



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Services Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Request – Gift Card Donations to SOFIFRAN Niagara

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board

Report Date: 2022-12-16

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Services Board authorize a special fund donation of \$500.00 to support the SOFIFRAN (Solidarité Des Femmes Et Families Immigrantes Francophones) Niagara Christmas dinner event.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval of a \$500.00 donation from the special fund to purchase gift cards in support of the SOFIFRAN Niagara Christmas Dinner event.
- SOFIFRAN is an organization committed to helping with the social and economic integration of francophone women immigrants in the Niagara region.
- On Saturday, December 17, 2022, SOFIFRAN will be hosting a Christmas dinner for 130 newcomer children and parents at the Welland arena where they will be providing gifts and gift cards to the newcomer families.
- This request has been forwarded by Nyarai Kapisavanhu, who is the Executive Director of TOES Niagara (Tools of Empowerment for Success), and an active member of the Chief of Police Community Inclusion Council.
- Members of the Service's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Unit have been extended an invitation to the event, which serves as a great opportunity to build positive relationships between the Niagara Regional Police Service and the newly arriving members of our community.

Financial Considerations

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.

The request for \$500.00 will be used to purchase gift cards that will be provided to newcomers in our community.

Analysis

SOFIFRAN is an organization committed to helping with the social and economic integration of francophone women who have immigrated and located in the Niagara region. The organization is hosting a Christmas dinner for 130 newcomer children and parents at the Welland arena on Saturday, December 17, 2022. As part of the event, SOFIFRAN will be providing gifts and gift cards to the newcomer families. The special fund request of \$500.00 will allow for a donation to assist with the purchase of these gift cards.

This request has been forwarded by Nyarai Kapisavanhu, who is the Executive Director of TOES Niagara (Tools of Empowerment for Success). Nyarayi is heavily involved in the community and sits on many boards and committees, including the Chief of Police Community Inclusion Council. Through Nyarayi, members of the Service's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Unit have been invited to attend the SOFIFRAN event, which will provide the Service a great opportunity to build positive relationships with newly arriving members of our community.

Alternatives Reviewed

None reviewed.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

As outlined in the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan, the Niagara Regional Police Service is committed to strengthening relationships and continuing to build trust with our community.

Relevant Policy Considerations

By-Law 376-2018, Administration, Limitations and Guidelines of the Special Fund.

Other Pertinent Reports

None

This report was prepared by Brett Atamanyk, Staff Sergeant, Member Support/EDI. Reviewed by Luigi Greco, Inspector, Labour Relations, David Meade, Superintendent of Executive Services, and recommended by Bill Fordy, Deputy Chief, Support Services.



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Appendices

Not applicable.