



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: 2025-07-02

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:

- Niagara Regional Fire Chiefs' Association Golf Tournament \$900.00
- 4th Annual Cliff Priest Memorial Golf Tournament \$1650.00
- Penner Home Hardware Bravehearts Gala \$3500.00
- Youth and Citizen Academy \$5000.00

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 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 Niagara Regional Police Service 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 Mario Lagrotteria, Acting Chief of Police.



Submitted by:

Mario Lagrotteria #9187
Acting Chief of Police

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Special Fund Requests



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

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):

Niagara Regional Fire Chiefs Association 26th Annual Golf Classic

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

2025-09-25

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

Host: Niagara Regional Fire Chiefs Association (NRFCA)

Benefactor: Community Care, St. Catharines &
Thorold (CCSTC&T)

D. Brief Description of the Event:

The NRFCA 26th Annual Golf Classic will be held at Peninsula Lakes golf course on Thursday September 26, 2024. The Special Fund donation of \$900.00 will cover the cost of sponsoring a foursome of golfers at the tournament.

These funds will contribute to an annual event led by the NRFCA over many years that supports our community. The 2025 NRFCA donations go to Community Care, St. Catharines and Thorold (CCSTC&T) who have been supporting those in need since 1919.

Their programs have expanded to 20 in total, including the 1994 expansion into Thorold.

CCSTC&T is more than a food bank. In addition to food security, they offer services that address housing access, medical emergencies, clothing and household goods, an Identification Clinic, homelessness prevention, and a Trusteeship Program for both youth and adults.

CCSTC&T also runs seasonal programs such as the Back-to-School Program and the Christmas Program and led the creation of Feed Niagara, an alliance of 10 food security agencies that work together to share resources and maximize food recovery efforts across the region.

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

To be determined, senior leaders and/or PSB members.

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 is a community engagement event which supports the NRFCA (representing all 12 Municipalities in the Niagara Region) and their efforts to assist area charities and organizations and build a stronger community.

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. The attendance and participation of Board and Service members at fundraising events for organizations that work closely with the Niagara Regional Police Service serves to demonstrate the Board's goodwill and community involvement.

This relates to the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan Goal #2 "Community Engagement and Collaboration", Objective 1,0: "To Strengthen relationships and build trust with our community."

By raising funds for local charities, we have a positive impact on our local communities.

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

Items	Amount
Registration Fee – One Foursome	\$900.00
Total Amount Requested:	\$900.00

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*):

Registration can be paid by cheque, payable to:

Niagara Regional Fire Chiefs Association
Sylvia Zappitelli, c/o Pelham Fire Department, 177 Highway 20 West, PO Box
323, Fonthill, ON, L0S 1E0

- I. Submitted by: Nilan Davé, Inspector #9260, Chief's Executive Officer
- J. Immediate Supervisor Approval: N.A.
- K. Program Manager Approval: N.A.
- L. Sponsored by (*Member of the Executive Leadership Team*): Mario Lagrotteria, Acting Chief of Police #9187
- M. Date Submitted to Chief's Office: July 14, 2025
- 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*):

Click or tap here to enter text.

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*



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

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):

4th Annual Cliff Priest Memorial Golf Tournament – “The Clifford”

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

2025-09-15

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

Host: Niagara Regional Police Association

Benefactor: Victim Services Niagara

D. Brief Description of the Event:

The Niagara Regional Police Association (NRPA) 4th Annual Cliff Priest Memorial Golf Tournament will take place at the Bridgewater Country Club in Fort Erie on Monday September 15, 2025. A Special Fund donation of \$1650.00 will cover the cost of a Bronze sponsorship (one golfer and signage) and three additional golfers, thereby sponsoring a foursome of golfers at the tournament.

The NRPA has been hosting a charity golf tournament for over 17 years, but it was renamed in 2022 in honour of the former president, Cliff Priest, after his sudden passing in July of 2021.

These funds will contribute to an annual event led by the NRPA that supports our community and this year proceeds will be given to Victim Services Niagara. Victim Services Niagara utilizes trained staff and volunteers to deliver crisis intervention, information and referral services to victims of crime and tragic circumstances 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Victim Services Niagara is a close partner of the Service assisting victims of crime.

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

To be determined, senior leaders and/or PSB members.

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. The attendance and participation of Board and Service members at fundraising events for organizations that work closely with the Niagara Regional Police Service serves to demonstrate the Board's goodwill and community involvement.

This relates to the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan Goal #2 "Community Engagement and Collaboration", Objective 1,0: "To Strengthen relationships and build trust with our community."

Supporting the raising of funds for Victim Services Niagara through "The Clifford" golf tournament, will have a positive impact on our local communities.

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

Items	Amount
Bronze sponsorship and foursome	\$1650.00
Total Amount Requested:	\$1650.00

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):

Registration can be paid by cheque, payable to:

Niagara Regional Police Association
1706 Merrittville Hwy, RR2, Welland ON L5B 5N5

- I.** Submitted by: Nilan Davé, Inspector #9260, Chief's Executive Officer
- J.** Immediate Supervisor Approval: N.A.
- K.** Program Manager Approval: N.A.
- L.** Sponsored by (*Member of the Executive Leadership Team*): Mario Lagrotteria, Acting Chief of Police #9187.
- M.** Date Submitted to Chief's Office: July 14, 2025
- 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*):

Click or tap here to enter text.

