



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Service Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Request – The Niagara Region Police Association
3rd Annual Cliff Priest Memorial Golf Tournament

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 \$600.00 to register a foursome of golfers for the Niagara Region Police Association for the 3rd Annual Cliff Priest Memorial Golf Tournament.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for a \$600.00 Special Fund donation to register a foursome of golfers for the Niagara Region Police Association 3rd Annual Cliff Priest Memorial Golf Tournament.
- A portion of the monies raised from this golf tournament will be donated to the 'Survivors of Law Enforcement' (SOLE) group and the remainder to the NRPA Charity Account which is used in support of many worthy local community charities.
- The event will be held at Bridgewater Country Club on Monday September 16, 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 Region Police Association 3rd Annual Cliff Priest Memorial Golf Tournament will take place at the Bridgewater Country Club in Fort Erie on Monday, September 16, 2024. The Special Fund donation of \$600.00 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 Region Police Association that supports our community.

The Niagara Region Police Association has been hosting a charity golf tournament for over 17 years, but it was renamed in 2022 in honour of the former president, Cliff Priest, after his sudden passing in July of 2021. A portion of the monies raised from the 3rd Annual Cliff Priest Memorial Golf Tournament will be donated to the 'Survivors of Law Enforcement' (SOLE) group and the remainder to the NRPA Charity Account which is used to support many worthy local community charities, including the Random Acts of Holiday Kindness each December.

SOLE is a group that no one ever wants to join. Membership requires the devastating, heartbreaking loss of a loved one. They are the "Survivors of Law Enforcement", a group of women whose husbands made the ultimate sacrifice when serving their communities.

The 3rd Annual Cliff Priest Memorial Golf Tournament provides an important opportunity for the Board to support the Niagara Region Police Association and the worthwhile charities supported in our community.

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 Region Police Service the opportunity to participate in a worthwhile cause to support the Niagara Region Police Association 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 Niagara Region Police Association 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