

Supporting the Creation and Participation in the Prince Albert Grand Council First Nation Police Service

BCR No.: _____

Date of Duly Convened Meeting: _____, 2026

Quorum: _____

WHEREAS:

The [First Nation Name] (the “First Nation”) is committed to ensuring the health, safety, security, and wellbeing of its members through adequate, effective, and culturally responsive police services that reflect the First Nation’s values and community priorities;

AND WHEREAS:

The Prince Albert Grand Council (“PAGC”) represents twelve (12) First Nations in Saskatchewan, that includes 28 communities and close to 50,000 people, including the First Nation;

AND WHEREAS:

Chief and Council of the First Nation recognize the importance of strengthening community safety through greater First Nations leadership, accountability, and local involvement in policing services;

AND WHEREAS:

The First Nation asserts title over the whole of our territory, rooted in the pre-colonization occupation of land by our relatives, and in our pre-existing systems of law and governance, as the First Nation has never surrendered any right to self-determination;

AND WHEREAS:

The First Nation relies on their inherent rights and jurisdiction to create law, enshrined in Canadian law with the signing of Treaty _____, asserting our rights and principles of law, and inherent right to self-determination, and the inherent right to adopt measures to address public health and safety crises facing our communities;

AND WHEREAS:

The United Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (“UNDRIP”), incorporated in Canadian law through the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, S.C. 2021, c. 14 (“*UNDA*”), recognizes the right of Indigenous Peoples to self government and self determination, in particular in Article 4, which states, “Indigenous peoples, in exercising their right to **self-determination**, have the right to autonomy or **self-government** in matters relating to their internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means for financing their autonomous functions”;

AND WHEREAS:

The Saskatchewan *Police Act* (SS 1990-91, c P-15.01) (“*Police Act*”) states that the Minister of Community Safety shall promote (a) adequate and effective policing throughout Saskatchewan and (b) the preservation of peace, the prevention of crime, the efficiency of police services and the improvement of police relationships with communities within Saskatchewan;

AND WHEREAS:

Section 21 of the *Police Act* provides that the Minister of Community Safety, on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, may enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada to employ the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (“RCMP”) to aid in the administration of justice and the enforcement of the laws in force in Saskatchewan;

AND WHEREAS:

Chief and Council of the First Nation have identified ongoing challenges to the safety of the people of their communities, in respect of policing services currently provided by the RCMP, specifically service levels, response times, staffing shortages, limited community presence, and a lack of culturally grounded policing;

AND WHEREAS:

There is precedent for Public Safety Canada, through the First Nations and Inuit Policing Program (“FNIPP”), for the funding of self-administered Indigenous police services, both for individual First Nations as well as regional services, through cost-sharing by the federal government at 52% and a province/territory at 48%;

AND WHEREAS:

The PAGC recently commissioned a comprehensive Policing Model Study in order to examine the feasibility of a PAGC First Nation Police Service, as well as staffing, infrastructure, governance, financial and legislative considerations for establishing such a police service;

AND WHEREAS:

Chief and Council of [First Nation Name] wish to formally express their support for transitioning from RCMP policing services toward participation in a PAGC First Nation Police Service, subject to further agreements, funding approvals, and implementation/transition planning.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Chief and Council of [First Nation Name] hereby approve, in principle, the creation of a PAGC First Nation Police Service as the preferred policing model for the First Nation and as an important step towards strengthening community safety and advancing First Nations self-determination in policing;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

[First Nation Name] confirms its support for the creation of a PAGC First Nation Police Service and its interest in participating in discussions surrounding the development of such a Service;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Chief and Council of the First Nation authorize the PAGC to lead this initiative on behalf of [First Nation Name], together with other participating PAGC First Nations, to achieve the following objectives:

- Engage with the Government of Saskatchewan and the Government of Canada to discuss the creation of a PAGC First Nation Police Service, by:
 - Establishing a funding negotiations table for these discussions; and
 - Creating a Terms of Reference as guiding principles to be used for productive meetings at the funding negotiations table.
- Development, review, and amendments of relevant policies and procedures required to establish a PAGC First Nation Police Service;

- Pursuit of long-term, sustainable, equitable funding for a PAGC First Nation Police Service which provides adequate, effective, culturally responsive policing that is reflective of the culture of the Indigenous Peoples served; and
- Such other objectives that may be determined by the participating PAGC First Nations;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: This Band Council Resolution confirms the support of the First Nation in respect of planning, feasibility advancement, and transition work only, and does not constitute final approval to operationalize a police service until further agreements, funding arrangements, and community-level approvals are in place;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Chief and Council of the First Nation direct that this Band Council Resolution be provided to the PAGC, the Government of Saskatchewan, and the Government of Canada as represented by Public Safety Canada as evidence of the First Nation's support for the creation of a PAGC Police Service;

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, certify that this Band Council Resolution was duly passed at a duly convened meeting of Chief and Council of [First Nation Name] held on the date noted above.

Chief and Council Dated: