

**Alberta Gaming  
and Liquor  
Commission**

# Charitable Gaming in Review

**Supporting our  
communities**

**2008:2009**

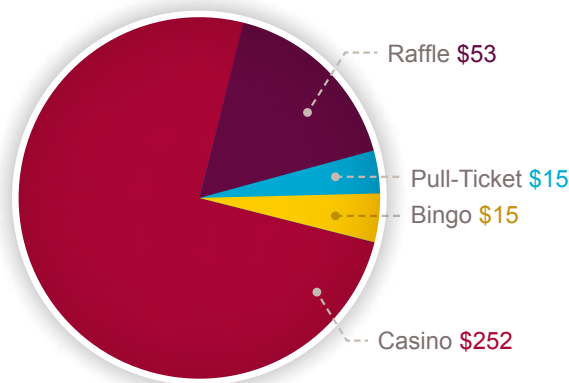


## Year at a Glance

Alberta has a unique, innovative model that provides opportunities for thousands of charitable and religious groups to benefit financially from gaming activities. In 2008-09, 11,274 non-profit groups across the province earned \$335 million dollars to support their programs and activities by conducting bingos and casinos (table games), selling pull-tickets, and holding raffles. The funds from charitable gaming are used to help our communities stay vibrant and attractive for residents and newcomers alike.

Except for licensing and registration fees, proceeds (revenues less expenses) go directly to the charities that conduct the events. Charitable and religious groups conducting a casino event keep the proceeds from the table games, less a service fee for the facility operator. In a similar fashion, charities keep all the proceeds they earn from bingos, raffles and pull-ticket sales after operating expenses. Charities also receive a portion of the revenues from slot machines, electronic bingo and Keno.

2008-09  
(\$ millions)



**CHARITABLE GAMING REVENUE TO CHARITIES (\$ millions)<sup>1</sup>**

|              |               |               |               |               |               |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Casino       | \$ 252        | \$ 244        | \$ 198        | \$ 172        | \$ 147        |
| Raffle       | 53            | 48            | 34            | 34            | 42            |
| Bingo        | 15            | 26            | 30            | 35            | 41            |
| Pull-Ticket  | 15            | 7             | 8             | 7             | 8             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 335</b> | <b>\$ 325</b> | <b>\$ 270</b> | <b>\$ 248</b> | <b>\$ 238</b> |

**CHARITABLE GAMING LICENCES ISSUED<sup>2</sup>**

|                                                |               |               |               |              |              |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bingo                                          | 1,057         | 1,027         | 1,265         | 1,262        | 1,371        |
| Casino                                         | 3,471         | 3,424         | 3,259         | 2,904        | 2,893        |
| Pull-Ticket                                    | 283           | 198           | 295           | 228          | 314          |
| Raffles over \$10,000                          | 271           | 290           | 296           | 327          | 294          |
| Raffles under \$10,000 <sup>3</sup>            | 6,791         | 6,326         | 6,339         | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Charitable Gaming Licences Issued</b> | <b>11,873</b> | <b>11,265</b> | <b>11,454</b> | <b>4,721</b> | <b>4,872</b> |

**GAMING VENUES**

|                                           |           |           |           |           |           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Association Bingo Facilities              | 33        | 40        | 43        | 46        | 52        |
| Private Operator Bingo Facilities         | 1         | 2         | 1         | 1         | 0         |
| <b>Total Licensed Bingo Facilities</b>    | <b>34</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>52</b> |
| Traditional Casino Facilities             | 19        | 19        | 18        | 17        | 16        |
| First Nations Casino Facilities           | 5         | 4         | 1         | 0         | 0         |
| <b>Total Charitable Casino Facilities</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>16</b> |

1 For information on the data contained in charitable gaming revenue to charities, please see page 6.

2 Bingo and pull-ticket licences are generally in effect for two years. Licences for casinos and raffles are generally for a single event.

3 Licences for raffles under \$10,000 are issued from Alberta registry agents on behalf of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission. Data for raffle licences under \$10,000 for 2005-06 and 2004-05 is not available.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The province of Alberta has a charitable gaming model for casinos, bingo, raffles and pull tickets. This means that charitable and religious groups can apply to conduct certain gaming activities to raise funds for approved projects and services. Through this model, the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) ensures Albertans benefit from the positive social and economic benefits generated by gaming in the province.

In 2008-09, I am proud to report that Alberta's charitable gaming model provided over \$335 million to thousands of charitable and religious groups for reinvestment back into their communities.

While the AGLC ensures that charities benefit from Alberta's gaming model, it also ensures that gaming activities are conducted with integrity and in a socially responsible manner. In 2008-09 alone, the AGLC completed over 5,100 inspections of charitable gaming licensees. It also processed over 5,000 licence applications and mailed out almost 6,500 charitable gaming financial reports. The AGLC continued to offer various social responsibility programs, including *A Good Call* (bingo staff training) and *Deal Us In* (casino staff training).

During 2008-09, the AGLC continued to work closely with charitable and religious groups across the province to ensure charitable gaming remained a viable fundraising opportunity for charities. The AGLC recognizes that the achievements of these charitable groups would not be possible without the tireless work of thousands of volunteers across the province. I would like to acknowledge their ongoing dedication and the positive contribution that they continue make to Alberta's charitable gaming industry.

I would like to congratulate Alberta's charities on their achievements in 2008-09 and wish them continued success in 2009-10.

Original signed by

Gerry McLennan  
Chief Executive Officer

## Introduction

Alberta's unique charitable gaming model is in place to ensure charities receive maximum benefits from gaming activities. In 2008-09, over 11,000 charities earned \$335 million through charitable gaming activities such as bingos, casinos, pull-tickets and raffles. These proceeds were used to support community projects and initiatives for non-profit and volunteer organizations throughout Alberta.

Alberta's charitable gaming model is highly regarded by charitable groups and stakeholders. This annual review provides information about Alberta's charitable gaming model including:

- Which groups are eligible for gaming licenses;
- How charitable gaming funds are used;
- The amount generated by charities from each gaming activity; and
- How the province maintains the integrity of gaming activities.

Also included in this annual review is information about the Gaming Information for Charitable Groups (GAIN) program, which educates charitable and religious groups about how the charitable gaming model works.

All the reference material cited in this publication, such as specific terms and conditions for each gaming activity, is available on the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) website at [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca).

## Charitable Gaming Revenue

It can take up to seven months after the completion of a raffle, pull-ticket, or community bingo event for the event data to be submitted to and reviewed by the AGLC. This is the normal timeframe given the various stages of the process involved. Various delays may be encountered which may lengthen this timeframe.

As such, this report is based on the following data:

- **BINGOS:** data is based on the current fiscal year for bingo events conducted at licensed bingo facilities and prior year data for bingo events conducted at community bingo facilities. Data from community bingos with gross sales under \$2,500 is not included.
- **CASINOS:** data is based on the current fiscal year.
- **PULL-TICKETS:** for 2008-09, data is based on the current fiscal year for pull-tickets sold at licensed bingo facilities and prior year data for pull-tickets sold in all other locations. For 2007-08 and prior years, data is based on the prior fiscal year.
- **RAFFLES:** data is based on the current fiscal year for raffles with gross sales under \$10,000 and prior year information for raffles with gross sales over \$10,000. Data for raffles with gross sales under \$10,000 is not included in 2006-07 and prior years.

The total amount wagered on casino table games includes the total poker rake from poker table games (Maximum of \$5 per hand) and tournaments (10 per cent). The operator's fee from the poker rake is included under the expense column.

## Mandate

In accordance with the *Gaming and Liquor Act*, the Gaming and Liquor Regulation, and the *Criminal Code of Canada*, the AGLC's mandate is to:

- License, regulate and monitor gaming and liquor activities in Alberta;
- Define operating policies and procedures for gaming and liquor activities;
- Ensure integrity and social responsibility in the operation of gaming and liquor activities;
- Collect gaming and liquor revenue;



- Ensure business and program operations run efficiently and effectively;
- Disburse provincial lottery revenues;
- Independently or with industry and government, develop and implement programs and services to address problem gambling and responsible alcohol consumption; and
- Communicate to gaming and liquor stakeholders accurate and timely information.

In addition to licensing eligible groups for charitable gaming events, the AGLC administers the Alberta Lottery Fund, including the collection and disbursement of proceeds. Alberta Lottery Fund proceeds come from electronic gaming activities such as VLTs, slot machines, electronic bingo and ticket lotteries. Alberta Lottery Fund grants are administered by 14 government ministries and fund a variety of programs, projects and foundations that support all Alberta communities.

## Protecting Gaming Integrity and Accountability

Albertans expect the AGLC to maintain the integrity and accountability of gaming in the province — and legislation requires us to do so. The AGLC works with charitable groups and the gaming industry to ensure that everyone who participates in a licensed gaming event has a fair chance to win. We also make sure the proceeds from charitable gaming benefit the community. Regulation and financial reporting requirements are key to the success of Alberta’s charitable gaming model.

## Regulation

All gaming activities must comply with the Criminal Code, the *Gaming and Liquor Act*, Gaming and Liquor Regulation, and AGLC policies.

AGLC inspectors visit gaming sites and perform random checks of activities to ensure that rules are being followed. (If you meet an inspector during your event, it’s a great opportunity to ask questions about the legislation, regulation or policies!) If the rules are not being followed, the inspector prepares a report and informs the group. Disciplinary action by the Board of the AGLC may take place — ranging from warnings to suspension or removal of licences.

The AGLC also monitors the gaming industry and charitable gaming licensees to help maintain financial integrity. Audits help ensure that gaming proceeds are used for approved purposes and that gaming operations and record-keeping processes comply with legislative and policy requirements.

## Reporting Financial Returns

As licensed charities, groups are required to report to the AGLC how gaming proceeds have been used. A separate financial report is required for each licence. Groups must account for the proceeds as well as interest, dividends and other income earned on the proceeds.

The AGLC mails financial reports to each charity, which the group must return within 60 days from the date of mailing.

Gaming proceeds must be used within two years after the proceeds are obtained. Any extension of this period must be approved in advance by the AGLC.

If a charity wants to use the proceeds for purposes other than those in its original application, the charity is required to obtain the approval of the AGLC before it spends the proceeds for the new purposes. This ensures the proposed new use of funds is in accordance with the Criminal Code and reflects a use that is charitable or religious in nature. If gaming proceeds are used for unapproved purposes, the AGLC will investigate and may require the funds be returned.

## Web Access

A number of licensing services are available to licensed charitable groups on the AGLC website. Once registered for a web account, groups can do the following online:

- View their gaming licences;
- View their consolidated bank account information;
- View their current registered organization contact list;
- View their current “Use of Proceeds” list;
- Register on-line for GAIN sessions (see page 9); and
- Submit their financial report online (for Raffles under \$10,000).

Applying for a web account is easy. An “Internet Account Request” Form (Form 5536) is available on the AGLC website at [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca). Once approved, groups are sent a user ID and password via email.

# Becoming a CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSEE

If your group is interested in charitable gaming and, if your group meets the qualification requirements, your first step is to apply for a charitable gaming licence. Charitable gaming licence forms are available on the AGLC website at [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca) or you can obtain licence forms by calling the AGLC toll-free at 1-800-272-8876 or 310-0000.

A separate application form must be completed for each licence (bingo, casino, raffle or pull-ticket) and supporting documents must be attached. Once complete, forms should be sent to:

Alberta Gaming and Liquor  
Commission  
Regulatory Division  
50 Corriveau Avenue  
St. Albert, Alberta T8N 3T5

Application forms can also be faxed to the AGLC at 780-447-8912.

