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Mr. Ian McPhail, Q.C. Chair Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP P.O. Box 1722, Station "B" Ottawa, Ontario K1P 0B3

Dear Mr. McPhail:

I acknowledge receipt of the Commission's interim report on the Chair-Initiated Complaint and Public Interest Investigation Regarding Policing in Northern British Columbia, file number PC-2013-1132.

I have completed a preliminary review of the Commission's interim report, including the findings and recommendations set out therein.

I agree in principle with the conclusions in the Commission's interim report. The RCMP is currently undertaking an in-depth analysis of the 45 findings and 31 recommendations outlined in the interim report. The recommendations in particular are informing the RCMP on changes to its policies and training. I will be pleased to inform the Commission more specifically on what action has been or will be taken with respect to the individual findings and recommendations once the RCMP's full analysis has been completed. I am also pleased to ensure that the RCMP continues to update the Commission on the changes to policies and training as they are fully implemented.

Thank you for the public interest investigation you undertook with respect to important issues related to policing in Northern British Columbia. The enhancement of training and changes to policies will assist the RCMP in continuing to be a trusted organization in its policing operations in British Columbia, and indeed across the country.

Yours sincerely,

Bøb Paulson Commissioner