



## **Staff Report CL2021-029**

**Title of Report:** CL2021-029- Lottery Licensing to assist Small Organizations  
**Department:** Clerks  
**Branch:** Legislative and Council Services  
**Council Date:** November 3, 2021

### **Recommendation:**

**Be it resolved that** Council receive Staff Report CL2021-029 for information; and **That** Council direct staff to send a letter to MPP Bill Walker, on behalf of Mayor Woodbury, to seek his assistance in lobbying the Honorable Doug Downey, Minister of the Attorney General, to implement an additional level of lottery licensing which would permit small organizations to obtain their own lottery license to hold fundraisers as a method of sustaining their community organization.

### **Background:**

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is an Ontario provincial regulatory agency reporting to the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG). One of the AGCO's key activities is working in partnership with municipalities and First Nations licensing authorities to administer the regulatory framework governing the issuance of charity lottery licences.

The AGCO is responsible for administering the charitable lottery licensing program in the province. Municipalities and the AGCO are responsible for issuing lottery licences to eligible charitable and religious organizations.

To be eligible for a lottery licence, an applicant must qualify either as an eligible charitable organization or as a non-profit organization with charitable objects or purposes. To be eligible, an organization must first have charitable objects and purposes that fall within one of the four classifications of charity:

- 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).

If an organization is deemed eligible, there are several other aspects of the application that must be completed before a license can be issued.

**Staff Comments:**

At the October 20, 2021, regular Council meeting the following motion was approved:

Councillor Dobreen moved the following motion.

No. 2021-601

**Moved By** Councillor Dobreen

**Seconded By** Councillor Frew

**Be it resolved that** the Council of the Township of Southgate receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Grey Highlands for information; and **That** Council direct staff to bring forward more information regarding additional levels of licensing that would permit small organizations to hold fundraisers as a method of sustaining our community and organizations. **Carried**

Both the Municipality of Grey Highlands and Tay Valley Townships resolutions are included in this report as Attachments 1 and 2.

Staff believe that the purpose of Tay Valley Township's motion was to lobby the Ministry of the Attorney General to have a procedure for organizations who do not qualify as charitable, be able to still apply for and receive a lottery license so they can hold fundraising raffles, etc.

As a result of discussions at the October 20, 2021, Council meeting, staff are recommending that we draft a letter on behalf of Mayor Woodbury and send to MPP Bill Walker to seek his assistance in lobbying the Ministry, as a starting point.

**Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications to the Municipality as a result of this report.

**Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:**

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

**Concluding Comments:**

That Council direct staff to send a letter to MPP Bill Walker, on behalf of Mayor Woodbury, to seek his assistance in lobbying the Honorable Doug Downey, Minister of the Attorney General, to implement an additional level of lottery licensing which would permit small organizations to obtain their own lottery license to hold fundraisers as a method of sustaining their community organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Dept. Head:** *Original Signed By*  
Lindsey Green, Clerk

**CAO Approval:** *Original Signed By*  
Dave Milliner, CAO

**Attachments** – Grey Highlands & Tay Valley Resolutions