



Staff Report

Administration

Report To: Grants and Donations Committee
Meeting Date: February 7, 2020
Report Number: FAF.20.011
Subject: Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, Lottery Licence Criteria
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A. Recommendations

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee receive Staff Report FAF.20.011, entitled “Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, Lottery Licence Criteria” for information.

B. Overview

This report provides a brief overview of the requirements to be eligible to apply for a lottery licence and to conduct a raffle in accordance with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

C. Background

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) sets the guidelines and criteria outlined in the [Lottery Licensing Policy Manual](#) (LLPM) for lottery licencing. This manual outlines the policies and procedures municipal and provincial officials must follow to issue charitable gaming licences in Ontario.

Municipal councils have the authority to issue licences for most lottery events conducted in their communities, in accordance with the rules established by the AGCO. To be eligible for a lottery licence, an organization must qualify as:

1. a charitable organization: the organization’s objects or purposes are all charitable; or
2. a non-profit organization with charitable objects: the organization has a mixture of charitable and non-charitable purposes.

Charitable organizations have a number of characteristics:

1. They are non-profit organizations. Charitable organizations do not make a profit, nor do they distribute profits to their members.
2. Charitable organizations provide benefits to the public or a specified segment of the public.
3. Charitable organizations are restricted to carrying out activities that advance their objects, which must be exclusively charitable. Their business activities are restricted and the public benefit they provide must be of a nature recognized by the courts as charitable.

An organization is ineligible for a lottery licence if:

- it is established as a profit-making entity;
- it does not have a charitable object or purpose;
- it promotes private benefits to a restricted class of members;
- it is established solely for the purpose of adult recreation;
- it is established for the purpose of tourism or other activities that are purely economic in nature; or
- it is a sub-group, “partner” or auxiliary of an eligible organization that is already licensed.

Organizations that are ineligible for lottery licensing include the following (the list is not exhaustive). It should be noted that every organization must be reviewed, based on the documents provided, since all organizations are unique:

- professional associations, unions and employee groups, except those set up to carry out charitable activities;
- elected representative groups, including municipal, regional, provincial and federal governments;
- government agencies or bodies;
- political lobby groups and those attempting to persuade the public to adopt a particular view on a political issue;
- political parties;
- adult hobby groups;
- for-profit, members-only or private sports clubs and for-profit adult sports teams and leagues;
- municipal councils, municipal corporations and their administrative departments;
- organizations established solely for the purpose of fundraising

To qualify for a lottery licence in the Province of Ontario, an organization must first have charitable objects and purposes that fall within one of the four classifications of charity, including:

- a) the relief of poverty
- b) the advancement of education
- c) the advancement of religion
- d) other charitable purposes beneficial to the community, not falling under (a), (b) or (c)

Municipal councils have the authority to issue licences for most lottery events conducted in their communities, including:

- bingo events with prize boards of up to \$5,500;
- non-electronic raffles with prizes of up to \$50,000;
- break open ticket events that are not conducted in conjunction with another licensed gaming event, and where the tickets are sold within the municipality;
- bazaar gaming events; and
- media bingo

Some examples of eligible organizations include, but are not limited to:

- minor Sports leagues (with participants under 18 yrs. of age)
- service Clubs
- religious Organizations

All lottery proceeds must have a direct benefit to residents of Ontario. -

D. Analysis

Staff are providing this report as a brief outline to the Grants and Donations Committee as it moves forward with fundraising activities for the Town's Grants and Donations Program. Specific questions regarding lottery licensing should be directed to the Clerks Department.

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

Goal #2: Engage Our Communities & Partners
Objective #3 Strengthen Partnerships

Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational & Operational Excellence
Objective #5 Constantly Identify Opportunities to Improve Efficiencies and Effectiveness

F. Environmental Impacts

None

G. Financial Impact

None

H. In consultation with

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Corrina Giles, Town Clerk, townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

J. Attached

None

Respectfully Submitted,

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