

# REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

### POLICE SERVICE BOARD

### **PUBLIC MINUTES**

Thursday, June 26, 2025
Niagara Regional Police Service - Headquarters
Community Room 1st Floor, 5700 Valley Way, Niagara Falls

PSB MEMBERS: P. Chiocchio, Chair

N. Kapisavanhu, Vice Chair K. Gibson, Board Member L. Ip, Board Member J. Lawson, Board Member T. McKendrick, Board Member B. Steele, Board Member

D. Reid, Executive Director

NRPS MEMBERS: Chief B. Fordy

Deputy Chief L. Greco, Support Services

Deputy Chief M. Lagrotteria, Community Services A/Deputy Chief D. Forbes, Operational Services A. Askoul, Director of Information Technology

L. Blood, Director of Human Resources

L. Rullo, Director of Finance and Asset Management Superintendent P. Koscinski, Executive Services

Superintendent D. Masotti, Emergency Investigative Services

Superintendent J. Nesbit, Operational Services Superintendent S. Parrent, Community Services Superintendent S. Staniforth, Operational Support Inspector N. Dave, Executive Officer to Chief of Police Inspector M. Tripp, Major Crime, Investigative Services

Staff Sergeant A. Knevel, Major Crime

Staff Sergeant D. Santo, Special Investigative Services, Intelligence D/Sergeant N. Abbott, Executive Officer to D/C Operational Services

D/Sergeant J. Peazel, Homicide Unit D/Sergeant D. Pierini, Homicide Unit D/Constable K. Gerrie, Homicide Unit D/Constable C. Hrcak, Homicide Unit D/Constable J. Prinsen, Homicide Unit D/Constable L. Williams, Homicide Unit

H. Perez, Corporate Analyst

R. Audeh, Corporate Strategy and Innovation Manager S. Sabourin, Corporate Communications Manager

M. Asher, Executive Assistant to the Chief

#### 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, May 22, 2025

Moved by: N. Kapisavanhu Seconded by: J. Lawson

That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, May 22, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

#### 5. REPORTS FROM BOARD CHAIR

**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. There were two webinars held during this month for discussions on inclusive workplaces and effective strategic plans. Recorded copies of all webinars are sent to Board Members for their viewing.

NRPS Auxiliary Graduation Ceremony - On May 27, Vice Chair Kapisavanhu attended the Auxiliary Graduation Ceremony to welcome 12 new Auxiliary Members to the Niagara Regional Police Service. The NRPS Auxiliary team dedicates thousands of hours of work each year. They take part in several community and directed patrol initiatives with uniform officers and assist with emergency response training. Their dedication and contributions play an integral part in the policing services provided to the citizens and visitors of the Niagara.

**Pride Flag Raising Ceremony** - On June 2, the Service held a flag raising ceremony at Police Headquarters in recognition of the commencement of Pride Month beginning June 1. Member Lawson and Board staff joined Chief Fordy and members of the Service outside Police Headquarters to raise the Service's Pride flag which will be flown throughout the month of June.

**OAPSB Spring Conference & AGM** - The Ontario Association of Police Service Boards hosted its Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting in London, Ontario, from June 3 to 5. The conference program featured a variety of special guest speakers and the sessions offered educational and learning opportunities on issues that are currently impacting policing. Vice Chair Kapisavanhu, Members Lawson, Gibson and Executive Director Reid attended the conference.

Ride Along - CORE Unit - On June 19, Member Ip joined the Niagara Regional Police Service for a Ride Along with officers from the Services' Community Orientation Response and Engagement (CORE) Unit. The tour offered Member Ip firsthand insight into the types of calls that require police response from this specialized unit focused on community-oriented policing. Chair Chiocchio encourages all Board Members to participate in similar initiatives, like ride-alongs, to gain a better understand policing in our community.

Canada Beyond the Blue - Ontario Police Suicide Memorial - On June 22, Member Lawson joined Chief Fordy, and members of the Service at the Canada Beyond the Blue Ontario Suicide Police Memorial at Queen's Park in Toronto. This Ceremony of Remembers is held to honour and pay tribute to Ontario's Police Members who have died by suicide 'Because of the line of duty'. There were families of those loved ones who died by suicide present from several police services throughout Ontario and the officer's names were read and honoured.

Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara - Annual Donor Appreciation Reception - On June 25, Member McKendrick attended a Donor Appreciation Reception for the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara. The event was held at the Centre's St. Catharines office and guests were recognized for their generous support and unwavering commitment to the Centre's mission.

**CAPG Executive Director & Chair Quarterly Meeting** - The Canadian Association of Police Governance is holding a meeting on July 8 with Board Chairs and Executive Directors across Canada. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss governance issues related to police service boards and to share ideas about best practice approaches. The meeting will be held virtually and Chair Chiocchio and Executive Director will attend.

PSB Training/Learning Day - NRPS Investigative Services - On July 10, the Service is hosting a Board Training Day to provide insight into the operations of the Service's Investigative Support Service Units. The Service will provide the Board with an in-depth overview of the policing obligations, roles and responsibilities carried out by members assigned to units such as Homicide, Forensics, Opioid Enforcement, Major Drugs and Gangs, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking. The session begins at 9:30 am in the Community at Police Headquarters and will conclude at 1:00 pm. All Board Members are encouraged to attend.

**Upcoming Police Service Board Meetings** - There are no Committee Meetings scheduled for July. The next scheduled regular monthly Board meeting is Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 9:30 am in the Community Room at Police Headquarters.

### 6. REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

#### **Announcements:**

Displacement of Members of the Indigenous Community Update - As of June 23, there were 2900 evacuees displaced from Manitoba and an anticipated several hundred are being repatriated this week. Indigenous peoples from these communities are already struggling with the intergenerational trauma of residential schools, and some people may be triggered by the stress of evacuation and turning to alcohol or drugs to cope. Also, the influx of vulnerable persons has placed additional pressures on the frontline. Service members inclusive of Chief Fordy, Deputy Chief Lagrotteria, Superintendent Parrent, Indigenous Liaison Officers, and member of the CORE Unit have attended the hotels to identify culturally sensitive and respectful ways to manage the situation. This resulted in the community leaders and elders declaring the hotels to be dry properties. Expera has hired private security and has done a good job of reducing police calls for service at the hotels. However, they are unable to control what occurs outside of the hotels. The calls for service range from minor disturbances to a few isolated serious matters.

# **Community Safety:**

**Auto Theft Project** - A major project regarding auto thefts was undertaken in April and May in collaboration with the OPP, the CBSA and Hamilton, Halton and Montreal Police Services. The project resulted in the arrests of three individuals believed to be connected to the theft of approximately 50 vehicles across Niagara and the GTA. This highlights the excellent work being done with our partners as we continue to work together to address this prevalent criminal activity.

**Beach Day Event** - Significant preparations and appropriate staffing levels were implemented for the annual Beach Day event on June 6 for schools in the Region and the day unfolded with no events of significance.

**Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign** - Earlier this month the Service launched a Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign through a special fund request. The campaign features vinyl decals designed to increase awareness, provide discreet access to support resources for survivors, and educate the public placed in public washrooms across the region. The decals have been distributed to several community partners, including Niagara Health, both Niagara Casinos, and various hotels—particularly those in Niagara Falls.

**OACP Annual Conference** - Service members met with other police leaders from across the province to share ideas and solutions to the challenges we are all facing while attending the OACP Annual Conference at Blue Mountain Resorts from June 22 to 25.

# **Community Engagement:**

- May 26, 2025 Service members attended the inaugural Ontario Police Trainers Conference in Niagara Falls to welcome nearly one hundred attendees from police services across the province as they collaborate to bring the best training to police officers. This includes the mandated training requirements under the CSPA and the increased responsibilities associated with staffing considerations, budgets and facilities.
- **May 27, 2025** The Service held an Auxiliary Graduation at police headquarters and welcomed 13 new members who volunteer their time and assist the NRPS in numerous events and taskings.
- May 30 and June 1, 2025 Service members attended the Ontario Parasport Games where Deputy Chief Lagrotteria and Superintendent Parrent participated in the Opening Ceremony.
- **May 31, 2025** The Service hosted a Prescription Drug Drop Off Day at each District so citizens could safely dispose of unused medication. This proactive measure, in partnership with the OPP, NHS and Public Health resulted in 28.5 kilograms of prescription drugs being turned in.
- **June 1, 2025** Service members attended several Decoration Day Ceremonies honoring our military veterans and remembering their sacrifices.
- **June 2**, **2025** The Service raised the PRIDE Flag at police headquarters for Pride Month. Members of our EDI Unit also attended numerous flag raisings throughout the region.
- **June 4, 2025** Service members of the EDI Unit attended the Niagara DEI Community of Practice meeting in Port Colborne.
- **June 4, 2025** Service members attended the Niagara Unity Awards that recognized and showcased the important successes of individuals, organizations, and groups that have made an impact for our 2SLGBTQ+ community.
- **June 5, 2025** Constable Al Rivet of the Recruiting Unit was recognized by Bridges Niagara as the Career Guide of the Year for his work in supporting immigrants and newcomers in Niagara.
- **June 5, 2025** EDI and CORE Unit members attended St. George Catholic Elementary School for their end of school year event, celebrating and interacting with students and faculty.
- **June 7, 2025** Service members attended the Wellspring Gala in recognition of Wellspring's support to those impacted by cancer.
- **June 11, 2025** Service members attended the Sobeys National Loss Prevention Summit to welcome delegates from across Canada as they work in partnership with police services to advance best practices and initiatives.
- **June 11, 2025** Members of the EDI Unit presented to the Niagara Local Immigration Partnership Council on the Service's Stop Hate Campaign.
- **June 14, 2025** EDI Unit members attended the Niagara Falls Fam Jam event, alongside various community partners including fire and EMS. This event sees positive interaction with children, parents and caregivers who attend to learn about community resources.
- **June 14, 2025** Members of the EDI and CORE Units attended the festival of colours, known as Holi, with the South Asian community in St. Catharines. The event was hosted by the Downtown Association.
- **June 14, 2025** Service members attended the Pathstone Hope Gala in recognition of Pathstone's support toward the mental health care provided to members of community, particularly children.
- **June 19, 2025** EDI Unit members participated in the 5 kilometer World Refugee Day Celebration Walk in Fort Erie.

