

Alberta & British Columbia

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

“Safe and Liveable Communities”

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed this 1st day of October, 2008,

BETWEEN:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA

AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER
OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR
GENERAL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
(hereinafter called “British Columbia”)

AND

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF
ALBERTA

AS REPRESENTED BY THE SOLICITOR
GENERAL AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC
SAFETY AND THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ALBERTA
(hereinafter called “Alberta”)

(Collectively hereinafter referred to as “the
Parties”)

WHEREAS:

*The parties share the mutual vision of fostering
a sustainable, safe, and prosperous future for all
citizens;*

*The parties recognize that this objective is dependent
upon assuring safe and liveable communities;*

*In the spirit of a collaborative, partnership-based
approach, the parties aim to enhance the safety
and liveability of all communities and achieve a
sustainable, safe, and prosperous future;*

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto
agree as follows:

I Objectives:

The objective of this MOU is to identify and
collaborate on activities that will enhance
the safety and liveability of the Parties’
communities.

II Activities:

The Parties will achieve the Objectives of
this MOU by exploring and collaborating
on the following activities:

MISSING PERSONS DATABASE

- British Columbia and Alberta lead the
country on innovative approaches to a
long-standing problem – the need for
an effective response to missing persons.
The Parties hereto agree to collaborate
on the development of a system to
provide comprehensive information on
all missing persons in their jurisdictions,
and will ensure that this system is open
to police in both provinces. Where
possible, the system will be piloted
in other provinces and territories to
improve the capacity to find persons who
are missing nation-wide.

**FAMILY MAINTENANCE
ENFORCEMENT**

- British Columbia and Alberta have a
long history of cooperation and sharing
of best practices in ensuring parents
fulfill their financial responsibility to
their children following separation or
divorce. The Parties agree to maintain
and improve this collaborative approach
through the implementation of joint
enforcement measures covering both
jurisdictions.

**TECHNOLOGY AND THE JUSTICE
SYSTEM**

- British Columbia and Alberta lead
the country in developing innovative
technological solutions that improve
justice system efficiencies while
maximizing justice system effectiveness.
The Parties agree to work together
to share innovation and intellectual
property around technology advances
and explore opportunities for joint
business process development,
technology acquisition and education
and training.

**IMPROVING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM’S
RESPONSE TO VICTIMS**

- British Columbia and Alberta jointly
recognize the need for victims of crime
to be confident in the ability of the
justice system to meet their needs. The
Parties agree to work together to share
best practices in responding to key
stakeholders, particularly victims of
crime, to ensure that the public’s justice
needs are fulfilled.

CHRONIC AND PROLIFIC OFFENDERS

- British Columbia and Alberta lead
the country in developing effective
approaches to chronic and prolific
offenders through problem-solving
justice approaches. The Parties agree to
collaborate on new strategic initiatives
in this area as appropriate and share
information about the effectiveness of
such approaches.

**ADDRESSING GANG-RELATED
VIOLENCE**

- Curbing gang-related violence is an
important challenge in all provinces,
as organised crime is increasingly
borderless and international. Alberta
and British Columbia will explore
opportunities to work together on
avenues such as awareness, intervention
and enforcement to suppress gang-
related violence.

IV Reporting:

After 1 year the Parties agree to jointly
report on progress regarding the activities
contained herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this MOU
has been executed by British Columbia
and Alberta.

Signed in Prince George, B.C., this 1st day of October, 2008