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# CHARITY LINK

## Your charitable gaming connection

This is the fifth edition of *Charity Link*. We 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 eligible 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.

To view previous editions of *Charity Link* or to subscribe to receive this newsletter electronically, visit [aglc.ca/charity-link](http://aglc.ca/charity-link).

# CHARITABLE GAMING

## Charitable Gaming Model Review



The Charitable Gaming Model Review launched in 2019 with an online survey.

To help AGLC gain a better understanding of charitable organizations' experiences with AGLC and the Charitable Gaming Model, more than 6,700 licensed charitable organizations were sent the survey.

**Over 3,800 organizations responded;  
a 57 per cent response rate.**

Licensed charitable and religious organizations identified the following as key areas for improvement to the Charitable Gaming Model:

- wait times for charitable casino events;
- charitable organizations' authorized use of proceeds from gaming events;
- distribution of charitable gaming proceeds from charitable casino events; and
- volunteer requirements (charitable casinos).

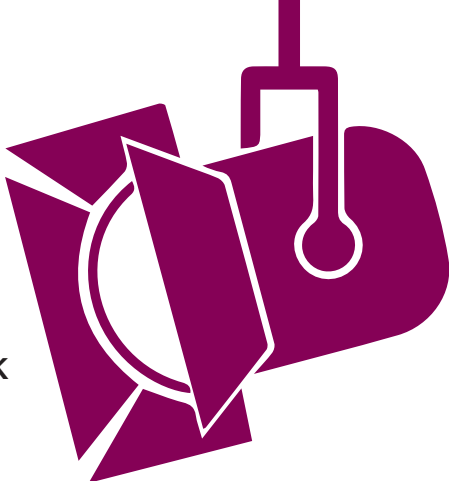
Take a look at the survey results by visiting [aglc.ca/charitablegaming/surveyresults](https://aglc.ca/charitablegaming/surveyresults).

## Next Steps

Continue to monitor [aglc.ca/charitablegaming](https://aglc.ca/charitablegaming) for updates.



# CHARITY SPOTLIGHT



A submission from the Wood Buffalo Food Bank

The Wood Buffalo Food Bank (WBFB) delivers programs and services that provide the resources and education necessary to ensure food security for all citizens in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB).

The WBFB acts as a bridge in the community between stakeholders, donors and clients, in addition to providing referral services to other agencies that might better serve the needs of their clientele. The WBFB provides a core service of monthly food hampers to those meeting qualification criteria on an appointment-

only basis, unless in case of emergency. A lot of agency effort goes towards food drives, etc. to maintain sufficient inventory. Service efforts increased several years ago to include WBFB's Mobile Pantry Program that delivers to rural communities within the RMWB. WBFB also hosts two cooking programs, teaching clients how to eat, shop and cook on a budget while focusing on financial stability. The WBFB hopes to continue their programs into the future, as they strive to help clients escape poverty, build personal resilience and increase economic self-sufficiency.





## GAIN information sessions provided by AGLC



Gaming Information for Charitable Groups (GAIN) provides information to help Alberta charities.

Learn about rules and policies, eligibility, licence applications, use of proceeds and financial reporting for charitable gaming activities like bingos, casinos, pull ticket sales or raffles. The information is free and available online, and at facilitated sessions with new schedules posted every three months.

Register today at [gain.aglc.ca](http://gain.aglc.ca). Create an account using your email address and your charitable group's AGLC ID number, then choose the session option that works best for you, or visit [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca).

For more information, call the GAIN program office at 1-866-307-7499 or email [gain@aglc.ca](mailto:gain@aglc.ca).

Since GAIN launched in 2003, over 50,000 volunteers from 11,000 charities have received charitable gaming information through facilitated sessions and the online program.

The GAIN program staff are proud to support the efforts of Alberta charities and their members.

We hope to see you soon.

*GAIN Program Staff*

***"This was an incredible opportunity to learn and ask questions  
for clarification." — Whitecourt Participant***

***"Excellent session — covered changes and new policies." — Claresholm Participant***



# WHAT'S NEW?



## The Alberta Lottery Fund

In an effort to save costs and simplify reporting, the government is dissolving the Alberta Lottery Fund. It's important to know that:

- charitable gaming events, including casinos, are not impacted by changes to the Alberta Lottery Fund; charities that conduct casino events will still receive table game proceeds and 15 per cent of the proceeds generated from slot machines.
- program spending from the Alberta Lottery Fund will continue as budgeted, through the General Revenue Fund.
- this is not related to the Charitable Gaming Model Review.

Visit [alberta.ca/community-grants-program.aspx](http://alberta.ca/community-grants-program.aspx) to learn more about grant applications.

## Information on Charitable Gaming Proceeds

Did you know you can see how much individual charities in Alberta have earned by conducting a bingo or casino? Learn about all proceeds licensed charitable organizations received through bingos or casinos over the previous quarter.

Visit [aglc.ca/gaming/charitablegaming/who-benefits](http://aglc.ca/gaming/charitablegaming/who-benefits).



# WHAT'S NEW?



## Non-Cheque Payments

As of September 10, 2019, charities can use credit card, debit card, bank draft, preauthorized debit or electronic fund transfer, in addition to cheques, when making payments for approved uses of proceeds. See Sections 4.1, 4.4, 5.3 and 5.4 in the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook (CGPH), located at [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca).

## What do you think of *Charity Link*?

Help us gain a clearer understanding of your interests and concerns. Please visit [aglc.ca/charity-link/survey](http://aglc.ca/charity-link/survey) and answer our short survey.

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## Stay informed

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### Have your say



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