**June 22, 2025** - EDI Unit members attended the Congregation B'nai Israel 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

#### **Member Wellness:**

**June 7 & 21, 2025** – Service members participated in the annual Rob Gittings Memorial Baseball Tournament in support of donations raised for the NRPS Benevolent Fund.

**June 22, 2025** - Service members were joined by Member Lawson at the Ontario Police Suicide Memorial in Toronto to pay our respects to officers who have died "Because of the Line of Duty" and to show support and understanding to their families.

### 7. PRESENTATIONS

# 7.1 Major Crime/Homicide Unit

Presentation on major crime, specific to the responsibilities and enforcement of officers assigned to the Niagara Regional Police Service's Homicide Unit.

Moved by: B. Steele Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the presentation be received.

Carried

#### 8. CONSENT AGENDA

# 8.1 Inspector General of Policing - Provincial Public Order Maintenance Recommendations

Service report dated June 5, 2025 providing a summary of the Service's compliance with the 12 recommendations that focus on the shared responsibility of police services, police service boards, and the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN) to further strengthen Ontario's public order system, as identified following an inspection conducted between May 2023 and February 2024 by the Inspectorate of Policing to ensure compliance with Provincial Public Order Maintenance requirements.

# 8.2 RMON - NRPS Request for Operating Budget Amendment

Letter dated May 23, 2025 from Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, advising of a resolution passed by Regional Council at their meeting held May 22, 2025 regarding the Niagara Police Service Board's request for an amendment to the Operating Budget to temporarily fund a NRPS secondment to the Homeland Security Investigations Border Enforcement Security Task Force.

# 8.3 RMON - Motion Respecting Consolidated General Levy Rate

Letter dated June 4, 2025 from Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, advising of a resolution passed by Regional Council at their meeting held May 22, 2025, regarding the establishment of the consolidated 2026 general levy rate.

# 8.4 Special Fund Acknowledgement/Sponsorship Fulfillment Report - Canadian Mental Health Association

Email dated June 4, 2025 from Karen Marazzo, Communications & Revenue Development Coordinator, CMHA, acknowledging the Board's special fund donation in support of the "Wellness for All" fundraiser, and providing the Sponsorship Fulfillment Report for the event.

# 8.5 Special Fund Acknowledgement - Ontario Association of Police Service Boards

Letter dated June 16, 2025 from Executive Director Lisa Darling, OAPSB, acknowledging the Board's special fund donation in support of the 2025 OAPSB Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting.

# 8.6 Annual Report - Collection Preservation and Control of Evidence and Property - January 1 to December 31, 2024

Service report dated May 28, 2025 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 469-2024.

# 8.7 Annual Report – Emergency Planning - January 1 to December 31, 2024

Service report dated June 3, 2025 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 476-2024.

# 8.8 Annual Report – Internal Task Forces - January 1 to December 31, 2024

Service report dated May 20, 2025 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 450-2024.

# 8.9 Annual Report - Ontario Sex Offender Registry - January 1 to December 31, 2024

Service report dated May 21, 2025 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 453-2024.

# 8.10 Annual Report – Police Response to High-Risk Individuals - January 1 to December 31, 2024

Service report dated May 28, 2025 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 489-2024.

# 8.11 Annual Report – Safe Storage of Police Service Firearms - January 1 to December 31, 2024

Service report dated May 23, 2025 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 497-2024.

# 8.12 Annual Report - Search and Seizure - January 1 to December 31, 2024

Service report dated May 21, 2025 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 458-2024.

# 8.13 Annual Report - Secure Holsters - January 1 to December 31, 2024

Service report dated May 27, 2025 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 498-2024.

## 8.14 Annual Report - Sexual Assault Investigation - January 1 to December 31, 2024

Service report dated May 30, 2025 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 499-2024.

### 8.15 Annual Report – Victims' Assistance - January 1 to December 31, 2024

Service report dated June 5, 2025 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 461-2024.

Moved by: T. McKendrick Seconded by: L. Ip

That the information be received.

**Carried** 

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS

# 9.1 Community Watch in Niagara - Request to Reinvigorate Program

Email dated June 15, 2025 from Cheryl Rowe requesting the establishment of a community/neighbourhood watch program in the Niagara Region.

Moved by: K. Gibson

Seconded by: N. Kapisavanhu

That the matter be referred to Niagara Region and the Chief of Police for further consideration regarding the potential implementation of a community/neighbourhood watch program in Niagara.

**Carried** 

# 9.2 Provincial Grant Funding Update - Impact on Police Budgets

Service report dated June 6, 2025 providing a provincial grant funding update and request for Board approval to write the Ministry of the Solicitor General to acknowledge the benefits of their support for policing grant programs and to recommend improvements for more timely grant notifications to assist with budget planning and risk mitigation.

Moved by: J. Lawson Seconded by: B. Steele

That the Board correspond with the Ministry of Solicitor General (SOLGEN) to urge the provincial government to prioritize sustainable and predictable funding for police services, and to implement improvements to existing grant programs to better support effective community safety planning and fiscal management.

Carried

# 9.3 Budget Planning – 2026 Operating Budget Forecast and Budget Timetable

Service report dated June 6, 2025 requesting Board approval of the draft 2026 budget planning timetable in accordance with the Regional Budget Planning By-law 2019-79, and providing a summary of known budget pressures to-date. This follows Regional Council's approved motion recommending a 3.5% increase to the consolidated general levy, which would require a 4.5% reduction to the 2026 police base budget, resulting in a reduction of approximately 50 sworn police officers.

Moved by: L. Ip

Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Board approve the draft timetable in accordance with Regional By-Law 2017-63 - Budget Control, as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

Carried

## 9.4 Service Partnership Funding Model and Agreements

Service report dated June 2, 2025 requesting the Board approve funding agreements with Crime Stoppers, Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre, Victim Services Niagara and Niagara Safety Village to officiate continued funding support from the NRPS operating budget to each partnering agency.

Moved by: N. Kapisavanhu

Seconded by: L. Ip

That the Board authorize the Service to enter into Funding Agreements with Crime Stoppers of Niagara (Crime Stoppers); Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre (KFCAC); Victim Services Niagara (VSN) and Niagara Safety Village (Safety Village) to officiate the Service Partnership Funding Model, as appended to the report;

And further, that Schedule "F" of each agreement be amended to include a requirement for enhanced and comprehensive reporting, encompassing a progress report, final report, financial report, data report or matrix/dashboard, and a project evaluation;

And further, that Service Counsel be authorized to make minor adjustments to the agreements, as may be necessary, in consultation with Board Counsel.

**Carried** 

# 9.5 2024 Annual Report & Strategic Plan Status Update (Year 3)

Service report dated June 6, 2025 submitted in accordance with the reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 413-2024 to provide an annual report relating to the strategic plan prepared and adopted by the Police Service Board under Section 41 of the Community Safety and Policing Act. This report provides the Board with a status update on the objectives, performance metrics, targets and outcomes specific to year 3 of the Board and Service's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan.

Moved by: K. Gibson Seconded by: J. Lawson

That the Board receive the 2024 Annual Report and Strategic Plan Status Update for information;

And further, that in accordance with Section 41 of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, the Board file the Report with Regional Council.

**Carried** 

# 9.6 Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) - 2025 Business Plan

Service report dated June 4, 2025 requesting the Board approve the 2025 OPVTA Business Plan, which reinforces both the NRPS and Board commitment to public safety and organizational excellence through the continuance of developing and distributing police learning materials to over 26,000 police officers representing 68 member agencies.

Moved by: L. Ip Seconded by: N. Kapisavanhu

That the Board approve the 2025 Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPTVA) Business Plan as outlined in the report.

**Carried** 

# 9.7 Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) - 2025-2026 Membership Agreement

Service report dated June 4, 2025 requesting the Board authorize the Chief of Police to enter into contractual agreements in relation to OPVTA memberships to allow member police services access to police video training materials and services provided by the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Moved by: J. Lawson Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That the Board authorize the Chief of Police to enter into the contractual agreement in relation to the Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) 2025-2026 membership, and to make minor adjustments as may be necessary in consultation with the Board Solicitor.

