

The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

Public Board Meeting
March 20, 2023

Report of the Executive Director

Public Relations Reserve Fund Annual Report

1. Recommendation

That the Board receive this report in accordance with its Public Relations Reserve Fund Policy No. 08/08.

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.

Section 8 of the Board's policy, which governs fund administration, requires that the Executive Director monitor expenditures and report semi-annually all activity in the Public Relations Reserve Fund, including revenue, disbursements and balance.

The Board's Public Relations Fund policy is currently under review, and draft amended policy will be presented to the Board in the spring of 2023.

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. Status of Public Relations Fund

The Board's 2022 budget included a total of \$50,000 for public relations. The Board's Public Relations Reserve Fund on January 1, 2022 was **\$187,884** and the fund balance as of December 31, 2022 was **\$222,195**.

DISBURSEMENTS

From January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, the Board approved the following disbursements from its Public Relations Reserve Fund:

ORGANIZATIONS	2022
Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG)	\$5,000
Crime Stoppers of York Region	\$1,500
Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB)	\$3,000
Ontario Women in Law Enforcement	\$2,000
St. John Ambulance	\$2,000
Women's Centre of York Region	\$2,000
Yellow Brick House	\$10,000
York Regional Police Megan's Walk (In Memory of PC Meghan Crook in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters)	\$5,000
York Regional Police First Responders Day	\$5,456
York Regional Police Golf Tournament	\$10,000
York Regional Police Pride We Belong Breakfast	\$5,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$50,956

REVENUES

From January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, deposits credited to the Public Relations Reserve Fund include:

Revenues	2022
Monies Forfeited to the Board	\$53,870
Property Auction (net of Auction fees)	\$26,684
Interest	\$4,713
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$85,267

Net Change	2022
Total Revenue	\$85,267
Total Disbursements	\$50,956
Net Change (Revenue less Disbursement)	\$34,311

5. Financial

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

6. Conclusion

This report is submitted in compliance with Section 8 of the Board's Public Relations Reserve Fund Policy and indicates a fund balance on December 31, 2022 of **\$222,195**.

Approved for Submission: Mafalda Avellino
Executive Director

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Attachment: Summary of Public Relations Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2022