



# NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

## Police Services Board Report

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

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**Subject:** Special Fund Request – FACS Niagara Fundraising Gala  
**Report To:** Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board  
**Report Date:** 2023-03-06

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### **Recommendation(s)**

**That the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board authorizes a \$2500.00 donation from the Special Fund for the purchase of a corporate table at the annual Family and Children Services (FACS) charity gala.**

### **Key Facts**

- The purpose of this board report is to seek the Board's approval in authorizing the payment of \$2500 for the purchase of a corporate table at the FACS Fundraising Gala.
- FACS Niagara has had a long-standing community partnership with the Niagara Regional Police Service and Inspector Lynda Hughes is a member of the Board of Directors.
- On March 3, 2023, the Office of the Chief received an email inviting the Niagara Regional Police to purchase a corporate table at their 2023 fundraising event.
- Over the years FACS Niagara raised over \$750,000 by hosting these types of charity events and this year's event will mark a return after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic.
- The event will be hosted at John Michael's Banquet Hall in Thorold on April 21, 2023 and is themed as an evening in Tuscany.

### **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 \$2500 will cover the full cost of the corporate table. This request falls within the guidelines of Police Services Board By-Law 392-2021 - Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines. If approved, the cheque can be made payable to the Niagara Regional Police Service in care of Insp. Gomez.

### **Analysis**

These funds will contribute to a worthwhile charity supporting one of our community partners and ultimately aiding children in need of protection. In addition to supporting the event financially, it will allow the senior staff attending to represent the Niagara Regional Police Service and strengthen the relationship with FACS Niagara.

### **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**

Not applicable

*This report was prepared by Detective Sergeant Michael Ryan #9234 and recommended by Inspector Dave Gomez, Executive Officer to the Chief of Police.*



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### **Appendices**

Not Applicable