



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Service Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Annual Report - Fundraising for Service Related Organizations -
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board

Report Date: 2025-01-31

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Service Board (Board) receive this annual report respecting fundraising for Service-related organizations.

Key Facts

- In 2024, members of the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) were involved in several fundraising events throughout the Region.
- Organizations such as Community Care, Special Olympics, the United Way, the McMaster Children's Hospital Foundation, and the Out of the Cold Program have all benefitted from members of the Service volunteering their time and making direct donations of money to the charitable cause.
- Often the participation of the Service in these events provides publicity for these outstanding community partners.
- The money raised by these worthwhile causes is administered by the individual charities themselves, not the Service.
- Although these organizations have benefitted from their association with the Service, along with the work and dedication of our membership in supporting these causes, the efforts did not require reporting through the NRPS to the Board as per By-Law 414-2024.

Financial Considerations

No financial considerations.

Analysis

Relevant sections of By-Law 414-2024, a By-Law Respecting Fundraising for Service-Related Organizations state the following:

1 PREAMBLE

1.3 *"Whereas certain organizations are permitted by the Board to use the NRPS name and logo..."*

2 DEFINITIONS

2.6 *"Fundraising" means the solicitation of money for the benefit of a Service-Related Organization and not the Service, and the sale of goods, services or licences by the Service-Related Organization for the purpose of raising money for the benefit of that organization.*

2.11 *"Service-Related Organization" means any individual group, club, team or organization which is comprised wholly or in part of Service Members and which uses the name or logo of the Service as part of its name, or which holds out as related to the Service.*

3 APPLICATION

3.1 *This by-law applies to:*

3.1.1. *Fundraising by Service-Related Organizations,*

3.1.3. *The receipt and/or disbursement of any monies received on account of Fundraising by Service-Related Organizations.*

3 RESTRICTIONS

4.3 *The Board shall not approve any Fundraising proposal which may in the opinion of the Board compromise the integrity, objectivity or impartiality of the Service.*

4 FUNDRAISING

5.1 *This Article applies to any Fundraising initiative undertaken by a Service-Related Organization in which the total money proposed to be raised exceeds \$5,000.*

5.2 *No such Fundraising shall be undertaken without prior Board approval.*

In addition to the above information, there were no requests from Service-Related organizations to use the NRPS name and logo in 2024.

Alternatives Reviewed

To not receive this report.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

Participating in fundraising for Service related organizations allows members of the Service to be active participants and leaders in the community. It further allows Service members to work in collaboration with stakeholders from communities to make Niagara a better place to live, grow, and play. This helps foster a culture of community collaboration and engagement.

Relevant Policy Considerations

By-Law 414-4024 - Fundraising for Service-Related Organizations.

Other Pertinent Reports

8.10 – 2024.02.22 – Annual Report - Fundraising for Service-Related Organizations - January 1 to December 31, 2023.

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Appendices

Not applicable.