Once we receive the application, we will review the information to determine if your group is eligible for a charitable gaming licence. The eligibility of all applicants is based on the eligibility criteria for organizational structure, program delivery and use of gaming proceeds as outlined in the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook, which is available on our website at [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca).

If your group's eligibility cannot be determined by a review of the information contained in the submitted application, additional information may be requested and/or an AGLC representative may meet with your group and/or conduct other inquiries to complete a more detailed eligibility review. The AGLC works to review and process all applications for a gaming licence within 12 weeks of receipt of a complete application. Processing applications and determining eligibility may take longer if the submitted application information is incomplete or a more detailed eligibility review is required to determine eligibility.

If you obtain your licence and become a charitable gaming licensee, you will receive an information package from the AGLC. Staff will also provide information that will help you conduct your event in accordance with terms and conditions.

Once you have held your event, you must deposit the gaming proceeds into a separate gaming account. You may consolidate all gaming proceeds into a single account if you conduct more than one type of event (e.g., bingo and casino).

You may use the gaming proceeds only for uses approved by your licence. If you wish to use gaming proceeds for other purposes, you must obtain AGLC approval. You have two years to use gaming proceeds from the time you receive the funds.

Financial reporting is required for every gaming licence. All records must be kept for a period of two years after the licence expires. More information about financial reporting is available on the AGLC website at [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca).

## Tips when submitting your eligibility and application forms:

- Double check you have submitted all required documentation;
- Ensure your program has been operational for the required amount of time;
  - Ensure membership is open to the public;
- Ensure that you have a democratically elected board/executive;
  - Ensure your bylaws have a dissolution clause;
- Ensure your Corporate Registry annual returns have been filed on a regular basis;
- For casino applications, ensure your group has the required number of volunteers.
- For bingo and casino applicants, ensure your group is not related to another group already licensed.



Wow!

During 2008-09, 98% of the over 2,700 GAIN participants rated the session as good or excellent!

## Gaming Information for Charitable Groups (GAIN)

Need more information? Want an opportunity to ask questions? Gaming Information for Charitable Groups (GAIN) sessions are free information seminars that provide volunteers of charitable and religious groups with the opportunity to GAIN knowledge about charitable gaming activities.

The information sessions cover:

What you need to know before a gaming event:

- Legislative and regulatory requirements of charitable gaming in Alberta,
- Eligibility for gaming licences,
- The licensing application process,
- Eligible use of proceeds, and
- Requirements to hold a charitable gaming event.

What you need to know during a gaming event:

- Conduct of a gaming event – Bingo, Casino, Pull-Ticket, and Raffle,

What you need to know after a gaming event:

- Financial reporting requirements after the gaming event.

By the end of the session, participants are up-to-date on the rules for charitable gaming and take away a comprehensive resource manual for further reference.

There are now six types of GAIN sessions:

- Charitable gaming licensing sessions;
- Use of gaming proceeds sessions;
- Combined charitable gaming licensing and use of proceeds sessions;
- Casino sessions;
- Host First Nations sessions; and
- Special sessions, (e.g., conference and convention presentations), available upon request.

During 2008-09, we delivered 197 GAIN sessions to more than 2,700 participants in 41 communities throughout Alberta.

In November 2008, the GAIN program celebrated its fifth anniversary. During the past five years, program facilitators hosted information sessions in 119 communities across Alberta. Over 22,000 participants from over 8,000 charitable organizations accessed gaming information through the GAIN program.

For contact information about the GAIN program, phone 780-447-7499 or 1-866-307-7499 or visit the AGLC's website at [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca).

## 2008-09 GAIN Statistics:

2,705 participants attended these 197 sessions:

|                                            |    |
|--------------------------------------------|----|
| Charitable gaming licensing sessions ..... | 20 |
| Use of proceeds sessions ...               | 38 |
| Combined sessions .....                    | 92 |
| Casino sessions .....                      | 37 |
| Host First Nations sessions .....          | 1  |
| Special sessions .....                     | 9  |



## Eligibility AND ALLOWABLE USES OF PROCEEDS

The *Criminal Code* requires that groups participating in charitable gaming are charitable or religious in nature and that the proceeds be directed to charitable or religious purposes. The province's *Gaming and Liquor Act*, *Gaming and Liquor Regulation*, and its gaming policies establish the standards for conducting gaming activities; this includes which groups may be eligible for gaming licences and how they may use the gaming proceeds.

There are three key components the AGLC considers when assessing a group's eligibility for gaming licensing:

- Structure – Is it broad-based and democratic?
- Program Delivery – How long have programs or services been offered? How do the group's programs or services benefit the community?
- Use of Proceeds – How will the money be spent?

Only non-profit groups are eligible for charitable gaming licences. In addition, eligible groups must:

- Have a broad-based volunteer membership,
- Have an executive democratically chosen from its membership,
- Have unpaid members, directors or officers,
- Have programs which benefit a large segment of the community, not the individual members' self interest,
- Have members who are responsible for establishing, maintaining control of and delivering the group's programs, and
- Be incorporated (except for raffles with a total ticket value of \$10,000 or less).

Eligible groups must have actively delivered a charitable program to the community for at least one year before applying for a gaming licence. For casino event applicants, an active record of program delivery for the previous 24 months is required. In locations where there is no casino waiting list, casino event licences will be considered after 12 months of proven program delivery. For bingo applicants and applicants for a raffle with a total ticket value of more than \$100,000, an active record of program delivery for the previous 12 months is required.

The aim of this requirement is to ensure eligible groups have pre-existing support in the community and do not rely on gaming funds for program delivery. Gaming proceeds are intended to supplement the charitable activities of eligible groups rather than serve as a primary source of funding.

It is important for all applicant and licensed groups to notify the AGLC of any changes to the group's:

- Structure;
- Objectives;
- Bylaws;
- Executive;
- Use of Proceeds; and
- Programs or services.

## Types of Groups Eligible for Gaming Licences

From 'A' to (almost) 'Z', there is a wide variety of different types of groups that are eligible to participate in charitable gaming.

|                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>AGRICULTURAL FAIR OR EXHIBITION</b>                       | Groups registered under the <i>Alberta Societies Act</i> or <i>Agricultural Societies Act</i> that conduct annual fairs, exhibitions, rodeo or chuck wagon events.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>AID OF THE DISTRESSED</b>                                 | Groups with identified specific issues of social concern that actively work to address these issues by providing a social service and/or educational program. Examples include facilities that house victims of violence and food banks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>ARTS</b>                                                  | Non-profit groups that actively deliver an arts program or activity to the public in the visual arts, the literary arts, the media arts and the performing arts. Included are marching, school and youth bands, and related groups such as parent associations and booster clubs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>ASSOCIATIONS OF EMPLOYEES, OCCUPATIONS OR PROFESSIONS</b> | A group of employees or groups founded upon a common occupation or profession with membership open to the general public. The groups' primary purpose is to provide charitable programs or services that benefit the community. Groups formed by employees or upon a common occupation or profession, structured principally for self-help, personal benefit or the welfare of their membership are ineligible.                                                                                                 |
| <b>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/ BOARD OF TRADE</b>                   | Chamber of Commerce or Board of Trade groups in municipalities where a service club or community league or association does not exist. The chamber or board serves the purpose of operating community programs or services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>CHILDREN'S GROUPS</b>                                     | Groups that deal with children and have identified specific issues of social concern and actively address these issues, such as day care facilities. Commercial enterprises are ineligible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>COMMUNITY LEAGUES/ ASSOCIATIONS</b>                       | Groups incorporated as community leagues/associations or groups that provide the same types of functions as community leagues/associations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>EDUCATION</b>                                             | Volunteer educational groups within or affiliated with schools or educational institutions that enhance the educational opportunities of students.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>ETHNO-CULTURAL</b>                                        | Groups identifying themselves with a specific ethnic or cultural origin that preserve or enhance their heritage, traditions, and cultures by offering educational programs or cultural activities to the community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>FUNDRAISING</b>                                           | Groups such as: (a) foundations and "friends of" groups incorporated to aid and support the charitable work of hospitals, schools and libraries (that is, they aid and support establishments or institutions which are ineligible for licensing due to statutory or policy limitations); and (b) community service groups (nationally chartered service clubs, fraternal groups, veteran's groups, and the United Way) that operate to support community projects, organizations and assist needy individuals. |
| <b>GOVERNANCE (ARM'S LENGTH)</b>                             | Groups that deliver programs for community service or public benefit and show a clear separation in funding and governance from publicly-funded programs. Examples include youth, family and community service associations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>HISTORICAL RESOURCES</b>                                  | Groups engaged in activities that provide the general public with access to our historical resources, such as museums and historical book committees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

# Eligibility AND ALLOWABLE USE OF PROCEEDS

|                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>HOBBY/ SOCIAL</b>                  | Groups whose programs provide education and information programs to members of the public. Examples include quilting associations and orienteering clubs. Groups primarily established to serve or further the self interest of its members through pursuit of leisure time activities based upon hobby, recreational, or social activities are ineligible.                                                                                              |
| <b>LIAISON</b>                        | Groups that provide public education or counselling programs, liaise with government, and present a balance of the range of views on particular issues of public concern. Examples include groups that represent specific cultures or environmental concerns.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>MEDICAL/ HEALTH AID AND RELIEF</b> | Groups whose primary purpose is to assist those afflicted with a specific physical or mental disorder. Includes groups that support medical research, health care facilities or support groups for those who are handicapped. Hospitals, health centres and for-profit medical facilities are ineligible.                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>NATURE CONSERVANCY</b>             | Groups at the community or regional level that promote nature conservation through educational programs or the operation of public facilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>NON-PROFIT</b>                     | A non-profit group ineligible for a gaming licence as a charity or religious group may be eligible for a licence to conduct a small raffle with a total ticket value of \$5,000 or less.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>PROMOTIONAL</b>                    | A group that provides a charitable or religious program or service which results in a community benefit, and engages in promotional activities to increase public awareness and participation in its programs or services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>RELATED GROUPS</b>                 | Branches, subsidiaries, auxiliaries, or groups similarly affiliated with a charity are considered related to a charity. Either the principal or affiliated group may be licensed for a bingo or casino event at a time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>RELIGIOUS</b>                      | Religious groups such as churches, parishes, congregations, and lay groups involved in furthering religious principles or objectives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>SENIOR CITIZENS</b>                | Groups that provide programs and services to assist seniors in the community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>SPORTS</b>                         | Sports groups at the community or regional level that promote a charitable objective through the delivery of a structured and developmental amateur sports program to the public. The sports program may be based on individual or team play. Adult sports groups that meet various criteria, including support of a youth component of the sport, may be eligible.                                                                                      |
| <b>UMBRELLA GROUPS</b>                | A group that provides support to other charitable groups and is responsible for direct active delivery of charitable or religious programs to the community. Includes umbrella groups with joint responsibility with charitable groups for the direct delivery of programs or services to the general public, and contributes resources needed to deliver these programs and services, for example, governing bodies of eligible amateur sports leagues. |
| <b>VETERAN, SERVICE AND FRATERNAL</b> | Groups established based on a national charter and whose general objectives relate to activities that provide community benefit. The auxiliaries of such groups may also be eligible for licensing. For example: legions, fraternal orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>YOUTH</b>                          | Groups that provide youth development programs and services in the community, such as the teaching of leadership, citizenship and community development skills.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Allowable Uses of Proceeds

How can charitable gaming proceeds be used?

Part of the proceeds may be used to pay for prizes and other expenses related to operating the event. The remainder of the gaming proceeds must be used for the charitable or religious purposes stated in the charitable group's licence application. To change the use of proceeds, groups are required to submit a written request to the AGLC, and if approved, the group's licence will be updated accordingly.

