

The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

Public Board Meeting
February 22, 2023

Report of the Executive Director

Public Relations Reserve Fund Request for Funding

1. Recommendation

1. That the Board approve an expenditure of \$3,000 from the Board's Public Relations Fund in support of the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards.

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 December 31, 2022 was \$222,195.

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 ASSOCIATION OF POLICE SERVICES BOARD (OAPSB)

The 2023 OAPSB Annual Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting is taking place from May 30 to June 1, 2023 in Niagara Falls, ON. Member sponsorship assists with activities related to running the conference and to support the OAPSB.

The Board provided sponsorship in the amount of \$3,000 for the virtual Spring Conference in 2022, and a \$3,000 gold sponsorship is recommended for the 2023 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting, which provides Board recognition on the OAPSB website, logo recognition on the digital presentation at the conference as well as other features.

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: Mafalda Avellino
Executive Director

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Attachments (1)