

The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

Public Board Meeting
October 5, 2022

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 St. John Ambulance.
2. That the Board approve an expenditure of \$2,000 from the Board's Public Relations Fund in support of Women's Centre 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 August 31, 2022 was \$179,703.

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

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

St. John Ambulance will be holding its annual Black and White Charity Gala on November 12, 2022 at the Angus Glen Golf Club in Markham. St. John Ambulance York Region serves the nine municipalities of the Region whose primary mission it to provide Canadians with high quality first aid training courses to the public and businesses. They rely on donations and fundraising to continue providing these volunteer services.

A \$2,000 donation is recommended to support St. John Ambulance which is consistent with the last donation to this charity.

WOMEN'S CENTRE OF YORK REGION

The Women's Centre of York Region is celebrating 45 years and will be hosting an event celebrating their successes and milestones during this time. The event will take place on October 27, 2022 at the New Roads Performing Arts Centre in Newmarket. The Women's Centre of York Region is a non-profit organization serving women in York Region who have experienced violence and have limited income or are disadvantaged in other ways.

A \$2,000 donation is recommended to support Women's Centre of York Region which is consistent with the last donation to this charity.

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.

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