



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Service Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Request – 2024 Regional Chair's Charity Golf Tournament

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board

Report Date: 2024-06-07

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Service Board authorizes a Special Fund donation of \$1,700.00 to register a foursome of golfers for the annual Regional Chair's Charity Golf Tournament.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for a \$1,700.00 Special Fund donation to register a foursome of golfers for the annual Regional Chair's Charity Golf Tournament.
- Monies raised from this golf tournament will go towards organizations and charities in Niagara that support our community and contribute to its well being.
- The event will be held at Legends on the Niagara golf course on Friday, August 23, 2024.

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. 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 26th annual Regional Chair's Charity Golf Tournament will take place at the Legends on the Niagara golf course on Friday, Aug. 23, 2024. The Special Fund donation of \$1,700.00 will cover the cost of sponsoring a foursome of golfers at the tournament.

These funds will contribute to an annual event led by the Regional Chair over many years that supports our community.

In 2023, through the generous support of sponsors and participants, the tournament was able to contribute \$96,000 to charities that included: Hotel Dieu Shaver, Niagara Health Foundation, Kristen French Child Advocacy, Valhalla Project Niagara Valhalla Project Niagara, Niagara Children's Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Foundation along with several other charities, making a real difference in Niagara.

Over the past 25 tournaments, \$2 million in donations has been raised for charities in Niagara.

Alternatives Reviewed

To not support this request.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

This is a community engagement event that allows members of the Niagara Regional Police Service the opportunity to participate in a worthwhile cause to support the Regional Chair's efforts to assist area charities and organizations 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 betterment of the Niagara Region. It enhances our relationship with the Region in collaborating to improve our community through raising funds for organizations and charities in Niagara.

Relevant Policy Considerations

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

Other Pertinent Reports

Not applicable

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Appendices

Not applicable