



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Service Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Request – Niagara Regional Fire Chiefs' Association
25th Annual Golf Classic

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board

Report Date: 2024-07-09

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Service Board authorizes a Special Fund donation of \$800.00 to register a foursome of golfers for the Niagara Regional Fire Chiefs' Association 25th Annual Golf Classic.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for a \$800.00 Special Fund donation to register a foursome of golfers for the annual Niagara Regional Fire Chiefs' Association Golf Tournament.
- Monies raised from this golf tournament will go towards supporting Wellspring Niagara.
- The event will be held at Peninsula Lakes golf course on Thursday September 26, 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 Niagara Regional Fire Chiefs' Association 25th Annual Golf Classic will be held at Peninsula Lakes golf course on Thursday September 26, 2024. The Special Fund donation of \$800.00 will cover the cost of sponsoring a foursome of golfers at the tournament.

These funds will contribute to an annual event led by the Niagara Regional Fire Chiefs' Association over many years that supports our community. The 2024 Niagara Regional Fire Chiefs' Association donations will support Wellspring Niagara. Wellspring is the only cancer support centre serving the Niagara Region. As a registered charitable organization, Wellspring Niagara relies entirely on donations from generous individuals, sponsors, and corporations to sustain its free programs and services.

Wellspring receives no core government or hospital funding. For almost 25 years, Wellspring Niagara has been a beacon of hope, focusing on their mission to support the unique non-medical impacts of cancer. By providing social, emotional, psychological, restorative, and informal support free of charge to women, men, and children living with cancer, including their families and caregivers. Wellspring plays a crucial role in our community that no other organization does.

Third party events, such as this golf tournament, are critical to the success and legacy of Wellspring 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 Niagara Regional Fire Chiefs' Association efforts to assist Wellspring 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 betterment of the Niagara Region. It enhances our relationship with the Niagara Regional Fire Chiefs' Association in collaborating to improve our community through raising funds for Wellspring 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