



# NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

## Police Services Board Report

### PUBLIC AGENDA

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**Subject:** Special Fund Request – International Police Hockey Tournament – Men's Over 35 Division Team

**Report To:** Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board

**Report Date:** 2023-01-04

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### Recommendation(s)

**That the Board approve a donation of \$1500 from the Special Fund to help offset the expenses incurred for registration, travel, and accommodations by members of the NRPS for participation in the 2023 International Police Hockey Tournament.**

### Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to request funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 to assist with the cost of registration and travel for the 2023 International Police Hockey Tournament being held in Waterloo, Ontario on February 23 and 24, 2023.
- Fifteen members of the Niagara Regional Police Service will make up a team representing the Service.
- Members participate on their own time and cover their own expenses relating to travel and lodging for this tournament.
- Participation in a tournament of this nature provides members of the Service an opportunity to represent the Niagara Regional Police Service, with the goal of enhancing the image of the Service in other communities as well as at home. It also promotes fitness, teamwork and relationship building with outside agencies in related fields.

### 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, Administration, Limitations and Guidelines of the Special Fund. 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 \$1,500.00 will cover the registration fee and assist in offsetting some of the travel costs for the team to participate in the tournament. This request falls within the guidelines of Police Services Board By-Law 392-2021, Administration, Limitations and Guidelines of the Special Fund. If approved, the cheque can be made payable to Shane Secord.

## **Analysis**

The International Police Hockey Tournament is a long-standing event that raises money for different charities within the host community including Special Olympics, Law Enforcement Torch Run and local hospitals. The Ottawa Police Service hosted the 2019 Tournament and successfully raised over \$12,000 for local charities, while the tournament itself that began in 1961 has raised more than \$375,000. This year the tournament will be hosted by the Waterloo Regional Police Service.

Police Services from across North America participate in this tournament. The Niagara Regional Police Service has participated in the tournament for over 20 years. There are currently 15 members from our Service who have committed to participate in this event. It is their intent to represent the Service in the "Men's Over 35 Division".

The Police Services Board has generously assisted with funding for members to attend these tournaments in the past. Members of the Service are respectfully requesting funding for this year's tournament.

## **Alternatives Reviewed**

None reviewed.

## **Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities**

Not applicable.

## **Relevant Policy Considerations**

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

## **Other Pertinent Reports**

13.2020 – Special Fund Request – International Police Hockey Tournament – NRPS Men's Team

*This report was prepared by Shane Secord, Detective Constable, reviewed by David Masotti, Inspector, Investigative Support Services and by Todd Waselovich, Superintendent, Emergency and Investigative Services. Recommended by Bill Fordy, Deputy Chief, Support Services.*



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**Appendices**

Not applicable.