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Nunavut Police Services Set for 20 Years

IQALUIT (April 11, 2012) – A new contract between the Government of Nunavut and the Federal Government will ensure a continued and stable police force and the promotion of public safety in Nunavut for the next 20 years.

The new Territorial Police Services Agreement came into effect on April 1, 2012 and reshapes the relationship between the Government of Nunavut and the RCMP. New management and financial oversight provisions will ensure that this relationship remains transparent, efficient, and effective.

“This new agreement builds a new relationship with the RCMP based on effective management and efficiency and will serve to strengthen our already close association,” said Justice Minister Daniel Shewchuk. “Through this new arrangement we will also strengthen our cooperation with our territorial and provincial counterparts who have signed similar agreements.”

“Today is a significant milestone for RCMP Contract Policing,” said Vic Toews, Federal Public Safety Minister. “I am very pleased to announce that the governments of Canada and Nunavut have reached an agreement that will continue the relationship between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the people of Nunavut for the next two decades.”

The Police Service Agreement will see the creation of a new contract management committee, where provinces and territories who contract RCMP policing services work together to address costs and improve service on an ongoing basis.

The Agreement also has new clauses to promote the use of Inuktitut within the force and to encourage more Inuit officers in Nunavut. Also, local detachments, across Nunavut, will be given the support they need to ensure an effective police force that meets the needs of Nunavut communities.

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