



The Regional Municipality of York Police Service Board

Public Board Meeting
March 26, 2025
For Decision

Report of the Chief of Police

Donation of Confiscated Clothing

1. Recommendations

1. That the Board approve donations of confiscated clothing items to chosen charities within York Region.
2. That the Board approve donations of confiscated clothing items to the Human Trafficking Unit for dissemination to victims of Human Trafficking.
3. That the Board receive an annual report of these donations at the end of the calendar year.

2. Purpose

In accordance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, section 258 (2), "The Chief of Police of a police service maintained by a police service board may cause the property to be sold and the police service board may use the proceeds for any purpose that it considers in the public interest, including a charitable donation."

Throughout the year, the Property and Evidence Bureau will possess confiscated clothing items that can be auctioned. The Bureau would like the Police Service Board to consider allowing the donation of this clothing, as soon as items are eligible for donation, to various charities and groups within York Region. The Bureau will report back to the Board at the end of each calendar year detailing the donations, and charities who receive these donations.

Charities of choice would be registered Canadian charities, or shelters, located within York Region. Preference will be given to approved York Regional Police charities. The Property and Evidence Bureau would also ask that the Board consider allowing unit, such as Human

Trafficking, to have a supply of clothing on hand. The unit is often asked for clothing when encountering victims.

3. Background

Previously, the Board has approved donations of clothing to Victim Services of York Region and the York Region Centre for Community Safety. The Board has also approved donations of other items, such as bicycles to 360 Kids and Camp Adventureland, as well as musical instruments to York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board.

4. Analysis

In 2024, clothing items sent to auction netted \$1,744.60 in proceeds. The average auction bid received per item of clothing was \$19.17.

5. Financial Considerations

There would be no financial expense incurred by donating the clothing. However, the donation would result in a foregone revenue to the Board's Property Auctions account of an estimated \$1,744.60.

6. Local Impact

By adopting these recommendations, the Board is supporting charitable organizations within York Region, as well as victims of Human Trafficking.

7. Conclusion

Given our desire to support our communities, and to enhance our long-standing partnerships, it is recommended that the Board approve these donations of clothing items.

Alternative formats or communication supports are available upon request.

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Chief of Police