



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Service Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Requests
Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board
Report Date: 2025-06-03

Recommendation(s)

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Service Board (Board) authorizes Special Fund donations.

Key Facts

The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for donations from the Special Fund for the following:

- Police Week \$2000.00
- Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) \$3000.00
- Future Black Female Summer Games \$1000.00

Details of each Special Fund Request are attached in Appendix 1.

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.

Analysis

These Special Fund requests are submitted to the Police Service Board with a detailed report for each in Appendix 1.

Alternatives Reviewed

To not support the requests.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

The Special Fund requests are aligned with the Niagara Regional Police Service 2022-2025 Strategic Plan and Board By-Law 403-2024, Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines.

Relevant Policy Considerations

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

Other Pertinent Reports

Not Applicable

This report was prepared by Inspector Nilan Davé, Office of the Chief, and reviewed by Bill Fordy, Chief of Police.



Submitted by:

Bill Fordy O.O.M. #9615
Chief of Police

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Special Fund Requests



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Appendix 1

Special Fund Request

Note: If necessary, Open in Desktop, Download, or Save Form to create a fillable form – then save and forward through Chain of Command

(Please limit to two pages per Special Fund Request)

1. Request for Funding (Sections A-O):

A. Event (Event Name):

Police Week 2025

B. Date of Event (YYYY-MM-DD):

2025-05-13

C. Hosting Agency and Benefactor of the Event (if any):

Niagara Regional Police Service

D. Brief Description of the Event:

This Special Fund Request is to seek the Board's approval for \$2000.00 to assist with the purchase of promotional materials that were handed out to members of the public during the Police Week 2025 Open House at the Pen Centre. During this event the community interacted with officers and civilians from various areas of the Service with equipment and information displays.

Police Week 2025 was held from Sunday May 11, 2025, to Saturday May 17, 2025, with the theme of "Protecting Ontario" highlighting the importance of safe communities to the overall health and well-being of all Ontarians and the role police members in keeping Ontario safe.

Each year the NRPS hosts events to interact with the public and celebrate Police Week, an opportunity to engage with the community and highlight some of the many units within the Service.

E. Service Staff or Board Members Attending (if applicable) (Name, Rank of Members):

Niagara Regional Police Service members from various units and ranks, including Chief Fordy.

F. Aligns with the Special Fund guiding principles (Community Relations, Board/Service Relations, or Public Education/Awareness) (Please explain how the event aligns with the three categories as outlined in the Guiding Principles of Administration, Limitations and Guidelines of the Special Funds By-Law 403-2024) and the Service's Strategic Plan (i.e., Goal 2.2 Objective):

This request aligns with the Police Service By Law #403-4024 Respecting the administration, limitations and guidelines of the Special Fund. 5.1 a) Community Relations through Involvement with Police-Related Organizations - Intended to enable the Board/Service to purchase tickets or contribute donations for individuals officially representing the Police Service Board and/or the Niagara Regional Police at external organizations and/or fundraising events. b) Board/Police Service Relations - To assist members of the police service to participate in police-sponsored events, with the goal of enhancing the image of the Niagara Regional Police in other communities as well as home. This is also 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.

G. Detail account of funds requested and its intended uses:

Items	Amount
NRPS branded items stickers, sidewalk chalk, frisbees, and junior badges for the younger visitors.	\$2000.00
Total Amount Requested:	\$2000.00

H. Funds will be disbursed by (Please provide the cheque payable to "Name of Agency" and address to mail cheque OR issued to Niagara Regional Police under the control of the finance unit):

Funds (\$2000) to be issued to Niagara Regional Police under the under the control of the Finance Unit.

- I. Submitted by: Corporate Communications Manager Stephanie Sabourin
- J. Immediate Supervisor Approval: Inspector Nilan Davé
- K. Program Manager Approval: N/A
- L. Sponsored by (*Member of the Executive Leadership Team*): Chief Bill Fordy
- M. Date Submitted to Chief's Office: 2025-06-03
- N. Chief's Approved ✓ or Denied ☐
- O. Chief's Comments:

Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Post Event Report:

- A. Please provide a follow-up report on the outcome of the event(s), achievement of the main objective, and members that attended the event (*please limit to 2-3 paragraphs*):

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- B. Final Financial Report* (*to be completed by Finance*):

Items	Funding Request	Amount Spent	Difference
Total Amount			

**Any unspent funds will be returned to the Special Funds Account*



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Appendix 1

Special Fund Request

A. Event:

Youth In Policing Initiative – CORE Unit

B. Date of Event:

2025-06-30 to 2025-08-22

C. Hosting Agency and Benefactor of the Event (*if any*):

Niagara Regional Police Service and Participants of the Youth In Policing Initiative

D. Brief Description of the Event:

This Special Fund Request is to seek the Board's approval for \$3000 to take youth participating in the Youth in Policing Initiative to team building activities such as adventure courses, escape rooms, conferences that will build confidence and leadership skills.

