



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Service Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Request – The Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce Women in Niagara International Women’s Day Event March 7, 2025

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board

Report Date: 2025-02-14

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Service Board approve a Special Fund request to purchase a table to allow 10 members to attend the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce (GNCC) Women in Niagara (WIN) International Women’s Day event on March 7, 2024, at a cost of \$903.89.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek the Board’s approval for a special fund request to purchase a table at the GNCC International Women’s Day event for a total of \$903.89.
- The GNCC WIN Council aims to identify issues relevant to women in Niagara and provides strategic guidance to address these challenges and opportunities while fostering the growth and concerns of women in business in Niagara. The event highlights, showcases and recognizes accomplished female leaders in Niagara.
- Attendance at this event provides an opportunity for members of the Service to not only support females, but also better recognize the specific needs of those communities.

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 NRPS has been consistent in its efforts to build positive relationships with all diverse communities within the Niagara Region. Participation in this initiative demonstrates the Service's unwavering commitment to this endeavor. In 2024, the Niagara Regional Police Service Board approved funds for this event.

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 to show support in our 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 through collaboration and engagement with community partners who represent equity deserving groups.

Relevant Policy Considerations

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

Other Pertinent Reports

Special Fund Request Item 9.6 -02.22.24

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Appendices

None.