



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
POLICE SERVICE BOARD
PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, September 26, 2024
Niagara Regional Police Service - Headquarters
Community Room 1st Floor, 5700 Valley Way, Niagara Falls

PSB MEMBERS:

N. Kapisavanhu, A/Chair
P. Chiocchio, Board Member
K. Gibson, Board Member
L. Ip, Board Member
T. McKendrick, Board Member
B. Steele, Board Member

D. Reid, Executive Director
D. Cichocki, Executive Assistant

NRPS MEMBERS:

Chief B. Fordy
Deputy Chief L. Greco, Support Services
A/Deputy Chief, M. Lagrotteria, Operational Services
C. Gauley, General Counsel
A. Askoul, Director of Information Technology
Superintendent D. Forbes, Operational Support
Superintendent S. Staniforth, Executive Services
A/Superintendent Gomez, Operational Services
Inspector N. Dave, Executive Officer to Chief of Police
Inspector P. Koscinski, Professional Development
D/Sergeant R. Aceti, Executive Officer to D/C Support Services
L. Rullo, Finance Manager
S. Sabourin, Corporate Communications Manager
M. Asher, Executive Assistant to the Chief
E. Morton, Equity Diversity Specialist
K. Paniagua, Equity, Diversity Specialist

OTHERS:

Mr. D. Tilley, Policing Services Advisor, Inspectorate of Policing, Ministry of the Solicitor General

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Niagara Police Service Board commenced at 9:30 am.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Board began its meeting by acknowledging that the Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Service Board stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, July 25, 2024

Moved by: P. Chiocchio
Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, July 25, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. REPORTS FROM BOARD CHAIR

Welcome To Ministry Police Services Advisor - On behalf of the Board, Acting Chair Kapisavanhu welcomed Dave Tilley to the meeting. Dave is with the Inspectorate of Policing at the Ministry of the Solicitor General and he serves as a Policing Services Advisor to Zone 4 Police Boards in Ontario. He regularly attends the meetings as part of the routine visits by Policing Services Advisors to Police Boards across the Province. The Board is pleased to see his continued attendance at their monthly meetings.

CAPG Webinar Sessions - The Canadian Association of Police Governance hosts monthly webinars as part of their educational strategy to keep Police Boards and Police Executives across Canada apprised of issues currently affecting the policing community. Since the last Board meeting in July, the CAPG has hosted four (4) webinars entitled: Building Healthy Relationships with your Police Association; the Role of Police in Assisting Victims of Mass Violence, Surveying Public Attitudes towards the Police and Bylaw Enforcement and the Invisibilization of Homelessness. Recorded copies of all webinars are sent to Board Members for their viewing.

CAPG Annual Conference - The Canadian Association of Police Governance hosted its Annual Conference from August 8th – 11th in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This year's theme was "Where Governance Meets Public Safety: Transforming Policing in Canada." Delegates engaged in panel discussions, workshops, and roundtables that focused on new ideas and problem-solving around key issues facing policing today. Chair Lawson, Members Chiocchio, Gibson, Executive Director Reid and I attended the conference.

Meeting with the Solicitor General - On August 27th, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, attended Police Headquarters as part of his visit to Niagara Region's First Responders. Minister Kerzner spoke with Chair Lawson, Chief Fordy, and Senior Staff about provincial measures put in place to enhance police recruitment and training, and the work towards increasing enforcement efforts to combat auto thefts and keep violent repeat offenders off our streets. He thanked the Niagara Regional Police officers for their hard work and dedication to keep Niagara's communities safe. His visit was concluded with a tour of Police Headquarters.

Charity Baseball Game - Police Vs. Fire - On September 13th, Chair Lawson and Member Chiocchio attended the Niagara Regional Police Service and the Niagara Falls Fire Department Charity Classic Softball Game held in support of Victim Services Niagara. The game was held at Oakes Park in Niagara Falls and included a BBQ, giveaways and a 50/50 draw. Proceeds raised at the event supports Victim Services Niagara in providing immediate, free and confidential support services for victims and survivors of crime and tragedy in the Niagara Region.

