



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Service Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Request – 2024 Wise Girls Tee Party Fundraiser
Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board
Report Date: 2024-06-05

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Services Board authorizes a Special Fund donation of \$1,000.00 to purchase a “Red Tee” sponsorship for the Wise Girls Tee Party golf tournament.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek the Board’s approval for a \$1,000.00 Special Fund donation to purchase a “Red Tee” corporate sponsorship for the Wise Girls Tee Party golf tournament to be held on Monday, August 12, 2024. The corporate sponsorship will see NRPS recognition on the Corporate Sponsor Board, program and on social media.
- Wise Girls is an active committee of the Wise Guys Charity Fund – a 100% volunteer driven organization that raises money by running numerous events throughout the year with 100% of the funds being returned to the community in Niagara.
- The Wise Guys Charity Fund provides financial support and awareness for many of the same community organizations with whom the NRPS works directly, and that the Board has supported previously.
- The Wise Girls hosted their first Tee Party charitable event in 2014, and they are proud to carry on the tradition by hosting another all-ladies event this year at the St. Catharines Golf and Country Club.

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, 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.

The request for \$1,000.00 will cover the cost to purchase a "Red Tee" sponsorship for the Wise Girls Tee Party golf tournament. This request falls within the guidelines of the Police Services Board By-Law 43-2024 – Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines.

If this request is approved by the Board, the cheque can be made payable to the Niagara Regional Police Service in care of Inspector Nilan Davé.

Analysis

These funds will contribute to a worthwhile charity supporting several of our community partners. Over the past 33 years, the Wise Guys Charity Fund has raised over \$5,100,000.00 to support beneficiaries in our community including Niagara Children's Centre, Family and Children's Services (FACS), Pathstone Foundation, Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre, Socks for Change, and Habitat for Humanity to name a few.

The Wise Guys Charity Fund's mission is to raise awareness and financial support for local causes in Niagara, and to be active, responsible patrons for improving the quality of life in our community. They seek to reflect compassion and kindness while responding to the needs of others with every resource they can spare, and they ask other community-minded organizations to pitch in. The organization chooses to get directly involved by hosting charity events such as the Wise Girls Tee Party to raise funds and to campaign to raise awareness for the programs that need support.

The Wise Girls Tee Party fundraiser provides an important opportunity for the Board to support the Wise Guys Charity Fund and their efforts in our community. With this support, the charity can succeed in their efforts to raise as many funds as possible for worthy causes including those that often do not get the publicity they deserve.

Alternatives Reviewed

To not support this request.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

This is a community engagement event that allows the Niagara Regional Police Service an opportunity to engage in a worthwhile cause by supporting the Wise Guys Charity Fund in their efforts to address social issues in Niagara and build a stronger community. This is related to the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan Goal 2: Community Engagement and Collaboration - Objective 1.0 To strengthen relationships and build trust with our community. This enhances the image of the Service and its members showing support for the community of the Niagara Region.

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