

	Abbotsford Police Department Policy and Procedure	
	Administration	Financial Management
	I.D.160	Donations, Sponsorships and Fundraising

POLICY

- (1) The Abbotsford Police Department (“AbbyPD”) must maintain the highest ethical standards regarding donations, sponsorships, and fundraising activities. All activities must be conducted in a professional, accountable, and transparent manner, free from real or perceived conflict of interest.
- (2) AbbyPD will not donate public funds.
- (3) With the approval of the Chief Constable or their delegate, AbbyPD may:
 - (a) accept donations and sponsorships from members of the public:
 - (i) via the Abbotsford Police Foundation¹; or
 - (ii) directly, should the proposed donation or sponsorship not align with the purpose and mandate of the Abbotsford Police Foundation, but is otherwise suitable for AbbyPD and in compliance with the criteria established in paragraph (4); and
 - (b) sponsor, fundraise for, or provide in-kind support (e.g. personnel, use of AbbyPD assets) for select organizations, initiatives and community engagement events.
- (4) Sponsorship, Donation and Fundraising in support of AbbyPD will be guided by the following principles. The activity:
 - (a) aligns with the objectives of AbbyPD;
 - (b) is transacted transparently;
 - (c) does not compromise, or appear to compromise, police impartiality or objectivity;

¹ The Abbotsford Police Foundation (APF) is a registered Canadian Charitable Organization, operating at arm’s length to the AbbyPD. The APF is responsible for the assessment, administration and dispersal of donations and sponsorships it solicits and receives. The APF has its own donation policy, which can be reviewed on its website. The APF follows its own policy for vetting potential donors and sponsors; donors and sponsors are subject to a background check for the purpose of identifying real, perceived or potential conflicts of interest, or concerns related to the integrity of the donor or sponsor.

- (d) is consistent with the principle that core policing functions should be publicly funded and the activity does not erode the City of Abbotsford's responsibility for funding core police services;
- (e) can be accounted for through audits; and
- (f) benefits AbbyPD or the community.

The Chief Constable may approve proposals that do not meet the above criteria if meeting these requirements is not possible or practicable.

- (5) Sponsorship arrangements entered into by, and donations received directly by, AbbyPD must be approved by the Chief Constable. At the discretion of the Chief Constable, such sponsorships and donations will be reported to the Abbotsford Police Board ("Board") within a reasonable time.

Approved by the Police Board on February 19, 2025.