Charities have up to two years to use the funds.

If a group requires an extension of the two year period, a request for extension must be submitted to the AGLC along with a supporting business plan. The business plan must include:

- A written explanation as to why the proceeds have accumulated beyond 24 months;
- Any other sources of revenue associated with the planned project or event;
- A list of expenditures associated with the planned project or event; and
- Timelines for the anticipated disbursement of the accumulated proceeds.

Bingo licensees that operate at halls with electronic bingo also receive a portion of the proceeds from electronic bingo and Keno through a grant from the Alberta Lottery Fund.

Gaming proceeds also include interest, dividends or other income earned.

Starting on the next page is a list of allowable uses of gaming proceeds. For more information, please check the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook or Host First Nations Charitable Casino Policies Handbook on the AGLC website at [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca) or contact the Regulatory Division of the AGLC (contact numbers are listed on page 41).

Allowable uses of proceeds for both traditional charities and First Nations charities are the same, however, they may be categorized differently between the two. For example, while there are separate categories for Equipment, Uniforms/Costumes and Vehicle Purchase/Repairs/Operation for traditional charities, there is only one category for Equipment, Uniforms, First Nations Regalia and Vehicles for First Nations charities. Even though they are categorized differently, the intent behind the policies is the same.

Additionally, to address the unique cultural needs of Alberta's First Nations, the Host First Nations Charitable Casino Policies Handbook allows First Nations charities to pay the costs incurred by Elders while performing charitable or religious activities. Eligible Elders' costs include: honorariums, fees or gifts, ceremonial tobacco, direct-rout travel to various events, meals while attending events, accommodation fees while attending events, and training costs of new elders.



## Specific Allowable Uses of Proceeds

The following table is provided as a high level overview of the types of allowable uses of proceeds and is not intended to provide all ineligible uses of proceeds. For additional information on specific allowable uses of proceeds, please check the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook on the AGLC website at [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca) or contact the Regulatory Division of the AGLC (contact numbers are listed on page 41).

| CATEGORY                                        | ELIGIBLE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | INELIGIBLE                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ACCOUNTING FEES/<br>GAMING FINANCIAL<br>REPORTS | Licensed groups may use gaming proceeds to hire a professional accountant (CA, CGA, CMA) to prepare gaming financial reports (includes all bingo, casino, pull-ticket, raffle, consolidated, supplementary, assistance fund and building account financial reports).                                            | The preparation of any other financial reports.                                                                                                                                                                |
| ADMINISTRATIVE<br>COSTS                         | Administrative costs that are necessary to the delivery of a charitable or religious program or service are eligible uses of gaming proceeds. Approved administrative expenditures shall normally be limited to a maximum cumulative total of 10 per cent of gaming proceeds earned the previous calendar year. | Food and beverages unless they are part of the charitable program or services, salaries, wages or honorariums for the performance of administrative duties and legal fees.                                     |
| ASSISTANCE FUND                                 | A fund may be established and administered by governing bodies of veterans and service groups to help member groups in financial difficulty.                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| BURSARIES AND<br>SCHOLARSHIPS                   | Gaming proceeds may be donated to a legally established charitable trust fund whose purpose is to support educational bursaries or scholarships.                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| DEBT RETIREMENT                                 | Gaming proceeds may be used to pay debt incurred in the delivery of a group's approved charitable or religious programs or services. Debt must be incurred as a result of mortgage payments for a public facility or inadvertent expenditures (e.g., emergency repairs to a public facility).                   | Any debt incurred from the operation of non-charitable or non-religious activities and the payment of proceeds from one licence to cover losses from another licence unless specifically approved by the AGLC. |

| CATEGORY                                         | ELIGIBLE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | INELIGIBLE                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DONATIONS WITHIN ALBERTA – \$5,000 OR LESS       | Gaming proceeds may be donated to, or used in support of, charitable or religious groups within Alberta that actively deliver a program or service which provides a community benefit. The donor group must record all donations and the purpose of each donation on its gaming financial report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                           |
| DONATIONS WITHIN ALBERTA – IN EXCESS OF \$5,000  | Gaming proceeds may be donated to, or used in support of, charitable or religious groups within Alberta that actively deliver a program or service which provides a community benefit. Prior approval of the AGLC is required and details of the donations, a statutory declaration and recipient agreement must be provided to the AGLC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                           |
| DONATIONS – OUTSIDE OF ALBERTA BUT WITHIN CANADA | Gaming proceeds may be donated to, or used in support of, charitable or religious groups outside of Alberta that actively deliver a program or service which provides a community benefit. These must be in support of disaster/emergency relief, nationally recognized charitable programs that benefit Albertans or medical and educational research programs that may potentially benefit all Canadians. The donation is limited to a maximum cumulative total of 75 per cent of gaming proceeds earned in the previous calendar year for traditional charities and to a maximum cumulative total of \$100,000 or 5 per cent of proceeds earned in the previous calendar year (whichever is less) for First Nations charities. The maximum donation amount for First Nations charities may be increased with prior AGLC approval. | Donations to support projects that would not be approved uses of proceeds within Alberta. |
| DONATIONS – OUTSIDE OF CANADA                    | These donations can only be used for international disaster/emergency relief and projects in countries the AGLC considers as developing or underdeveloped and countries appearing on the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) list of countries or territories eligible for Canadian official development assistance. Other requirements or limitations may also apply. The donation is limited to a maximum cumulative total of 50 per cent of gaming proceeds earned in the previous calendar year for traditional charities and \$50,000 or 2.5 per cent (whichever is less) for First Nations charities. The maximum donation amount for First Nations charities may be increased with prior AGLC approval..                                                                                                         | Donations to support projects that would not be approved uses of proceeds within Alberta. |

# Eligibility AND ALLOWABLE USE OF PROCEEDS

| CATEGORY        | ELIGIBLE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | INELIGIBLE                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EDUCATION       | Gaming proceeds may be used for the costs of specific educational program(s) or support. This includes a specific educational experience for students which is not principally recreational or social and would otherwise be unavailable, as well as educational equipment and supplies (e.g., audio visual equipment, athletic equipment and musical instruments).                                                                                                  | Operational or capital budgets of educational institutions or schools, such as employee salaries, wages, building additions and renovations.                                |
| EMERGENCY FUNDS | Gaming proceeds may be used to provide relief for individuals or families in personal distress or who are victims of physical disaster. This may include equipment and supplies or the training of volunteers during emergency situations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| ENDOWMENT FUNDS | Gaming proceeds may be used to establish and/or donate to an endowment fund, whose purpose is to support approved charitable or religious purposes. Endowment fund contributions are limited to a maximum cumulative total of 50 per cent of the gaming proceeds earned in the previous year. An endowment fund is defined in AGLC policy as a fund where the principal is not normally disbursed and only the investment income, or a portion thereof, is expended. |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| EQUIPMENT       | Gaming proceeds may be used to purchase or rent equipment if the equipment is essential to the delivery of the organization's charitable programs or services. Ownership of the items purchased must remain with the licensed group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Items of a personal, social, or promotional nature, equipment or supplies intended to produce income, and vehicles used for personal or administrative purposes.            |
| FACILITY        | For groups that provide a public facility, gaming proceeds may be used for the capital, leasehold, rental and operating costs of the facility. This includes: fixtures and furnishings, mortgage, lease or rental payments, utilities, insurance (fire and liability), property taxes, janitorial costs and supplies, repairs and maintenance, and renovations.                                                                                                      | The purchase, maintenance or repair of equipment, furniture or a facility for income-producing operations or any other activity which appears to be of a commercial nature. |

| CATEGORY                          | ELIGIBLE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | INELIGIBLE                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FACILITY –<br>MAXIMUM 50%         | For groups providing a facility with public access and areas for exclusive use of members and guests, up to 50 per cent of gaming proceeds may be used for the cost of the facility, which includes: fixtures and furnishings, mortgage, lease or rental payments, utilities, insurance (fire and liability), property taxes, janitorial costs and supplies, repairs and maintenance, and renovations. The remaining 50 per cent must be applied to other approved uses. | The purchase, maintenance or repair of equipment, furniture or a facility for income-producing operations or any other activity which appears to be of a commercial nature. |
| OFFICIALS/JUDGES<br>FEES          | Gaming proceeds may be used for fees for referees, umpires, adjudicators or other positions responsible for officiating or judging a competition (also see 'Sports' in this section).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| PROMOTIONAL<br>ACTIVITIES         | Gaming proceeds may be used for promotional activities designed to increase public awareness and participation in charitable or religious programs. This includes advertising in newspapers, radio, television, posters, signs, pamphlets, letters and Internet web pages.                                                                                                                                                                                               | Advertising to attract new members, except for yearly membership drives of community and service clubs and promotional activities that benefit a commercial activity.       |
| REGISTRATION/<br>AFFILIATION FEES | Gaming proceeds may be used for registration fees/affiliation fees when related to a charitable or religious group's specific objective.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| RENT                              | Gaming proceeds may be used for rent of a facility for ice rental, sports fields and stages for performing arts groups (also see 'Sports' and 'Facility' in this section).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| RESOURCE<br>MATERIALS             | Gaming proceeds may be used for the design, printing, postage, and purchasing costs of resource materials, books, manuals and videos (also see 'Administrative Costs,' 'Education' and 'Promotional Activities' in this section).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| SENIOR CITIZEN<br>ACTIVITIES      | Gaming proceeds may be used to pay for approved expenditures related to the special needs of senior citizens. Senior citizens are defined in AGLC policy as those 60 years of age or older.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                             |

# Eligibility AND ALLOWABLE USE OF PROCEEDS

| CATEGORY               | ELIGIBLE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | INELIGIBLE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SPORTS                 | Gaming proceeds may be used to support eligible sports groups, such as rental fees of a facility or a venue for the group's sporting events. Gaming proceeds may be approved to purchase uniforms and equipment as long as these are required for the participation in the sport (see also 'Uniforms/Costumes' and 'Equipment' in this section). Groups may also use gaming proceeds to pay for the reasonable costs of certifying officials and judges in their sport, including training and education costs. Gaming proceeds may be used to pay for awards such as trophies, plaques and ribbons. Adult sports groups with a youth component must use at least 50 per cent of their gaming proceeds on their youth programs. | Purchasing uniforms or equipment for personal use or where the group does not own the uniforms or equipment, awards for volunteer appreciation, and providing cash or merchandise prizes or any other prize of value. Adult sports groups who provide programs for adults only are not eligible. |
| TRAVEL WITHIN ALBERTA  | Gaming proceeds can be used to pay travel expenses to conferences, seminars, workshops, clinics, meetings and conventions that are directly related to the group's charitable programs or services. Gaming proceeds can also be used for travel that enriches an educational institution or school's curriculum. Groups involved in activities such as music, dance and drama may use gaming proceeds for travel if the group is participating in a recognized and organized event, such as a competition or festival. Individuals and teams involved in structured and developmental amateur sports may be approved to use gaming proceeds to travel to organized, structured and sanctioned events.                           | Social or recreational travel or travel of an administrative nature.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| TRAVEL OUTSIDE ALBERTA | Gaming proceeds may be used for travel required for a group to deliver its programs outside Alberta as either a normal part of the group's activities, or an earned opportunity to go to a higher level of activity. Travel itineraries must be submitted for approval prior to the event.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | For travel outside of Canada, travel where a similar activity exists in Canada, is not eligible.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



