



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Services Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Request – 2023 Motorcycle Ride for Dad
Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board
Report Date: 2023-05-02

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Services Board approve payment of \$2,000.00 from the special fund as a contribution to the 2023 Motorcycle Ride for Dad campaign.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is a special fund request for financial support for the 2023 Motorcycle Ride for Dad Campaign.
- The organization's purpose is to raise money through pledges for prostate cancer research and awareness.
- The Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) is well represented at this annual fundraising event.

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 \$2,000.00 expense requested for the special fund will demonstrate the commitment of the NRPS to the community in a meaningful way. Funding of this expenditure has been granted from the special fund in past years. (This year's request has been increased from \$500.00 to \$2,000.00, as the costs have increased in the past years. The increased request is to assist the Niagara Chapter to maintain a safe and enjoyable ride for all the participants.) In addition, to reach as many men and families in raising awareness and promote research being done within the Niagara Region.

If this request is approved by the Board, the cheque can be made payable to Mathew King, Sergeant of 8 District.

Analysis

The Motorcycle Ride for Dad is an annual fundraiser where participants raise money through pledges for prostate cancer research. This large scale one day event takes place in multiple cities throughout Canada including the Niagara Region.

In Niagara, the day starts out with police sponsored ride through the host community and then continues to be a full day of riding. The event brings together motorcycle enthusiasts, members of the community, members of the local police services and community leaders to raise funds to save men's lives by supporting the research and raising public awareness of prostate cancer.

The Motorcycle Ride for Dad was originally formed by Ottawa Police Officers to support research and awareness of Prostate Cancer. The Niagara Chapter of the Motorcycle Ride for Dad was formed in 2010 and is supported by the NRPS, Niagara Parks Police, Niagara Regional Police Association, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and endorsed by the Canadian Police Association.

Since its inception, the Niagara Chapter has raised over \$650,000 in funds.

Presently, Sergeant Jeff Latham and Sergeant Mathew King of the NRPS are Chairs of the Niagara Chapter of the Motorcycle Ride for Dad campaign.

Alternatives Reviewed

The alternative is not to approve the recommendation.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

One of the guiding principles of the special fund is to enhance community relations through involvement with police-related organizations.

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 Mathew King, Sergeant, 8 District in consultation with Chris Lemaich, Staff Sergeant, 8 District Divisional Commander. Recommended by Brian Ash, Acting Deputy Chief, Operational Services.



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Appendices

Not Applicable