Annual Safety of Our Cities Conference - Peel Regional Police hosted the 2nd Annual Safety of Our Cities Conference from September 16th to 18th in Mississauga. The conference theme was “Innovation and Collaboration: Moving Forward Together” and the program offered a wide variety of sessions focused on progressive, innovative, and inclusive approaches to strengthening the safety of our cities. Chair Lawson, Vice Chair Kapisavanhu, Member Chiochio and Executive Director Reid attended the conference.

Truth And Reconciliation Walk - On September 30th, Chair Lawson will join members of the Service and representatives from the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre to participate in the 4th Annual Unity Walk - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The event commemorates the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and is a community gathering to bring awareness to Indigenous Peoples and action to Truth and Reconciliation across Turtle Island.

Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service - On September 29th, Chair Lawson will join Chief Fordy, Deputy Chiefs Greco and Waselovich, and numerous members of the Service at the Canadian Police and Peace Officers Memorial Service being held in Ottawa. This important event brings together police officers, families, and friends at Parliament Hill to pay tribute to our Canadian police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. There will be a parade and presentation of hats of those police officers that died in the line of duty last year, which is a somber reminder of why police services from across Canada gather at the ceremony. This ceremony is a reminder of the tragedies that occur to those officers who selflessly serve our communities, and the ultimate sacrifice that those brave officers made.

IACP Conference "Equipped To Innovate" - The International Association of Chiefs of Police is hosting their Annual Conference and Exposition from October 19th to 22nd at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in Boston, Massachusetts. The conference theme is entitled “Equipped to Innovate” and will bring together thousands of law enforcement professionals from around the world, including public safety and government agencies, police, sheriffs, EMS, fire hazard, hazmat; park rangers from federal, state, city, county, campus, and tribal agencies; the armed forces, and police service boards and commissions. There will be more than 200 informative educational sessions that will provide delegates with the opportunity to learn leading practices, hear after-action reports, gain insight into evidence-informed practices, and provide answers to the challenges facing policing professions now, and in the future. Chair Lawson, Vice Chair Kapisavanhu, Members Chiochio, McKendrick and Executive Director Reid will be attending the conference.

NRPS Recruit Swearing In Ceremony - On October 24th, Board members will be joining Chief Fordy and members of the Senior Officers' Association at a Swearing-in Ceremony for 12 new recruit members of the Niagara Regional Police Service, six (6) currently serving police officers, and two (2) new recruits for Niagara Parks Police Service. The ceremony is being held at Police Headquarters in the Community Room from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Members interested in attending the ceremony are asked to confirm with Board staff.

Upcoming Police Service Board Meetings - On October 10th at 9:30 am, there will be a budget workshop, training and education session with the Board and the Niagara Regional Police Service about the 2025 Proposed Operating Budget. The next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 31 at 9:30 am in the Community Room at Police Headquarters.

6. REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Community Safety

The Niagara Regional Police Service has dealt with 10 homicides and 17 traffic fatalities so far this year, compared to seven (7) homicides and 15 traffic fatalities at this time last year.

Members of the Child Abuse Unit began an investigation into a serious assault that occurred at a daycare centre. Detectives determined that a 26-year-old male employee assaulted a child under the age of five (5). Niagara police officers will continue to serve the community with a commitment to seek justice for the victims of these horrific crimes.

Further to Acting Chair Kapisavanhu's comments regarding Ontario Solicitor General Michael Kerzner's visit, while he was at police headquarters he took the opportunity to address and recognize the great work being done by the members of the Niagara Regional Community Safety and Well Being Advisory Committee, including Police Service Board Member Tara McKendrick.