| CATEGORY                                                 | ELIGIBLE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | INELIGIBLE                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UNIFORMS/<br>COSTUMES                                    | Gaming proceeds may be used to purchase or rent uniforms or costumes if they are essential to the delivery of the organization's charitable programs or services. Ownership of the items purchased must remain with the licensed group.                                                                                    | Items of a personal, social or promotional nature may not be purchased.                                                                                                                                               |
| VEHICLE PURCHASE/<br>REPAIRS/OPERATION                   | Gaming proceeds may be used to purchase or rent vehicles if these are essential to the delivery of the organization's charitable programs or services. The vehicles must be registered and insured in the name of the licensed group. Gaming proceeds may also be used for registration, insurance, repairs and operation. | Vehicle use for the administrative activities of the group or the personal use of any members.                                                                                                                        |
| VOLUNTEER<br>CONFERENCES/<br>SEMINARS/TRAINING           | Gaming proceeds may be used for events that are primarily organized for educational purposes related to a specific charitable program or service supported by the group or delivered in the community (also see 'Education' and 'Sports' in this section).                                                                 | The payment or reimbursement of wages while attending a conference and conferences, seminars and training that are primarily organized for administrative purposes.                                                   |
| VOLUNTEER<br>EXPENSES                                    | Gaming proceeds may be used to reimburse volunteers for approved expenses incurred while working a gaming event. Eligible volunteer expenses could include transportation costs to and from the gaming event via taxi or bus; or babysitting costs incurred by volunteers while working gaming events.                     | Meals and refreshments following the gaming event and the payment of cash to volunteers and cash, vouchers redeemable for cash, goods, or services as payment for volunteering at a gaming event.                     |
| WAGES, SALARIES,<br>FEES FOR SERVICE,<br>AND HONORARIUMS | Gaming proceeds may be used to pay salaries, wages, fees for service or honorariums only if the duties performed are essential to the group's program delivery, the duties are performed by a person with specialized qualifications and the duties cannot be reasonably performed by a volunteer.                         | Administrative duties (with the exception of disabled groups who cannot perform the administrative duties due to the nature of the disability) and transfer approval to pay wages etc from one individual to another. |

## Use of Charitable Gaming Proceeds by Charitable Groups

The proceeds from Charitable Gaming help support thousands of programs and services provided by charities to their communities. These proceeds are earned by groups that conduct the gaming activities.

The following table summarizes how charitable and religious groups used the proceeds from gaming activities between 2003-04 and 2007-08. As charities have two years to use the funds they earned from gaming events, the proceeds reported in the table below will not equal the proceeds received by charities in those years.

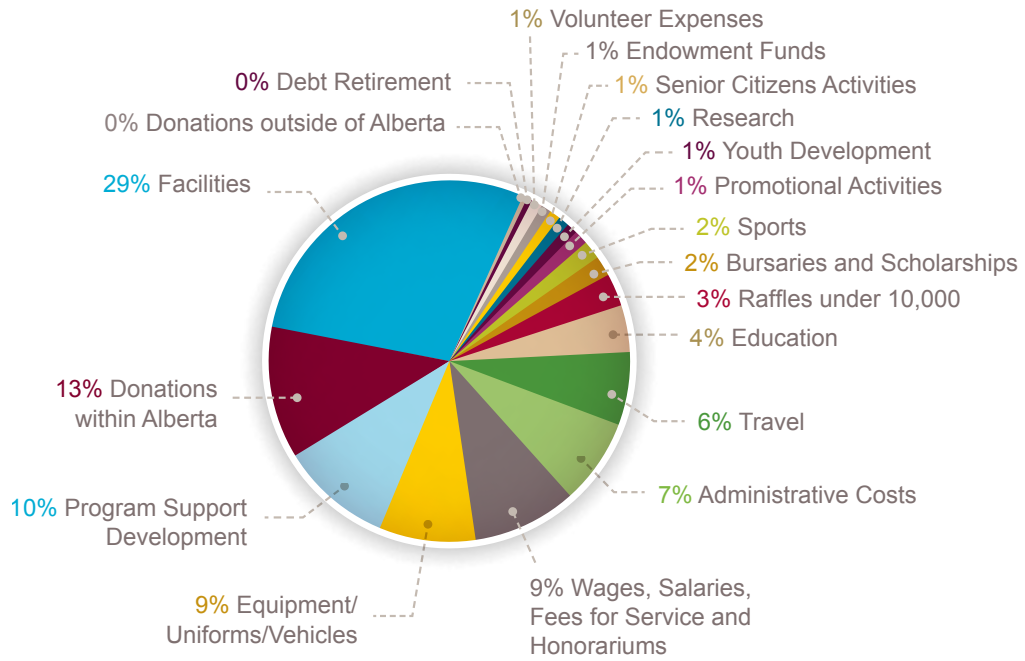
Since charities report on their use of proceeds on an ongoing basis, complete data for 2008-09 is not yet available. Data for 2008-09 will be reported in the 2009-10 Charitable Gaming in Review report. Data for First Nations use of proceeds from casino events appears on page 22 of this report.

### Use of Charitable Gaming Proceeds by Charitable Groups Summary

| (\$ thousands of dollars)                         | 2007-08           | 2006-07           | 2005-06           | 2004-05           | 2003-04           |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Facilities                                        | \$ 68,017         | \$ 69,689         | \$ 51,808         | \$ 63,215         | \$ 54,140         |
| Donations within Alberta                          | 31,017            | 33,095            | 23,491            | 24,654            | 23,926            |
| Program Support/ Development                      | 22,782            | 21,827            | 13,657            | 20,362            | 16,995            |
| Equipment/ Uniforms/ Vehicles                     | 22,380            | 19,658            | 22,737            | 29,537            | 27,827            |
| Wages, Salaries, Fees for Service and Honorariums | 21,980            | 20,725            | 15,774            | 19,742            | 15,118            |
| Administrative Costs                              | 15,698            | 16,850            | 13,110            | 14,522            | 15,152            |
| Travel                                            | 13,499            | 13,442            | 9,064             | 12,917            | 10,594            |
| Education                                         | 9,470             | 10,066            | 6,020             | 11,579            | 4,610             |
| Raffles under 10,000 <sup>1</sup>                 | 8,303             | 4,705             | –                 | –                 | –                 |
| Sports                                            | 4,633             | 4,856             | 3,531             | 4,453             | 3,224             |
| Bursaries and Scholarships                        | 4,310             | 2,558             | 1,988             | 2,567             | 2,712             |
| Endowment Funds                                   | 3,229             | 151               | –                 | –                 | –                 |
| Promotional Activities                            | 2,740             | 2,619             | 1,870             | 2,518             | 2,035             |
| Research                                          | 2,503             | 1,676             | 1,843             | 2,967             | 1,868             |
| Youth Development                                 | 1,551             | 1,913             | 1,677             | 2,690             | 2,140             |
| Senior Citizen Activities                         | 1,526             | 1,142             | 860               | 1,050             | 1,268             |
| Volunteer Expenses                                | 1,471             | 1,840             | 1,190             | 1,953             | 2,005             |
| Donations outside of Alberta                      | 958               | 1,181             | 3,249             | 1,338             | 3,081             |
| Debt Retirement                                   | 201               | 133               | 162               | 269               | 83                |
|                                                   | <b>\$ 236,268</b> | <b>\$ 228,126</b> | <b>\$ 172,031</b> | <b>\$ 216,333</b> | <b>\$ 186,778</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Raffle licensees with gross sales under \$10,000 are required to use their proceeds on charitable and religious purposes, however, the data required to report historical information by use of proceeds is not available for this group.

2007-08



# First Nation Eligibility

## AND ALLOWABLE USES OF PROCEEDS

### Use of First Nation Casino Proceeds

The proceeds from First Nations Casino events help support many programs and services provided by First Nations to their communities. These proceeds are by the Host First Nation licensed charity and sub-charities that conduct the casino events.

The following table summarizes how Host First Nations licensed charities and sub-charities used the proceeds from First Nation Casino events in 2007-08. As First Nation licensed charities and sub-charities have two years to use the funds they earned from First Nation Casino events, the proceeds reported in the table below will not equal the proceeds received by Host First Nation licensed charities in those years.

Since Host First Nation licensed charities report on their use of proceeds on an ongoing basis, complete data for 2008-09 is not yet available. Data for 2008-09 will be reported on in the 2009-10 Charitable Gaming in Review report. Data for the use of proceeds by all other charities appears on page 20 of this report.

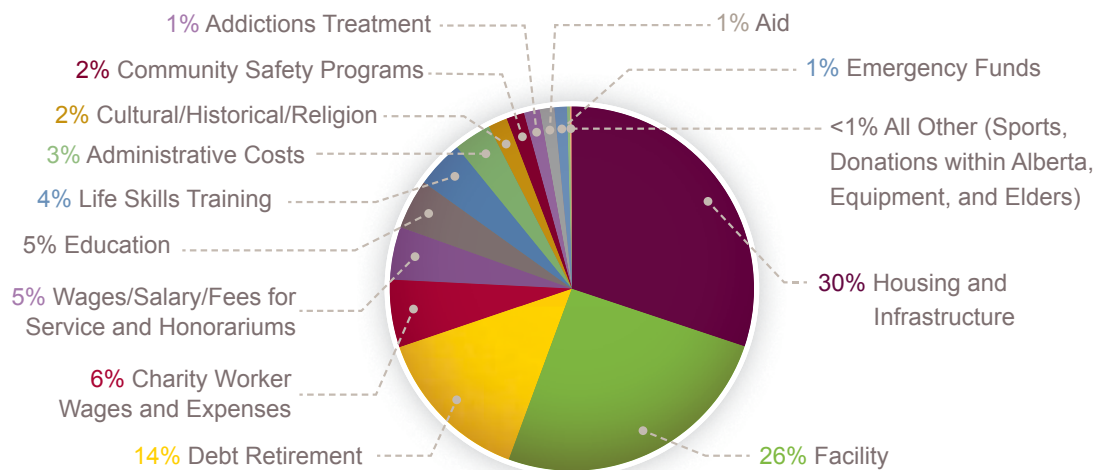
# Use of First Nation Casino Proceeds Summary

(\$ thousands of dollars)

2007-08

|                                                        | 2007-08   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Housing and Infrastructure                             | \$ 7,489  |
| Facility                                               | 6,343     |
| Debt Retirement                                        | 3,519     |
| Charity Worker Wages and Expenses                      | 1,492     |
| Wages, Salaries, Fees for Service and Honorariums      | 1,167     |
| Education                                              | 1,099     |
| Life Skills Training                                   | 1,052     |
| Administrative Costs                                   | 829       |
| Cultural Events /Historical Resources /Religion        | 422       |
| Community Safety Programs                              | 394       |
| Addictions Treatment                                   | 351       |
| Aid of the Distressed /Children /Youth /Adults in Care | 320       |
| Emergency Funds                                        | 278       |
| Sports                                                 | 62        |
| Donations within Alberta                               | 21        |
| Equipment                                              | 20        |
| Elders                                                 | 5         |
|                                                        | \$ 24,863 |

## 2007-08





# Gaming Licences in Effect

## AND ASSOCIATED PROCEEDS

### Licences in Effect and Sales (\$ thousands)

A summary of the number of licences in effect to hold events and the proceeds to charities from charitable gaming activities is:

#### 2008-09<sup>1</sup>

| (\$thousands) | Licences <sup>2</sup> | Total Gross  | Prizes/ Winnings | % of Gross | Expenses   | % of Gross | Electronic Proceeds <sup>3</sup> | Keno Proceeds <sup>4</sup> | Proceeds to Charity |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Bingos        | 1,774                 | \$ 156,433   | \$ 102,091       | 65.3       | \$ 46,368  | 29.6       | \$ 6,710                         | \$ 424                     | \$ 15,108           |
| Casinos       | 3,426                 | 1,106,434    | 896,252          | 81.0       | 132,345    | 12.0       | 174,536                          | 19                         | 252,392             |
| Pull-Tickets  | 457                   | 67,390       | 47,368           | 70.3       | 5,209      | 7.7        | –                                | –                          | 14,813              |
| Raffles       | 5,617                 | 132,475      | 52,197           | 39.4       | 27,398     | 20.7       |                                  |                            | 52,880              |
|               | 11,274                | \$ 1,462,732 | \$ 1,097,908     | 75.1       | \$ 211,320 | 14.4       | \$ 181,246                       | \$ 443                     | \$ 335,193          |

#### 2007-08<sup>1</sup>

| (\$thousands) | Licences <sup>2</sup> | Total Gross  | Prizes/ Winnings | % of Gross | Expenses   | % of Gross | Electronic Proceeds <sup>3</sup> | Keno Proceeds <sup>4</sup> | Proceeds to Charity |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Bingos        | 2,019                 | \$ 201,988   | \$ 129,537       | 64.1       | \$ 53,054  | 26.3       | \$ 6,048                         | \$ 512                     | \$ 25,957           |
| Casinos       | 3,412                 | 1,041,993    | 844,529          | 81.0       | 124,906    | 12.0       | 171,314                          | 24                         | 243,896             |
| Pull-Tickets  | 482                   | 35,935       | 26,067           | 72.5       | 2,374      | 6.6        |                                  |                            | 7,494               |
| Raffles       | 3,730                 | 121,315      | 48,272           | 39.8       | 25,204     | 20.8       |                                  |                            | 47,839              |
|               | 9,643                 | \$ 1,401,231 | \$ 1,048,405     | 74.8       | \$ 205,538 | 14.7       | \$ 177,362                       | \$ 536                     | \$ 325,186          |

#### 2006-07<sup>1</sup>

| (\$thousands) | Licences <sup>2</sup> | Total Gross  | Prizes/ Winnings | % of Gross | Expenses   | % of Gross | Electronic Proceeds <sup>3</sup> | Keno Proceeds <sup>4</sup> | Proceeds to Charity |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Bingos        | 2,189                 | \$ 225,861   | \$ 144,496       | 64.0       | \$ 57,161  | 25.3       | \$ 5,410                         | \$ 497                     | \$ 30,111           |
| Casinos       | 3,303                 | 860,864      | 697,975          | 81.1       | 104,772    | 12.2       | 140,048                          | 23                         | 198,188             |
| Pull-Tickets  | 622                   | 36,863       | 26,886           | 72.9       | 2,404      | 6.5        |                                  |                            | 7,573               |
| Raffles       | 349                   | 93,311       | 38,007           | 40.7       | 20,745     | 22.2       |                                  |                            | 34,559              |
|               | 6,463                 | \$ 1,216,899 | \$ 907,364       | 74.6       | \$ 185,082 | 15.2       | \$ 145,458                       | \$ 520                     | \$ 270,431          |

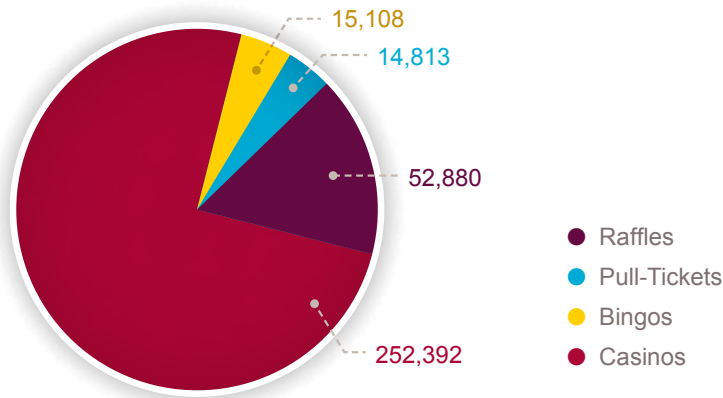
1 For information on the data contained in charitable gaming revenue and to charities, please see page 6.

2 Bingo and pull-ticket licences are generally in effect for two years. Licences for casinos and raffles are generally for a single event.

3 Electronic proceeds represent commissions paid to charities and proceeds from electronic bingo distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund.

4 Keno proceeds include commissions to charities and proceeds distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund.

2008-09



## Proceeds by Major Centre

A summary of licences and events, as well as net proceeds to charities, by Major Centre for 2008-09 is:

2008-09<sup>1</sup>

| (\$thousands)                | Licences <sup>2</sup> | Total Gross        | Prizes/ Winnings   | % of Gross  | Expenses          | % of Gross  | Electronic Proceeds <sup>3</sup> | Keno Proceeds <sup>4</sup> | Proceeds to Charity |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Calgary                      | 2,129                 | \$ 526,382         | \$ 405,415         | 77.0        | \$ 69,660         | 13.2        | \$ 48,035                        | \$ 141                     | \$ 99,483           |
| Edmonton                     | 2,348                 | 464,863            | 358,652            | 77.2        | 62,512            | 13.4        | 49,948                           | 91                         | 93,738              |
| Fort McMurray                | 296                   | 30,325             | 23,117             | 76.2        | 4,500             | 14.8        | 10,366                           | 4                          | 13,078              |
| Grande Prairie               | 383                   | 29,987             | 21,534             | 71.8        | 6,217             | 20.7        | 7,002                            | 0                          | 9,238               |
| Lethbridge                   | 341                   | 26,318             | 19,005             | 72.2        | 5,086             | 19.3        | 6,037                            | 17                         | 8,281               |
| Medicine Hat                 | 382                   | 17,784             | 12,097             | 68.0        | 3,580             | 20.1        | 4,361                            | 2                          | 6,470               |
| Red Deer                     | 614                   | 45,156             | 31,856             | 70.5        | 9,659             | 21.4        | 9,984                            | 55                         | 13,680              |
| St. Albert/ Camrose          | 671                   | 26,118             | 20,121             | 77.0        | 4,637             | 17.8        | 6,476                            | 4                          | 7,840               |
| Other Locations <sup>5</sup> | 4,110                 | 295,799            | 206,111            | 69.7        | 45,469            | 15.4        | 39,037                           | 129                        | 83,385              |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>11,274</b>         | <b>\$1,462,732</b> | <b>\$1,097,908</b> | <b>75.1</b> | <b>\$ 211,320</b> | <b>14.4</b> | <b>\$ 181,246</b>                | <b>\$ 443</b>              | <b>\$ 335,193</b>   |

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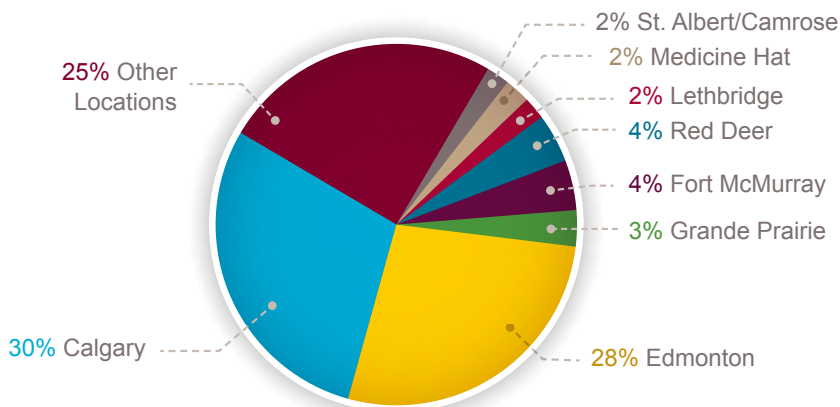
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4 Keno proceeds include commissions to charities and proceeds distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund.

5 Includes traditional and First Nations gaming.

2008-09



## Proceeds by Licence Category

| Proceeds earned in 2008-09 | Proceeds earned in 2007-08 | Proceeds earned in 2006-07 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|

### CATEGORIES OF CHARITABLE GROUPS

#### HOST FIRST NATION LICENSED CHARITIES<sup>1</sup>

Proceeds earned by Host First Nation Licensed Charities at First Nation Casino events. Used to support First Nation charitable objectives and purposes to help improve economic and social conditions within First Nations communities

|       |       |      |
|-------|-------|------|
| \$ 53 | \$ 30 | \$ - |
|-------|-------|------|

#### SPORTS GROUPS

Competitive amateur sports such as minor hockey and swimming

|    |    |    |
|----|----|----|
| 50 | 59 | 54 |
|----|----|----|

#### EDUCATION GROUPS

Purchase of special learning or athletic equipment

|    |    |    |
|----|----|----|
| 34 | 36 | 34 |
|----|----|----|

#### VETERANS, SERVICE & FRATERNAL GROUPS

Veteran, fraternal, service and other organizations established by a statute or international/national charter

|    |    |    |
|----|----|----|
| 30 | 34 | 29 |
|----|----|----|

#### FUNDRAISING GROUPS

Groups such as foundations and 'friends' of groups formed to support charitable work

|    |    |    |
|----|----|----|
| 27 | 25 | 21 |
|----|----|----|

#### ARTS GROUPS

Performing, visual and literary arts, including art galleries, dance, choral, theatre, marching and school bands

|    |    |    |
|----|----|----|
| 19 | 22 | 19 |
|----|----|----|

#### COMMUNITY LEAGUES/ASSOCIATIONS

Groups incorporated as community leagues or associations

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#### AID OF THE DISTRESSED

Groups addressing specific social issues by providing a social service or education program

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#### ETHNO-CULTURAL GROUPS

Offering educational or cultural programs/activities to preserve or enhance heritage, traditions and culture

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#### MEDICAL/HEALTH AID & RELIEF GROUPS

Groups helping those with a specific physical or mental disorder

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#### AGRICULTURAL FAIR OR EXHIBITION

Annual fairs, exhibitions, rodeo or chuckwagon events registered under the Alberta Societies Act or Agricultural Societies Act

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#### MEMBER GROUPS OF BINGO ASSOCIATIONS/SOCIETIES

Licences for pull-tickets sold in licensed bingo facilities are issued in the name of the bingo association or bingo society. The proceeds are pooled monthly among the member groups of the bingo association/society who are required to use their proceeds on charitable and religious purposes.

