



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Service Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Request for Police Week Event at the Pen
Report To: Center Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board
Report Date: 2024-04-05

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Service Board approves a special fund request of \$1,500.00 for the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) Police Week event to assist with costs for NRPS related items to hand out to the public.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for a \$1,500.00 Special Fund donation for the NRPS event that will be a display of NRPS Units and equipment at the Pen Center on Thursday May 16, 2024.
- Police Week is being held from Sunday May 12 to Saturday, May 18, 2024, with the theme "Join Policing: Keep Ontario Safe" and highlights policing as a career and public service.
- Each year the NRPS hosts events to interact with the public and celebrate Police Week, an opportunity to engage with the community and highlight some of the many units within the Service.

Financial Considerations

- \$1,500.00 Special Fund request
- 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 the Chief's Office in care of Inspector Nilan Davé.

Analysis

Police Week in Ontario is an annual event that started in 1970. Police Week provides an opportunity to engage with the community and highlight the great work of police services across Ontario. This year's theme "Join Policing: Keep Ontario Safe" is an opportunity for the Service to showcase some of our units, equipment and members and encourage those interested in a career with police services.

As part of celebrating Police Week, on Thursday May 16, 2024, between 1:00PM and 6:00 PM, the Service will host displays at the Pen Center in St. Catharines, both indoors and outdoors. Various units will be among those at the event, including Recruiting, the Emergency Tactical Unit, K9, and the Community Oriented Response and Engagement Unit. The Niagara Regional Police Service invites residents to visit and interact with members of our Service, view vehicles and equipment and ask questions and inquire about careers in policing.

Additionally, members of the Service will have NRPS branded items to give our community members such as stickers, sidewalk chalk, frisbees, and junior badges for the younger visitors. To assist with the cost of providing these items to the public attending the event, the Special Fund donation of \$1500.00 is being requested. Faraday bags for key fobs, assisting in preventing auto thefts, will also be available to those attending.

The event provides an opportunity for the community to engage with the Service in an environment conducive to positive interaction, education and learning. This will promote the strong relationships we seek with everyone in our community.

Alternatives Reviewed

To not support this request.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

This is a community engagement event when members of the Niagara Regional Police Service will interact with the community and enhance the image of the Service while providing NRPS branded items for visitors in a positive setting. This event also aligns with the community engagement goals and objectives of the NRPS Strategic Plan.

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 in consultation with Corporate Communications Manager Stephanie Sabourin and reviewed by Bill Fordy, Chief of Police.



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Appendices

Not applicable