



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

POLICE SERVICE BOARD

PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, September 25, 2025
Niagara Regional Police Service - Headquarters
Community Room 1st Floor, 5700 Valley Way, Niagara Falls

PSB MEMBERS:

P. Chiocchio, Chair
N. Kapisavanhu, Vice Chair
K. Gibson, Board Member
L. Ip, Board Member
J. Lawson, Board Member
T. McKendrick, Board Member
B. Steele, Board Member

W. McKaig, Board Solicitor
D. Reid, Executive Director

NRPS MEMBERS:

Chief B. Fordy
Deputy Chief L. Greco, Support Services
Deputy Chief M. Lagrotteria, Community Services
A/Deputy Chief D. Forbes, Operational Services
C. Gauley, General Counsel
A. Askoul, Director of Information Technology
L. Blood, Director of Human Resources
L. Rullo, Director of Finance and Asset Management
Superintendent P. Koscinski, Executive Services
Superintendent J. Nesbit, Operational Services
Superintendent S. Parrent, Community Services
Superintendent S. Staniforth, Operational Support
A/Superintendent M. Hodges, Emergency Services
A/Superintendent M. Tripp, Investigative Services
Inspector N. Dave, Executive Officer to Chief of Police
Inspector L. Hughes, Professional Standards
D/Sergeant R. Aceti, Executive Officer to D/C Support Services
Constable M. Malachowski, 2 District CORE
Constable K. McLaren, 2 District CORE
H. Perez, Corporate Analyst
M. Asher, Manager, Office of Chief of Police
R. Audeh, Corporate Strategy and Innovation Manager
S. Sabourin, Corporate Communications Manager

OTHERS:

D. Tilley, Policing Service Advisor, Police Services Liaison Unit, Inspectorate of Policing
Chief Superintendent Dana Earley, Ontario Provincial Police
B. Fucile, Corporate Performance Specialist, Niagara Region
M. Henry, Data Analyst / Community Safety and Well Being, Niagara Region
S. Madder, Associate Director, Niagara Region
J. Thompson, Program Manager, Community Safety and Well Being, Niagara Region

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Niagara Police Service Board commenced at 9:30 am.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Board began its meeting by acknowledging that the Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hattiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Service Board stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, July 24, 2025

Moved by: K. Gibson

Seconded by: L. Ip

That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, July 24, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. REPORTS FROM BOARD CHAIR

Welcome To Ministry Policing Services Advisor – Chair Chiocchio welcomed Dave Tilley to the meeting. Dave is with the Inspectorate of Policing at the Ministry of the Solicitor General and he serves as a Policing Services Advisor to Zone 4 Police Boards in Ontario. He regularly attends our meetings as part of the routine visits by Policing Services Advisors to Police Boards across the Province. The Board is pleased to see his continued attendance at our monthly meetings.

Welland Mayor's Charity Event - On September 5, the Board and Service participated in a charity event hosted by the Mayor of Welland. The Board was proud to sponsor the event, with proceeds benefiting Niagara Nutrition Partners, Education Foundation of Niagara, and Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Chair Chiocchio, Chief Fordy, Deputy Chief Lagrotteria, Superintendent Parrent were in attendance.

CAPG Webinar Sessions - The Canadian Association of Police Governance hosts monthly webinars as part of their educational strategy to keep Police Boards and Police Executives across Canada apprised of issues currently affecting the policing community. A webinar was held on September 16 for discussions on the relationship between a governance board and police leadership. The next webinar is being held today at 12:00 pm for discussions on the ISN's and police diversity associations for recruitment, retention and community outreach. Recorded copies of all webinars are sent to Board Members for their viewing.

IAWP Annual Training Conference - The International Association of Women Police hosted its Annual Training Conference from September 8 - 12 in Glasgow, Scotland. Vice Chair Kapisavanhu and Director Reid joined members of this Service and those from more than 40 countries and affiliate organizations at the conference to participate in information and training sessions that related to policing issues and challenges nationwide.

Ontario Association of Police Service Boards – Training Sessions and Discussion Groups

- Recently, the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards announced that it will be expanding its online training and discussion groups on topics specific to police board governance. The first training session was held on September 8 titled “Critical Thinking in Police Governance” for insight into personal and professional critical thinking skills for police governance issues. An encore session will be held on October 6. Board Members are encouraged to attend these sessions.