The Public Order Unit attended Canal Days in Port Colborne. Following the event that involved some general safety issues, officers met with staff members from the City of Port Colborne, including Port Colborne Mayor/Police Service Board Member Bill Steele, City By-law Enforcement personnel and the Fire Chief. Discussions focused on mitigating concerns and included lessons learned and the path forward to next year.

August 6, 2024 - Police joined Board Member Laura Ip, in her capacity as a Regional Councillor, on a walk in downtown St. Catharines to look at ways to assist with issues involving crime, homelessness and drug use within the community. The matter was followed up on August 16th when members of the NRPS leadership team did a "walkabout" in downtown St. Catharines with Member Ip, Mayor Siscoe, Councillor Robin McPherson, City By-law enforcement, Fire, city/regional staff, and parks/recreational personnel. Discussions focused on current issues and ways to work collaboratively to address them. The Service received correspondence of thanks to Community Oriented Response and Engagement (CORE) Unit Sergeant Rob Richardson and his team for their work to address concerns from a local downtown association.

August 8, 2024 - The Service held a Staff Sergeant meeting which featured a presentation from Retired Durham Police Sergeant Keith Richards on Unconscious Bias, a presentation previously given to senior leadership in July.

August 11 - 13, 2024 - Service members attended the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Halifax to share, learn and collaborate with police leaders from across the country.

During the First Week of September - Seven (7) female NRPS officers attended the International Association of Women in Police (IAWP) Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

September 6, 2024 - Police met with the CAO's from across the Niagara Region to discuss managing large scale events such as concerts and road closures.

During the week of September 1, 2024 - The NRPS proudly hosted the National Emergency Number Association Conference with members of the Communications Unit contributing greatly to its success.

During the week of September 16, 2024 - The Service hosted the Versaterm Conference in Niagara Falls. Versaterm solutions is compatible with the Service's Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems. Members of the NRPS team, largely from the IT Department, played a major role in contributing to its huge success and it has been described as their "best conference ever."

Community Engagement

July 30 and August 27, 2024 - Members of the Service played soccer against youth from the Folk Arts Center. This involved a meet and greet initial session where Service members and the participating youth engaged in discussions about policing in a friendly, educational setting.

August 3, 2024 - Members of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Unit and the Recruiting Unit attended the Fiesta Extravaganza, which formed part of the Ontario Festival of Culture, Arts and Sport. This was a Filipino Festival at Firemen's Park to support and celebrate the Filipino community.

August 12, 2024 - Several female members of the Service attended the POWER UP ! Girls Leadership Camp for 13 and 14 year-olds. The camp was held at the Niagara Safety Village and it included a combination of individual exercises, team building activities, guest speakers, mentorship and wellness activities. The themes included strength, inspiration, leadership, self-care, reflection, mindfulness resilience and personal growth.

August 22, 2024 - The Service hosted the Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) graduation and the event included the students being joined by their families to celebrate them spending their summer with us and completing the program. This initiative provided an opportunity for these students to gain an understanding of policing in our area and forge positive relationships by participation and exposure to our work environment through educational and productive work assignments within the Service. The students are part of the Service's ongoing partnership with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

August 23, 2024 - Members of the Community Oriented Response and Engagement (CORE) Unit and the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Units helped facilitate care package distribution to families in St. Catharines, in support of IM WELL ("I'm Well"), a nonprofit organization based out of Hamilton. Approximately 50 packages were handed out.

August 28, 2024- Members of the Service, including the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Unit, attended, participated in (and won) a volleyball tournament fundraiser at the Niagara Regional Native Centre in Niagara on the Lake. NRPS Constable Jay McCarthy from the CORE Unit also arranged for a donation of two (2) skids of Shreddies cereal as well as the collection of various nonperishable items.

August 29, 2024 - The Service hosted a Special Olympics learning event highlighting some of these fantastic athletes and their accomplishments and involvement in the Niagara community, including the strong relationship between law enforcement and the Special Olympics. This was seen in the Badges on the Border Ceremony that took place on the Rainbow Bridge on September 17th when Niagara police met with their US counterparts in law enforcement and athletes for a celebration ceremony.

