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**SUMMER SUNSET** – An August evening sunset is pictured from the TransCanada pathway near Willow Brook on Aug. 19.

## Mayor Brown criticizes lack of consultation regarding provincial police blueprint

BY SCOTT STRASSERY  
Staff Writer

Airdrie's mayor said there has been a lack of communication from the Alberta government when it comes to the proposal for a provincial policing service model.

On Aug. 16, the Alberta government released a proposed blueprint for a provincial police force roll-out. At a press conference, Alberta Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Tyler Shandro argued an Alberta

Provincial Police Service (APPS) would be a better option than the RCMP for the protection of rural and Indigenous communities.

The proposed force would add 275 front-line officers to the smallest 42 municipalities in the province, according to Shandro, with a goal of prioritizing rural communities.

In an interview, Airdrie Mayor Peter Brown said the blueprint has brought on more questions than answers for Alberta municipalities that have the RCMP as their policing service provider. He said those

municipalities – including the City of Airdrie – have not had very much input when it comes to the government's plans.

"When you read the report, they're suggesting we're going to have a higher officer count throughout the province, yet they don't show any added dollars," he said. "We don't know specifically what our costs are when it comes to this proposed APPS."

"When we read through the reports, the lack of detail is extraordinary."

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