**Carried** 

# 9.8 Multi-Function Device Renewal and Replacement Lease Contract

Service report dated June 2, 2025 requesting the Board approve extending the Service's Multi-Function Devices lease contract with Ricoh Canada Incorporated for an additional five years, which is consistent with the Region's Vendor of Record (VOR) approach, and will continue to provide the Service with competitive pricing, ongoing efficiencies, and access to vendor-managed support.

Moved by: B. Steele Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Board approve a five-year extension of the current lease contract between the Niagara Regional Police Service and Ricoh Canada Inc., for the supply, installation, and support of Multi-Function Devices and the Separate Agreement as appended to the report.

Carried

# 9.9 Repurposing of NRPS Sergeant and Constable Positions

Service report dated June 4, 2025 requesting the Board approve the repurposing of one Sergeant position from the Member Support Unit to the Emergency Planning Unit and one Constable position from Community Services Program to the Member Support Unit, in support of frontline operations and better alignment with the Service's goal of enhancing public safety and ensuring frontline policing receives adequate support when/where needed.

Moved by: L. Ip

Seconded by: N. Kapisavanhu

That the Board approve the repurposing of the authorized Sergeant position from Member Support to the new Emergency Planning Unit Sergeant position and the Constable position from the Community Services Program to the Member Support Unit, as provided for in the 2025 operating budget.

**Carried** 

# 9.10 Approval for Public Donation to NRPS Canine Unit

Service report dated June 2, 2025 requesting the Board approve a donation from the estate of Irene May Gladwell to the NRPS Canine Unit. This will be the third and final donation from said estate to enhance the safety and security of Niagara citizens, while in keeping with the approval criteria set out in Article 9 of Board By-Law 424-2024 - Solicitation and Acceptance of Public Donations, Sponsorships or Private Sector Funding Arrangements.

Moved by: J. Lawson

Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That the Board approve a public donation from the estate of Irene May Gladwell in the amount of \$20,965.14 to the Niagara Regional Police Service's Canine Unit.

Carried

## 9.11 Special Fund Requests - June 2025

Service report dated June 3, 2025 requesting the Board approve the following Special Fund requests:

- 1. Police Week \$2,000;
- 2. Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) \$3,000; and
- Future Black Female Summer Games \$1,000.

Moved by: B. Steele Seconded by: L. Ip

That the Board authorize the Special Fund donations as outlined in the report and approve payment in the requested amounts.

Carried

# 9.12 Police Service Board By-Law Amendments - Chief of Police Performance Evaluation System

Correspondence dated May 30, 2025 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Service Board, recommending amendments to the By-law governing the Chief of Police Performance Evaluation System to clarify and streamline the evaluation process by reordering the procedural steps.

The Board directed staff to update the final document to change any reference to he/she or him/her, to they/them/their.

Moved by: N. Kapisavanhu Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Board adopt the amended by-law as appended to this report.

**Carried** 

# 9.13 Police Service Board By-law – Discipline of Service Members

Correspondence dated June 13, 2025 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Service Board, providing a draft by-law regarding the discipline of Service members as required for compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA), and its Regulations.

Moved by: J. Lawson Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That the Board adopt the draft by-law as appended to the report;

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

Carried

#### 10. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business raised or discussed.

#### 11. IN CAMERA REPORTS

## 11.1 Agreement Extension Award - Police Towing

At its May 22, 2025 Confidential meeting, the Board considered a Service report dated April 30, 2025 requesting the Board approve extending the Agreement with Parkway Towing Inc. to set out service provisions regarding the towing of NRPS fleet vehicles and NRPS authorized towing and storage of public vehicles only. The following motion was passed:

"The Board approved the Contract Extension Agreement between Parkway Towing Inc. and the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Service Board for the period of June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026, with an option to extend the term of the agreement for one additional year; and requested their decision be reported publicly. <u>Carried.</u>"

#### 11.2 Special Investigations Unit

Service reports detailing the findings and action taken pertaining to the investigations undertaken by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and the Niagara Regional Police Service for the incidents referenced below:

- 1. Case Number 24-OCI-360 Incident of August 27, 2024;
- 2. Case Number 24-OCI-441 Incident of October 17, 2024; and
- 3. Case Number 24-OCI-466 Incident of October 31, 2024.

Moved by: B. Steele

Seconded by: N. Kapisavanhu

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: J. Lawson

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 11:17 am.

	Pat Chiocchio, Chair
Deb Re	id, Executive Director