



## REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

### POLICE SERVICE BOARD

### FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, October 16, 2025

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

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#### PSB MEMBERS:

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

D. Reid, Executive Director

#### NRPS MEMBERS:

Chief B. Fordy  
Deputy Chief L. Greco, Support Services  
Deputy Chief M. Lagrotteria, Community Services  
Deputy Chief T. Waselovich, 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 D. Forbes, Emergency Service  
Superintendent P. Koscinski, Executive Services  
Superintendent D. Masotti, Emergency Investigative Services  
Superintendent S. Parrent, Community Services  
A/Superintendent C. Sirie, Operational Support  
D/Sergeant N. Abbott, Executive Officer to D/C Operational Services  
D/Sergeant R. Aceti, Executive Officer to D/C Support Services  
H. Perez, Corporate Analyst  
M. Asher, Manager, Office of the Chief of Police  
R. Audeh, Corporate Strategy and Innovation Manager  
S. Sabourin, Corporate Communications Manager  
C. Woods, Finance Manager  
C. Custers, Financial Analyst  
A. Ware, Financial Analyst

#### OTHERS:

D. Tilley, Policing Service Advisor, Police Services Liaison Unit, Inspectorate of Policing

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Finance Committee 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 Services 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. PRESENTATIONS**

The 2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget Workshop presentation was included and discussed under New Business Items 5.1 and 5.3.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 2026 Proposed Operating Budget**

Service report dated October 6, 2025 presenting the Service's recommendations for the 2026 Operating Budget, which includes a base budget increase of 8.6% (8.1% inflationary adjustment and 0.5% for the capital financing strategy). The report provides two options for the Board's consideration regarding proposed program changes, resulting in a final budget of either \$241,361,974 (13.6% increase) or \$239,561,511 (12.8% increase).

Moved by: P. Chiocchio

Seconded by: J. Lawson

**That the Board receive the report and refer the proposed 2026 operating budget for the Niagara Regional Police Service and Board, as presented in Option 2, back to the Chief of Police for further consideration of budget reductions as directed by the Board;**

**And further, that the revised operating budget be submitted to the Board for consideration at its meeting on October 23, 2025.**

**Carried**

**5.2 Capital Project Close Out Report for the Year 2025**

Service report dated October 1, 2025 requesting Board approval to close completed capital projects and return the balance of the funds to their original source to facilitate the development of future funding strategies.

Moved by: J. Lawson

Seconded by: T. McKendrick

**That the Board approve the closure of the identified completed capital projects and the transfer of funds to the Police Capital Levy Reserve in the amount of \$56,114.89.**

**Carried**

**5.3 Capital Budget and 9-Year Capital Forecast - Budget Year 2026**

Service report dated October 7, 2025 providing the 2026 Police Service Capital Budget and 9-Year Capital Forecast, which includes two options for the Board to consider when determining the final capital budget amount.

Moved by: B. Steele

Seconded by: P. Chiocchio

**That, subject to approval by Regional Council of the consolidated Capital Budget, the Board receives the 2026 Capital Budget and Forecast Report and approves:**

- a. **A 2026 Capital Budget of \$6,795,580 that excludes the Body Worn Camera capital project.**
- b. **That financing be initiated from the following reserve funds:**
  - i. **Police Capital Levy Reserve in the amount of \$2,978,080;**
  - ii. **Police Vehicles and Equipment Reserve Fund in the amount of \$1,721,500.00;**
  - iii. **Region Capital Levy Reserve in the amount of \$2,096,000.00;**

**And further, that the 9-Year Capital Forecast be received as a guideline for the development of future capital budgets.**

**Carried**

**6. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Assessment Growth**

Member Steele inquired about the amount allotted to the Service from Niagara Region for assessment growth. Ms. Rullo advised that the Service was not allotted any portion of the assessment growth funds in the 2026 budget. This matter will be raised at Regional Council by Member Steele to ensure the Service receives an appropriate share of assessment growth.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Public Finance Meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.

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Laura Ip, Chair

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Deb Reid, Executive Director