



# NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

## Police Services Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

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**Subject:** Special Fund Request – Niagara Chapter of Native Women – Blockers and Attackers – Indigenous Women in Sports Leadership

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

**Report Date:** 2023-03-15

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### Recommendation(s)

**That the Niagara Police Services Board approves a Special Fund donation of \$500.00 to support to the Blockers and Attackers fundraising event being presented by the Niagara Chapter of Native Women (NCNW).**

### Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a special fund donation of \$500.00 to support the Blockers and Attackers fundraising event on April 14, 2023, being presented by the NCNW.
- This donation would make the Service a “Moccasins Sponsor”, which the organization describes as “Helping you through your daily routine, the moccasin represents protection, acceptance, and life experience. Made with soft soles, you remain grounded as you walk softly upon the earth.”
- The NCNW is a registered charity that provides critical programs and services for Indigenous women and families.
- This focus of the event is to inspire the next generation of Indigenous women athletes, while advocating for health and wellness in both their own communities and across Turtle Island.

### 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 376-2018, 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 is for \$500.00 as a donation to this fundraising event.

If the request is approved by the Board, the cheque can be made payable to “Niagara Chapter – Native Women Inc.”

### **Analysis**

Speakers at this year’s event will include Olympian Waneek Horn-Miller, National Volleyball coach Amy Wilson-Hands, Kalie Armstrong of Armstrong Hockey, and All-Star Roller Derby athlete, Jessica Ghosen.

These highly successful athletes will be discussing their personal and sporting experiences, while giving insight to how their Indigenous culture has added to their journey. They will be sharing their beliefs on the importance of maintaining an Indigenous identity for healthy self-esteem and long-term success in all aspects of life.

### **Alternatives Reviewed**

Not applicable.

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

This financial support presents an opportunity for the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) to contribute to an objective in the 2022 - 2025 Niagara Regional Police Strategic Plan, which refers to relationships with our community, and more specifically to continue to build upon and strengthen our relationship with the Indigenous Community. Support for this event also demonstrates the Service’s continued commitment to achieving the goals as outlined in the 2020 - 2022 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan. Specifically, to collaborate and engage with community partners who represent equity seeking groups.

Supporting this event demonstrates to our partners in the NCNW our commitment to working with each other to ensure a positive relationship built on trust, respect, and understanding. It is also representative of the Service’s belief in learning from members of the Indigenous community to strengthen Niagara.

### **Relevant Policy Considerations**

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

### **Other Pertinent Reports**

Not applicable.

*This report was prepared by Brett Atamanyk, Member Support Unit/Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, reviewed by Luigi Greco, Inspector, Professional Development, and David Meade, Superintendent, Executive Services. It is recommended by Bill Fordy, Deputy Chief, Support Services.*



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### **Appendices**

Not applicable.