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SENT BY EMAIL
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Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
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Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: Niagara Police Service Board Response to Budget Reduction Request

At its Public Meeting on November 28, 2024, the Niagara Police Service Board reviewed Regional Council's resolution from the November 21, 2024 meeting, which referred the Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board's 2025 Proposed Operating Budget back to the Board with a request to reduce the budget by an additional \$1.067 million.

After careful consideration, the Board passed the following motion:

'That the Niagara Police Service Board decline Regional Council's request for a further budget reduction of \$1.067 million to the Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board 2025 Proposed Operating Budget. Carried.'

The Board stands by its budget submission presented at the November 14, 2024, Budget Review Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. In accordance with the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA), the Board is mandated to submit budget estimates necessary to fulfill its responsibilities and ensure the Niagara Regional Police Service is adequately resourced to meet the Region's growing needs.

The 2025 budget submission reflects the Board's commitment to effective service delivery while addressing cost considerations, risk factors, and inflationary pressures. This budget ensures the Police Service can respond to the increasing complexity of investigations, rising population density, and the need to modernize policing services to support Niagara's growing and evolving communities.

I respectfully request that Regional Council be informed of the Board's decision on this matter.

Sincerely,

Deb Reid
Executive Director

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c: Regional Chair J. Bradley, Niagara Region
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