



## **Resolution No. 11 – 06**

### **Service Alberta Query Fee**

- WHEREAS** policing is a provincial government responsibility; and,
- WHEREAS** the province is committed to providing safe communities as identified by the Task Force on Crime Reduction and Safe Communities and in the Keeping Communities Safe Report and Recommendations; and,
- WHEREAS** the province has identified in their Traffic Safety / Enforcement Programs, Automated Traffic Enforcement Guidelines that automated traffic enforcement technology is an important tool to enhance traffic safety; and,
- WHEREAS** Service Alberta has accepted electronic batch queries relating to parking and electronic enforcement at no charge since its inception; and,
- WHEREAS** the Government of Alberta and Service Alberta have a legal obligation to accumulate motor vehicle records; and,
- WHEREAS** the government and Service Alberta have a legal obligation to have information readily available and accessible to the public in the event of a loss; and,
- WHEREAS** law enforcement agencies and municipalities are specifically exempt from paying any fee under subsection 123(1) of the Operator Licensing and Vehicle Control Regulation (OLVCR); and,
- WHEREAS** Service Alberta notified the municipalities of a \$15 charge for each electronic search request with insufficient notice, in the midst of a budget cycle with no consultation; and,
- WHEREAS** the preliminary estimate of this new service charge will result in a significant deficiency to operational police and municipal budgets across Alberta, which will likely result in the reduction or elimination of some services and negatively affect public safety.

## **THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**

The AACP has significant issues and concerns regarding the fee and calls upon the government of Alberta to suspend the fee until:

- stakeholders have had an opportunity to examine the full impact to their Municipalities and Police Service delivery; and,
- joint consultation has occurred to assess the global impact to municipalities and Police Services, to determine alternative options to recover this deficit.