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*



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

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):

Annual Penner Home Hardware “BraveHearts” Gala for the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre

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

2025-11-07

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

Host: Sponsored by Penner Home Hardware

Benefactor: Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre

D. Brief Description of the Event:

This Special Fund Request is to seek the Board’s approval in authorizing the payment of \$3,500.00 for the purchase of a Silver Sponsorship that includes a corporate table and print program sponsorship.

The Silver Sponsorship will support the Penner Home Hardware “BraveHearts” Gala for the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre. The event takes place on Friday November 7, 2025, at Central Niagara in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The annual gala features a live and silent auction, premier musical entertainment, and special guests. The Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre is an important community partner that brings children and families together in a safe and secure environment where they are supported, comforted, and provided the opportunity to heal from traumatic childhood events.

The mission of the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre is to service children and families in the Niagara Region who have been impacted by child abuse. The Centre provides an

environment that is child-focused and private, offering a safe and non-threatening place for children and youth to disclose their experience of abuse to specially trained teams from the Niagara Regional Police Service and Family and Children's Services.

The Centre's caring professionals are committed to making life easier for a child or youth who has experienced abuse. Mental health professionals from the Family Counselling Centre Niagara provide much needed follow-up counselling support at no cost and without a wait list.

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

To be determined, senior leaders and/or Police Service Board members.

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. The attendance and participation of Board and Service members at fundraising events for organizations that work closely with the Niagara Regional Police Service serves to demonstrate the Board's goodwill and community involvement.

This relates to the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan Goal #2 "Community Engagement and Collaboration", Objective 1.0: "To Strengthen relationships and build trust with our community; enhancing relationships with social service partner agencies."

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

Items	Amount
Corporate Table (10) Sponsorship and Print Program Sponsorship	\$3,500.00
Total Amount Requested:	\$3,500.00

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):*

Registration can be paid by cheque, payable to:

Kristen French Child Advocacy Center
c/o Katie Marino
8 Forster Street
St. Catharines ON L2N 1Z9

- I. Submitted by: Nilan Davé, Inspector #9260, Chief's Executive Officer
- J. Immediate Supervisor Approval: N.A.
- K. Program Manager Approval: N.A.
- L. Sponsored by (*Member of the Executive Leadership Team*): Mario Lagrotteria, Acting Chief of Police #9187
- M. Date Submitted to Chief's Office: July 14, 2025
- 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*):

Click or tap here to enter text.

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*



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

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):

Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) Youth and Citizen Academy 2025

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

Academies will convene in the Fall 2025.

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 \$5000.00 for the Niagara Regional Police Service Youth and Citizen Police Academy Program to assist with program costs (NRPS related items to hand out to the participants, incidental costs, and graduation events).

Citizen police academies were first formed in the late 1970s in the United Kingdom. Since that time Citizen Police Academies have become quite popular across North America. Multiple police services in Ontario have programs including the Ontario Provincial Police, Toronto Police Service, London Police Service, Waterloo Police Service, Halton Police Service, Brantford Police Service, South Simcoe Police Service, Hamilton Police Service, Owen Sound Police Service, Durham Police Service, and Chatham Kent Police Service.

A citizen academy is a free opportunity for members of the communities to meet and interact with police personnel and learn firsthand what police officers do every day. Over the duration of the multi-week program the NRPS would have opportunities to engage with members of our

communities which will foster a better understanding of policing and create community based, knowledge backed champions. Taught by NRPS subject matter experts, students will also gain a better understanding of how they can partner with us to keep our communities safe.

The NRPS Citizen Police Academy will provide citizens of Niagara with a unique opportunity to gain insight into the policing profession. Through interactive sessions and firsthand experiences, participants will develop a deeper understanding of the role of modern-day policing in the region.

The Citizen Police Academy is/was not intended to train or encourage community members to be police officers. Instead, the hope is that by giving community insight into police services and operations, residents will have a better understanding of the NRPS, the services provided, and the decisions made, sometimes in an emergency or crisis.

The expansion to include a Youth Academy, Grade 7 and 8 students, builds on the success of the inaugural NRPS Citizen Academy held in Fall of 2024.

There will be twenty participants in the Citizen Academy and twenty participants in the Youth Academy.

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

NRPS 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 homeThis 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 polos and hats for participants along with other program incidentals	\$5000.00
Total Amount Requested:	\$5000.00

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 (\$5000.00) to be issued to Niagara Regional Police under the control of the Finance Unit.

I. Submitted by: Stephanie Sabourin, Manager, Corporate Communications

J. Immediate Supervisor Approval: Nilan Davé, Inspector #9260, Chief’s Executive Officer

K. Program Manager Approval: N/A

L. Sponsored by *(Member of the Executive Leadership Team):* Mario Lagrotteria, Acting Chief of Police #9187

M. Date Submitted to Chief’s Office: 2025-07-14

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):*

Click or tap here to enter text.

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*