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# CHARITY LINK

## Your charitable gaming connection

This is the fourth 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.

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# CHARITABLE GAMING

## Charitable Gaming Model Review



Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis (AGLC) and the Government of Alberta are undertaking a review on the province's charitable gaming model.

The review will be conducted in two phases. The first phase occurs between now and February 2019 and is targeted at licensed charitable organizations to enable AGLC to better understand the main issues important to them. It includes an online survey and consultation with regional stakeholder working groups throughout the province.

The second phase will begin in mid-to-late 2019. This portion will be open to all Albertans and include town halls (both over the phone and in-person), online surveys and written submissions.

Be sure to monitor future editions of Charity Link and the AGLC website as more information on the consultation is announced.





## GAIN information sessions provided by AGLC

Gaming Information for Charitable Groups (GAIN) provides information about gaming licences and how to spend gaming funds.

Learn about the rules and policies, eligibility, licence applications, use of proceeds, financial reporting and much more.

The sessions are free and available in-class, online and through webinars with new schedules posted every three months. Register today by visiting [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 type that works best for you or visit [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca).

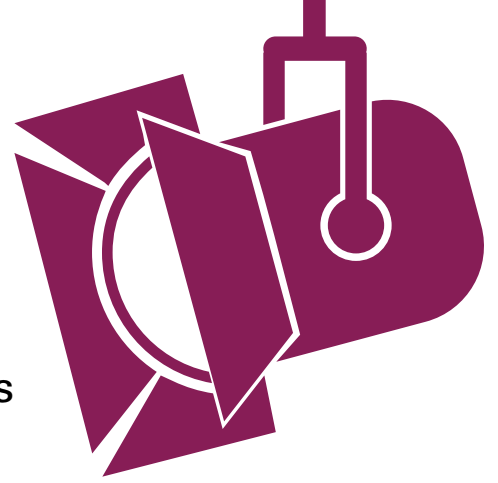
For more information, call the GAIN team at 1-866-307-7499 or email [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca).

### **By obtaining an AGLC online account, a registered charity is able to:**

- view its current approved use of gaming proceeds;
- obtain a raffle licence online (for free) without going to a registry office for a raffle with total ticket value under \$20,000;
- submit its raffle financial report online;
- update its current contacts listed with AGLC; and
- view its licence history

# CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

A submission from Calgary Meals on Wheels



All of us run into challenges in our day-to-day lives. When that happens, Calgary Meals on Wheels is here to provide healthy and nutritious meals to families and seniors that may require extra assistance in the Calgary area.

Calgary Meals on Wheels is a leader in providing healthy, locally-made meals to our city 365 days a year. We have programs supporting individuals, families, school children and community groups.

Our goal is to enhance and maintain the health and overall wellness of Calgarians seeking to empower themselves through our healthy and nutritious meal options.

The support from partners like AGLC help us give the gift of a meal to thousands of Calgarians each year; both young and old. Your gifts provide the necessary funding to help produce and deliver meals to nearly 5,000 people each month!



# WHAT'S NEW?



## 1. Charitable Gaming Database

The new **Charitable Gaming website** is now online. You can search the database to find information about charities that have received bingo and casino funding since April 2018. This information will be updated quarterly and will include any proceeds earned by licensed charitable organizations through bingos or casinos over the previous quarter.

## 2. Small Raffles

As of December 1, 2018, the total ticket value for a raffle to be considered small will increase from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The policy for this gaming activity will be renamed to *Raffle Terms & Conditions (Total Ticket Value \$20,000 and Less)* and will be available on the AGLC website.

While the total ticket value for small raffles has increased, the process for obtaining a licence has not changed. Eligible groups that wish to conduct a raffle with a total ticket value of \$20,000 and less may obtain a licence from most Alberta registry offices or online if the group has a web account with AGLC.

There are some key changes to this policy regarding bank accounts and financial reporting:

- Groups that only conduct small raffles may continue to deposit proceeds earned from the raffle into a general non-gaming bank account.
- Groups that conduct small raffles and other types of gaming events (bingo, casino) must deposit proceeds from the raffle into a current gaming bank account.
- AGLC may determine that additional reporting for small raffles is required.

## 3. Bingo and Pull Ticket Licence Fees

There are some key changes to this policy regarding bank accounts and financial reporting:

- Bingo event licence fees will be reduced from \$30 to \$20 per event.
- Pull ticket licence fees for all units, regardless of size, will be \$5 (reduced from \$10 for units with a value of more than \$1,000).
- Fees for pull ticket licencees other than Class A bingo associations will be applied to pull ticket units purchased from the supplier after the effective date of December 1, 2018.

# WHAT'S NEW?



## 1. Casino Advisor Compensation

On January 1, 2019, the maximum amount charities may pay cash cage and count room advisors (casino advisors) from gaming proceeds will increase. The increase comes after a review requested by many in the casino advisor community.

Charities who have questions or concerns are asked to contact Nadja Lacroix at [Nadja.Lacroix@aglc.ca](mailto:Nadja.Lacroix@aglc.ca).

## 2. Aid of the Distressed

The Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook (CGPH) was amended to clarify the definition of aid of the distressed and social concern. Section 3.2 of the CGPH was updated to add Aid of the Distressed - Eligibility and Aid of the Distressed – Eligibility was added under policy 5.27. All policies and terms and conditions may be found on the AGLC website at [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca).

## 3. Cannabis as a Raffle Prize

Cannabis may not be offered as a raffle prize.

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## Stay informed

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**Have your say.** 

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