



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE Police Service Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Annual Report – Citizen Rewards
January 1 to December 31, 2024

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board

Report Date: 2025-06-25

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Service Board (Board) receive this report for information.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to advise the Board that the Niagara Regional Police Service (Service) is in compliance with Board By-Law 406-2024 - Citizen Rewards by the Niagara Regional Police Service, which establishes the policy for citizen rewards by the Service.
- The Service has issued General Order (GO) 245.02 - Citizen Rewards, to ensure that established procedures are in place to govern the posting of rewards to further the investigations of serious criminal offences.
- As per By-Law 406-2024, the Chief is to provide the Board with annual status reports on rewards posted.
- No rewards were posted during the year ending December 31, 2024, and no rewards from previous years were claimed or paid out during the reporting period.

Financial Considerations

There are no financial implications relating to the recommendations contained within this report.

Analysis

From January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, no rewards were posted to further the investigations of serious criminal offences.

On June 16, 2021, the Service offered a reward for \$50,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the January 19, 2021, murders of Christine Crooks and Juliana Pannunzio. On July 8, 2021, with the support of a third party who wished to remain anonymous, the Service increased the reward offering to \$100,000.00.

The funds provided by the third party remains deposited in the Board's General Operating Special Fund Account.

Arrests were made in relation to these homicides; however, charges against one accused are still before the courts with an anticipated trial in October 2025.

Alternatives Reviewed

Not applicable.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

To comply with the provisions of the Board By-Laws and to maintain compliance with Adequate and Effective Policing requirements.

Relevant Policy Considerations

Board By-Law 406-2024 - Citizen Rewards by the Niagara Regional Police Service
GO 245.02 - Citizen Rewards

Other Pertinent Reports

8.5 – 2024.07.25 Annual Report – Citizen Rewards – January 1 to December 31, 2023.

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Appendices

Not applicable.