

The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

Public Board Meeting
April 26, 2023

Report of the Executive Director

Public Relations Reserve Fund Request for Funding

1. Recommendation

That the Board approve an expenditure of \$2,500 from the Board's Public Relations Fund to support the services of Crime Stoppers 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 Public Relations Reserve fund balance as of March 27, 2023 is \$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

CRIME STOPPERS OF YORK REGION

Crime Stoppers of York Region is holding its Annual Wayne Snooks Classic Golf Tournament on August 8, 2023, in Markham, ON. Crime Stoppers is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to assist in solving crime and to keep communities safe.

It is recommended that the Board provide a donation of \$2,500 to Crime Stoppers of York Region that will go directly to the Crime Stoppers organization to support their services to assist the police in solving crime and to keeping communities safe.

At this time, the Board is no longer providing donations to support gala events or golf tournaments but rather is considering requests that support the programs and services directly, as noted above.

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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Attachment: Crime Stoppers request for sponsorship