

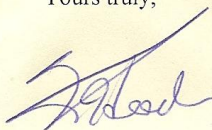
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The results of this review are very much applicable today. To this end, my Ministry has been working on restructuring service delivery through integration and consolidation. Integration and consolidation of police services has a number of benefits, including less duplication of services, reduced operating and administrative costs, and a more effective response to multi-jurisdictional or complex criminal activities. My goal is to ensure we have the most effective, efficient and accountable police services for British Columbia.

Government is taking a leadership role in moving integration forward. We have made significant progress and have had considerable success in the past few years. Some recent examples of what cooperation between police agencies can achieve include: PRIME, a province-wide police record management system; CREST, an integrated communications system for Southern Vancouver Island; and the Integrated Road Safety Units. I also understand that the CRD Regional Crime Unit has had great success.

I plan to continue to work with the CRD Mayors to find efficiencies and provide better service through further integration in the Greater Victoria area. I appreciate your views on this important subject and thank you for writing again with your concerns.

Yours truly,



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