Alberta Police Complaint Mediation Consent to Mediate

The purpose of this consent form is to ensure that you understand the mediation services offered by the Alberta Police Complaints Mediation Program and the responsibilities you have to maintain the confidentiality of the mediation process.

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME

1. I have been advised and understand that:

- a. Participation in mediation is completely voluntary. Any party may choose to withdraw from mediation at any time;
- **b.** The Mediator is an impartial third party whose role is to help the parties identify and discuss issues through open, honest and full sharing of information with each other;
- c. If the Mediator becomes aware of a perceived threat to the safety of any person, the Mediator must report this to the appropriate authorities;
- d. If the Mediator determines that it is not possible to resolve the issue through mediation, the Mediator may end the mediation process;
- e. All written and verbal statements or communications made during or in connection with mediation are considered confidential unless all parties explicitly agree otherwise;
- f. The Mediator does not provide legal advice; therefore, parties may consult legal counsel at any time prior to, during or after the mediation process about legal rights and obligations;
- **g.** The Mediator may, if requested, prepare and provide a Mediation Outcome / Follow up Report that is a written summary of the issues discussed and any agreements made during the process of mediation;
- h. Mediation Reports are prepared "without prejudice," which means they are not legally binding and cannot be used as evidence in court or other proceedings without the consent of all parties to the mediation;
- i. All contacts, as well as written and recorded information of both the police organization, police commission and the mediator, are "without prejudice" communications. They are, therefore, not to be used as evidence, by, or on behalf of any party in any legal or other proceedings.

2. I agree that:

- j. I will not make any audio or visual recording of mediation proceedings;
- k. I will not call the Mediator as a witness in any legal or other proceedings;
- I. I will not take any legal action about the issues that are being mediated while mediation is in progress;
- m. I will maintain the confidentiality of the mediation process and all documentation and communications related thereto;
- If, at any point, I decide not to proceed with or participate in the mediation process, I will immediately advise the Mediator of this decision;
- **o.** I have read this <u>*Consent to Mediate*</u> form and agree to follow and be bound by the terms set out above.

Date:	Signature:	Witness:
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