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**CITY OF PORT COLBORNE
TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET
HEALTHCARE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT FROM THE
EMERGENCY SERVICES
SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Niagara Regional Police Service
Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services
Township of Wainfleet Fire and Emergency Services**

THE NIGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

The Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) is the municipal Police Service providing police services to the Regional Municipality of Niagara, in accordance with the *Police Services Act of Ontario*. The NRPS provides policing services for all twelve (12) Municipalities within the Region. General patrol and investigative services are delivered from six (6) Districts located throughout the Region. Specialized emergency response and investigative services, as well as administrative and executive services, are provided from additional facilities located in St. Catharines.

The NRPS response to the NHS Hospital Improvement Plan will deal with a very limited number of issues. The following chart will align each of the six (6) NRPS Districts with each of the General Hospitals.

NRPS DISTRICT & LOCATION	COMMUNITIES POLICED	NHS SITES
1 District, St. Catharines	St. Catharines, Thorold	St. Catharines General Hospital
8 District, Grimsby	Grimsby, Lincoln, West Lincoln	West Lincoln Memorial Hospital (<i>Not an NHS Site</i>)
2 District, Niagara Falls	Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake	Greater Niagara General Hospital
5 District, Fort Erie	Fort Erie	Douglas Memorial Hospital
3 District, Welland	Welland, Pelham	Welland Hospital
6 District, Port Colborne	Port Colborne, Wainfleet	Port Colborne General Hospital

SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

The Niagara Regional Police Service and the Niagara Health System have many things in common. The organizations also have some significant differences. It is because of the many similarities that exist that there is very frequent interaction between NRPS Police Officers and NHS Health Care Professionals. The following chart will identify several of the similarities and differences.

Similarities	Differences
<p>Both the NRPS and the NHS are providers of essential public sector services to a large Regional population base.</p> <p>The NRPS and the NHS are both funded from a variety of governmental sources and have extremely limited revenue from any other source.</p> <p>The provision of health care and policing services each demand that employees possess highly specialized skills. The nature of the skills differs among the many differing departments within each organization.</p> <p>Services are very often delivered on an emergency basis. The quality and timeliness of the service provided is at times the difference between life and death.</p> <p>The NHS and the NRPS are organizations that have centralized corporate and executive functions while at the same time have many sites for service provision throughout the Region.</p> <p>The Niagara Regional Police Service and the Niagara Health system serve the same constituents. The sheer number of constituents, coupled with the problem solving nature of the services provided by both organizations, result in a very wide variety of situations that face each organization every day.</p>	<p>The major difference between the service provided by the Niagara Regional Police System is that:</p> <p>The Niagara Health system serves people on-site at any one of the hospital sites or facilities. Patients, for the most part, arrive at the site on their own while others are transported to or between facilities via ambulance or other carriers.</p> <p>The Niagara Regional Police Service serves people wherever they happen to be at the time. Officers travel nine (9) million kilometers per year while delivering service to the community.</p>