



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Service Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Request – NRPS Women’s Team - 2025 International Police Hockey Tournament

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board

Report Date: 2024-12-04

Recommendation(s)

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Service Board (Board) authorizes a \$1,500.00 donation from the Special Fund to help support and offset expenses for the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) Women’s Hockey Team attendance at the 2025 International Police Hockey Tournament in Durham, Ontario.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to request funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 to assist with the cost of registration and travel expenses for the 2025 International Police Hockey Tournament being held in Durham Region, Ontario from February 27 - 28, 2025.
- Members of the NRPS will make up a team representing the Service.
- This event provides an opportunity for Service members to engage in a competitive team activity while proudly representing the NRPS, as well as offers a networking opportunity with other Emergency Service professionals.
- Proceeds from this tournament will benefit local charities including the Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

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, 2019 (CSPA), and with Board By-law 403-2024, Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines. Section 258 (2) of the CSPA establishes that the 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 \$1,500.00 will help to cover the registration fee and travel expenses for the team to participate in the tournament. If approved, the cheque can be made payable to the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Analysis

For the past 21 years, members of the NRPS have been represented at various hockey tournaments in North America. This year marks the 62 anniversary of this event. The 2025 Tournament is scheduled for February 27 and 28, 2025, in Durham Region, Ontario.

There is only one women's hockey team that consistently attends the International Police Hockey Tournament to represent the NRPS.

Since 2006, the Board has generously assisted with the funding of the registration for the NRPS to attend various hockey events. Members of the Service are requesting funding for this year's tournament.

The International Police Hockey Tournament was established in 1961 and between 2009 and 2024 the event has raised more than \$486,500.00 for many charities including the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Special Olympics, local hospitals, children's charities, and other local charitable agencies.

Information regarding the International Police Hockey Tournament can be accessed on the event's website: www.internationalpolicehockey.com.

Alternatives Reviewed

To not support this request or consider supporting it with an alternative donation amount.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

This event is reflective of several objectives and performance metrics outlined throughout Goal 2 of the Service's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan; namely, to strengthen relationships and continue to build trust with our community and enhance relationships with partner agencies.

Relevant Policy Considerations

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

Other Pertinent Reports

9.8 – 2022.10.15 – Special Fund Request – International Police Hockey Tournament – NRPS Women’s Team.

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Appendices

Not Applicable.