

RCMP reviewer promises 'tough' recommendations
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OTTAWA -- The man who described the beleaguered RCMP as "horribly broken" says he'll recommend sweeping and "tough" changes tomorrow in a report aimed at restoring public confidence.

"We address the necessity of fundamentally rebuilding trust between the force and its leadership and rebuilding the increasingly shaken trust between Canadians and their national police force," Toronto lawyer David Brown wrote in a letter Tuesday to Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day.

Day commissioned Brown to review the Mounties.

The letter, obtained by The CP, says the report touches on everything from funding to discipline, ethics, training and oversight.

"We identify fundamental issues and make clear -- and sometimes tough -- recommendations that we believe will best address the issues head-on, and rebuild a modern-day RCMP."

Brown's task force gathered input over the last five months from thousands of officers, federal and provincial officials, academics and management experts, Brown says.

Its work follows a blistering report he delivered last June on allegations of fraud, abuse of authority and internal harassment linked to mismanagement of Mountie pension and insurance plans. He described the RCMP's culture and governance structure as "horribly broken."

He has said he hopes the recommendations will help set a new "tone at the top" so allegations of wrongdoing are handled differently.