



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: 2025-12-18

Recommendation(s)

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Service 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:

- International Police Hockey Tournament – Women's Team \$1,500.00
- International Police Hockey Tournament – Men's Team \$1,500.00
- FACS Niagara Foundation Annual Gala \$2,500.00
- Holiday Hero Campaign \$5,000.00

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

This Special Fund request is 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.



Submitted by:
Bill Fordy #9615
Chief of Police

Appendices

Not applicable



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Appendix 1

Special Fund Request

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(Please limit to two pages per Special Fund Request)

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

A. Event (Event Name):

International Police Hockey Tournament 2026

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

2026-02-19-2026-02-20

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

Peel Regional Police

D. Brief Description of the Event:

The International Police Hockey Tournament was established in 1961 and between 2009 and 2024 the event raised more than \$486,500.00 for many charities including the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Special Olympics, Local Hospitals, Children's Charities, and other local charitable agencies.

The International Police Hockey Tournament hosts 100 Police hockey teams from across Canada and the United States of America every year. The tournament holds divisions for all abilities including Elite, men's and women's competitive, recreational, and varying "old-timer's" divisions.

The event is 100% not for profit.

This year, for the second year in a row, the women are entering the competitive division. The Niagara Regional Police register one women's team each year. The men will enter their own teams individually.

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

Detective Constable Val Hall
 Detective Constable Jerri Anne Eymann
 Detective Constable Rebecca Gordon
 Detective Constable Amy Maclean
 Detective Constable Taylor Welsh
 Constable Kim Brown
 Constable Lauren Pim
 Constable Amanda Opdam
 Constable Diane Thompson
 Constable Carly White
 Constable Mackenzie Drost

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 is reflective of several Objectives and Performance Metrics outlined throughout Goal 2 of the Service's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan; namely, to strengthen relationships and continue to build trust with our community and enhance relationships with partner agencies.

Relevant Policy Considerations

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

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

Items	Amount
Registration and related expenses	\$1500.00
Total Amount Requested:	\$1,500.00

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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.

The request for \$1,500.00 will help to cover the registration fee and travel expenses for the team to participate in the tournament. If approved, the cheque can be made payable as below.

The amount of \$1,500.00 is what has been requested and approved in the past. The team members will still incur the remaining cost of travel and board/hotel rooms.

- 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 under the control of the Finance Unit

- I.** Submitted by: Detective Constable Jerri Anne Eymann
- J.** Immediate Supervisor Approval: Trish Rancourt, Detective Sergeant #9134
- K.** Program Manager Approval: Mike Tripp, Inspector #9132
- L.** Sponsored by *(Member of the Executive Leadership Team):* Dave Masotti Superintendent #9142
- M.** Date Submitted to Chief's Office: 2025-11-25
- N.** Chief's Approved X 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*):

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Peel Regional Police

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The event is 100% not for profit.

Since 2018, this men’s team has competed in the A or elite division of the tournament, with notable wins over Toronto Police and NYPD.

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

Detective Constable Cody Tapsell
 Detective Constable Michael Gallardi
 Detective Constable Ryan Cirillo
 Detective Constable Cam Blakely
 Detective Constable Chris Dickson
 Detective Constable Paul Bezzo
 Detective Constable Brad Jackson
 Detective Constable Matt MacLeod
 Constable Noah Blakely
 Constable Mitch Dumont
 Constable Rylan Bechtel
 Constable Steve Dol
 Constable Carl Grecco

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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Relevant Policy Considerations

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

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

Items	Amount
Tournament Registration	\$800.00
Hotel Accommodations	\$3,430.48
Fuel	\$300.00
Total Amount Requested:	\$1,500.00

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Finance Unit retaining the funds for Cody Tapsell and will reconcile the receipt for expenses up to and including the requested \$1500.00

I. Submitted by: Detective Constable Cody Tapsell #9575

J. Immediate Supervisor Approval: David Biggar #9128

K. Program Manager Approval: Chris Lemaich #9560

L. Sponsored by: A/Supt Chris Lemaich #9560

M. Date Submitted to Chief's Office: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

N. Chief's Approved X or Denied

O. Chief's Comments:

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FACS Niagara Annual Gala 2026

