The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

Public Board Meeting January 23, 2023

Report of the Executive Director

Public Relations Reserve Fund Requests for Funding

1. Recommendations

- 1. That the Board approve an expenditure of \$2,000 from the Board's Public Relations Fund in support of the Ontario Women in Law Enforcement.
- 2. That the Board approve an expenditure of \$2,800 from the Board's Public Relations Fund in support of Clarico Place of York Region.

2. Summary

Sections 132 (2) and 133 (3) of the Police Services Act give Police Services Boards the authority to use the proceeds from the sale of unclaimed personal property and money found and seized by the police service for any purpose that it considers in the public interest.

Pursuant to its statutory authority, the Police Services Board established the Public Relations Reserve Fund to be used in accordance with the Board policy. The Board policy outlines how these funds are to be used.

Any unused monies in the fund will be carried forward in the Police Services Board Operating Budget to the next fiscal year.

The closing balance of the reserve fund on November 30, 2022 was \$213,193.

3. Background

The Board receives requests from community groups and organizations in need of financial support. The Executive Director reviews each request to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria and funding guidelines as set out in the policy.

Monies from the funds are used to support and encourage policing and justice initiatives, promote positive community partnerships and enrich the quality of life in York Region.

4. Funding Proposal

ONTARIO WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT (OWLE)

The Ontario Women in Law Enforcement Annual Awards Gala will take place May 5, 2023 at the Mississauga Grand Banquet Centre. This event recognizes the significant contributions of women in law enforcement across Ontario.

A direct donation for \$2,000 is recommended to support Ontario Women in Law Enforcement consistent with previous donations to OWLE.

CLARICO PLACE

Clarico Place of York Region supports the integration of youths and adults with developmental disabilities into the community through valuable life skills, recreational programming and educational activities.

A direct donation for \$2,800 is recommended to support Clarico Place of York Region consistent with previous donations to Clarico Place.

5. Financial

The financial implications of this report are associated with the funding request.

6. Conclusion

The Board has made significant investments from its Public Relations Fund in recent years in accordance with its Public Relations Reserve Fund policy. The funds help support community safety initiatives and help build partnerships with policing and community stakeholders.

Approved for Submission:

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