The Niagara Regional Police Service participates in the Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI), a program that offers paid summer employment to youth aged 16 to 18. Designed to be safe, engaging, and educational, this initiative provides meaningful opportunities for young people who reflect the cultural diversity of the Niagara Region. The Niagara Regional Police Service will be hiring seven youth this summer.

YIPI also serves to strengthen relationships between the Niagara Regional Police and the communities we serve by fostering positive, collaborative interactions with local youth. Through mentorship and hands-on experience, the program aims to build confidence, leadership skills, and a greater understanding of community and public service.

E. Service Staff or Board Members Attending (*if applicable*) (*Name, Rank of Members*):

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F. Aligns with the Special Fund guiding principles (Community Relations, Board/Service Relations, or Public Education/Awareness) (*Please explain how the event aligns with the three categories as outlined in the Guiding Principles of*

*Administration, Limitations and Guidelines of the Special Funds By-Law 403-2024)
and the Service's Strategic Plan (i.e., Goal 2.2 Objective):*

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This is a youth engagement opportunity where members of the Niagara Regional Police Service will interact with youth and enhance the image of the Service.

This program also aligns with an objective within the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan inclusive of Goal 2: Community Engagement and Collaboration – Objective 4.0 Foster youth engagement and develop a Youth in Policing Initiative.

G. Detail account of funds requested and its intended uses:

Funds (\$3000.00) will be utilized to take the youth to team building activities such as adventure courses, escape rooms, conferences that will build confidence and leadership skills and for their graduation ceremony.

H. Funds will be disbursed by *(Please provide the cheque payable to "Name of Agency" and address to mail cheque OR issued to Niagara Regional Police under the control of the finance unit):*

Funds (\$3000) to be issued to Niagara Regional Police under the control of the Finance Unit.

I. Submitted by: PC Larry Maney #9068 CORE Unit

J. Immediate Supervisor Approval: Staff Sergeant Jeff Bootsma #9283

K. Program Manager Approval: Rob LaPlante, Inspector #9069

L. Sponsored by *(Member of the Executive Leadership Team):* Shaun Parrent, Supt. #9655

M. Date Submitted to Chief's Office: June 4, 2025

N. Chief's Approved ✓ or Denied ☐

O. Chief's Comments:

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2. Post Event Report:

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Future Black Female (FBF) Second Annual FBF Summer Games at Brock University

B. Date of Event (YYYY-MM-DD):

2025-08-23

C. Hosting Agency and Benefactor of the Event (if any):

Future Black Female

D. Brief Description of the Event:

Future Black Female in partnership with BlackOwned905, invites Black and Indigenous youth aged 15-29 and their families to the Black and Indigenous Youth Summer Camp. This full day, family-friendly celebration of athleticism, culture and fun is designed to highlight and uplift Black and Indigenous youth through sports, creativity and community connections.

The EDI Unit, in cooperation with the Recruiting Unit, will be attending this event as a show of support for the Future Black Female organization and as means to promote the NRPS in the community. The EDI Unit has attended FBF events in the past and have developed a warm relationship with the organization.

E. Service Staff or Board Members Attending (if applicable) (Name, Rank of Members):

S/Sgt. Bootsma, Sgt. Rangi (EDI), Emily Morton (EDI) , Sgt. Watson (Recruiting).

F. Aligns with the Special Fund guiding principles (Community Relations, Board/Service Relations, or Public Education/Awareness) (Please explain how the

event aligns with the three categories as outlined in the Guiding Principles of Administration, Limitations and Guidelines of the Special Funds By-Law 403-2024) and the Service's Strategic Plan (i.e., Goal 2.2 Objective):

This event will allow for the NRPS to attend, participate and demonstrate our commitment to Black and Indigenous communities and assist in strengthening bonds. As outlined in the Service's Strategic Plan, Community Engagement and Collaboration (i.e., Goal 2 Objective 1.3) participation in this event will enhance built relationships with diverse communities.

G. Detail account of funds requested and its intended uses:

Items	Amount
Table	\$1000.00
Total Amount Requested:	\$1000.00

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Issued to the Niagara Regional Police under the control of the Finance Unit.

I. Submitted by: Habib Rangj, Sergeant #9808

J. Immediate Supervisor Approval: Staff Sergeant Jeff Bootsma #9283

K. Program Manager Approval: Rob LaPlante, Inspector #9069

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