September 10, 2024 - Members of the NRPS men's and women's tug of war teams participated in the United Way Kick off campaign to help raise funds for the Niagara community through this annual event. Additionally, on September 14th, members of the NRPS tug of war teams took part in Niagara Falls Mayor Diodati's fundraising fire truck pull with proceeds going to the Niagara Health Foundation.

As first reported to the Board in May, the creation of the NRPS Citizen's Academy has now been realized. September 25th marked the first class involving the public. The Academy will give community members insight into what and why the NRPS does.

During the upcoming week, the Service will engage in several events relating to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as members honour and recognize the significance of this day.

Deputy Chief Greco, as lead organizer of the 2024 Sirens for Life Champion, thanked the NRPS, NPP and OPP members who made donations during this important campaign. The combined efforts of Niagara Regional Police personnel gave them the win over the other teams. This year's campaign realized a total of 531 donations compared to 155 in 2023. Those who participated are encouraged to continue making donations throughout the year to contribute to the blood/plasma supply to make sure friends, family and community can be helped during their time of need.

Member Wellness

September 5, 2024 - Members attended the annual Canada Beyond the Blue – Champions of Change Gala. The awards recognize individuals who are working to provide members with advocacy, resources and supports and are champions of mental health. Beyond the Blue has become the national voice of police families and continues to advocate for and support police members across the country.

September 7, 2024 - The NRPS Benevolent Fund Committee, in partnership with the Hamilton Police Service Benevolent Committee, hosted a very well attended indoor soccer tournament with 14 teams participating and raising funds.

September 13, 2024 - Police members engaged in a "friendly" baseball game against our colleagues in the Fire Department. Although the NRPS came back from a 10-run deficit, unfortunately they lost by one run with the final score being 20 to 19. The Service thanks everyone for their involvement in the event which raised funds for Victim Services.

September 29, 2024 - The Service will be joined by many members at the Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service on Parliament Hill in Ottawa to honour and remember our fallen officers.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 NRPS Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Related Training & Professional Development

The Service will provide an overview on the educational training requirements for members in support of the Niagara Regional Police Service's commitment to providing bias-free policing to Niagara's residents and visitors alike.

Moved by: L. Ip

Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the presentation be received.

Carried

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Inspectorate of Policing - Inspector General Memorandum 1 - Authorities, Policing Agreements and Requests, Notifications and Disclosures

Memorandum dated August 1, 2024 from Ryan Teschner, Inspector General of Policing of Ontario, providing Advisory Bulletins pursuant to s.102(4) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA), as general guidance offering the Inspector General's interpretation of various provisions of the CSPA.

8.2 RMON - 2024 Operating Budget Amendment – NRPS Training Unit

Letter dated July 26, 2024 from Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, RMON, advising of a resolution passed by Regional Council at its meeting held July 25, 2024 regarding Correspondence Item CL-C 60-2024 respecting the Board's request for a 2024 operating budget amendment specific to the newly implemented training requirements of the Niagara Regional Police Service under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.

8.3 RMON - 2025 Budget Strategy

Letter dated September 3, 2024 from Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, RMON, advising of a recommendation passed by Regional Council at its meeting held August 29, 2024 regarding Report CSD 29-2024, dated July 25, 2024, respecting the 2025 Budget Strategy for Niagara Region.

8.4 Financial Variance Overview - Period Ending June 30, 2024

Service report dated September 4, 2024 submitted in accordance with the quarterly reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 412-2024.

8.5 Niagara College - Summary of Police Service Board Bursary Fund

Joint letter dated August 2024 from Gordon Arbeau, Vice President, Advancement; and Kevin Jong, Manager, Developmental & Donor Relations, Niagara College, acknowledging the Board's support of students at Niagara College and providing the 2023-2024 Donor Fund Report as awarded to the named recipient.

