The Regional Municipality of York
Police Services Board

Public Board Meeting
April 14, 2021

Report of the Chief of Police

Proposal for Use of Public Relations Reserve Funds

1. Recommendation

That the Board approve a disbursement from the Public Relations Reserve Fund to the 2021 First Responders Day luncheon for $10,000.

2. Summary

This report requests the Board's approval for a proposed disbursement from the Public Relations Reserve Fund to the First Responders Day luncheon. This initiative was selected based on a review of the criteria outlined in the Board's Governance Public Relations Reserve Fund Policy.

3. Background

In the previous two years, the Board has approved $10,000 disbursements for the 2019 and 2020 First Responders Day Luncheons. There are two annual luncheons to celebrate and recognize staff contributions: First Responders Day in May and a holiday celebration in December.

Since 2014, the Police Appreciation Night has funded the December holiday celebration. External funding is beneficial to respect the taxpayer and to ensure transparency for spending on staff events.

The Board's Governance Public Relations Reserve Fund Policy outlines criteria for funding proposals including: to recognize the work of members of the Police Services Board and York Regional Police; and, to support co-operative initiatives between York Regional Police and the citizens of York Region that foster community harmony and safety by encouraging people to value and treat each other with respect.

It is therefore recommended that the Board approve a $10,000 disbursement from the Public Relations Reserve Fund to the First Responders Day luncheon in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Board's Governance Public Relations Reserve Fund Policy.

4. Analysis

Not applicable.

5. Financial

The Public Relations Reserve Fund balance as of December 31, 2020 was $166,694.

6. Conclusion

Not applicable.

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