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

2026-05-08

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

FACS Niagara Foundation

D. Brief Description of the Event:

This Special Fund Request is to seek the Board's approval in authorizing a payment of \$2500 for the purchase of a corporate table at the Annual FACS Niagara Foundation Fundraising Gala. FACS Niagara has had a long-standing community partnership with the Niagara Regional Police Service, including representation on the Board of Directors. The event will be hosted at Ravine Vineyard Estates Winery in St. Davids on Friday, May 8, 2026, and is themed as "Dream at Ravine". The purchase of a Corporate Table Sponsorship includes a donation to support the many programs offered by FACS Niagara, as well as the NRPS logo displayed on the table, the gala program and screens located in the venue. These funds will contribute to a worthwhile charity supporting one of our community partners and ultimately aiding children in need of protection. In addition to supporting the event financially, it will allow the senior staff attending to represent the Niagara Regional Police Service and continue our strong relationship with FACS Niagara.

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

The members attending is to be determined. Senior staff including the Chief, Deputy Chiefs, Directors and Superintendents have represented the Niagara Regional Police Service in the past at this annual event.

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 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. The request also aligns with 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 special victim agencies.

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

Items	Amount
Corporate Table for 8	\$2500.00
Total Amount Requested:	\$2500.00

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 (\$2500.00) to be issued to Niagara Regional Police under the under the control of the Finance Unit

I. Submitted by: Inspector Nilan Davé, 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):* Chief Bill Fordy

M. Date Submitted to Chief’s Office: 2025-11-25

N. Chief’s ApprovedXor Denied

O. Chief’s Comments:

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Holiday Hero Campaign 2025

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

2025 -12 10 to -2025-12-22

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

Niagara Regional Police Service for Community Care

D. Brief Description of the Event:

The purpose of this request is to seek the Board's approval for a \$5,000.00 Special Fund donation to purchase gift cards for the 2025 Holiday Hero Campaign. The gift card funds will be provided to the families supported through Community Care. The Holiday Hero Campaign is underway with donations currently being made by members of the Service and our partners in the community.

For many years the Service hosted an annual fundraising Holiday Breakfast event celebrating the holiday season and new year. The funds collected from this event were then distributed to Community Care.

In 2020, with the Covid pandemic restricting gatherings like the Holiday Breakfast, the Service initiated a donation campaign that requested members and community partners donate funds for the purchase of gift cards for Community Care. This new method of collecting donations has continued since 2020 and realized an increase of funds collected that appealed to contributors.

Community Care has been meeting the needs of those facing challenges in our community for over 100 years. The fundamental principles on which the agency was founded have not changed over time, however, the community need has grown and to support the on-going aid required, there over 20 programs. Community Care compassionately provides vital services and assistance to individuals and families that meet their basic needs. The funds raised through the Holiday Hero Campaign will contribute financial assistance via Community Care to provide funds to support families in our area.

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

Not applicable. Service members and community members will be donating.

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 that allows the Niagara Regional Police Service to demonstrate its support and recognition of those in our community in a positive and meaningful way that strengthens our relationships. This aligns with Special Funds By-Law 403-2024 Guiding Principles 5.1 a) Community Relations through Involvement with Police-Related Organizations, specifically, "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". 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. This enhances our relationships with our community showing our support to Community Care that contributes to the well being of those in our community that need assistance.

Relevant Policy Considerations

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

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

Items	Amount
Donation for Gift Cards	\$5000.00
Total Amount Requested:	\$5000.00

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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 under the control of the Finance Unit

I. Submitted by: Inspector Nilan Davé #9260

J. Immediate Supervisor Approval: N/A

K. Program Manager Approval: N/A

L. Sponsored by *(Member of the Executive Leadership Team):* Chief Bill Fordy #9615

M. Date Submitted to Chief's Office: 2025-12-10

N. Chief's Approved Xor Denied

O. Chief's Comments:

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