

NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE Police Services Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Special Fund Donation for the Annual Niagara Golf Marathon

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board

Report Date: 2021-06-04

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Services Board approve a Special Fund donation of \$250.00 for the Annual Niagara Golf Marathon to assist with costs and expenses attributed to this fundraising event.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for a \$250.00 Special Fund donation for the Annual Niagara Golf Marathon.
- Monies raised from this event will go towards charities throughout Niagara.
- The event will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at the Royal Niagara Golf Club in Niagara-on-the-Lake.
- This donation will be used to sponsor a hole in support of the Niagara Golf Marathon fundraising initiative.

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 Police Services Act, and also with Board By-law 376-2018, Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines. Section 132(2) of the Police Services Act establishes that the Niagara Police Services 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." These funds do not form part of the police operating budget and are separate from the Regional tax base.
- \$250.00 Special Fund donation.
- If request is approved by the Board, the cheque can be made payable to "Niagara Golf Marathon".

Analysis

The Niagara Golf Marathon is a local movement that is bringing much needed attention to charities across Niagara. The golf marathon will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at the Royal Niagara Golf Club in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Participants will be golfing 100 holes this date.

Proceeds will be donated to the Niagara Health Foundation, Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold, Pathstone Mental Health, and Wellspring Niagara. To date, the Niagara Golf Marathon has raised over \$500,000 for charities across the Region.

The \$250.00 special fund donation, if authorized by the Board, would more specifically be utilized to sponsor a hole at the golf marathon in support of the Niagara Golf Marathon initiative.

Alternatives Reviewed

To not support this report.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

This is a community engagement event that allows the Niagara Regional Police Service to demonstrate its partnership and support of the Niagara Golf Marathon fundraising initiative. Funds raised will support various community organizations within the Niagara Region.

Relevant Policy Considerations

PSB Bylaw 376-2018 Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines.

Other Pertinent Reports

Not applicable.

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Appendices - N/A