



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

POLICE SERVICES BOARD

PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Niagara Regional Police Service - Headquarters
Community Room 1st Floor, 5700 Valley Way, Niagara Falls

PSB MEMBERS:

J. Lawson, Chair
D. Eke, Vice-Chair
L. Ip, Board Member
N. Kapisavanhu, Board Member
T. McKendrick, Board Member
B. Steele, Board Member

D. Reid, Executive Director
D. Cichocki, Executive Assistant

NRPS MEMBERS:

Chief of Police B. MacCulloch
Deputy Chief B. Fordy, Support Services
A/Deputy Chief B. Ash, Operational Services
Superintendent M. Giannico, District Operations
Superintendent L. Greco, Executive Services
Superintendent M. Lagrotteria, Corporate Services
Superintendent J. Mackay, Operational Support
Superintendent R. Frayne, Corporate Services
A. Askoul, Director of Information Technology
Inspector N. Dave, Court Services/Prisoner Management
Inspector D. Gomez, Executive Officer to the Chief
D/Sergeant M. Ryan, Executive Officer to D/C Operations
M. Asher, Executive Assistant to the Chief

OTHERS:

Mr. D. Tilley, Policing Services Advisor, Ministry of the Solicitor General
Mr. B. Gale, Regional Councillor/Former PSB Member
Mr. K. Gibson, Citizen/Former PSB Member
Mr. R. Desmarais, Citizen

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board commenced at 9:00 am.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Board began its meeting by acknowledging that the Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Chair Lawson declared a conflict of interest with respect to Item 9.4 as her son participates in the NRPS Pipe Band's "Big Noise Music Program" for kids learning to pipe. Vice-Chair Eke assumed the Chair for this item and Chair Lawson took no part in the voting or discussion of this item.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 **Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, March 23, 2023**

Moved by: D. Eke

Seconded by: L. Ip

That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, March 23, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. **REPORTS FROM BOARD CHAIR**

Welcome to Ministry Policing Services Advisor – Chair Lawson welcomed David Tilley to the meeting. David is with the Inspectorate of Policing at the Ministry of the Solicitor General and he serves as a Policing Services Advisor to Police Boards in Ontario. He attended the meeting as part of routine visits by Policing Services Advisors to Police Boards across the Province. The Board is pleased to his continued attendance at their monthly meetings.

CAPG – Webinar Sessions - The Canadian Association of Police Governance hosts monthly webinars as part of their educational strategy to keep police boards and police executives across Canada apprised of issues currently affecting the policing community. Board members attended a webinar on April 6 entitled "How to Halve Violent Crime Before 2030". The next webinar is scheduled for May 9 at 12:00 pm for discussions on police budgets and governance authorities. Board members are pre-registered and for those who cannot attend at the specific date/time, a recording of the session will follow once the webinar is completed.

Autism Awareness Session - On April 12, the Service's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Unit hosted an Autism Awareness Session in the Community Room at Police Headquarters. The event featured guest speakers Michael and Marcel Jacques who provided a candid conversation around living with Autism, embracing our differences, and the empowerment that comes from being comfortable in your own skin. Chair Lawson, Vice Chair Eke and Board staff attended the event along with several sworn and civilian police members.

State of the Region Address - Regional Chair Bradley - On April 12, the State of the Region event was held at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls. Regional Chair Jim Bradley provided an overview of the current economic conditions, as well as key initiatives and projects underway to support growth and development in the Niagara Region. The event was well represented by various members of local businesses and government agencies, as well as by the Board and the Service.

Board Member Orientation Session - On April 14, the Police Services Board held a full day orientation session for Board Members with the Senior Command Team of the Niagara Regional Police Service and the Policing Services Advisor from the Ministry of the Solicitor General. The session was extremely informative and provided an overview of the organization structure of the Niagara Regional Police Service and its various units and functions. The Ministry provided a Board training component on civilian police governance, adequate and effective policing, Board Member Code of Conduct, and community safety and well-being.

Family and Children's Services (FACS) Charity Gala Dinner - On April 21, Chair Lawson, Deputy Chief Flynn and Service Staff attended a Charity Gala Dinner hosted by the Niagara Foundation for Family and Children's Services. The proceeds raised at the gala will contribute to funding important enhancements and supports for the children served by child protection programs, the family counselling centre and the numerous community programs that are available throughout the Region.

