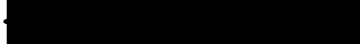
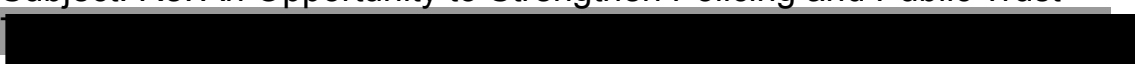


Fwd: Response from Premier of NB....An Opportunity to Strengthen Policing and Public Trust

4 messages

Sem Ponnambalam <> Tue, Aug 11, 2026 at 11:38 AM
To: Mike Federico <> ave Cassels <> John Lilley <>

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From: **Holt, Susan Premier (PO/CPM)** <>
Date: Tue, Aug 11, 2026, 1:36 PM
Subject: Re: An Opportunity to Strengthen Policing and Public Trust


Dear Sem,

Thank you for taking the time to share information from the Coalition for Canadian Police Excellence regarding the case for a National Centre for Police Excellence. I appreciate the work and input on this issue and encourage you and your organization to continue advancing these discussions to strengthen policing through education, professionalism, and public trust.

Recognizing the collaborative role of all levels of government, communities, and organizations, the Government of New Brunswick is committed to pursuing solutions and meaningful progress. We continue to advance work and investments aligned with our shared public safety goals, including supporting and enhancing policing in New Brunswick.

I will share your correspondence with the Policing Standards and Contract Management Branch of the Department of Justice and Public Safety for their review and consideration. The Government of New Brunswick remains committed to ensuring the province continues to be a safe place to live.

Thank you again for writing on this important topic.

With gratitude,

Susal Holt

From: Sem Ponnambalam [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2026 10:54 AM
To: Holt, Susan Premier (PO/CPM) [REDACTED]
Subject: An Opportunity to Strengthen Policing and Public Trust

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Dear Hon. Susan Holt
Premier of NB

I am writing to you to share a timely and practical initiative that addresses one of the most persistent challenges in Canada's public safety landscape: the growing gap between policing complexity and public trust.

Attached is a brief letter outlining the Coalition for Canadian Police Excellence's proposal to establish a National Centre of Police Excellence (NCPE). This is a non-partisan, evidence-based initiative focused on strengthening police education, improving consistency across jurisdictions, and ultimately enhancing public confidence, particularly among communities where trust remains lowest.

At a time when policing expenditures approach \$20 billion annually, this proposal is grounded in a simple premise: better education and professional standards lead to better outcomes, both operationally and economically. International models demonstrate that coordinated, education-focused approaches can reduce use-of-force incidents, complaints, and long-term system costs while improving community satisfaction.

This is an opportunity for your leadership. Advancing a national, collaborative model for police education would position Canada at the forefront of modern, accountable, and community-centered policing.

I would welcome the opportunity to connect with your office to discuss how you might support or champion this work.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sem Ponnambalam, MA
Senior Director, AI, Public Policy & Advocacy (Volunteer)
Coalition for Canadian Police Excellence
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2 attachments

 **Hon. Susan Holt CCPE Letter of Support 2026.docx**
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 **Copy of NCPE White Paper 2026.docx**
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Mike Federico [REDACTED] Tue, Aug 11, 2026 at 12:10 PM
To: Sem Ponnambalam [REDACTED]
Cc: Dave Cassels <[REDACTED]>

This is the most direct (no intermediary) and explicitly supportive response from a Premier yet. I applaud Premier Holt for giving us her personal attention.

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John Lilley <jtlilley@[REDACTED]> Tue, Aug 11, 2026 at 12:22 PM
To: Mike Federico [REDACTED]
Cc: Sem Ponnambalam [REDACTED] Dave Cassels
<dassels@telusplanet.net>



John Lilley reacted via [Gmail](#)

Dave Cassels [REDACTED] Tue, Aug 11, 2026 at 12:31 PM
To: Sem Ponnambalam <sem.ponnambalam@gmail.com>
Cc: Mike Federico [REDACTED]

Mike, Sem and John.

This is one of the most important replies we have received. Should our NCPE ever land on the Provincial & Territorial Public Safety and Solicitors General's Agenda for discussion, we should plan to meet with Premier Holt, in advance, to provide her with a briefing. She may be a champion for us.

Sem, could you begin a list of NCPE "Champions", with contact information, for us to build on for reference when necessary. Politicians, Community representatives, police, academics and

others?

We are moving forward!

We have a great team.

Dave.

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