OACP/OAPSB Zone 4 Meeting - On September 10, the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards held their Zone 4 Quarterly Meeting in Woodstock. Zone 4 consists of a total of 14 Police Service Boards, including municipal and OPP Contract Boards or First Nations police governance bodies that are located within the regions or counties of Brant, Haldimand, Halton, Hamilton, Niagara, Norfolk and Oxford. These quarterly engagements allow Boards within a certain geographic area to meet for the purpose of discussing matters related to police governance. Member Lawson attended the meeting on behalf of the Board.

NRPS EDI Unit - Indigenous Reflections Learning Event - On September 22, the Service's Equity Diversity & Inclusion Unit hosted an Indigenous Reflections Learning Event in the Community Room at Police Headquarters. The session explored Indigenous cultural teachings, the journey toward Truth and Reconciliation and stories that honour Indigenous perspectives. Chair Chiocchio, Member McKendrick and Executive Assistant Cichocki were in attendance.

Victims And Survivors' Symposium - Peel Regional Police - On September 23, the Peel Police Service Board and Peel Regional Police Service held its inaugural Victims and Survivors Symposium. The event brought together victims, survivors, justice sector leaders, and community advocates to discuss the impacts of violent offenders and systemic issues within Canada's bail system to seek and generate momentum for meaningful reform and stronger public safety outcomes. Chair Chiocchio, Vice Chair Kapisavanhu and Director Reid were in attendance.

Canadian Police and Peace Officers Memorial Service - On September 28, members of the Board and Service will be attending the Canadian Police and Peace Officers Memorial Service at Parliament Hill in Ottawa. This important event is held annually to unite police, and the families and friends of officers, for the opportunity to pay tribute to our Canadian police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Building Bridges - Evidence Based Policing Conference - On October 9 and 10, the Canadian Society of Evidence Based Policing will be presenting the “Building Bridges Evidence-Based Policing Conference” at the Blue Mountain Conference Centre. The event is being co-hosted and supported by the Canadian Association of Police Governance, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards, the Global Society of Evidence Based Policing, and police services from Barrie; Durham; London; Waterloo and West Vancouver. This year's conference will bring together over 250 attendees to explore topics relating to Crime Prevention, Technology Use Practices and Policies, Occupational Wellness, Quality Care for People Experiencing Crises, Enhanced Diversity in Policing, Pathways to Police Reform and various other topics that are relevant to the policing community. Chair Chiocchio, Vice Chair Kapisavanhu, Members McKendrick and Lawson and Director Reid will be attending the conference. Deputy Chief Lagrotteria and NRPS staff will also be attending on behalf of the Service.

CAPG Executive Director/Chair/ Quarterly Meeting - On October 21, Chair Chiocchio and Director Reid will be attending a Canadian Association of Police Governance Executive Director and Chairs Quarterly Meeting. These quarterly meetings are held virtually and are designed to facilitate discussions about common issues related to police service boards, commissions, advisory boards and to share ideas about best practice approaches.

CAPG - Paul Brandt Keynote "Not In My City" - Member Lawson spoke about the keynote address from Paul Brandt, at the CAPG Conference in Victoria. She encouraged all members and the public to take a free e-learning course online by visiting the Not In My City website at <https://notinmycity.ca/learn/> to learn about the signs of human trafficking and how to report it.

Upcoming Police Service Board Meetings - A Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, to review and consider the Niagara Regional Police Service 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets. The next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2025. Both meetings are being held in the Community Room at Police Headquarters and will begin at 9:30 am.

6. REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Community Safety:

Traffic Initiatives - The Service continues to see an increase in fatal motor vehicle collisions on Niagara's roadways with an unprecedented 33 so far this year. The Traffic Reconstruction Unit continues to work diligently investigating these life changing tragedies. NRPS officers continue to promote and enforce road safety including speed reduction measures, seatbelt checks and RIDE checks.

August 7, 2025 – The Service saw the arrest of an individual for sexual offences against 20 young people, ages 8 to 17, with over 100 charges laid. This followed an extensive investigation led by the Sexual Assault Unit with assistance from the Child Abuse Unit (CAU), Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit, Homicide Unit, Centralized Fraud Unit and Uniform officers. This is just one of many examples of the cohesion, coordination and dedication of members supporting vulnerable individuals and advancing prosecutions to the courts.