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#### CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Groups addressing specific issues of social concern related to children

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#### SENIOR CITIZENS GROUPS

Organizations with majority membership of 60 years of age and older

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#### HISTORICAL RESOURCE GROUPS

Activities that provide the public with access to historical resources

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| Proceeds earned in 2008-09 | Proceeds earned in 2007-08 | Proceeds earned in 2006-07 |
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**RELIGIOUS GROUPS**

Churches, parishes, temples, synagogues, and auxiliary groups supporting religious activities

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**HOBBY/SOCIAL GROUPS**

Education and information programs for members of the public

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**NATURE CONSERVATION**

Promoting nature conservation through educational programs or the operation of public facilities

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**ASSOCIATIONS OF EMPLOYEES/OCCUPATIONS/PROFESSIONS**

Groups with a primary purpose to provide charitable programs or services that benefit the community

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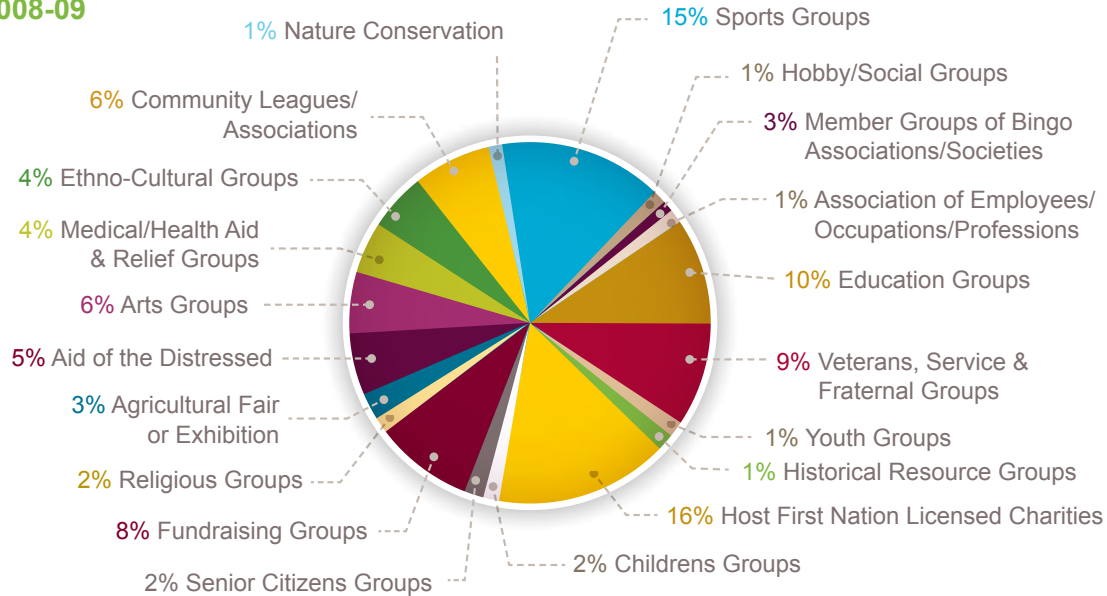
**YOUTH GROUPS**

Organizations providing programming for young people

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1 Proceeds earned by the Host First Nation Licensed Charities from First Nations casinos were included in the total for Ethno-Cultural Groups in 2006-07.

**2008-09**



# Bingo

## Highlights

In 2008-09, 29,284 bingo events generated gross revenues of \$156.4 million across the province. Of this amount, \$102.1 million was returned to bingo players as prizes and \$46.4 million was spent by charities for expenses, leaving net proceeds of \$7.9 million. Charities received an additional \$7.2 million from electronic bingo and Keno proceeds, for a combined total of \$15.1 million. Approximately 87 per cent of bingo proceeds in Alberta were generated in licensed bingo facilities (association bingo halls and private operator bingo halls).

## Overview

Bingo may be conducted in three types of facilities in Alberta: Association Bingo Halls, Private Operator Bingo Halls, and Community Bingo Halls.

## Association Bingo Facilities (Class A Licence)

This category is for a facility licence to an association made up of member charities that are eligible for a bingo licence. The facility operates at least four days a week. The association coordinates bingos for its members.

Licensed charities in bingo association halls may be approved to sell pull-tickets or offer electronic bingo or Keno. Electronic bingo allows players to play their bingo game electronically. Keno is a provincial lottery ticket product with draws held every five minutes. Minors are not allowed in halls offering electronic bingo or Keno.

The licensed charities provide volunteers for key financial positions during the bingo, including bingo chairperson, paymaster, bonanza controller and special games controller. The following are usually paid positions at association halls: caller, hall advisor, cashier, hall manager, pull-ticket manager and bookkeeper.

Bingo associations pool bingo and Keno proceeds monthly and allocate the proceeds among member charities according to the number of events per charity. Each association, through a pool agreement signed by all members, may decide to establish one pool for all events or separate pools for morning, afternoon, evening and late night events. Proceeds from pull-ticket sales are pooled quarterly. There were 33 bingo association halls in the province as of March 31, 2009.

Groups interested in joining a bingo association should contact the AGLC to be placed on a central registry waiting list for their region. Bingo associations seeking new members should contact the AGLC for names of interested charities.

## Private Operator Bingo Facilities (Class B Licence)

In a private operator bingo facility, the private operator, under contract with the charities of a bingo society, supplies the space and services that enable charities to conduct their licensed bingo events. In keeping with Alberta's charitable gaming model, bingo events held in Class B facilities must be conducted and managed by licensed charities. Like licensed charities in association bingo halls, licensed charities conducting bingo events in private operator halls may be approved to sell pull-tickets or offer electronic bingo or Keno. Minors are not allowed in halls offering electronic bingo or Keno.

The licensed charities provide volunteers for key financial positions during the bingo, including bingo chairperson, paymaster, bonanza controller and special games controller. The following are usually paid positions of the Class B Operator: games manager, caller, cashier, hall manager, and pull-ticket manager. Additionally, the licensed charity employs an Independent Hall Advisor to assist with the conduct of the bingo event.

Bingo societies pool bingo and Keno proceeds monthly and allocate the proceeds among member charities according to the number of events per charity. Each society, through a pool agreement signed by all members, must establish one pool for all events. There was one private operator bingo hall in the province as of March 31, 2009.

Groups interested in joining a bingo society should contact the AGLC to be placed on a central registry waiting list for their region. Bingo societies seeking new members should contact the AGLC for names of interested charities.

## Community Bingo Halls

This category includes bingos held three times per week or less at small community halls, seniors' centres or church halls. Unlike association bingo, bingos conducted in a community hall are generally conducted by a single charity, so the charity earns all the proceeds from the event. Key positions filled by volunteers include bingo chairperson, bonanza/special games controller and paymaster. Community bingo licensees may pay a caller and a cashier. There were 261 community bingo licensees in 2008-09.



## Bingo Proceeds Summary

### 2008-09<sup>1</sup>

| (\$thousands)              | Licences     | Events        | Total Gross       | Prizes/ Winnings  | % of Gross  | % of Expenses <sup>2</sup> | % of Gross  | Electronic Proceeds <sup>3</sup> | Keno Proceeds <sup>4</sup> | Proceeds to Charity |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Licensed Bingo Facilities  |              |               |                   |                   |             |                            |             |                                  |                            |                     |
| Calgary                    | 167          | 3,588         | \$ 23,621         | \$ 14,859         | 62.9        | \$ 8,836                   | 37.4        | \$ 1,684                         | \$ 136                     | \$ 1,746            |
| Edmonton                   | 381          | 6,520         | 44,906            | 29,034            | 64.7        | 14,192                     | 31.6        | 2,188                            | 87                         | 3,955               |
| All Other Locations        | 965          | 11,841        | 78,602            | 51,672            | 65.7        | 22,572                     | 28.7        | 2,838                            | 201                        | 7,397               |
| Community Bingo Facilities |              |               |                   |                   |             |                            |             |                                  |                            |                     |
| Calgary                    | 17           | 891           | 1,473             | 983               | 66.7        | 127                        | 8.6         |                                  |                            | 363                 |
| Edmonton                   | 4            | 16            | 46                | 29                | 63.0        | 11                         | 23.9        |                                  |                            | 6                   |
| All Other Locations        | 240          | 6,428         | 7,785             | 5,514             | 70.8        | 630                        | 8.1         |                                  |                            | 1,641               |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>1,774</b> | <b>29,284</b> | <b>\$ 156,433</b> | <b>\$ 102,091</b> | <b>65.3</b> | <b>\$ 46,368</b>           | <b>29.6</b> | <b>\$ 6,710</b>                  | <b>\$ 424</b>              | <b>\$ 15,108</b>    |

1 Proceeds for 2008-09 include 2008-09 actual results from licensed bingo facilities and accrued results for community bingo licensees based on 2007-08. See page 6 for additional information.

2 The expenses figure includes net sales (sales less prizes) from electronic bingo. After program expenses are paid, these funds are returned to charities as indicated in the electronic proceeds and total proceeds columns.

3 Electronic proceeds include electronic bingo commissions to charities and proceeds distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund from electronic bingo.

4 Keno proceeds include commissions to charities and proceeds distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund.

### 2007-08<sup>1</sup>

| (\$thousands)              | Licences     | Events        | Total Gross       | Prizes/ Winnings  | % of Gross  | % of Expenses <sup>2</sup> | % of Gross  | Electronic Proceeds <sup>3</sup> | Keno Proceeds <sup>4</sup> | Proceeds to Charity |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Licensed Bingo Facilities  |              |               |                   |                   |             |                            |             |                                  |                            |                     |
| Calgary                    | 219          | 6,133         | \$ 39,571         | \$ 23,847         | 60.3        | \$ 12,860                  | 32.5        | \$ 1,989                         | \$ 184                     | \$ 5,037            |
| Edmonton                   | 421          | 7,369         | 51,646            | 33,186            | 64.3        | 15,277                     | 29.6        | 1,892                            | 98                         | 5,173               |
| All Other Locations        | 1,039        | 13,874        | 97,807            | 63,041            | 64.5        | 23,608                     | 24.1        | 2,167                            | 230                        | 13,555              |
| Community Bingo Facilities |              |               |                   |                   |             |                            |             |                                  |                            |                     |
| Calgary                    | 21           | 911           | 1,498             | 1,036             | 69.2        | 135                        | 9.0         |                                  |                            | 327                 |
| Edmonton                   | 6            | 118           | 459               | 339               | 73.9        | 83                         | 18.1        |                                  |                            | 37                  |
| All Other Locations        | 313          | 7,373         | 11,007            | 8,088             | 73.5        | 1,091                      | 9.9         |                                  |                            | 1,828               |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>2,019</b> | <b>35,778</b> | <b>\$ 201,988</b> | <b>\$ 129,537</b> | <b>64.1</b> | <b>\$ 53,054</b>           | <b>26.3</b> | <b>\$ 6,048</b>                  | <b>\$ 512</b>              | <b>\$ 25,957</b>    |

1 Proceeds for 2007-08 include 2007-08 actual results from licensed bingo facilities and accrued results for community bingo licensees based on 2006-07. See page 6 for additional information.

2 The electronic expenses figure includes net sales (sales less prizes) from electronic bingo. After program expenses are paid, these funds are returned to charities as indicated in the electronic proceeds and total proceeds columns.

3 Electronic proceeds include proceeds distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund from electronic bingo.

4 Keno proceeds include commissions to charities and proceeds distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund.

2006-07<sup>1</sup>

| (\$thousands)              | Licences     | Events        | Total Gross       | Prizes/ Winnings  | % of Gross  | Expenses <sup>2</sup> | % of Gross  | Electronic Proceeds <sup>3</sup> | Keno Proceeds <sup>4</sup> | Proceeds to Charity |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Licensed Bingo Facilities  |              |               |                   |                   |             |                       |             |                                  |                            |                     |
| Calgary                    | 221          | 6,016         | \$ 44,993         | \$ 26,805         | 59.6        | \$ 14,357             | 31.9        | \$ 1,877                         | \$ 176                     | \$ 5,884            |
| Edmonton                   | 529          | 8,259         | 57,018            | 36,954            | 64.8        | 16,036                | 28.1        | 1,578                            | 113                        | 5,719               |
| All Other Locations        | 1,110        | 13,596        | 106,312           | 67,942            | 63.9        | 25,096                | 23.6        | 1,955                            | 208                        | 15,437              |
| Community Bingo Facilities |              |               |                   |                   |             |                       |             |                                  |                            |                     |
| Calgary                    | 18           | 1,097         | 3,437             | 2,396             | 69.7        | 270                   | 7.9         |                                  |                            | 771                 |
| Edmonton                   | 8            | 259           | 1,002             | 720               | 71.9        | 203                   | 20.3        |                                  |                            | 79                  |
| All Other Locations        | 303          | 8,340         | 13,099            | 9,679             | 73.9        | 1,199                 | 9.2         |                                  |                            | 2,221               |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>2,189</b> | <b>37,567</b> | <b>\$ 225,861</b> | <b>\$ 144,496</b> | <b>64.0</b> | <b>\$ 57,161</b>      | <b>25.3</b> | <b>\$ 5,410</b>                  | <b>\$ 497</b>              | <b>\$ 30,111</b>    |

1 Proceeds for 2006-07 include 2006-07 actual results from licensed bingo facilities and accrued results for community bingo licensees based on 2005-06. See page 6 for additional information.