NRPS Auxiliary Graduation Ceremony - On May 2 at 7:00 pm, the Service will be holding an Auxiliary Graduation Ceremony for 14 new auxiliary members to the Niagara Regional Police Service. The ceremony will start at 7:00 pm and is being held in the Community Room at Police Headquarters. Chair Lawson, Vice-Chair Eke, Members Ip and Kapisavanhu will be attending the event.

OAPSB Zone 4 Meeting - On May 3 at 8:00 am, the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards will hold their Zone 4 Quarterly Meeting, hosted by Brant County OPP. Zone 4 consists of a total of 14 Police Services Boards, including municipal and OPP Contract Boards or First Nations police governance bodies that are located within the regions or counties of Brant, Haldimand, Halton, Hamilton, Niagara, Norfolk, and Oxford. These quarterly engagements allow Boards within a certain geographic area to meet for the purpose of discussing matters related to police governance. Vice Chair Eke and Member Kapisavanhu will be attending the meeting.

Canadian Institute Law of Policing Conference - The Canadian Institute is holding its 14th Annual Law of Policing Conference on May 3 and 4 at the Novotel Toronto North York Hotel. The event will bring together chiefs of police, in-house counsel, and a wide-variety of government and civilian agencies from across the country to delve into new legislation and precedent-setting case law to determine the highest of police standards. Chair Lawson will be attending the conference on behalf of the CAPG Board of Directors.

NRPS Recruit Graduation/Swearing-In Ceremony - On May 4 at 7:00 pm, the Service will be holding a Swearing-In Ceremony for five currently serving officers and six new recruits to the Niagara Regional Police Service, and two new recruits to the Niagara Parks Police. The ceremony will be held in the Community Room at Police Headquarters. Chair Lawson, Vice Chair Eke, Board Members Ip and Kapisavanhu will be attending the event.

Ontario Women in Law Enforcement (OWLE) – Annual Awards Gala - On May 5 at 6:00 pm, the Ontario Women in Law Enforcement (OWLE) is holding their Annual Awards Gala at the Mississauga Grand Banquet and Event Centre. OWLE has been recognizing the outstanding achievements of women who have served in law enforcement across the province of Ontario since 1999. Award recipients consist of women being recognized for their tremendous accomplishments in law enforcement, as well as for long standing service of both sworn and civilian members who have completed 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of service. Chair Lawson be attending the event.

NRPS Annual Awards Ceremony - On May 9, the Niagara Regional Police Service, along with the Niagara Police Services Board, the Niagara Region Police Association and the Senior Officers' Association will host the NRPS Annual Awards Ceremony. This event recognizes outstanding Service Members and fellow citizens who have demonstrated excellence or made invaluable contributions to the Niagara community, along with Service retirees and long-standing employees for their commitment to the Service. The ceremony is being held at Club Italia in Niagara Falls. Doors open at 4:00 pm and Board Members are asked to arrive no later than 4:45 pm. Chair Lawson, Vice Chair Eke, Members Ip and Kapisavanhu, and Board staff will be attending the event.

Annual Cross Border Tug-of-War Competition - On May 13 at 2:00 pm, members of the Niagara Regional Police Service's tug-of war teams will meet their American law enforcement counterparts on the Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls to take part in the annual Tug-of-War competition. Prior to the competition, the Service will be holding a BBQ in the parking lot at 4960 Clifton Hill, which is in the laneway off Clifton Hill beside the Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum.

The BBQ will begin at 12:00 pm and will be followed by an escorted march to the competition site on the Rainbow Bridge that will be led by the Niagara Region Police Pipe Band. All members and their families are invited to attend this event to cheer the teams to victory and each are reminded to bring their passport or Nexus card to access the Rainbow Bridge. Also, non-perishable food items are being accepted for donation at the BBQ in support of Project Share in Niagara Falls.

Asylum Seeker Awareness Session - On May 15 at 9:00 am, the Service's Equity, Diversity, and inclusion Unit will be hosting an Asylum Seeker Awareness Session in the Community Room at Police Headquarters. The event will feature guest speaker Emily Kovacs of the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre who will be providing information surrounding the arrival and settlement process of asylum seekers in the Niagara Region, as well as the supporting agencies and resources available to police personnel.

Upcoming PSB Meeting - There are no Committee meetings scheduled next month. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25 at 9:00 am in the Community Room at Police Headquarters.

6. REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Order of Merit of the Police Forces - Chief MacCulloch congratulated Deputy Chief Brett Flynn, Superintendent Richard Frayne, and Director Akram Askoul on their recent honour of being awarded the Order of Merit of the Police Forces - an honour for merit established in October 2000 that is, within the Canadian system of honours, the only such fellowship reserved for members of Canada's various Police Services and one that honours the leadership and exceptional service, or distinctive merit displayed by the men and women of Canadian Police Services. It also recognizes performance of duty over an extended period, with a primary focus on exceptional merit, contributions to policing, and community development.

Accredited Centre of Excellence by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch - The Niagara Regional Police Service is committed to making emergency dispatch as effective and safe as possible for communities, responders, and citizens. In 2016, the NRPS adopted the protocols of the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch as their best practice for the following three reasons: scientifically validated, based on knowledge gleaned from millions of calls taken from around the world, and rooted in the expertise of industry professionals. Having adopted this system, the Service set out to become an Accredited Centre of Excellence (ACE) promoting both organizational excellence in public safety communications by adhering to a rigorous and measurable set of globally recognized best practices. The ACE designation is a distinguished award reserved for high-performing agencies that consistently put in the work to achieve excellence.

In 2019, the Niagara Regional Police Service became the first Accredited Centre of Excellence for policing in the Province of Ontario, only the second such agency in Canada and the twentieth internationally. The Service was to be honoured for its three-year accreditation and officially recognized at an international conference in early 2020, but due to the global pandemic this was postponed until this year. Chief MacCulloch recently attended a conference where he received this honour on behalf of the NRPS.

NRPS Public Order Unit (POU) – The Niagara Regional Police Service has undertaken the formation of a Public Order Unit (POU) after considering the operational reality that the POUs of other partner agencies may be unavailable when required. The Niagara Police Service recognized that the deployment of its members that are appropriately trained and accustomed to dealing with large and potentially unruly crowds would provide superior response to any minor or major disturbances in Niagara. The NRPS disseminated a solicitation of interest seeking members that meet rigorous physical standards and those who possess a particular calm and integrity under intense pressure. Thirty-three members stepped to the plate and met these standards and those volunteer members are currently completing their training with the assistance of the Hamilton Police Service. The Unit is expected to be operational within weeks.

Homicides - Reporting Period of March 21 to April 25, 2023

- 1 for this reporting period, compared to 2 in 2023 to date, 9 in 2022, 6 in 2021 and 5 in 2020 and 7 in 2019. (*This homicide charge was laid in relation to a sudden death that occurred in 2022.*)

Attempted Homicides - Reporting Period of March 21 to April 25, 2023

- 0 for this reporting period.

Homicide Incident of April 10, 2023 – Uniform officers from 1 District responded to an assist ambulance call at a multi-unit housing complex on Louth Street near Valley Road in St. Catharines. Upon arrival, officers encountered Niagara EMS paramedics treating a 34-year-old male patient who was found to be in critical condition. Despite resuscitative efforts, the male victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. As a result of the initial investigation, two males were arrested at the scene. A 42-year-old male from St. Catharines and a 45-year-old male of No Fixed Address were both charged with the Criminal Code offences of manslaughter and fail to comply with release order. Both males were held in custody pending a bail hearing. Homicide Unit Detectives have been assigned to the ongoing investigation along with Detectives from the Forensics Services Unit and the 1 District Detective office.

Fatal Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC) - Reporting Period of March 1 to March 31, 2023

- 2 for this reporting period, compared to 5 for 2023 to date, 18 in 2022, 21 in 2021, 16 in 2020, 13 in 2019 and 13 in 2018.

Fatal MVC – Incident of March 1, 2023 – Officers from 1 District responded to a report of a pedestrian struck. Police arrived on scene in the area of Highway 20, between Princess Street and Egerter Road in Thorold where the pedestrian was located in critical condition. Despite resuscitative efforts at the scene by Niagara EMS paramedics and Thorold Fire Services, the pedestrian was pronounced dead. The pedestrian has been identified as a male in his 30's from Hamilton. The involved vehicle is a white pickup truck being driven by a 24-year-old man from Welland who was not injured. Detectives from the NRPS Collision Reconstruction Unit have been assigned to the investigation.

