



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Services Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Donation for the United Way 2022 Campaign Kick-off
Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board
Report Date: 2022-08-30

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Services Board approve a Special Fund contribution of \$3000.00 to cover the required fees to enter two teams in a Firetruck Pull event as part of the United Way Niagara 2022 Campaign Kick-off.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for a \$3000.00 Special Fund contribution to enter both the NRPS women's and men's Tug of War teams in a Firetruck Pull event, as part of the United Way Niagara 2022 Campaign Kick-off.
- Monies raised from the 2022 United Way campaign are distributed to charities across Niagara to tackle some of the biggest social issues in the Region.
- The donation will cover the minimum fundraising fee required for each team to enter the Firetruck pull event.

Financial Considerations

- \$3000.00 Special Fund contribution to enter 2 teams in this event.
- The Board has a discretionary pool of funds, which it uses for grants and donations. Disbursements from the fund are in accordance with guidelines provided in the Police Services Act, and with Board By-Law 392-2021 Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines. Section 132(2) of the Police Services Act establishes that the Niagara Police Services Board has the sole authority for spending the proceeds from the sale of property which lawfully comes into the possession of the Police Service. The Act stipulates that "the Chief of Police may cause the property to be sold, and the Board may use the proceeds for any purpose that it considers in the public interest." These funds do not form part of the police operating budget and are separate from the Regional tax base.

Analysis

After two years of social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, United Way Niagara is eager to kick-off their 2022 campaign in a new and engaging way that reconnects people.

The first Firetruck Pull event to be held at the Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre aims to draw attention to the importance of the United Way campaign and its support of the local community. A minimum fundraising goal of \$1,500 is required for each team to participate and work together to pull a 12-tonne St. Catharines Firetruck a 50-foot distance.

The annual campaign works to raise fund and invest in programming that improves lives, providing solutions to real, local social issues. Investments focus on poverty, food insecurity, homelessness, mental health and well-being, domestic violence, social isolation, and disadvantaged youth, in the Niagara Region.

The Service has been a long-time supporter of the United Way. In 2021, the Chief of Police, Bryan MacCulloch, led the United Way Niagara campaign as Chair, with the campaign raising \$4,750,000 to support a network of 126 social service agencies at 46 partner agencies.

Funds raised from this event will support the United Way's 2022 campaign.

All funds raised through this annual campaign remain within the Region of Niagara.

Alternatives Reviewed

To not support this request.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

This is a community engagement event that allows members of the Niagara Regional Police Service the opportunity to participate in a worthwhile cause to support United Way Niagara's efforts to tackle some of the biggest social issues in Niagara and build a stronger community. This enhances the image of the Service and its members for the betterment of the Niagara Region.

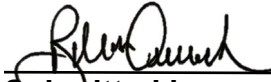
Relevant Policy Considerations

PSB By Law 392-2021 Administration, Limitations, and Guidelines of the Special Fund.

Other Pertinent Reports

Not applicable.

This report was prepared by Dave Gomez, Inspector, Executive Officer to the Chief, and reviewed by Bryan MacCulloch, Chief of Police.



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Chief of Police

Appendices

Appendix 1 2022 Campaign Kick-off Registration Form



United Way
Niagara

SAVE THE DATE!

Firetruck Pull 2022 Campaign Kick-off

September 14, 2022

In partnership with:



St. Catharines



United Way Niagara is excited to kick-off the 2022 campaign in a new and engaging way, connecting people once again – literally.

The first Firetruck Pull event at **Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre**, aims to draw attention to the importance of the United Way campaign and its support of the local community. Registered teams will work together to pull a 12-tonne St. Catharines Fire Truck 50 feet.

WE ARE INVITING YOUR WORKPLACE TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

Limited spots available, register your team today. \$1,500 minimum fundraising requirement per team. 100% of funds raised support United Way and count in the respective team's workplace campaign total.