2 The electronic expenses figure includes net sales (sales less prizes) from electronic bingo. After program expenses are paid, these funds are returned to charities as indicated in the electronic proceeds and total proceeds columns.

3 Electronic proceeds include proceeds distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund from electronic bingo.

4 Keno proceeds include commissions to charities and proceeds distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund.

# Casino

## Highlights

In 2008-09, there were 8,592 casino events held in Alberta. Casino table games generated gross revenues of \$1,106.4 million and returned \$896.3 million in prizes to players. Charities paid \$132.3 million in expenses to casino facility operators, advisors, trustees and others for their services related to table games. Charities received \$77.8 million from casino table gaming. An additional \$174.6 million from slot machines and Keno was provided to charities, for a total of \$252.4 million.

## Overview

In Alberta, casino gaming is conducted in traditional casinos and First Nation casinos and includes table games and slot machines.

Casino facilities in Alberta are licensed by the AGLC. As of March 31, 2009, there were 24 permanent casino facilities consisting of 19 traditional casinos and five First Nation casinos.

## Traditional Casinos

In traditional casinos, the casino operator provides the facility, gaming expertise and gaming materials for the event. Charities require a licence from the AGLC to conduct the casino event. Generally, a casino event hosted by a charity runs for two days.

The charity provides volunteers for key financial positions during the event and earns proceeds from the table games. The volunteer positions are: general manager, banker, cashier, count room supervisor, chip runner and count room staff (counter, sorters, amalgamator). The casino facility provides a casino games manager who is directly responsible to the charity's general manager. The casino games manager supervises the games area in the casino and ensures that activities follow the Casino Terms & Conditions and Operating Guidelines. Licensed charities also hire independent casino advisors to help them with their event.

Net proceeds (sales less prizes and event expenses) from table games are pooled and distributed to the participating charities quarterly.

Volunteers have no direct role in the operation of slot machines during the casino. The *Criminal Code* requires a provincial authority, i.e., the AGLC, to manage electronic gaming devices. Charities receive a 15 per cent commission on net sales from slot machines during their casino events. The facility operator also earns a 15 per cent commission and the remaining 70 per cent is transferred to the Alberta Lottery Fund after AGLC's operating costs are deducted. Charities receive a five per cent commission on gross sales from Keno. The facility operator also earns a five per cent commission on gross sales from Keno and a two per cent commission on redemptions. The remainder is transferred to the Alberta Lottery Fund after AGLC operating costs and prize liabilities are deducted. For more information about the Alberta Lottery Fund, see [albertalotteryfund.ca](http://albertalotteryfund.ca).

Charities are required to hold casino events in a facility within their designated region in the province. For example, only licensed charities in Edmonton and Calgary and charities that operate province-wide may hold casinos in those cities. A charity in a rural area may only conduct events at the nearest regional casino facility.

The only exception is the Silver Dollar Casino in Calgary, which serves charities in nearby rural communities. All proceeds from charitable casino events, including slot machine net proceeds, are pooled quarterly by region and divided among the charities involved during the time period.

## First Nation Casinos

The Host First Nation (HFN) is the casino facility operator and provides the facility, gaming expertise and gaming materials for the event. The HFN licensed charity also requires a licence from the AGLC to conduct the casino event. Generally, HFN licensed charities are issued a licence for 364 one-day casino events. The HFN and the HFN licensed charity are two separate and distinct organizations.

Proceeds from First Nation casinos support charitable and religious purposes in the HFN community. HFN licensed charities may provide proceeds to sub-charities, if the sub-charity's proposed use of proceeds comply with the policies set out in the Host First Nation Charitable Casino Policies Handbook.

The HFN licensed charity must utilize paid charity workers in the following positions: general manager, banker, cashier, count room supervisor, chip runner and count room staff (counter, sorters, recorder, amalgamator). The HFN licensed charity may employ one individual to fill multiple designated positions. The HFN (casino facility operator) provides a casino games manager who is directly responsible to the charity's general manager. The casino games manager supervises the games area in the casino and ensures that activities follow the Casino Terms & Conditions and Operating Guidelines and the Host First Nation Charitable Casino Policies Handbook. The HFN licensed charity may hire independent casino advisors to help it with its events. The independent casino advisor role may be filled by a qualified general manager at the HFN licensed charity's discretion.

The HFN licensed charity receives the net proceeds (sales less prizes and event expenses) from table games.

Charity workers have no direct role in the operation of slot machines during the casino. The *Criminal Code* requires a provincial authority, i.e., the AGLC, to manage electronic gaming devices. The HFN licensed charity receives a 15 per cent commission on net sales from slot machines during its events. The HFN (casino facility operator) also earns a 15 per cent commission. The remaining 70 per cent is transferred to the Alberta Lottery Fund after the AGLC's operating costs are deducted. The HFN licensed charity receives a five per cent commission on gross sales from Keno. The HFN (casino facility operator) also earns a five per cent commission on gross sales from Keno and a two per cent commission on redemptions. The remainder is transferred to the Alberta Lottery Fund after AGLC operating costs and prize liabilities are deducted. For more information about the Alberta Lottery Fund, see [albertalotteryfund.ca](http://albertalotteryfund.ca).

## Casino Proceeds Summary

2008-09

| (\$thousands)                | Licences     | Events       | Total Gross <sup>1</sup> | Prizes/ Winnings  | % of Gross  | Expenses          | % of Gross  | Electronic Proceeds <sup>2</sup> | Keno Proceeds <sup>2</sup> | Proceeds to Charity |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>TRADITIONAL CASINOS</b>   |              |              |                          |                   |             |                   |             |                                  |                            |                     |
| Calgary                      | 1,079        | 2,158        | \$ 446,096               | \$361,909         | 81.1        | \$ 50,837         | 11.4        | \$ 46,351                        | \$ 5                       | \$ 79,706           |
| Edmonton                     | 905          | 1,810        | 369,722                  | 305,474           | 82.6        | 38,487            | 10.4        | 47,760                           | 4                          | 73,525              |
| All Other Locations          | 1,437        | 2,874        | 109,532                  | 87,079            | 79.5        | 18,890            | 17.2        | 42,222                           | 6                          | 45,791              |
| <b>FIRST NATIONS CASINOS</b> |              |              |                          |                   |             |                   |             |                                  |                            |                     |
| All Locations                | 5            | 1,750        | 181,084                  | 141,790           | 78.3        | 24,131            | 13.3        | 38,203                           | 4                          | 53,370              |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>3,426</b> | <b>8,592</b> | <b>\$1,106,434</b>       | <b>\$ 896,252</b> | <b>81.0</b> | <b>\$ 132,345</b> | <b>12.0</b> | <b>\$174,536</b>                 | <b>\$ 19</b>               | <b>\$ 252,392</b>   |

1 Includes the total amount wagered on table games including the total poker rake from poker games (Maximum of \$5 per hand) and tournaments (10 per cent). The operator's fee from the poker rake is included under the expense column.

2 Electronic proceeds and Keno are the commissions paid to charities from electronic gaming.

## 2007-08

| (\$thousands)                | Licences     | Total Gross <sup>1</sup> | Prizes/ Winnings  | % of Gross  | Expenses          | % of Gross  | Electronic Proceeds <sup>2</sup> | Keno Proceeds <sup>2</sup> | Proceeds to Charity |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>TRADITIONAL CASINOS</b>   |              |                          |                   |             |                   |             |                                  |                            |                     |
| Calgary                      | 1,084        | \$ 490,200               | \$ 394,980        | 80.6        | \$ 57,268         | 11.7        | \$ 60,430                        | \$ 9                       | \$ 96,391           |
| Edmonton                     | 912          | 331,595                  | 273,746           | 82.6        | 35,283            | 10.6        | 47,411                           | 4                          | 69,981              |
| All Other Locations          | 1,412        | 107,534                  | 85,587            | 79.6        | 18,653            | 17.3        | 42,503                           | 8                          | 45,805              |
| <b>FIRST NATIONS CASINOS</b> |              |                          |                   |             |                   |             |                                  |                            |                     |
| All Locations                | 4            | 112,664                  | 90,216            | 80.1        | 13,702            | 12.2        | 20,970                           | 3                          | 29,719              |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>3,412</b> | <b>\$ 1,041,993</b>      | <b>\$ 844,529</b> | <b>81.0</b> | <b>\$ 124,906</b> | <b>12.0</b> | <b>\$ 171,314</b>                | <b>\$ 24</b>               | <b>\$ 243,896</b>   |

1 Includes the total amount wagered on table games including the total poker rake from poker games (Maximum of \$5 per hand) and tournaments (10 per cent). The operator's fee from the poker rake is included under the expense column.

2 Electronic proceeds and Keno are the commissions paid to charities from electronic gaming.

## 2006-07

| (\$thousands)       | Licences     | Total Gross <sup>1</sup> | Prizes/ Winnings  | % of Gross  | Expenses          | % of Gross  | Electronic Proceeds <sup>2</sup> | Keno Proceeds <sup>2</sup> | Proceeds to Charity |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Calgary             | 1,084        | \$ 430,436               | \$ 346,932        | 80.6        | \$ 51,355         | 11.9        | \$ 54,071                        | \$ 11                      | \$ 86,231           |
| Edmonton            | 796          | 295,840                  | 243,508           | 82.3        | 32,296            | 10.9        | 40,336                           | 1                          | 60,373              |
| All Other Locations | 1,423        | 134,588                  | 107,535           | 79.9        | 21,121            | 15.7        | 45,641                           | 11                         | 51,584              |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>3,303</b> | <b>\$ 860,864</b>        | <b>\$ 697,975</b> | <b>81.1</b> | <b>\$ 104,772</b> | <b>12.2</b> | <b>\$ 140,048</b>                | <b>\$ 23</b>               | <b>\$ 198,188</b>   |

1 Includes the total amount wagered on table games including the total poker rake from poker games (Maximum of \$5 per hand) and tournaments (10 per cent). The operator's fee from the poker rake is included under the expense column.

2 Electronic proceeds and Keno are the commissions paid to charities from electronic gaming.



## Pull-Tickets

### Highlights

Gross sales from pull-tickets generated \$67.4 million in 2008-09 and returned \$47.4 million in prizes to players. Charities paid \$5.2 million in expenses and earned \$14.8 million in proceeds.

### Overview

Pull-tickets – also called Nevada or break-open tickets – are a type of instant-win ticket. They have sealed windows or pull-tabs that open to reveal symbols, letters or numbers that correspond with a specific prize.

Generally, groups licensed to sell pull-tickets must sell them from the premises where they provide services to the community in order to ensure that the charity carefully controls sales and protects ticket security. Because of this requirement, usually veteran, fraternal, sport and community associations are eligible to sell pull-tickets. The AGLC also allows charities to sell pull-tickets from their program kiosks at shopping malls. Charities conducting events at licensed bingo halls can also sell pull-tickets at their bingo halls. In this case, the proceeds are pooled monthly and allocated among the charities conducting bingo events during the period.

The charity must arrange to buy its pull-tickets from a supplier registered with the AGLC. Tickets can only be sold by the charity and its volunteers.