Fatal MVC – Incident of March 15, 2023 – Officers from 1 District along with Niagara EMS and the St. Catharines Fire Department responded to a report of a serious two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Vine Street at Scott Street in St. Catharines. Investigation determined that a Toyota compact hatchback collided within the intersection with a Freightliner straight truck. The 74-year-old female driver of the Toyota, a resident of St. Catharines, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The 29-year-old male driver of the Freightliner was not injured. Detectives from the Collision Reconstruction Unit have taken carriage of the incident and are investigating further.

Life-Threatening MVC – Incident of March 3, 2023 – Uniform officers from 1 District, along with Niagara EMS and the St. Catharines Fire Department responded to a report of a serious two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Linwell Road at Lakeport Road in St. Catharines. Investigation determined that Hyundai sedan collided with an International snow plow (truck) within the intersection. The 21-year-old male driver of the sedan received life-threatening injuries and was transferred to an out-of-town trauma centre for treatment. The 42-year-old male driver of the snow plow was not injured. Detectives from the Collision Reconstruction Unit are investigating further.

March Bypass Commercial Enforcement Initiative – On March 21 and 22, the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS), Hamilton Police Service (HPS), Niagara Parks Police Service (NPPS), Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and the Town of Lincoln partnered for a joint enforcement initiative focusing on commercial motor vehicle enforcement. In response to community concern involving increased commercial motor vehicle traffic in Lincoln and West Lincoln, the focus of this initiative was to identify commercial vehicles intentionally bypassing the Vineland Inspection Station and to conduct in-depth vehicular inspections to ensure compliance with road safety standards, as legislated by the Province of Ontario.

In total, over 150 vehicles (passenger and commercial) were directed into the Vineland Inspection Station. Sixty-five vehicles were comprehensively inspected, resulting in 24 vehicles being removed from the highway after significant safety concerns were identified. Three sets of licence plates were seized, and 95 Provincial Offence Notices (tickets) were issued for various offences including: careless driving, distracted driving, speeding, improper licence, improper tires, improper brakes, and insecure load. This initiative will continue through the summer as proactive enforcement.

Arrests in Relation to Firearm Investigation in St. Catharines - In March, the 1 District Street Crime Unit began a firearms investigation in St. Catharines. The investigation led to two suspects and a residence on Queenston Street near Church Street in St. Catharines. On March 23, Detectives along with members of the Emergency Task Unit executed a search warrant. Inside the residence they located a double barrel shotgun with the serial number removed. A 56-year-old male and 45-year-old female, both from St. Catharines, are facing several weapons related charges.

Arrest of Suspect Involved in Overnight Break and Enter - On March 29, the NRPS Communications Unit received a 9-1-1 emergency call from a witness who was observing a break and enter in progress at a Port Colborne jewelry store. Information provided was that the suspect had arrived in an older model green Dodge Caravan and successfully broke the front glass window, allowing entry into the commercial business. The suspect obtained items of an undisclosed value before proceeding to flee the scene. Officers from 6 District were immediately notified and began converging into the area. They located the suspect a short distance away and recovered all stolen property. A 49-year-old Port Colborne man was arrested and is facing break and enter charges in connection to this incident.

Street Crime Unit Investigation Leads to Drugs, Cash, Guns, and Arrests - Since January, Detectives from the 3 District Street Crime Unit (SCU) have been investigating the sale of illegal drugs in Welland. As a result of that investigation, Detectives identified two suspects and executed a search warrant at a home on March 30. Investigators located a loaded handgun, approximately \$700,000 worth of fentanyl, approximately \$8,000 worth of crystal methamphetamine, over \$131,000 worth of cocaine and \$160,000 in currency. A 34-year-old male and a 24-year-old female, both from Welland, are facing numerous drug and weapons related charges.

Traffic Enforcement Unit Recovers Fentanyl During Traffic Stop - On April 11, an officer assigned to the Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU) was on general patrol when they conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with an “unattached” plate on Munroe Street in Niagara Falls. Immediately after initiating the traffic stop, both the driver and passenger of the vehicle exited and attempted to walk away. When officers searched the vehicle, they located crystal methamphetamine and fentanyl, along with various items believed to be break-in tools including two-way handheld radios, flashlights, binoculars, and power tools. Two Niagara Falls males, 53 and 41 years of age, were placed under arrest and are facing several charges in relation to the incident.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Special Recognition – Former Members of the Niagara Police Services Board

Chair Lawson welcomed Bob Gale and Kevin Gibson to the meeting. Each were invited to the meeting for formal recognition of the valuable insight that they brought to the Police Service Board during their tenure, which expired with the previous term of Regional Council. Chair Lawson invited Bob and Kevin to the podium, and on behalf of the Board she extended respect and gratitude to Bob and Kevin and the Board's appreciation for their timeless contributions and commitment to the many challenges this Board has faced over the past several years. They were both presented with a commemorative plaque, and with small token gifts as a show of appreciation from both the Board and the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Former Member Henry D'Angela, whose appointment also expired with the previous Regional Council term, sent his regrets advising that he was unable to attend the meeting.