August 5, 2025 – Chief Fordy had opportunity to do a "Ride-along" in 1 District, getting a first-hand look at what NRPS frontline officers do each and every day to keep Niagara's communities safe. Chief Fordy was reminded of what an incredible job officers do in often difficult circumstances.

August 10 – 13, 2025 – Chief Fordy and Deputy Chief Lagrotteria attended the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Conference and dialogued and conferred with colleagues from across the nation on policing issues affecting all.

September 2, 2025 – The Service held its annual Back-to-School Traffic Safety and Awareness Day with officers of all ranks conducting traffic safety throughout the region. Police were visible throughout communities reminding drivers that young people are in school again and to always be cautious and careful while driving on roadways.

September 4, 2025 - Service executives attended Regional Council to provide an overview of the pressures and service delivery model. Police staff provided insights and information relevant to the upcoming budget process.

September 5, 2025 - Senior staff and Chair Chiochio attended Mayor Campion's Annual Charity Event in Welland to support the Education Foundation of Niagara.

September 5 & 6, 2025 - The inaugural Misty City Music Festival took place at the Fallsview Event Grounds at the Niagara Falls Convention Centre. Front-line officers managed the event with approximately 15,000 attendees.

September 8 – 12, 2025 - Members of the Service attended the International Association of Women in Policing Training Conference. The conference offered opportunities for enhancing knowledge, skills and leadership.

September 16 – 20, 2025 - The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo took place at the Niagara West Agricultural Society grounds in the Grimsby area with over 70,000 people in attendance. Members from 8 District took the lead in ensuring a safe event.

Grape and Wine Festival - This annual festival is underway with the event culminating this weekend around Montebello Park in St Catharines. As in years past, the Service has worked with the organizers to ensure the event is enjoyed by all.

Community Engagement:

July 29, 2025 – Members of the Service's Executive Team attended a Recruit Graduation to welcome 14 new recruits and 2 currently serving officers.

August 3, 2025 - EDI Unit and CORE members attended the Niagara Fiesta Extravaganza at Fireman's Park in Niagara Falls to celebrate Filipino culture and heritage.

August 6, 2025 - Members of the EDI Unit and Indigenous Liaison Officer Frank Elia attended the EJ Freeland Summer Camp in Fort Erie to present to 5 different age groups on topics including cyber safety, bullying, and drug and alcohol use.

August 7, 2025 – Members of the EDI Unit attended the Niagara Falls Library to meet with newcomers and discuss tenant rights and responsibilities, hate crimes, frauds, and scams.

August 21, 2025 – The Service held a Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) graduation for 7 graduates at police headquarters. This program sees youth engaging and working with our officers, learning many facets of the profession and working with various community organizations. Among their involvement in numerous activities, this group of exemplary young people helped in raising \$1,200 for the YMCA, assisted with the Service's "Lock It or Lose It" campaign in parking lots across the region and helped with presentations at camps and daycares.

August 23, 2025 - Members of the EDI Unit, alongside Sergeant Derek Watson of the Recruiting Unit and 1 District CORE officers, attended Brock University for the Future Black Female Youth Summer Games. Chief Fordy acknowledged the Board for their donation to support this event through the use of the Special Funds.

August 26, 2025 – Service members attended a basketball game between the NRPS members and Youth Resource Niagara. The event was organized by Constable Sarah Flowers with Inspectors Dave Gomez and Chris Sirie and Staff Sergeant Bleich in attendance to show support. The Service acknowledges and thanks the Board for their approval of a Special Fund request that helped purchase gym equipment for the organization.

August 28, 2025 – Members of the EDI Unit were in attendance at Bridges Niagara for a "Back to School Health and Safety Workshop". Members engaged with school-aged youth and also provided a police cruiser demonstration.

September 4, 2025 – Members of the EDI Unit attended Niagara College campuses in Niagara on the Lake and Welland for their student orientation fairs, which included many international students. Police met with new students to discuss the services offered by the EDI Unit and the NRPS in general. They also handed out materials on hate crimes, auto theft and the "Garage 529" bike theft prevention program.

September 9, 2025 – Service members were in attendance with Mayor Diodati for the opening of the 2025 North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries ("NASPL") Conference. Hundreds of delegates attended the Niagara Falls Convention Center and the NRPS Honour Guard and Piper represented the Service during the opening ceremonies.

