



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Services Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Request – 10th Annual Niagara Unity Awards
Presented by Toronto Dominion Bank on May 31, 2023

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board

Report Date: 2023-05-18

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Services Board approves a Special Fund Request to purchase 2 tables for the 10th Annual Niagara Unity Awards hosted by Pride Niagara on May 31, 2023.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a Special Fund Request for a total of \$841.18 to purchase 2 tables to attend this event and each table seats 8 people. Two tables were purchased for last year's event by the Service.
- The event is organized by Pride Niagara and is being presented by Toronto Dominion Bank (TD). The gala showcases the important successes of individuals, organizations and groups that have made an impact for the 2SLGBTQA+ community within the Niagara Region.

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 \$841.18 to purchase 2 tables to support this event.

If the request is approved by the Board, the cheque can be made payable to the Service as tickets will be purchased on-line utilizing a Service issued credit card.

Analysis

The gala showcases the important successes of individuals, organizations and groups that have made an impact for the 2SLGBTQA+ community within the Niagara Region. The Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) has actively worked to build positive relationships with members of the 2SLGBTQA+ community. Attending this event is another opportunity to demonstrate the Service's unwavering commitment in continuing to do so.

Alternatives Reviewed

Not applicable.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

This financial support presents an opportunity for the NRPS to contribute to an objective in the 2022 - 2025 Niagara Regional Police Strategic Plan, which refers to relationships with our community. Attendance at this event also demonstrates the Service's continued commitment to achieving the goals as outlined in the 2023-2025 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan. Specifically, to collaborate and engage with community partners who represent equity deserving groups.

Supporting this event demonstrates to our partners within Pride Niagara, our commitment to working with each other to ensure a positive relationship built on trust, respect and understanding.

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 Paul Koscinski, Inspector, Professional Development and Luigi Greco, Superintendent, Executive Services. Recommended by Acting Deputy Chief Mario Lagrotteria.



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Appendices

Not applicable.