



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Services Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

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

Recommendation(s)

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board authorizes a Special Fund donation of \$2,500.00 for the purchase of a corporate table at the Pathstone’s 2023 Hope Gala.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek the Board’s approval for a \$2,500.00 Special Fund donation for the purchase of a corporate table at Pathstone Foundation’s 2023 Hope Gala on Friday, November 3, 2023, at the Fallsview Casino Resort’s Grand Ballroom.
- After a 3-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pathstone will again hold their “Mental Health Speaks” gala featuring a special keynote speaker who will share their personal mental health struggles and successes.
- This donation will support services provided by Pathstone Foundation such as their Hear & Now Walk-in Clinic, and projects like their Mountainview Natural Playground & Healing Garden, designed to enhance therapy.
- Donations also help reduce the wait list, support research, and strengthen a child’s experience at Pathstone.

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 \$2,500.00 will cover the cost of a table of 10 at the gala. This request falls within the guidelines of the Police Services Board By-Law 392-2021 – Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines. If this request is approved by the Board, the cheque can be made payable to the Niagara Regional Police Service in care of Inspector Dave Gomez.

Analysis

These funds will contribute to a worthwhile charity supporting one of our community partners. Pathstone has been providing world class mental health care for children in Niagara for over 50 years with the goal to improve the quality of life for children, youth and families across Niagara who are dealing with mental health challenges.

Niagara's children face issues that are always changing and there is always a need for new and expanded services. Pathstone Foundation is inspired by the mission of raising much needed funds to support various programs and services geared to improving the mental health of Niagara's children, yet they cannot do this good work without the support of the community.

In addition to supporting the event financially, the purchase of a table at this event will allow the senior staff attending to represent the Niagara Regional Police Service and strengthen the relationship with Pathstone Foundation.

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 public events that enhance the image of the Service and its members in our community. This event also aligns with the community engagement goals and objectives of the NRPS Business/Strategic Plans.

Relevant Policy Considerations

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

Other Pertinent Reports

Not applicable

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



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Appendices

Not applicable