September 12, 2025 - Members from the EDI and Traffic Units presented at the Peace Mosque in Niagara Falls. Information was provided on traffic safety and a discussion was held regarding traffic offences, processes and general policing.

September 15, 2025 - The EDI Unit was at the St. Catharines Public Library and presented to 30 newcomers to Canada. Information in an interactive setting was provided on how to recognize a hate crime, avoid being victims of fraud, and on tenant rights and traffic safety.

September 16, 2025 - The Service continued its long-standing partnership with Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run hosting "Badges on the Border". Members, including Sergeant Aaron Gross, the NDC (Niagara Detention Center), Niagara Parks Police and CBSA were on hand. The event was led by the NRP Honour Guard and Piper as participants walked to the international line on the Rainbow Bridge to meet up with US counterparts from Law Enforcement and Special Olympics. Athletes from each side lit the cauldron to celebrate the Flame of Hope in support of inclusion for all.

September 18, 2025 - The NRPS Tug of War team competed in the United Way Campaign Kickoff Fire Truck Pull.

September 18, 2025 - Service members attended the March Past at Ontario Police College, including 5 new recruits who began their post OPC training.

September 22, 2025 - The Service hosted an Indigenous Reflections event in the Community Room at police headquarters. The event was led by The Service's Community Inclusion Council member Willow Shawnoo with Jason Shawna from the Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board. The Service will be participating in many events in the coming week, including a flag raising at police headquarters and attendance at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Center on September 30.

September 28, 2025 - Members of the Service will be travelling to Ottawa for the Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service on Parliament Hill. Approximately 100 members of the Service will be in attendance to honour the fallen officers and their families, including Chief Fordy, Deputies Greco, Lagrotteria and Waselovich and Board Members.

Member Wellness:

September 24, 2025 - Sincere thanks are extended to the Benevolent Fund Members for holding a barbecue fundraiser. The Benevolent Fund provides aid to members and their families who are facing life-threatening illnesses. The Benevolent Fund is run by members of the Service and is committed to "Members Helping Members".

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Helicopter Program - Ontario Provincial Police/Niagara Regional Police Service

Presentation from Chief Superintendent Dana Earley, Ontario Provincial Police, about the joint air support helicopter program that will be funded by the Provincial Government to support border patrol, security, and other law enforcement activities.

Moved by: N. Kapisavanhu

Seconded by: J. Lawson

That the presentation be received.

Carried

7.2 2026-2029 Strategic Plan - Niagara Regional Police Service

Service report dated August 29, 2025 providing the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan for the Niagara Regional Police Service, developed to meet the legislative requirements set out in the Section 39 of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) and Police Service Board By-law 535-2025. *(A copy of the slide deck presentation is included with the report.)*

Moved by: T. McKendrick

Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Board receive the presentation;

And further, that the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan be directed back to the Service for inclusion of an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) component and that the Plan be reported back to the Board for approval.

Carried

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Inspectorate of Policing - Inspector General Memo No. 6 - 2024 Annual Report

Inspector General of Policing Memorandum dated July 15, 2025 from Ryan Teschner, Inspector General of Policing of Ontario, providing his 2024 Annual Report, "On the Road to Excellence: A year of Progress and Purpose", as mandated by the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA) to provide a comprehensive picture of the state of policing in Ontario.

8.2 RMON - Motion Respecting “Elect Respect” Campaign

Letter dated August 1, 2025 from Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, advising of a motion passed by Regional Council at their meeting held July 24, 2025, regarding the Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.) group's "Elect Respect" Campaign.

8.3 City of Niagara Falls - Resolution Respecting “Elect Respect” Campaign

Joint letter dated August 26, 2025 from City Clerk William G. Matson and Mayor James Diodati, City of Niagara Falls, advising of a resolution passed by Council of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls at its meeting held August 26, 2025, regarding the Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.) group's "Elect Respect" Campaign.

8.4 Safer Public Spaces Approach to Community Safety and Open-Air Illicit Drug Use

Service report dated September 2, 2025 advising of the Service's renewed approach toward situations involving the open use of illicit drugs in Niagara communities, being undertaken in alignment with adequate and effective policing required under Section 10 of the *Community Safety and Policing Act* and O. Reg. 392/23 and to reflect and reinforce the key priorities outlined in the 2022-2025 NRPS Strategic Plan.

8.5 Quarterly Report - Financial Variance Overview - Period Ending June 30, 2025

Service report dated August 21, 2025 submitted in accordance with the quarterly reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 412-2024.

8.6 Quarterly Report - Special Fund Activity - April 1 to June 30, 2025

Service report dated August 26, 2025 submitted in accordance with the quarterly reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 403-2024.

8.7 Quarterly Report - Overtime Activities Incurred by the NRPS - April 1 to June 30, 2025

Service report dated August 20, 2025 providing the Board with a five-year uniform and civilian quarterly and year-to-date overtime trend analysis.

8.8 Quarterly Report - Niagara Parks Police Service Special Constables - April 1 to June 30, 2025

Letter dated July 22, 2025 from Chief Paul Forcier, Niagara Parks Police Service, providing a quarterly report about complaints, use of force, discipline and arrests associated to officers designated as Special Constables of the Niagara Parks Police Service.

8.9 Annual Report - Adequate and Effective Policing - May 23 to December 31, 2024

Service report dated August 11, 2025 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 508-2024.

8.10 Annual Report - Crime Analysis - January 1 to December 31, 2024

Service report dated September 5, 2025 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 439-2024.

8.11 Annual Report - Niagara Parks Police Service - January 1 to December 31, 2024

Niagara Parks Police Service 2024 Annual Report submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in the Agreement between the Board and the Niagara Parks Commission.

Moved by: L. Ip

Seconded by: N. Kapisavanhu

That the information be received.

Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Access to Closed-Circuit Television Cameras Agreement

Service report dated August 27, 2025 requesting the Board approve entering into an agreement with the City of Welland to enable the NRPS Real Time Operations Centre (RTOC) limited remote access to live feed from Welland's Closed-Circuit Television ("CCTV") cameras that are currently situated throughout the City.

Moved by: J. Lawson
Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That the Board approve the attached Access to Closed-Circuit Television Cameras Agreement between the Niagara Regional Police Service and the Corporation of the City of Welland.

Carried

9.2 Firing Range Use by Partner Services - Memorandum of Understanding

Service report dated August 19, 2025 requesting the Board approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize use of the NRPS firing range and tactical range at the Service's training facility by members of the Waterloo Regional Police Service.

Moved by: B. Steele
Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Board approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) and the Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) respecting the use of the NRPS Training Unit firing and tactical ranges by members of the WRPS.

Carried

9.3 Creation of Memorial and Sculpture - "Because of the Line of Duty"

Service report dated August 29, 2025 requesting the Board support the Service's options and recommendations to move forward on the initiative regarding the creation of a Memorial in recognition of members of the Service who have died "Because of the Line of Duty", which will include a memorial plaque, virtual touchscreen and an outdoor sculpture at the NRPS Headquarters facility.

Moved by: L. Ip
Seconded by: J. Lawson

That the report be referred back to the Chief for inclusion of total costs associated with the creation of a memorial and sculpture for fallen Niagara Regional Police Service members for Board approval.

Carried

9.4 Police Service Board – 2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule

Correspondence dated August 29, 2025 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Service Board, providing the 2026 proposed meeting schedule for the Board's regularly scheduled monthly Board and Committee meetings.

Moved by: N. Kapisavanhu
Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That the Board approve the Niagara Police Service Board 2026 Schedule of Regular Board and Committee Meetings as presented.

Carried

9.5 Police Service Board By-law - Policing Complaints Received from the Inspector General

Correspondence dated August 29, 2025 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Service Board, providing a draft by-law regarding Policing Complaints Received by the Inspector General as required for compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA), and its Regulations.

Moved by: B. Steele

Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Board adopt the draft by-law as appended to this report,

And further, that the Board Chair and Executive Director be authorized to make any supplementary administrative amendments to the by-law, that may be required following any additional clarification of the CSPA and its Regulations that may be received by the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

Carried

9.6 Police Service Board By-law Revisions - Imposition of Charges for Police Services

Service report dated September 12, 2025 providing the Board's Imposition of Charges for Police Services By-law with a draft "Schedule A" that has been updated by the Service to include two new user fee record check charges as required for compliance with the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017* (CYFSA); the *Intercountry Adoption Act, 1998* (IAA) and O. Reg. 347/18 of the *Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015* (PRCRA), and including a request regarding the annual inflationary index.