Moved by: B. Steele

Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That the presentation be received.

Carried

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Social Media Management - Meltwater Suite – Memorandum of Understanding

Service report dated April 11, 2023 advising that the Service has entered into a 3-year contract with Meltwater Suite to facilitate social media engagements and public safety messaging across various platforms.

8.2 Quarterly Report - Brock University Campus Security Services - January 1 to March 31, 2023

Report dated April 4, 2023 from Jennifer Guarasci, Acting Vice President, Administration, Brock University, providing a quarterly report about complaints, use of force, discipline and arrests associated to officers designated as Special Constables and employed with Brock University Campus Security Services.

8.3 Quarterly Report - Administration of the Public Complaints System - January 1 to March 31, 2023

Service report dated April 3, 2023 submitted in accordance to the quarterly reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 301-2010.

8.4 Quarterly Report – NRPS Authorized Strength as of April 3, 2023

Service report dated April 3, 2023 providing a summary of the actual versus the authorized strength by rank/salary band of the uniform and civilian complement of the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Further to the recent announcement by the Provincial Government to expand the Basic Constable Training program at the Ontario Police College and cover 100% of the tuition cost for Basic Constable Training, Chief MacCulloch provided additional clarification about the educational requirements. He said that the provincial announcement rescinds the proposed legislation to require post-secondary education and reverts back to what is currently in place, which is a minimum of a secondary school diploma. Chief MacCulloch noted that about 97% of newly hired police recruits have a college diploma or university degree, or a combination of both. The Service also considers a candidate's life and work experiences as well as their community involvement.

8.5 Annual Report – Criminal Investigation Management - January 1 to December 31, 2022

Service report dated March 1, 2023 submitted in accordance to the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 310-2011.

8.6 Annual Report - Equal Opportunity Discrimination and Workplace Harassment Prevention - January 1 to December 31, 2022

Service report dated April 18, 2023 submitted in accordance to the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-Law 331-2012.

8.7 Annual Report – Hate/Bias Motivated Crimes and Hate Propaganda Offences – January 1 to December 31, 2022

Service report dated April 6, 2023 submitted in accordance to the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-Law 199/200-2000.

8.8 Annual Report – Proceeds of Crime – January 1 to December 31, 2022

Service report dated April 3, 2023 submitted in accordance to the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 233-2000.

8.9 Annual Report - Robbery Investigations - January 1 to December 31, 2022

Service report dated March 1, 2023 submitted in accordance to the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-Law 234-2000.

8.10 Annual Report – Stolen or Smuggled Firearms - January 1 to December 31, 2022

Service report dated April 3, 2023 submitted in accordance to the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 211-2000.

8.11 Annual Report - Suspect Apprehension Pursuits - January 1 to December 31, 2022

Service report dated April 6, 2023 submitted in accordance to the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-Law 338-2103.

8.12 Annual Report - Use of Force - January 1 to December 31, 2022

Service report dated March 2, 2023 submitted in accordance to the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-Law 346-2014.

Moved by: L. Ip
Seconded by: B. Steele

That the information be received.

Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

Prior to the Board considering the Special Fund requests (Items 9.3 - 9.6), Chair Lawson explained to members of the public that the “Special Fund” does not form part of the police operating budget and is separate from the Regional tax base. The “Special Fund” is a discretionary pool of funds, which is used for grants and donations. Disbursements from the fund are made 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." The proceeds from such sales are placed into a fund known as the “Special Fund.” Board policy sets out the criteria and administrative processes for applications to the Board for funding from the Special Fund, as well as delegated categories of funding for assessment and approval by the Board.