8.6 Brock University - Summary of Police Service Board Bursary Funds

Email dated September 16, 2024 from Meaghan Rusnell, Interim Vice President, Brock University, acknowledging the Board's support of students at Brock University and providing a financial summary of the Board's 2023-2024 Bursary Funds as awarded to the name recipients.

8.7 Brock University - Special Constable Employer Application

Service report dated September 12, 2024 providing the Board with a status update on the Application for Authorization to Employ Special Constables made to the Solicitor General by Brock University; and including, as a requirement of the application process, NRPS correspondence dated September 16, 2024, confirming review and support of Brock's request by the Niagara Regional Police Service.

8.8 Quarterly Report - Administration of the Public Complaints System - April 1 to June 30, 2024

Service report dated August 2, 2024 submitted in accordance with the quarterly reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 434-2024.

8.9 Quarterly Report - Overtime Activities Incurred by the Service - April 1 to June 30, 2024

Service report dated September 4, 2024 providing the Board with a five-year uniform and civilian quarterly and year-to-date overtime trend analysis for the second quarter of 2024.

Chief Fordy requested that this report be pulled from the agenda and resubmitted next meeting as staff need to correct an error.

8.10 Quarterly Report - Special Fund Activity - April 1 to June 30, 2024

Service report dated August 19, 2024 submitted in accordance with the quarterly reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 403-2024.

8.11 Annual Report - Communications and Dispatch - January 1 to December 31, 2023

Service report dated July 12, 2024 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 471-2024.

8.12 Annual Report- Supervision - January 1 to December 31, 2023

Service report dated June 21, 2024 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 502-2024.

Moved by: T. McKendrick

Seconded by: B. Steele

That Item 8.9 - Quarterly Report on Overtime Activities be removed from the Public Agenda and resubmitted at the October 31, 2024 Board meeting;

And further, that Items 8.1 to 8.12 be received for information.

Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Police Service Board – Revision to October Meeting Date

Correspondence dated August 26, 2024 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Service Board, requesting the Board approve rescheduling its regular monthly meeting in October to accommodate Board member participation at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference in Boston, MA. *(The item was pre-approved by the Board on August 23, 2024 and is before the Board for ratification.)*

Moved by: K. Gibson
Seconded by: L. Ip

That the Niagara Police Service Board amend its regular monthly meeting date from October 24, 2024 to October 31, 2024.

Carried

9.2 Police Service Board – 2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule

Correspondence dated August 22, 2024 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Service Board, providing the 2025 proposed meeting schedule for the Board's regularly scheduled monthly Board and Committee meetings.

Moved by: B. Steele
Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That the Board approve the Niagara Police Service Board 2025 Schedule of Regular and Committee Meetings as presented.

Carried

9.3 Police Service Board By-law – Board Member Education and Event Participation

Correspondence dated September 9, 2024 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Service Board, providing the Board with a draft by-law as required for compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA), specific to the Act's mandated requirements of police board members pertaining to education and event participation.

Moved by: L. Ip
Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Board adopt the draft By-law as appended to this report, effective September 26, 2024;

And further, that the Board Chair and Executive Director be authorized to execute the By-law and make any supplementary administrative amendments to the By-law that may be required following any additional clarification of the CSPA and its Regulations received by the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

Carried

9.4 Police Service Board - Ceremonial Badges

Correspondence dated September 20, 2024 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Service Board, requesting Board approval to re-issuance ceremonial badges to actively serving Board Members, a practice that aligns with those observed in other large Big 12 Police Service Boards.

A recorded vote was called. (Voting For the Motion: P. Chiochio, N. Kapisavanhu, B. Steele (3)). (Voting Against the Motion: K. Gibson, L. Ip, T. McKendrick (3)). There was a tie vote and the motion is deemed to be lost.

Moved by: L. Ip
Seconded by: P. Chiochio

That the Board approve re-issuance of ceremonial badges to Niagara Police Service Board Members;

And further, that the Board delegate authority to the Chair and Executive Director to develop and enact a policy that outlines the ceremonial nature of these badges and establishes the principles and procedures governing their distribution, use, and return, ensuring transparency, accountability, and adherence to ethical standards.

Lost

9.5 Special Fund Request - Serving with Pride Gala and Awards

Service report dated August 21, 2024 requesting the Board approve a donation for the purchase of a table for police representation at the Serving with Pride Gala and Awards event being held November 2, 2024. Proceeds from this event will be donated to a charity that focuses on supporting the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community. *(Previous Donation: 2023 - \$1,600)*

Moved by: L. Ip
Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Niagara Police Service Board approve a donation in the amount of \$1,600.00 from the Special Fund to Serving with Pride for the purchase of a table at their annual gala and awards event.

Carried

9.6 Special Fund Request - Heartland Forest - Pumpkin-Fest Community Event

Correspondence dated September 11, 2024 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Service Board, providing the Board with a copy of a letter received from Elisabeth Graham, Executive Director, Heartland Forest Nature Experience, requesting sponsorship for their Annual Pumpkin-Fest community event being held from October 25-26, 2024. *(Previous donations: 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023 - \$1,000).*

Moved by: T. McKendrick
Seconded by: B. Steele

That the Niagara Police Service Board approve sponsorship from the Special Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Heartland Forest as sponsorship in support of their annual Pumpkin-Fest community event.

Carried

9.7 Special Fund Request - Mayor Diodati's Fire Truck Contest and BBQ

Service report dated September 11, 2024 requesting a donation from the Special Fund to enter both the NRPS women's and men's tug of war teams in a fire truck pull contest as part of Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati's Charity Community BBQ being held at the St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Niagara Falls on September 14, 2024, from 12-4 pm. *(This is a first-time Special Fund request. The item was pre-approved by the Board on September 11, 2024 and is before the Board for ratification.)*

Moved by: P. Chiochio
Seconded by: B. Steele

That the Niagara Police Service Board approve a donation from the Special Fund in the amount of \$500.00 to cover the required fees to enter two NRPS teams in a fire truck pull event as part of Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati's Charity Community BBQ.

Carried

9.8 Special Fund Request - Niagara Regional Native Centre - Nurturing our Roots Traditional Pow Wow

Service report dated August 21, 2024 requesting a donation from the Special Fund to assist the Niagara Regional Native Centre with costs to host their tenth annual "Nurturing our Roots Traditional Pow Wow" being held on October 5, 2024, at the Meridian Centre in St. Catharines. *(This is a first-time Special Fund request. The item was pre-approved by the Board on August 23, 2024 and is before the Board for ratification.)*

Moved by: K. Gibson
Seconded by: L. Ip

That the Niagara Police Service Board approve a donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the Special Fund to the Niagara Regional Native Centre (NRNC) as a corporate sponsorship in support of their annual Nurturing our Roots Traditional Pow Wow.

Carried

9.9 Special Fund Request - United Way Campaign Kick Off

Service report dated August 16, 2024 requesting a donation from the Special Fund in support of the NRPS United Way campaign kick-off event to cover the minimum fundraising fee required by the NRPS men's and women's Tug-of-War teams for participation in the Annual Firetruck Pull being held on September 10, 2024 at the Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre. *(Previous donations: 2007-2010: \$500; 2011-2012, 2014-2019: \$1,000; 2021 - \$2,000; 2022-2023 - \$3,000. The item was pre-approved by the Board on August 23, 2024 and is before the Board for ratification.)*

Moved by: T. McKendrick
Seconded by: B. Steele

That the Niagara Police Service Board authorize a donation in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Special Fund to cover the required fundraising fees to enter two teams in a Firetruck Pull event as part of the United Way Niagara 2024 Campaign Kick-Off.