Moved by: L. Ip

Seconded by: N. Kapisavanhu

That the Board approve the revised "Schedule A" of its Imposition of Charges for Police Services By-law as appended to the report;

And further, that an annual inflationary index be applied to maintain alignment with the cost of labour and supplies.

Carried

9.7 Special Fund Request - Youth Resources Niagara

Service report dated August 22, 2025 requesting the Board approve the Special Fund request listed below. *(The item was pre-approved by the Board via e-poll on August 23, 2025 and is before the Board for ratification).*

1. Youth Resources Niagara vs Niagara Regional Police Service Basketball Game and BBQ - \$1,000.

Moved by: J. Lawson

Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That the Board authorize the Special Fund donation as outlined in the report and approve payment in the requested amount.

Carried

9.8 Special Fund Requests - August 2025

Service report dated August 7, 2025 requesting the Board approve the Special Fund requests listed below. *(The item was pre-approved by the Board via e-poll on August 9, 2025 and is before the Board for ratification. The donation to Canada Beyond the Blue has since been rescinded as the Service was unable to attend the "Champions of Change Gala".)*

1. Crime Stoppers of Niagara Golf Tournament - \$1,200;
2. Beyond the Blue Gala - \$1,500;
3. Pow Wow and Lacrosse Tournament -\$3,000;
4. Welland Mayor's Charity Event - \$1,400; and
5. GNCC Niagara Economic Summit - \$1,424.

Moved by: B. Steele

Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Board authorize the Special Fund donations as outlined in the report and approve payment in the requested amounts.

Carried

9.9 Special Fund Requests - September 2025

Service report dated September 18, 2025 requesting the Board approve the Special Fund requests listed below:

1. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara Golf for Kids Sake - \$1,450; and
2. Heartland Forest Nature Experience Pumpkin Fest \$1,000.

Moved by: N. Kapisavanhu

Seconded by: L. Ip

That the Board authorize the Special Fund donations as outlined in the report and approve payment in the requested amounts.

Carried

10. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

10.1 PSB Delegation Request

Board Solicitor W. McKaig advised the Board that there was a person in the audience who has indicated they wish to address the Board. This is the same person who made a prior request which the Board deferred until the conclusion of a litigation involving this person and a Service member. Mr. McKaig informed the Board that his advice remains the same as it was when he was consulted on their original request, namely that the presentation should be deferred until the conclusion of the litigation. He does not know what this person intends to say, but from their original request, it appears there is overlap between the issues in the litigation and their presentation. In addition, the Board's Procedural By-law specifies the rules required for delegation status. Mr. McKaig recommended the Board not hear from this person at this time until the litigation matters are concluded.

Chair Chiochio stated that the original request to present was deferred by the Board. This decision was made in consultation with legal counsel and stands until the Human Rights Tribunal matter is fully concluded. He advised that the Board will not be hearing a delegation from the person at this time.

11. IN CAMERA REPORTS

11.1 Police Service Board – Operating Budget for 2026

On July 24, 2025, the Board approved a proposed 2026 budget request for the operation of the Police Service Board in the total amount of \$1,040,501, which is a 1.79% increase over the 2025 approved budget to ensure the Board's continuation of its statutory police governance and oversight responsibilities.

The Board directed that future Police Service Board annual operating budget submissions include prior year-end actual to budget comparison.

Moved by: J. Lawson
Seconded by: B. Steele

That, in accordance with Board direction, the report be amended for public disclosure and reported back on the public agenda.

Carried

12. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

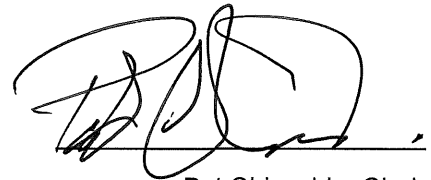
Moved by: K. Gibson
Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That the Board move into Closed Session for consideration of confidential matters pursuant to Section 44 of the Community Safety and Policing Act, namely for subject-matter related to potential litigation, human resources matters, information supplied in confidence by the Ministry of the Solicitor General legal matters that are subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Meeting adjourned at 11:43 am.


Pat Chiocchio, Chair
Deb Reid, Executive Director