



CHARITY LINK

Your Charitable Gaming Connection

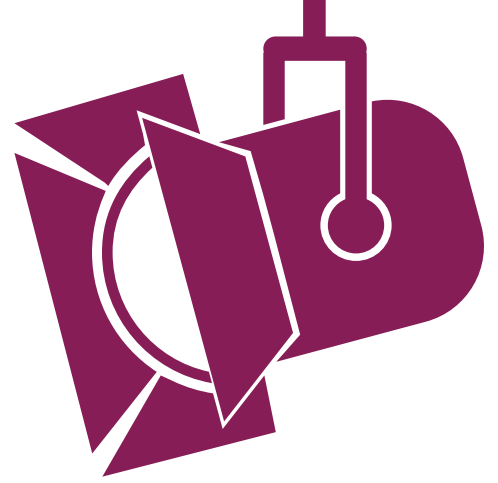
We have created this quarterly newsletter to provide you with up-to-date information on charitable gaming in Alberta.

Charitable gaming revenue is generated through casinos, bingos, pull-tickets and raffles conducted by charitable organizations in Alberta. Eligible non-profit organizations use the resulting proceeds from these gaming events to deliver beneficial programs to Albertans. These charitable gaming events generate millions of dollars annually – more than \$300 million each year.

We have established a dedicated team to review the Charitable Gaming Model to ensure it continues to meet the needs of Albertans. The team has been actively reviewing the model and is considering opportunities for modernization.

CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

A submission from FIRST Robotics Society



FIRST Robotics Society (FRS) provides premier robotics competitions designed to attract and develop the next generation of innovators, engineers and science and technology leaders. FRS provides mentor-based science and technology programs designed to foster 21st century life skills and spark interest in science, technology, engineering and math for students aged 6

and project planning, thus building technical and critical life skills such as problem-solving, time management, leadership, communication and self-confidence.

Charitable gaming revenue has helped FRS acquire the equipment necessary to host competitions – allowing students the opportunity to showcase their skills and inspiring them to further their education. FRS has also been able to add valuable equipment to their makerspace to allow teams in their programs access to tools they might not otherwise be able to afford.

Submit Your Story

We are highlighting some of the amazing organizations who benefit from charitable gaming revenue and contribute to the big

picture of life in Alberta. We are choosing several amazing organizations to profile in this newsletter and online through written and video production. Details coming soon on aglc.ca.



to 18 across Alberta. Teams are supported by industry mentors to learn skills and enhance understanding in areas of engineering, design, fabrication, computer programming

WHAT'S NEW?

A charitable gaming database



To provide increased transparency and to help Albertans understand how charitable gaming proceeds benefit Albertans, the AGLC is launching an online database of organizations that earn proceeds by conducting charitable gaming events.

This database will offer Albertans the ability to view all charitable organizations, by community or by name, to learn about the revenue they earn through charitable gaming activities and how they are authorized to use these proceeds.

Launching summer 2018, the database will display charitable gaming revenue earned from gaming events that occur after April 1, 2018, and will be updated on a quarterly basis. Initially, the database will display proceeds generated through casinos and bingo events. In the future, it will expand to include raffles and pull-ticket proceeds.

On behalf of the AGLC, thank you for helping us share this valuable information with communities and all Albertans through the increased transparency and accountability enabled through this database.

Policy Amendments

The AGLC continues to review and improve our policies to increase clarity of eligibility criteria and use of proceeds policies for charitable organizations. The AGLC has amended the following sections of the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook, effective March 15, 2018:

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| 1.1 Definitions | 3.13 Hobby/Social Groups Eligibility |
| 1.3 Application for Licence | 3.21 Senior Citizen Groups Eligibility |
| 2.1 Charitable & Religious Groups
Basic Eligibility | 3.22 Sports Groups Eligibility |
| 3.2 Aid for the Distressed Eligibility | 3.24 Veterans, Service & Fraternal Groups |
| 3.3 Arts Groups Eligibility | 3.27 Community Facility Eligibility |
| 3.9 Ethno-Cultural Eligibility | 4.4 General Use of Proceeds |
| | 5.11 Facility |

For a summary of the amended policies or to view the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook, please visit aglc.ca/charitable-gaming.

Eligibility Reviews

Some of you may have received a letter advising of a review of your organization's eligibility. As per current policy, the AGLC continues to review both new applicants for charitable gaming eligibility, as well as organizations that were deemed eligible in the past.

The ultimate goal of each eligibility review is to ensure charitable organizations are meeting the values and priorities of Albertans as outlined in the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook.



Join the conversation and have your say!

Our dedicated Charitable Gaming Model Review team would like to hear your thoughts and ideas on modernizing the Charitable Gaming Model to best enable eligible charities to deliver their programs to Albertans and ensure the model reflects the priorities of Albertans.

There are two ways to have your say:

1. Email your comments about the model to yoursay@aglc.ca.
2. If you are interested in participating in an upcoming consultation, send us your contact details and the best way to reach you at yoursay@aglc.ca.

We also look forward to receiving your feedback and questions regarding the newsletter itself, and for any other questions you have regarding charitable gaming policy.

