



BY-LAW NO. 96-2

A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZEN REWARDS BY THE HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

WHEREAS the Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 15, Section 31(1)(a) states that a Board is responsible for the provision of police services, law enforcement and crime prevention in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Police Services Board may, by by-law make rules for the effective management of the police service under Section 31(6) of the Police Services Act;

AND WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Chief of Police of the Halton Regional Police Service, in his or her capacity as chief law enforcement officer to administer the policing services of the Regional Municipality of Halton in accordance with the policies, priorities and objectives established by the Halton Regional Police Services Board;

AND WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Chief of Police to develop the necessary procedures to ensure compliance with Board policies and the effective operations of the police service;

NOW THEREFORE THE HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. **DEFINITIONS:**

In this by-law:

- (a) "Act" means the Police Services Act, R.S.O., Chapter 15, as amended;
- (b) "Board" means the Regional Municipality of Halton Police Services Board and shall be composed of such members as appointed under Part III of the Act;
- (c) "Chief of Police" means the Chief of the Halton Regional Police Service;

2. **PURPOSE:**

- 2.1 The purpose of this by-law is to govern a request for a reward, make the necessary funds available for payment and if applicable, pay the reward.
- 2.2 A reward will be offered and paid upon receipt of information leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders and for information leading to the location or the return of missing person or property.
- 2.3 The offer of a reward shall be good for one year from the publication date given on the reward bulletin.
- 2.4 A reward shall be paid only by the Board, upon a recommendation from the Chief of Police.

- 2.5 No person employed in the enforcement of law shall be entitled to claim any reward monies regulated pursuant to this by-law.

3. PROCEDURE:

- 3.1 Where, in the best interests of the community, a reward is deemed necessary, the investigating officer will forward a summary of the details of the case through his or her Commander to the Deputy Chief. The Deputy Chief, upon agreement, will forward the request to the Chief of Police.
- 3.2 The Chief of Police will review the case, recommend the amount of the reward to be offered and will forward the request to the Board for approval.
- 3.3 The Board, at its sole discretion, may approve a reward in an amount not exceeding \$10,000.00, provided that sufficient funds are available in the Board Trust Fund prior to the publication of the reward.
- 3.4 In special circumstances upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, the Board may increase the value of the reward to an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, provided that sufficient funds are available in the Board Trust Fund prior to the publication of the reward.
- 3.5 In the case of a request from a private source to offer a reward, the Board, prior to publication, will ensure that the person or agency requesting the reward will deposit such funds as are necessary to cover the payment of the reward from the Board Trust Fund.

4. REPEAL

- 4.1 That By-law No. 1-83 passed the 24th day of May, 1984 as amended, be repealed.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This By-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the passing hereof.

READ AND PASSED BY THE HALTON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

THIS 25th DAY OF January , 1996

CHAIR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR