



## The Regional Municipality of York Police Service Board

Public Board Meeting  
October 30, 2024  
For Decision

Report of the Chief of Police

### **Donation of Confiscated Clothing Items**

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#### **1. Recommendation**

That the Board approve a one-time donation of 300 confiscated clothing items to chosen charities within York Region.

#### **2. Purpose**

In accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, section 258(2), the Chief of Police of a police service maintained by a police service board may cause the property to be sold and the police service board may use the proceeds for any purpose that it considers in the public interest, including a charitable donation. Given the type of clothing available for donation, the organizations listed below were chosen for their work with specific recipients who could benefit the most from the donations.

- Victim Services of York Region (Registered Canadian Charity #871074068RR0001), a non-profit, charitable agency that works in partnership with York Regional Police to provide 24-hour emotional support and practical assistance to persons victimized by crime or tragic circumstance. This clothing donation would be distributed specifically to victims of human trafficking
- York Region Centre for Community Safety (Registered Canadian Charity #754643070RR0001), whose vision is to create a safer community for individuals affected by violence and abuse
- York Regional Police Human Trafficking Unit, who are often asked for clothing by victims. Having a supply of items, on hand, would greatly assist

### 3. Background

Following a large theft investigation, York Regional Police sought and executed a search warrant at a residence. Located inside the residence was an extremely large amount of stolen property. Charges were laid, and the court case is now complete. While contacting the owners of the property to arrange return, one retailer declined the return, as is their policy and have authorized York Regional Police in writing to donate the clothing to a charity of our choice. The estimated retail value of the clothing items is \$49,000.

Previously, the Board has approved donations of items, such as bicycles to 360 Kids and Camp Adventureland, as well as musical instruments to York Region and York Region Catholic School Boards.

### 4. Analysis

To date, in 2024, 12 items of clothing were sent to auction, netting \$240.97 in proceeds. The average auction bid received per item of clothing was \$20.81.

### 5. Financial Considerations

There would be no financial expense incurred by donating the clothing. However, the donation would result in a foregone revenue to the Board's Property Auctions account of an estimated \$6,024.

### 6. Local Impact

By adopting this recommendation, the Board is supporting victims of human trafficking, violence, and abuse.

### 7. Conclusion

Given the need to support our communities, and to enhance our long-standing partnerships, it is recommended that the Board approve the donation of clothing items to Victim Services, York Region Centre for Community Safety, and our Human Trafficking Unit.

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Alternative formats or communication supports are available upon request.

Approved for Submission:      Jim MacSween, M.O.M., B.A.A.  
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