Carried

9.10 Special Fund Request - Annual Penner Home Hardware "BraveHearts" Gala

Service report dated September 23, 2024 requesting the Board approve a donation for the purchase of a corporate table at the Annual Penner Home Hardware "Bravehearts" Gala being held on October 23, 2024, at the Central Niagara Community Centre in Niagara on the Lake. Proceeds from this event will enhance services provided to children and families through the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre. *(Previous Donation: 2023 - \$2,500)*

Moved by: P. Chiochio
Seconded by: B. Steele

That the Board approve a donation in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Special Fund for the purchase of a corporate table at the Annual Penner Home Hardware "BraveHeart" Gala.

Carried

10. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business raised or discussed.

11. IN CAMERA REPORTS

11.1 Award of Electronic and Physical Document - Records Management Solution 2023-RFP-239

At its July 25, 2024 confidential meeting, the Board considered Service report dated June 26, 2024 requesting approval to award the RFP Electronic and Physical Document / Records Management Solution 2023-RFP-239 to RecordPoint Software USA LLC as the successful vendor to complete all evaluation criteria. *(The information contained in the report constitutes a trade secret and/or information that is commercial or financial and confidential or privileged, and is not released to the public in accordance with s. 44(2)(h) of the Community Safety and Policing Act 2019).*

The following motion was passed:

***"That the Board approve the award of Request for Proposal (RFP) Electronic and Physical Document / Records Management Solution 2023-RFP-239 to RecordPoint Software USA LLC;
And further, that the Chief of Police be authorized to execute all required documentation on behalf of the Board;
And further, that the Board's decision be reported back on the Public Agenda.
Carried"***

11.2 Digital Mobility Inc. Intelligent Mobile Patrol eNotes Contract Award

At its July 25, 2024 confidential meeting, the Board considered Service report dated July 4, 2024 requesting the Board approve the sole-source purchase of the IMP eNotes contract to Digital Mobility Inc., the only provider of software solution that allows complete integration with the Service's Versadex Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and a Records Management System (RMS), for installation of an application on officers' mobile devices to generate electronic notes which are immediately timestamped, always legible, instantly sharable, and digitally stored electronically. Funding is included in the Technology Services approved 2024 operating budget. *(The information contained in the report constitutes a trade secret and/or information that is commercial or financial and confidential or privileged, and is not released to the public in accordance with s. 44(2)(h) of the Community Safety and Policing Act 2019).*

The following motion was passed:

***"That the Board approve Statement of Work #9019-01 from Digital Mobility Inc. (DMI) for the Intelligent Mobile Patrol (IMP) eNotes Implementation at the expected amount of \$192,326.40 net of HST rebates, as attached to the report;
And further, that the Chief of Police or Designate be authorized to execute the DMI contract to purchase an electronic Notes (eNotes) technology solution;
And further, that the Board's decision be reported back on the Public Agenda.
Carried"***

11.3 Special Investigations Unit - Case Number 23-OCI-476 - Incident of November 15, 2023

Service report dated June 10, 2024 advising that the SIU concluded their investigation in this matter and found no grounds for criminal charges against any police officer, and also advising that in compliance with S.32 of Ontario Regulation 268/10 made under the Police Services Act, the Service completed its review and investigation into this matter and concluded that there are no identified policy/service/officer conduct issues.

Moved by: P. Chiochio
Seconded by: K. Gibson

That, in accordance with Board direction, the Board's decision(s) and/or in camera report(s) be made available to the public.

Carried

12. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: L. Ip
Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Board move into Closed Session for consideration of confidential matters pursuant to Section 44 of the Community Safety and Policing Act, namely for subject-matter related to potential litigation, human resources matters, information supplied in confidence by the Ministry of the Solicitor General and from vendors for contract awards, as well as legal matters that are subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Meeting adjourned at 10:27 am.

Jen Lawson, Chair

Deb Reid, Executive Director