM/IT
 - Pensions
 - Facilities & Maintenance
 - Ongoing recruitment & training

Replacing the RCMP would cost Albertans millions more for unknown service levels, further deepening the imbalance between what Alberta contributes to Canada and what it receives.



How YOU can help:

- Insist that review of potential transition be objective, transparent and thorough;
- Get involved to ensure that full-cycle costs and community safety impacts of a transition be determined and considered.
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