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Dear Chief Administrative Officers:

It has come to our attention that an item in the June 19, 2020 issue of the Municipal Governance COVID-19 Q&A was not correct; therefore, I wish to ensure the discrepancy is clarified with this message. The discrepancy is related to the authority for community peace officers to enforce public health orders upon the lapse of the provincial public health emergency. As soon as this discrepancy came to our attention we contacted Alberta Justice and Solicitor General and the proper information is as follows:

**When the provincial public health emergency declaration expires or ends, does the special enforcement authority for community peace officers also come to an end?**

**YES.** As outlined in a bulletin issued by AB Justice and Solicitor General on June 16, 2020, Ministerial Order 24/2020, enacted under the *Peace Officer Act* to authorize community peace officers to enforce health Orders, expired when the provincial state of public health emergency lapsed on June 15, 2020.

Community Peace Officers are encouraged to continue educating individuals on the public health Orders. If enforcement is required, the RCMP or Public Health Inspectors are still authorized to enforce Orders issued under the *Public Health Act*.

This information will be corrected on our website, and the above item will be repeated in the next bi-weekly Municipal Governance COVID-19 Q&A email scheduled to be issued on July 3, 2020. I want to thank those of you who reached out when you noticed the discrepancy, and also apologize for any confusion our June 19, 2020 email may have inadvertently caused.

Yours truly,

  
Gary Sandberg  
Assistant Deputy Minister