### Pull-Ticket Proceeds Summary

2008-09<sup>1</sup>

| (\$ thousands)            | Licences   | Units Sold     | Total Gross      | Prizes/ Winnings | % of Gross  | Expenses        | % of Gross | Proceeds to Charity | % of Gross  |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Licensed Bingo Facilities |            |                |                  |                  |             |                 |            |                     |             |
| Calgary                   | 7          | 19,094         | \$ 10,521        | \$ 7,195         | 68.4        | \$ 996          | 9.5        | \$ 2,330            | 22.1        |
| Edmonton                  | 8          | 29,003         | 13,398           | 9,143            | 68.2        | 1,150           | 8.6        | 3,105               | 23.2        |
| All Other Locations       | 24         | 38,193         | 19,859           | 13,540           | 68.2        | 1,729           | 8.7        | 4,590               | 23.1        |
| Other Locations           |            |                |                  |                  |             |                 |            |                     |             |
| Calgary                   | 41         | 3,544          | 6,408            | 4,840            | 75.5        | 325             | 5.1        | 1,243               | 19.4        |
| Edmonton                  | 24         | 775            | 1,393            | 1,046            | 75.1        | 62              | 4.5        | 285                 | 20.5        |
| All Other Locations       | 354        | 10,019         | 15,811           | 11,604           | 73.4        | 947             | 6.0        | 3,260               | 20.6        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>458</b> | <b>100,628</b> | <b>\$ 67,390</b> | <b>\$ 47,368</b> | <b>70.3</b> | <b>\$ 5,209</b> | <b>7.7</b> | <b>\$ 14,813</b>    | <b>22.0</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Proceeds for 2008-09 include 2008-09 actual results for pull-tickets sold in licensed bingo facilities and accrued results based on 2006-07 for pull-tickets sold in all other locations.

## 2007-08<sup>1</sup>

| (\$ thousands)            | Licences   | Units Sold    | Total Gross      | Prizes/ Winnings | % of Gross  | Expenses        | % of Gross | Proceeds to Charity | % of Gross  |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Licensed Bingo Facilities |            |               |                  |                  |             |                 |            |                     |             |
| Calgary                   | 8          | 1,837         | \$ 4,047         | \$ 2,775         | 68.6        | \$ 381          | 9.4        | \$ 891              | 22.0        |
| Edmonton                  | 5          | 391           | 1,060            | 743              | 70.1        | 65              | 6.1        | 252                 | 23.8        |
| All Other Locations       | 16         | 2,472         | 5,636            | 3,882            | 68.9        | 513             | 9.1        | 1,241               | 22.0        |
| Other Locations           |            |               |                  |                  |             |                 |            |                     |             |
| Calgary                   | 44         | 3,722         | 6,725            | 5,064            | 75.3        | 380             | 5.7        | 1,281               | 19.0        |
| Edmonton                  | 29         | 945           | 1,609            | 1,203            | 74.8        | 76              | 4.7        | 330                 | 20.5        |
| All Other Locations       | 380        | 10,727        | 16,858           | 12,400           | 73.6        | 959             | 5.7        | 3,499               | 20.8        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>482</b> | <b>20,094</b> | <b>\$ 35,935</b> | <b>\$ 26,067</b> | <b>72.5</b> | <b>\$ 2,374</b> | <b>6.6</b> | <b>\$ 7,494</b>     | <b>20.9</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Proceeds for 2007-08 are accrued results based on 2006-07. See page 6 for additional information.

## 2006-07<sup>1</sup>

| (\$ thousands)            | Licences   | Units Sold    | Total Gross      | Prizes/ Winnings | % of Gross  | Expenses        | % of Gross | Proceeds to Charity | % of Gross  |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Licensed Bingo Facilities |            |               |                  |                  |             |                 |            |                     |             |
| Calgary                   | 30         | 1,907         | \$ 4,134         | \$ 2,909         | 70.4        | \$ 371          | 9.0        | \$ 854              | 20.7        |
| Edmonton                  | 21         | 508           | 1,252            | 882              | 70.4        | 84              | 6.7        | 286                 | 22.8        |
| All Other Locations       | 71         | 2,573         | 5,819            | 4,096            | 70.4        | 512             | 8.8        | 1,211               | 20.8        |
| Other Locations           |            |               |                  |                  |             |                 |            |                     |             |
| Calgary                   | 47         | 3,918         | 6,937            | 5,207            | 75.1        | 380             | 5.5        | 1,350               | 19.5        |
| Edmonton                  | 48         | 1,669         | 3,360            | 2,451            | 72.9        | 156             | 4.6        | 753                 | 22.4        |
| All Other Locations       | 405        | 10,293        | 15,361           | 11,341           | 73.8        | 901             | 5.9        | 3,119               | 20.3        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>622</b> | <b>20,868</b> | <b>\$ 36,863</b> | <b>\$ 26,886</b> | <b>72.9</b> | <b>\$ 2,404</b> | <b>6.5</b> | <b>\$ 7,573</b>     | <b>20.6</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Proceeds for 2006-07 are accrued results based on 2005-06. See page 6 for additional information.

## Raffles

### Highlights

In 2008-09, raffles generated \$132.5 million in gross sales and returned \$52.2 million in prizes to players. Charities paid \$27.4 million in expenses and earned \$52.9 million in proceeds from these raffles.

### Overview

A raffle is a kind of lottery where prizes are awarded based on a random draw of tickets purchased by players. Prizes for raffles must be at least 20 per cent and expenses no more than 30 per cent of the total ticket value. Only approved expenses required to conduct the raffle may be deducted. Only licensed charitable or religious groups can conduct raffles. Examples of raffles are: 50/50 draws, home lotteries, car and cash raffles, and sports raffles such as hockey pools.

There are two types of licences: one for raffles with a total ticket value greater than \$10,000, and one for raffles under \$10,000. Eligibility for both types of raffle licences is determined by the AGLC. The AGLC issues licences for raffles with the larger ticket value, while Alberta Registry agents issue licences for the smaller amounts. Charities must be registered with the AGLC for both kinds of raffles.

### Raffle Proceeds Summary

2008-09<sup>1</sup>

| (\$ thousands)         | Licences     | Total Gross       | Prizes/ Winnings | % of Gross  | Expenses         | % of Gross  | Proceeds to Charity | % of Gross  |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Raffles Over \$10,000  |              |                   |                  |             |                  |             |                     |             |
| Calgary                | 60           | \$ 36,307         | \$ 15,199        | 41.9        | \$ 8,457         | 23.3        | \$ 12,651           | 34.8        |
| Edmonton               | 45           | 33,566            | 13,435           | 40.0        | 8,540            | 25.4        | 11,591              | 34.5        |
| Other Locations        | 188          | 50,275            | 19,805           | 39.4        | 9,956            | 19.8        | 20,514              | 40.8        |
| Raffles Under \$10,000 |              |                   |                  |             |                  |             |                     |             |
| Calgary                | 758          | 1,956             | 430              | 22.0        | 82               | 4.2         | 1,444               | 73.8        |
| Edmonton               | 981          | 1,832             | 491              | 26.8        | 70               | 3.8         | 1,271               | 69.4        |
| Other Locations        | 3,585        | 8,539             | 2,837            | 33.2        | 293              | 3.4         | 5,409               | 63.3        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>5,617</b> | <b>\$ 132,475</b> | <b>\$ 52,197</b> | <b>39.4</b> | <b>\$ 27,398</b> | <b>20.7</b> | <b>\$ 52,880</b>    | <b>39.9</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Proceeds for 2008-09 include 2008-09 actual results from raffle Financial Reports submitted via the AGLC website and accrued results for all other raffles based on 2007-08. See page 6 for additional information.

## 2007-08<sup>1</sup>

| (\$ thousands)      | Licences     | Total Gross      | Prizes/ Winnings | % of Gross  | Expenses         | % of Gross  | Proceeds to Charity | % of Gross  |
|---------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Calgary             | 498          | \$ 35,212        | \$ 13,695        | 38.9        | \$ 8,084         | 23.0        | \$ 13,433           | 38.1        |
| Edmonton            | 636          | 28,502           | 10,598           | 37.2        | 6,613            | 23.2        | 11,291              | 39.6        |
| All Other Locations | 2,596        | 57,601           | 23,979           | 41.6        | 10,507           | 18.2        | 23,115              | 40.1        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>3,730</b> | <b>\$121,315</b> | <b>\$ 48,272</b> | <b>39.8</b> | <b>\$ 25,204</b> | <b>20.8</b> | <b>\$ 47,839</b>    | <b>39.4</b> |

1 Proceeds for 2007-08 include 2007-08 actual results from raffle Financial Reports submitted via the AGLC website and accrued results for all other raffles based on 2006-07. See page 6 for additional information.

## 2006-07<sup>1</sup>

| (\$ thousands)      | Licences   | Total Gross      | Prizes/ Winnings | % of Gross  | Expenses         | % of Gross  | Proceeds to Charity | % of Gross  |
|---------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Calgary             | 68         | \$ 44,964        | \$ 15,824        | 35.2        | \$ 11,383        | 25.3        | \$ 17,757           | 39.5        |
| Edmonton            | 69         | 34,923           | 15,376           | 44.0        | 7,703            | 22.1        | 11,844              | 33.9        |
| All Other Locations | 212        | 13,424           | 6,807            | 50.7        | 1,659            | 12.4        | 4,958               | 36.9        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>349</b> | <b>\$ 93,311</b> | <b>\$ 38,007</b> | <b>40.7</b> | <b>\$ 20,745</b> | <b>22.2</b> | <b>\$ 34,559</b>    | <b>37.0</b> |

1 Proceeds for 2006-07 are accrued results based on 2005-06. See page 6 for additional information. Data from raffles under \$10,000 are not included.

## Licence Fees

### Licence Fees per Type of Event

|                                                                  |                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>BINGO</b>                                                     |                                                    |
| At a licensed bingo facility                                     | \$30 per event                                     |
| Not at a licensed bingo facility                                 |                                                    |
| Events with yearly sales of \$150,000 or less                    | No charge                                          |
| Events with yearly sales of over \$150,000                       | \$30 per event                                     |
| <b>BINGO FACILITY LICENCE</b>                                    |                                                    |
| Class A Facility                                                 | No charge                                          |
| Class B Facility                                                 | \$500                                              |
| <b>CASINO</b>                                                    |                                                    |
| Not at fairs or exhibitions                                      | \$15 per table per day<br>(excludes poker)         |
| At fairs or exhibitions                                          | \$35 per table per day<br>(excludes poker)         |
| <b>CASINO FACILITY LICENCE</b>                                   |                                                    |
|                                                                  | \$500                                              |
| <b>PULL-TICKET</b>                                               |                                                    |
|                                                                  | \$10 per set of sealed,<br>boxed or bagged tickets |
| <b>RAFFLE</b>                                                    |                                                    |
| Less than \$10,000                                               | No charge <sup>1</sup>                             |
| More than \$10,000 but less than \$100,000 total ticket value    | \$150                                              |
| More than \$100,000 but less than \$1 million total ticket value | \$500                                              |
| \$1 million or more                                              | \$10,00                                            |
| Authorizing lottery scheme involving prize bonds                 | \$10,000                                           |

<sup>1</sup> Licences for raffles under \$10,000 are issued from Alberta registry agents who may charge an administration fee to process the licence application.

### Licence Fees Collected (\$000)

|         | Bingo<br>Events | Casino<br>Events | Pull-<br>Tickets | Raffles | Casino<br>Facilities | Total Fees<br>Collected |
|---------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2008-09 | \$ 764          | \$ 1,772         | \$ 926           | \$ 87   | \$ 23                | \$ 3,572                |
| 2007-08 | 928             | 1,659            | 205              | 91      | 14                   | 2,897                   |
| 2005-06 | 834             | 1,444            | 210              | 93      | 9                    | 2,590                   |

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