



## PEEL REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE BOARD

### BY-LAW NO. 01-24

Being a by-law to establish the Peel Regional Police Service Board's Community Support and Recognition Fund (CSRF) and to set forth its governance rules.

**WHEREAS** Sections 258 and 259 of the *Community Safety and Policing Act* empower the Peel Regional Police Service Board (the "Board") to utilize proceeds from the sale of unclaimed property and money found or seized by the police service for purposes deemed in the public interest by the Board;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board aims to bolster community engagement and partnerships through the establishment of the Community Support and Recognition Fund (CSRF), thereby enriching the quality of life in the Peel Region and advancing the Board's objectives towards community safety and well-being;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board enacts as follows:

#### **Purpose**

This by-law formalizes the establishment of the CSRF, a pivotal resource designed to enhance community-police partnerships, support policing initiatives that enrich the community life of Peel Region, and advance the Board's strategic plan and community safety and well-being through careful fund management and allocation.

#### **Fund Establishment, Governance, and Application**

1. **Name and Establishment:** The fund is hereby established as the "Peel Regional Police Service Board's Community Support and Recognition Fund" (CSRF).
2. **Statutory Authority:** In accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, the Board holds exclusive rights to allocate proceeds from unclaimed property and seized money towards public interest initiatives, including charitable contributions.
3. **Fund Priorities:** The CSRF will prioritize funding for:
  - Community Safety and Well-being: Initiatives targeting community safety enhancement, strengthening police/community relations, and addressing systemic issues such as anti-Black and anti-Indigenous Racism.
  - Police/Community Partnerships: Programs aimed at fostering positive interactions between Peel Regional Police and community members.
  - Youth Initiatives: Projects dedicated to engaging and supporting youth, especially those from marginalized or vulnerable groups.
  - Public Education/Awareness: Efforts to raise awareness and educate the public on community safety and policing services.

#### 4. Fund Guidelines:

- Individual Consideration: Each CSRF allocation is considered on its own merits, without a commitment to ongoing funding for any specific program or initiative.
- Community Group Funding: Financial backing for police members, cadets, community groups, and organizations attending police-oriented or public safety-related events.
- Application Transparency: Required financial documentation from funding recipients to ensure fund transparency and proper utilization.
- Requirement for Local Non-Profits: Priority given to not-for-profit organizations based within Peel Region. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### 5. Fund Limitations:

- Non-Recurring Support: The CSRF does not commit to ongoing funding or recurring donations to specific programs or initiatives.
- No Retroactive or Political Funding: Funds will not support events that have already occurred or those of a political or partisan nature.

#### 6. Fund Approvals and Administration:

- **Application and Approval Process:** A detailed application process is required, including project description, objectives, budget, and timeline for assessment and approval by the Board office.
- **Delegated Authority:** The Executive Director is authorized to approve disbursements up to \$25,000, with Board approval required for amounts exceeding this limit.
- **Annual Chief's Disbursement:** An annual allocation of \$10,000 is designated for the Chief of Police to support Board and Police Service representation at events, subject to audit.

#### 7. Fund Reporting and Transparency:

- **Annual Audit:** An external audit of the CSRF will be conducted annually, with findings presented to the Board and made public to ensure financial transparency and accountability.

This BY-LAW was read a first, second, and third time

and finally passed this 27th day of March, 2024.



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Board Chair