

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Report of the Executive Director – May 28, 2008

PUBLIC RELATIONS FUND REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Board amend its Public Relations Fund Policy to reflect its current practice in responding to requests for financial support.

BACKGROUND

The Board's Public Relations Fund is used to support and encourage the participation of Members of York Regional Police and citizens of York Region in policing and justice initiatives that promote positive community partnerships and enrich the quality of life in York Region. The Board makes its decisions concerning requests for financial support in accordance with its Public Relations Fund Policy that was approved on July 26, 2000.

At its Annual Planning and Priority-Setting Workshop on May 14, 2008, the Board reviewed its practice since 2004 and determined that one policy amendment was required to reflect the Board's current practice.

PUBLIC RELATIONS FUND POLICY

During the last few years, the Board has received requests for financial support at its public meetings throughout the year. The Board's current policy concerning Funding Guidelines – indicates at Section 5.b that the Board "will generally consider requests for financial assistance at public meetings in February, June and November." This restriction is no longer deemed necessary and it no longer reflects the Board's current practice. Therefore, it has been deleted from the attached amended policy.

SUMMARY

Consistent with its policy development and review process, the Board reviewed its Public Relations Fund Policy at its Annual Planning and Priority-Setting Workshop on May 14, 2008 and determined that an amendment to Funding Guidelines was needed to reflect current practice.

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