



# NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

## Police Service Board Report

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**Subject:** Special Fund Request - 2024 National Peace Officers' Memorial Run

**Report To:** Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board

**Report Date:** 2024-06-04

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### Recommendation(s)

**That the Niagara Police Service Board (Board) approve a donation of \$2,000.00 from the Special Fund to help offset the expenses incurred for registration and accommodations by members of the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) for participation in the 2024 National Peace Officers Memorial Run - Run to Remember taking place September 26 - 28, 2024.**

### Key Facts

- The 'Run to Remember' is a 460 kilometer relay that makes its way through many communities between the start at the Ontario Police Memorial site in Toronto to the end at the National Memorial on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.
- The run raises awareness about the Memorial Service and gives peace officers and citizens along the route the opportunity to participate in some small way if they are unable to attend the actual Memorial.
- The run also assists with trust funds established for the families of fallen officers and provides donations to assist with construction of future Memorials, to assist with the annual Memorial Service, and to assist other Provincial Memorial Services.

### 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 Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA), and also with Board By-Law 403-2024 Administration, Limitations and Guidelines of the Special Fund. Section 258(2) of the CSPA establishes that the 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.

Participation in an event of this magnitude does not come without hard work, self-sacrifice, and monetary expense. The participants have sacrificed time to train and have taken time off to participate using their annual leave if scheduled to work. The participants will be required to pay a \$200.00 registration fee and will incur expenses for travel and 2 nights' hotel accommodations in Cobourg and Brockville. Registration for the event will cost the NRPS team a total of \$1,600.00, plus food and hotel accommodations.

If this request is approved by the Board, the cheque can be made payable to NRPS Team Captain, Charlene Davero.

## **Analysis**

In addition to raising awareness of the Memorial Service in Ottawa, the run's other objective is to raise funds for the following:

- Trust funds established for the family of officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty;
- Donations toward the construction of any Memorial being built in memory of fallen peace officers;
- Donations to the Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial to assist with the funding of the annual Memorial Service; and
- Donations to help fund any Provincial Memorial Service established to recognize fallen peace officers in their Province.

The members of this year's team are:

- PC Tim London
- PC Ashley Del Duca
- PC Crystal Wakulich
- DC Charlene Davero
- DC David Gittings
- PC Candace Wilson
- DC Vusumuzi Nyathi
- PC Jonathan Shane

## **Alternatives Reviewed**

To not support this request.

## **Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities**

The members of this year's team are excited to represent the NRPS and make a positive impression on not only other police services; but the citizens who attend to support the runners along the run route. It is an excellent opportunity to present the NRPS in a positive and professional manner.

Support will allow the NRPS to continue our ongoing tradition of civic support and relations between all law enforcement agencies in the Province of Ontario and increase awareness of policing and the dangers it presents in a positive manner to the citizens of Ontario.

### **Relevant Policy Considerations**

By-Law 403-2024 – Administration, Limitations and Guidelines of the Special Fund

### **Other Pertinent Reports**

Not applicable.

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### **Appendices**

Not applicable.