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Lisa Lapointe, Chief Coroner  
BC Coroners Service  
Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General  
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Dear Chief Coroner Lapointe:

Re: Verdict at Inquest into the death of: MUTCH, Rhett Patrick Victor

In response to your letter dated July 5, 2018, I wanted to let you know that on November 22, 2018 the BC Association of Chiefs of Police (BCACP) discussed recommendation #10 that was directed at the BCACP from the Coroner's Inquest regarding Mr. Mutch.

Recommendation #10 asks that both the Independent Investigations Office (IIO) and the BCACP:

*"Consider amending the MOU between the agencies to ensure that police officers can debrief in a timely manner."*

At the meeting, the IIO Chief Civilian Director, Mr. Ron MacDonald, presented to the BCACP membership and indicated his willingness to work more closely with senior police executives in allowing subject and witness officers an opportunity to diffuse critical incidents in a timely manner subject to having the ability for his staff to carry out their duties. The BCACP have discussed the importance of this recommendation with Mr. MacDonald knowing the positive psychological impact it can have on reintegrating officers back to duty after a critical incident.

RCMP Chief Superintendent Dave Atfield, Chair of the BCACP IIO Committee, will bring this recommendation forward when the BCACP and IIO revise the current IIO MOU.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Del Manak, Chief Constable  
President, BCACP

cc: Donita Kuzma, Presiding Coroner  
Mr Ronald MacDonald, QC, Chief Civilian Director, IIO  
C/Supt Dave Atfield, BCACP IIO Committee