9.1 Computer Aided Dispatch - Annual Maintenance & Support Services

Service report dated April 3, 2023 requesting payment approval for the continuation of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) annual maintenance and support services being provided to the Niagara Regional Police Service by Versaterm, as indicated in the attached invoice and included in the 2023 Technology Services Operating Budget.

Moved by: D. Eke
Seconded by: L. Ip

That the Board approve payment of Contract Invoice No. INV21-00362 in the amount of \$296,968.20, including HST (net of rebates), to Versaterm for renewal of the Service's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system's annual maintenance and support services contract.

Carried

9.2 911 Back Up Centre - Special Equipment Budget Transfer

Service report dated April 12, 2023 to seek Board approval to transfer funds from the Niagara Regional Police Capital Project 20001462 21-NRPS-Communications Back-Up Centre to the Niagara Region Capital Project 20001271 20-911 Back-Up Rationalization in the amount of \$3,024,000.

Moved by: D. Eke
Seconded by: L. Ip

That the Board approve a capital budget transfer in the amount of \$3,024,000 gross from the Niagara Regional Police Service approved 2021 Capital Project 20001462 21-NRPS Communications Back-Up to the Niagara Region Capital Project 20001271 20-911 Back-Up Rationalization;

And further, that the Board forward this proposal to the Regional Council for approval.

Carried

9.3 Special Fund Request - Victim Services Niagara Black Tie Bingo Fundraiser

Service report dated April 19, 2023 to seek the Board's approval for a donation of \$1,300.00 from the Special Fund for the purchase of a table at the Victim Services Niagara Black Tie Bingo fundraiser being held on May 18, 2023, at Club Roma in St. Catharines. (*This is a first-time funding request.*)

Moved by: N. Kapisavanhu
Seconded by: B. Steele

That the Board approve a donation in the amount of \$1,300.00 from the Special Fund for the purchase of a table at the Victim Services Niagara 2023 Black Tie Bingo fundraising event.

Carried

9.4 Special Fund Request - Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band

Service report dated March 27, 2023 requesting Board approval for a donation of \$2,500.00 from the Special Fund to help offset costs incurred by members of the Niagara Regional Pipe Band who will be participating in the World Pipe Band Championships being held in Glasgow, Scotland in August 2023. (*Previous donations: 2002 – 2003 - \$5,000; 2004 – 2006 - \$6,000; 2008 - \$8,000; 2009 - \$6,000; 2020 - \$2,500.*)

Moved by: B. Steele
Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That the Board approve a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Special Fund to the Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band to assist with off-setting costs for ground transportation to the 2023 World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland.

Carried

9.5 Special Fund Request - 2023 National Peace Officers' Memorial 'Run to Remember'

Service report dated April 6, 2023 requesting a donation from the Special Fund to assist with costs incurred by Service members participating in the annual National Peace Officers' Memorial 'Run to Remember'. This event consists of participants cycling from Toronto to Ottawa from September 21-23, 2023 to raise awareness about the Memorial Service and the sacrifices of those brave officers whose names are etched on the Memorial Wall in Ottawa. (*Previous donations: 2008-2012 - \$500; 2013-2018 - \$1,000; 2019 - \$1,500.*)

Moved by: B. Steele
Seconded by: L. Ip

That the Board approve a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Special Fund to help offset expenses incurred for registration and accommodations by members of the Service participating in the 2023 National Peace Officers' Memorial 'Run to Remember'.

Carried

9.6 Special Fund Request - 2023 United Way Campaign Kick-Off

Service report dated March 29, 2023 requesting a donation from the Special Fund in support of the NRPS United Way campaign kick-off event, specifically to cover the minimum fundraising fees required by the NRPS men's and women's Tug-of-War teams participating in the Annual Firetruck Pull being held at the Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre. (*Previous donations: 2007-2010: \$500; 2011-2012, 2014-2019: \$1,000; 2021 - \$2,000; 2022 - \$3,000.*)

Moved by: D. Eke
Seconded by: N. Kapisavanhu

That the Board authorize a donation in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Special Fund to cover the required fundraising fees to enter two teams in a Firetruck Pull event as part of the United Way Niagara 2023 Campaign Kick-Off.

Carried

10. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business raised or discussed.

11. IN CAMERA REPORTS

There were no in-camera reports.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Police Services Board adjourned the public portion of the meeting and reconvene in-camera for consideration of confidential matters pursuant to Section 35(4) of the Police Services Act.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Jen Lawson, Chair

Deb Reid, Executive Director