



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Services Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Request – Love Fore Niagara Golf Tournament
Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board
Report Date: 2024-04-05

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Services Board approves a Special Fund donation of \$600.00 for cart sponsorship at the Love Fore Niagara golf tournament.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for a \$600.00 Special Fund donation for cart sponsorship at the Love Fore Niagara Golf Tournament fund raiser.
- Monies raised will be donated to the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara.
- Love Fore Niagara is a group of residents who volunteer their time to host a golf tournament to support local organizations.

Financial Considerations

- \$600.00 Special Fund donation
- 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 Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA), and also with Board By-law 403-2024, Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines. Section 258 (2) of the CSPA establishes that the Niagara Police Service 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, including charitable donations." These funds do not form part of the police operating budget and are separate from the Regional tax base. If this request is approved by the Board, the cheque can be made payable to "Love Fore Niagara".

Analysis

The 2nd Annual Love Fore Niagara Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday June 15, 2024, at Beechwood Golf and Social House located in Niagara Falls. The Special Fund donation of \$600.00 will cover the cost of cart sponsorship during the tournament. A

placard will be placed on each cart showing sponsorship by the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Love Fore Niagara is a group of close friends who live in Niagara and had an idea to create an organization that will run an annual golf tournament in support of a different local charity/ organization community each year. This group is comprised of individuals who volunteer their time to make a difference in the community.

In 2023 Love Fore Niagara hosted its first golf tournament raising funds of over \$10,000.00 which were donated to Hotel Dieu Shaver Hospital.

In 2024, Love Fore Niagara will be donating funds raised to the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara, an organization closely associated with the Niagara Regional Police Service. The Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre provides a safe place to help, heal, and end child abuse for Niagara's children and youth who have experienced alleged physical or sexual abuse, neglect, become the targets of internet luring or were the unwilling witness to violence. To further support Niagara kids on their healing journey, the Centre provides therapeutic afterschool programs, school presentations designed to decrease kids' vulnerability to victimization, and Camp Acorn, Niagara's first trauma-informed day camp.

This community group of volunteers is hosting a golf tournament that will donate funds to an organization that assists a vulnerable segment of our society. This event brings awareness to the caring and compassionate work that takes place at the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre and the safe place it provides. It is an opportunity to support an event through the Love Fore Niagara volunteer group that is comprised of residents who live and work in Niagara and is focused on helping and making a difference.

Alternatives Reviewed

To not support this request.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

This golf tournament fund raiser is a community event that allows the Niagara Regional Police to demonstrate its community partnership in support of residents and citizens of Niagara who have come together to form a volunteer group, Love Fore Niagara, that supports local organizations. This year the group is supporting the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre which will receive the funds raised. The event brings awareness to the Centre that is closely affiliated with the Service through its excellent work in providing a safe place and dedication to helping children and youth.

Relevant Policy Considerations

Board By-law 403-2024, Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines

Other Pertinent Reports

Not applicable

This report was prepared by Nilan Davé, Inspector, Chief's Office and reviewed by Bill Fordy, Chief of Police.



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Appendices

Not applicable